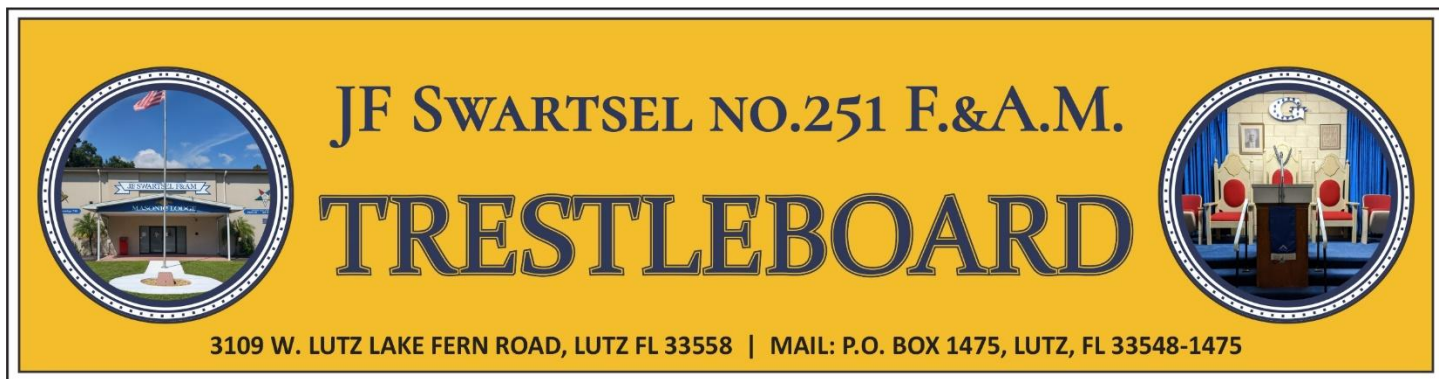




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Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

The Lutz Fire Department, TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Lutz chapter 56

BSA (Boy Scouts of America) pack and troop 12 Lutz

Lutz Little League Baseball

Awards college scholarships in N.W. Hillsborough County

McKittrick Elementary School

“Helping Paws Program”

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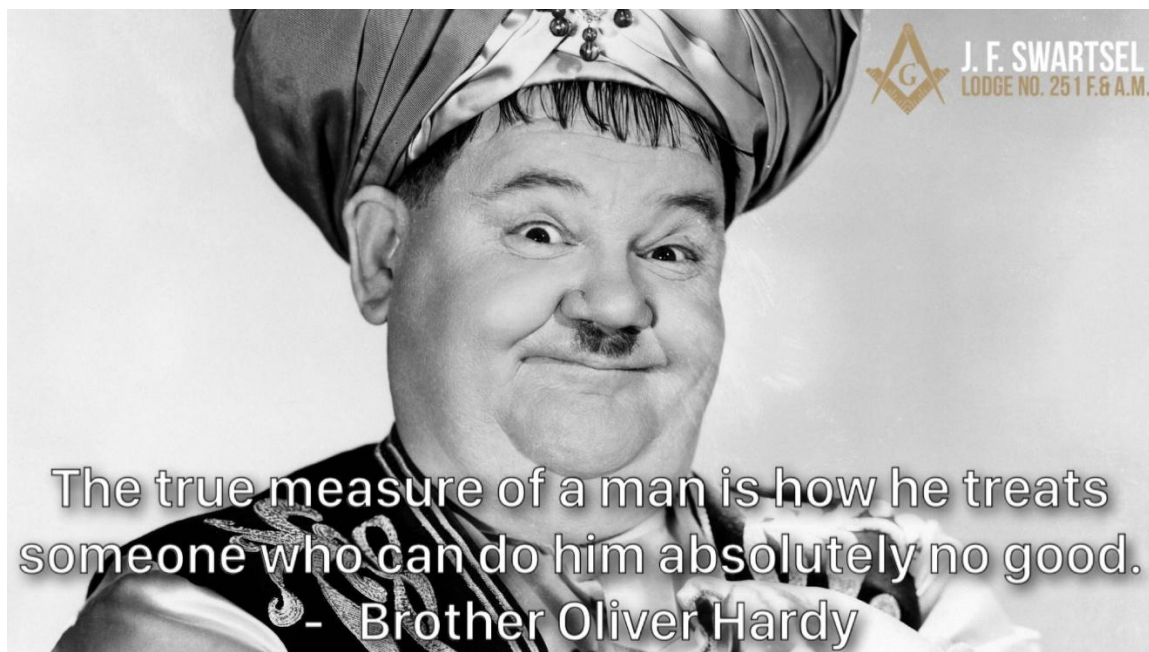
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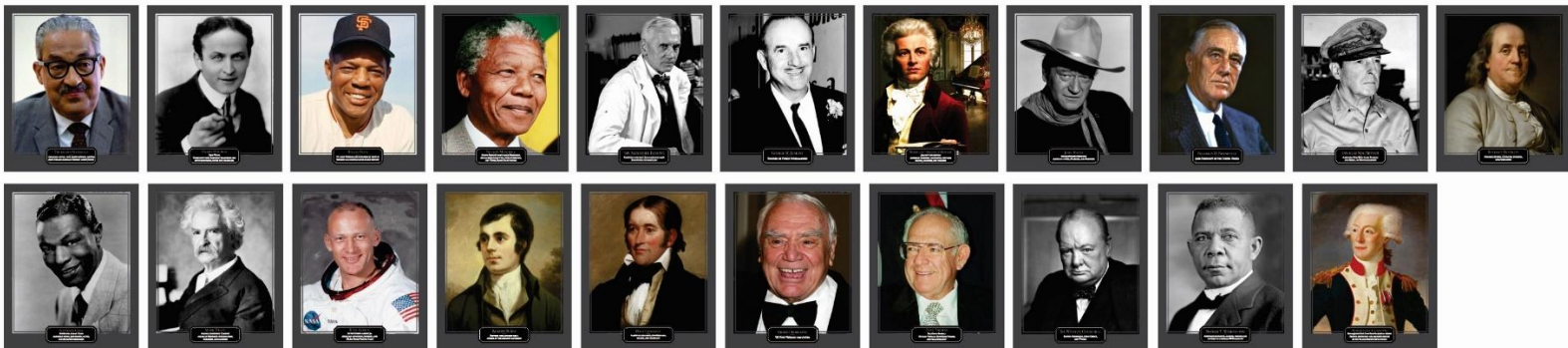
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The Joshua House

