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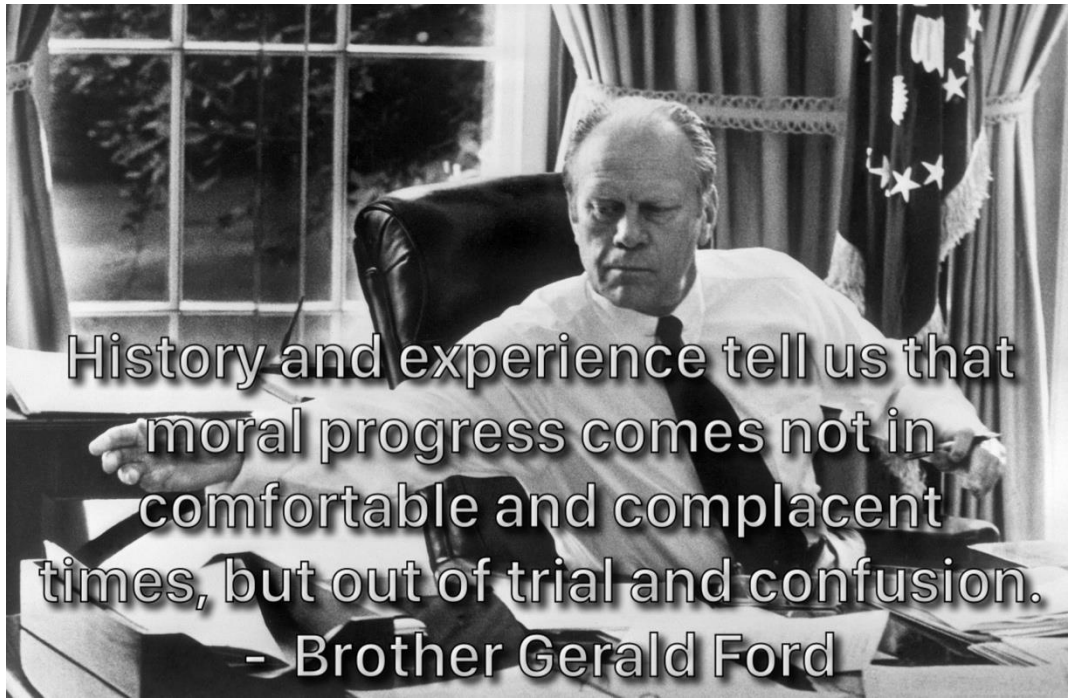
Your Catechism Instructors for the three symbolic degrees in Freemasonry are:

R.: H.: Adam Feldman - W.: Jerry M. Snell Jr. – W.: Marty Greif – Br. Allan Jenkins  
W.: Wade Angel – Br. Jack Jones – Br. Denis Monefeldt

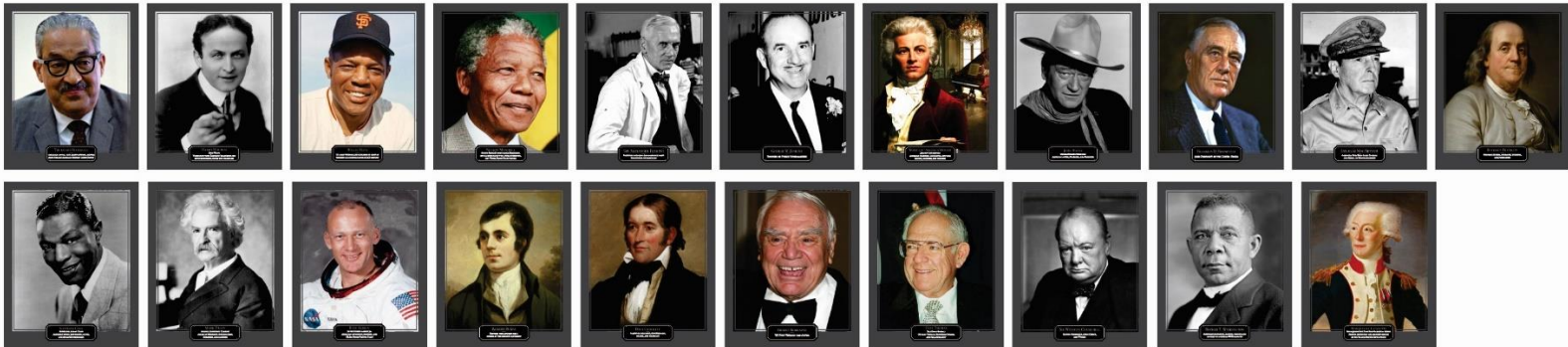


**Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?**

- 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
- McKitrick Elementary School
- “Helping Paws Program”
- Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County)
- De Molay (Hillsborough County)
- Shriners’ Hospital
- Lifepath Hospice
- Jobs’ Daughters
- Land O Lakes High School
- Steinbrenner High School
- Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg
- Metropolitan Ministries
- The Joshua House



If they could do the things they did then,

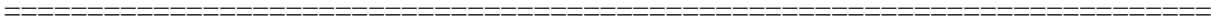


imagine the things that we can do now.

