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Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays

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

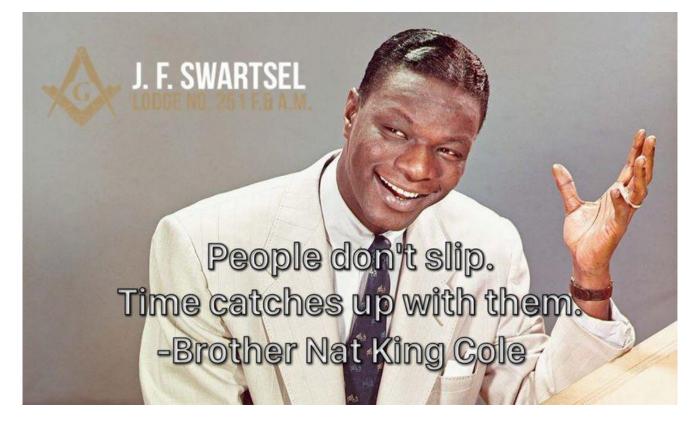
R:. H:. Adam Feldman - W:. Jerry M. Snell Jr. – W:. Marty Greif – Br. Allan Jenkins W:. Wade Angel – Br. Jack Jones – Br. Denis Monefeldt







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.

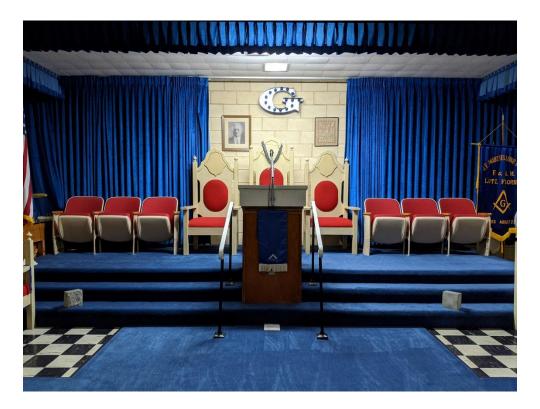
Thank you to all of our Past Masters - Who laid the foundation for us to build upon

The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel and Community Lodge

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

Your 2024 J. F. Swartsel 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,

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

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:

December 2024.

- 3rd 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 4th (6:PM 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM 8:PM), District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 5th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30PM.
- 7th 9:AM, Annual Farmers Degree (Master Mason) at J. F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251.
- 10th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 13th 7:PM Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 14th 9:00 AM Officer's Meeting @ J.F. Swartsel
- 16th 7:30 PM, Friendship Chapter No. 209. Stated Meeting.
- 17th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 19th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30PM.
- 20th (Canceled) Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel (Canceled).
- 21st Trestleboard Articles to W: Sklet.
- 21st 8:AM Noon, Workday at Lodge.
- 23rd 6:30 8:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.
- 24th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 25th Christmas
- 31st New Year's Eve.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Brian Reach

Well my Brothers, this year is quickly drawing to a close. It has been a year of highs and lows, gains and losses but through it all we stuck together which made J. F. Swartsel stronger.

Congratulations to the Instructors and the Brothers who helped with the Degrees! We raised four Master Masons this year with four that will be ready in the Spring of next year! Thank you and well done Team!!

Community DeMolay Chapter:

By the time you read this, we should have received our Letters Temporary, which will establish the Community DeMolay Chapter! Young men from the ages of 12 to 21 can join. If you know of someone who may want to join or would like some information please let me know

If everything goes as expected, the York Rite will begin regular meetings at J.F. Swartsel this coming January!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving shared with family and friends!

Before wrapping this up I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me this year and wish you a very merry and safe Holiday Season!

So from the East I bid you farewell and hope you are blessed with fair winds and following seas in all your future journeys!

W:. Brian Reach

From the Senior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

From the Junior Warden: Brother Demetrios Dellis

Nothing from the South

What have we been up to?

No rest for the weary. EA Degree last week so we start practicing for an upcoming Master Mason degree tonight coming up on December 7th.



Sadly, we started off the month with the celebration of life for our Brother Lamont Richardson. Alas my Bother



Family Night! Thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters who came out. Some of our newer members and their families were in attendance. There was a lot of great food and even better fellowship.



Election Day and Night. The Lodge is a polling place for elections and Brothers from the Lodge work there during the long day. At night, more Brothers work three drop sites around Hillsborough county. It is a great way to raise money for the Lodge to continue our good works in the community.





Another great stated meeting tonight at Lodge. Great meal and fellowship. Our EAs and FCs were here for training and stayed for dinner. They are making good progress.



Happy Birthday Marine



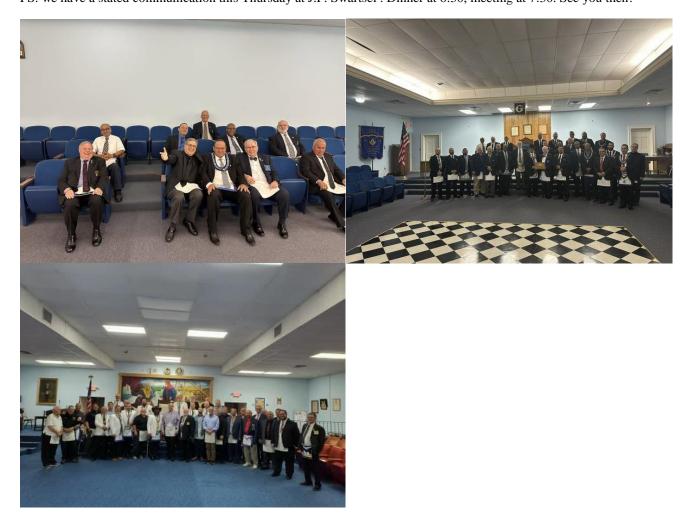
Veterans Day



With our 100th fast approaching, the Brothers are at work this day making 251 beautiful!



Trifecta Tuesday - we had Brothers all over the place Tuesday night. There was a group practicing at the Lodge for an upcoming Master Mason Degree. We had Brothers at Pearl of the West Lodge for an Entered Apprentice Degree. And lastly we had Brothers attending Universal Lodge No. 178 to get the Traveling Gavel and return it to it's rightful place at Swartsel. Although the Brothers from Universal said they would be coming for it. We'll see. Maybe another Lodge will come get it first. PS: we have a stated communication this Thursday at J.F. Swartsel . Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. See you then!



Last evening, 3 Brother FC's demonstrated their proficiency in the Catechism with an impressive performance. Please come help us continue their journey as we raise them on December 7th.





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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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