Friendship Chapter No 209 Order of the Eastern Star



If they could do the things they did then,



imagine the things that we can do now.

Thank you to **all** of our Past Masters - Who laid the foundation for us to build upon

[The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel, Palma Ceia and Community Lodge](#)

Please follow the link to our website for a complete list of past masters.

Your 2026 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:

Worshipful Master Brother Joe Circhirillo
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Please remember your Lodge boosters and thank them!



Chair Chatter

From the Secretary: Worshipful David Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

Please check your Dues Card to see if you have paid your 2026 Dues, and If you have changed your address, please give me a call @ (813) 838-7705 or email me at dlambert7907@gmail.com so I can update your records.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:

August 2026.

- 4th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 5th (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM), District 19 School of Instruction @ John Darling Masonic Center
- 6th **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 11th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 14th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 17th **7:30 PM – Friendship Chapter No. 209.**
- 18th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 19th 7:PM – York Rite at J. F. Swartsel No. 251, (Chapter & Council).
- 20th **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 21st **5:PM – 7:PM, Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel.**
- 22nd Trestleboard Articles to R.: H.: Jeff Sklet.
- 22nd 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ Brandon Lodge No 114
- 24th **6:30 – 8:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.**
- 25th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 26th 7:PM – York Rite at J. F. Swartsel No. 251, (Commandery of Knights Templar).
- 28th 7:PM – DeMolay Advisor's Meeting.

From the Worshipful Master: Worshipful Joe Circhirillo

Dear Brothers, this is your Worshipful Master, Big Joe Chic. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the brothers who helped with the recent fish fry. Although the crowd was a bit smaller than expected, the event was still a success, and we were able to raise funds for charity. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that our kitchen is finally finished! Many attendees have commented on how beautiful it looks, and I share their sentiment.

As we move into August, I encourage you to reach out to any brothers you haven't seen at the lodge. I would love to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming meetings. Additionally, it's important that we have strong attendance at the MLT meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Let's keep this communication open, brothers.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings.

Fraternally,

W.:M.: Joe Circhirillo

From the Senior Warden: Brother Thomas Overman

This month's business meeting was canceled and so no update on that end. The grounds committee still plans to remove the cedar tree in the front yard before hurricane season. We still need brothers to show up at practice on Tuesday night at 6pm to fill in as conductors and candidates. We have a Fellow Craft degree coming up soon. Family night is July 30th

The Lutz parade was a great public exposure for the lodge. I want to thank all the brothers who participated in making it happen. We learned a lot from it and will do a better job next year. We ended up giving the cold-water bottles away. "Have a cold bottle of water in behalf of JF SWARTSEL Lodge of Freemason of Lutz.", 480 times. Great exposure as a community outreach program.

Fraternally,
Brother Thomas Overman

From the Junior Warden: Brother Jack Jones

The Grand Master's Official Visit ~ July 18, 2026 __ A Grand Time, Indeed!