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

**[The Past Masters of J.F. Swartzel and Community Lodge](#)**

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



**Your 2024 J. F. Swartzel Officers are as follows:**

**Worshipful Master** Brother Brian Andrew Reach  
**Senior Warden** Brother Allan Arthur Jenkins  
**Junior Warden** Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis  
**Treasurer** W : Jeffrey Thomas Sklet  
**Secretary** W : David Bruce Lambert Sr.  
**Chaplain** Br. Thomas Martin Sheehan  
**Marshall** W : Stephen Douglas Edson  
**Senior Deacon** Brother Joe Circhirillo  
**Junior Deacon** Brother Thomas Holland Overman  
**Senior Steward** Brother Dickey Parrish Davis  
**Junior Steward** Brother Jack Wilbur Jones  
**Tyler** Brother Lamont Jay Richardson  
**Musician** Brother John S Nagy  
**Historian** W : Samuel McPherson





**Please remember your Lodge boosters and thank them!**

**R.:W.: Ronald E. Stanley - R.:W.: Donald R. Bell - Mark L. Lager - Daniel Allen - Brad Sollberger - Ernest P. Sidlow**



## Chair Chatter

### From the Secretary: Worshipful David Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

**Please check your Dues Card to see if you have paid your 2024 Dues,** and **If you have changed your address,** please give me a call @ (813) 838-7705 or email me at [dlambert7907@gmail.com](mailto:dlambert7907@gmail.com) so I can update your records.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:

October 2024.

- 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM), District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.
- 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice Degree at Swartsel. Dinner at 6:30. Degree at 7:30
- 11<sup>th</sup> 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.
- 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 PM, Friendship Chapter No. 209. Stated Meeting.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:PM, Meeting with Jeff Dove (Edward Jones), 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 26<sup>th</sup> 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ Brandon Lodge No. 114.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.
- 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM, Family Night / Halloween.

## **From the Worshipful Master: Brother Brian Reach**

Brothers, if you are planning to run for one of the elected offices for 2025 (WM, SW, JW, Secretary or Treasurer) your Grand Lodge record MUST confirm that you have completed the 15 MLT modules and the Master Mason I, II, and III examinations before you would be allowed to submit the paperwork to run. Further, your Nomination Forms have to be submitted before the opening of the first Stated Communication in November on the 7th.

J. F. Swartsel will be conducting an Entered Apprentice Degree ceremony on Thursday, October 10 at 19:30 (7:30 pm) with a light dinner of sandwiches starting at 18:30 (6:30 pm). Please attend if you can.

For those of you who know Riley, she was back home before the storm blew through Tallahassee.

In that October's Family night falls on Halloween, and for many it's a Family holiday, so I am moving Family Night to the night after Halloween, Friday November 1. I hope you all can make it!

Our visit to Tampa Bay Lodge No 252 was a wonderful treat. Dinner was served in the Lodge Room!! The tables were then cleared away and we were attended the District 18 DDGM's official visit. If you get the chance go and visit them. It has the feel of our Lodge.

Last but certainly not least: given that Summer is very much still with us, Summer dress code (suits are not required for officers) is here by extended thru October.

## **From the Senior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins**

Br. Allan Jenkins - SW

JF Swartsel #251 is a growing, vibrant lodge bringing up new Masons all the time. You grow in numbers at a Lodge when you do a lot of things right. I can tell you that our Lodge is a thriving and developing Lodge that any Brother can be proud to be part of. Let me give you a quick recap of our recent growth.

Brothers Donchenko, Hain and Labasbas have recently been passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Their journey in Masonry, while brief, has been full of education, team building and brotherhood. All three of these Brothers are great additions to our Lodge. I look forward to their continued growth and participation.

We have 2 additional Brothers moving along in the EA degree catechism and I feel that they should be ready to give it back by the second meeting in October. Brothers Galzerano and Perez are moving along very nicely. Both of these Brothers are working hard and showing a great interest in being involved in our future growth.

Please join me in congratulating these 5 Brothers for their progress!!

## **From the Junior Warden: Brother Demetrios Dellis**

Nothing from the South

## What have we been up to?

Table Lodge. Some of us attended Hillsborough Lodge's annual Table Lodge. There was a lot of Brothers from around the area. The food was very good and the fellowship was great.

PS: we're still playing I spy the DI. Can you find him?



Stated Communication. Good turnout despite all the rain. We had a great meal. Thanks Brother Junior Warden! There was a lot of good work and information during the meeting.



Masonic Youth and Worshipful Master Appreciation Night. Thanks to all who came out to support our Worshipful Master Brian A Reach, who was recognized by the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite. The Brothers of J.F. Swartzel also made a donation to the Scottish Rite Eye Foundation.



Congratulations to our three newest Fellowcrafts!





Lodge visit to Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252. We were lucky enough to be there for their DDGM official visit. We love visiting this great little Lodge. The Brothers are some of the best around.