My Brothers, I wanted to share the excitement and vision that was delivered by our current Most Worshipful Grand Master- Haskell R. Vest Jr.- in his official visit to Masonic Districts 19 & 20 on July 18th. It was an outstanding event filled with Brotherly Love and Most Worshipful's communication of his 2026 Masonic Tenants ~ **God – Family – Fraternity** ~

With pride, I counted approximately 15 (fifteen) JFS no.251 Brothers in attendance and 11 (eleven) of us, in "full Swartsel fashion," personally paid our respects before the entire Gala assembly presenting checks from Our Lodge to the Grand Master and the First Lady for their respective charities. * *see the group photo below...* Brothers, we showed up in regal style and it seemed to please Most Worshipful Vest tremendously. As an aside, the Grand Master and First Lady are very gracious and humble; a pleasure to be in their presence.

For your convenience and reading pleasure below are some of the excerpts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Charity for his year – a very noble and needed cause.

"This year, Grand Master Haskell R. Vest, Jr., has selected the Masonic Outreach Program as his official Grand Master's Charity. Originally established in 1992 in the wake of Hurricane Andrew's devastation in South Florida, the program was reintroduced and formally approved by the Craft in 2023 to provide direct, compassionate relief to Florida Masons and their ladies when they need it most.

The Outreach Program goes beyond traditional aid. It fills critical gaps in care by assisting Brothers and ladies who:

- Cannot afford essential medicines
- Require in-home health services
- Face financial hardship due to short-term injuries or illnesses that prevent them from working

By supporting recovery in the comfort of their own homes or care facilities, the program restores dignity, eases suffering, and strengthens the bonds of Masonic Brotherhood and Sisterhood across the entire state of Florida.

In addition, The Grand Lodge of Florida proudly sponsors three premier youth organizations: DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. These groups develop the next generation of leaders through community service, character building, and the living practice of Masonic values. Supporting these youth programs is an investment in the future of our Fraternity, our communities, and the enduring legacy of our principles.

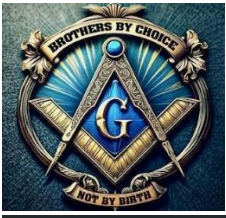
Together, the Masonic Outreach Program and our youth initiatives represent a powerful dual commitment: caring for our members today while securing a vibrant Masonic future for tomorrow."

Brothers of J.F. Swartsel, I simply remind you to **be proud of Our Lodge** and **your outstanding focus** on the 3 Core Tenants of Masonry: Brotherly Love – Charity – Truth. I am honored to be in your midst... we are a Force in the Tampa Bay Area and Beyond!



***~~~ We are JFS #251, Baby ~~~
May Brotherly Love & Great Food Prevail***

Fraternally,
Brother Jack Jones



What have we been up to?



MLT & DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION



 **FEATURING THE
FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE**

 **Let's Bring the Column Home
Before the DDGM Official Visit!**

**MLT
6:00 PM****DI SCHOOL
7:00 PM**

ONE TEAM ♦ ONE PURPOSE ♦ ONE LODGE

Mission Accomplished! The Column returns to Swartsel





The DDGM Official Visit is now in the books, and what a memorable evening it was!

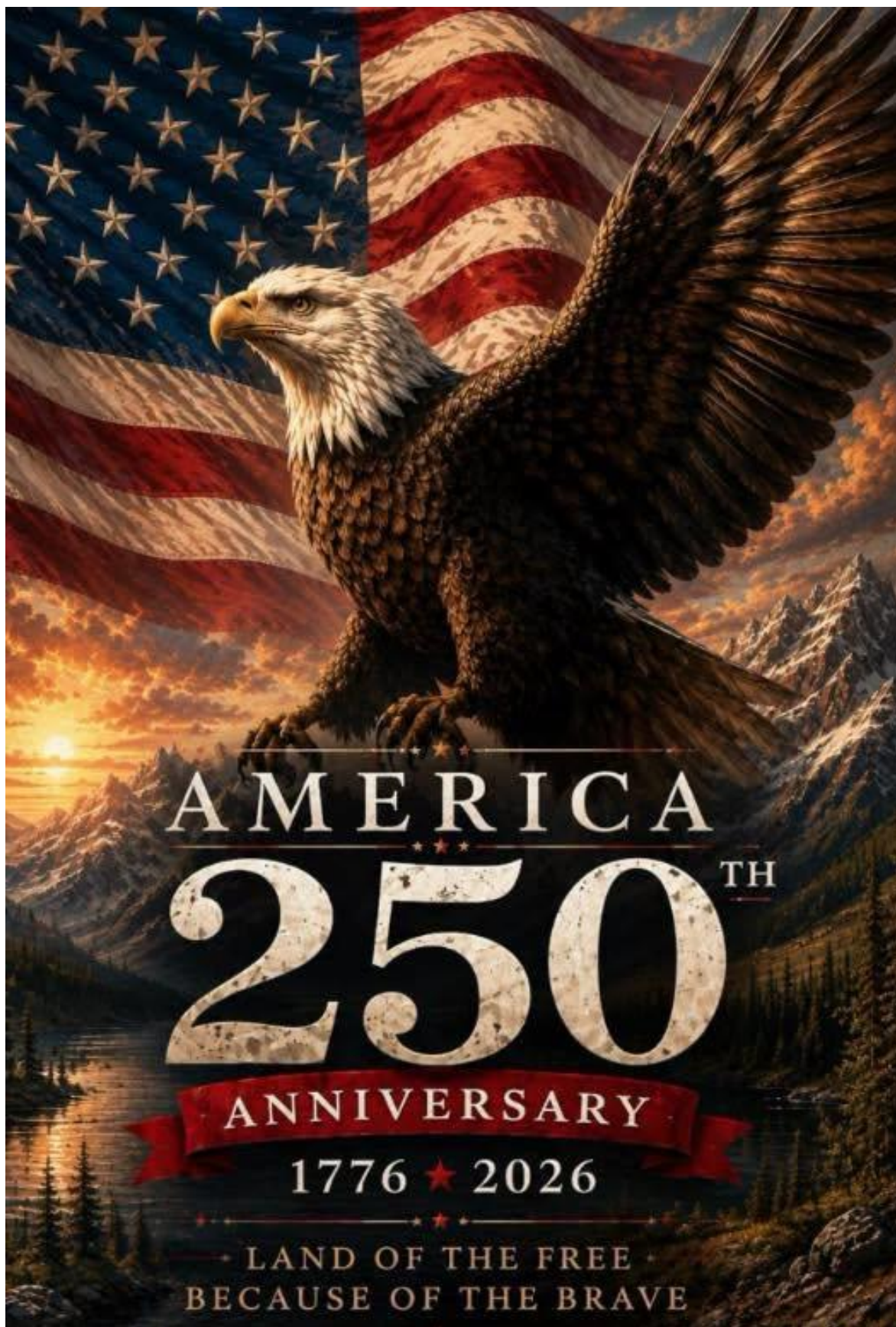
A great meal, outstanding fellowship, and an inspiring meeting made for a spectacular night for Masonry in Lutz.

A sincere thank you to our District Deputy Grand Master for his visit, his leadership, and the encouragement he shared with our Lodge. We truly appreciate the time he took to spend the evening with us.

Thank you as well to everyone who attended and to all who worked behind the scenes to prepare the Lodge and make the evening such a success. Your efforts and dedication were evident throughout the night.

This was Freemasonry at its finest—brothers coming together in friendship, harmony, and brotherly love. Here's to continuing the great work and building an even stronger Lodge together.





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Lutz 4th of July parade - A fun time was had by all who attended. Thank you to the Brothers, Sisters, and their families that made this possible [#SwartselStrong](#)









Another great stated meeting at Swartsel! Good food, good fellowship and the meeting was handled efficiently. Thanks to all the Brothers who came out for the meeting. A few of us put in some overtime at our local watering hole.



Another fabulous fish fry! Great turn out from the public, thank you. We can't do it without you! Also a special thanks to all the Brothers who came out tonight to help. Another great opportunity for fun and fellowship.









Town hall meeting with our Grand Master. A lot of good questions from the craft. Most Worship Vest and the rest of the Grand Line answered all of them completely. Next stop GMOV.



GMOV! What a special night for Districts 19 & 20. Great turnout from both Districts. R.: W.: Meguiar and R.: W.: Eaton should be proud of the job they did. The event was fabulous. Thanks to all the Brothers and their Ladies from Swartsel for coming out and supporting the District and Lodge. Our donations will go a long way to help the Grand Master's charity.









Post GMOV celebration. We found our way to our favorite watering hole. They really take care of us.





The MMA meeting that didn't happen 🙄. Thanks for all the Brothers who came out.





Let's Build. Let's Grow. Let's Shine.

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE PRACTICE

JOIN US!



7/21/26



6:30 PM



PRACTICE
TOGETHER.



IMPROVE
TOGETHER.



SUCCEED
TOGETHER.

BE PREPARED. BE PRESENT. BE A PART.

★ SEE YOU AT LODGE! ★

Another successful family night! Thanks to all who braved the weather and came out. You were rewarded with great food and a lot of fun. A special thanks to Rena Tabak for doing the trivia for us tonight. There were some head scratches. Congratulations to George Brooks who won the board game raffle. We look forward to seeing everyone next time 😊





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