Fish Fry Friday!! Thanks to everyone who came out for some good food and thanks to the Brothers who came out to help.



Another fun day on the links with the Brothers from Swartsel. Keep an eye out for next month.



Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County. Great turnout for Trivia Night at the Shrine. Okay turnout for MMA. Hope to see more next month



Very fun and informative trip to Washington DC. Please RSVP to email listed.

## FLORIDA FREEMASONS ANNUAL WASHINGTON D. C. TRIP VII

Thursday December 5th -Sunday December 8, 2024



### 2024 Preliminary Itinerary 2

Please RSVP to [FLDCTRIP@gmail.com](mailto:FLDCTRIP@gmail.com). Book your flights and hotel ASAP.

**Thursday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>:** Arrive Washington D.C. at your leisure. It's a Free Evening, however we have introductions and a name drawing to choose the wreath ceremony participants at 6:00 p.m. in the hotel lobby. Then we go eat somewhere in groups.

**Friday Dec. 6th Morning:** Friday Festivities include Breakfast at hotel, Motorcoach transportation for the day to Arlington National Cemetery, Cemetery Trolley Tour, House of the Temple Tour, and Dinner. SUIT AND TIE / BUSINESS ATTIRE is required for the entire day on Friday. This is a day trip for the Brothers, but ladies are welcome to join us at the Dinner Banquet at the House of the Temple. They will have to arrange transportation to and from hotel.

### TOTAL COST FRIDAY \$175.00 per Brother

Breakfast 6:30 - 7:15 a.m. at Hotel, Motor Coach Leaves at 7:15 a.m. to Arlington National Cemetery 8:00 a.m. entry, Trolley Tour of Cemetery exit at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Public Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb by our Grand Master and three Brothers chosen by lottery begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp! After the Wreath Ceremony, the Trolley will take us on the balance of our cemetery tour then we meet up at the Motor Coach for departure. We will then transport to the White House Area for a Masonic Presentation at Blair House. Followed by a break for lunch. You will have the opportunity to pick a place to eat and visit many historical sites. We will meet back together at the White House Visitors Center for a tour at approximately 1:30 -2:00 p.m. (its possible we may stop somewhere else time permitting) then we will arrive at the House of the Temple for a short tour, a Tyled Called Communication of Brandon Lodge No.114 in one of the Lodge rooms with presentations. We will then have a catered banquet/buffet in the George Washington Dining Room. Following dinner, we will reboard Motorcoach to visit the Lincoln, Viet Nam, Korean and Iwo Jima Memorials. We have changed the late evening up in the past, therefore it is subject to change on the fly for weather and or additional monument visits.

### Saturday Dec. 7 Morning Free Time: Breakfast at Hotel 7:30 a.m.

Saturday is an open day! Several Excursions are being planed by different Brothers and all are available: Museum of the Bible, The George Washington National Masonic Memorial, The Congressional Cemetery, Smithsonian and National Archives and others, you do what you want or nothing at all.

**Saturday Afternoon:** Leave hotel by Uber at 2:15ish to Potomac Lodge No.5 in Georgetown. Reception begins aprox. 3:00 p.m. DDGM's, PDDG-M's and GRAND LINE wear TUXEDO, All others Business Attire (SUIT & TIE). Installation of Lodge Officers Potomac Lodge No.5 Georgetown. 4:00 p.m. After the Installation a Ticketed Holiday Party is available. A link to purchase tickets will be sent on an updated email when available



### Sunday or Monday: Return home at your will and pleasure.

*You can mail a check made out to :*

GM Account

11575 NW 167th Place Reddick FL 32686

or Zelle \$175.00 to 352-804-3981

**2024 Committee R.:** W.: Brothers Steven Silvers, Alan Cox, Randy Bolen, Greg Wynn, Ernest Catsulis, W.: Jeremy Barnes



### Flight Info / Transportation to DC

Book Your Flights to arrive on Thursday Dec 5th as close to noon as possible returning Sunday Dec. 8th, some Brothers will come in a day early and leave a day later. Groups Leave from Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, West Palm, on nonstops to Washington Reagan (DCA)

**Driving:** If you have in interest in driving there are some Brothers who would gladly help with expenses rather than flying.

### Hotel:

Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston  
4610 N. Fairfax Dr. Arlington VA  
703-243-9800 [www.hiarlington.com](http://www.hiarlington.com)  
Group Name: Florida Freemasons

Double Rooms \$129.00 King \$129 + Tax per night which includes full breakfast for two in room. Room Block is from Wednesday Dec 4th-Monday Dec 9th for those that want to come in early and stay later.

Approved for Distribution by M.W. Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, on September 17, 2024

Thanks to the Worshipful Master and Brothers for the hospitality and great food at their Beast Feast. We are already looking forward to next year.



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"Soft and safe be the earthly bed of our Brother; bright and glorious be his rising from it. Fragrant be the acacia spring which shall flourish there. May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties over his resting place, and, in the bright morning of the world's resurrection, may his soul spring into newness of life and expand into immortal beauty in realms beyond the skies. Until then, dear Brother, Farewell!"

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