



Solomon Lodge No. 20 F. & A. M.
25 East 1st Street
Jacksonville, FL. 32206
Chartered January 10, 1849

<https://solomon20.com/>
[E-Trestleboard April 2022](#)



Worshipful Master: David Straining

2nd Monday Stated 7:30 Meeting / 6:30 pm Dinner & Fellowship
4th Monday 6:30 pm Dinner & Fellowship

8th Masonic District - Zone 3

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SOLOMON NO. 20

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Message from the Worshipful Master
W. : M. : David Straining



Greetings from the East my brothers,

I was honored to present honorary membership certificates from Solomon Lodge No. 20 to Grand Master MW Jeffrey Foster, RW Alberto Martinez and RW Dave Thomas. MW Jeffrey Foster wanted me to tell the craft he personally wants to thank each and every one of the brothers for this great honor. (see pg. 6) We caught all three by surprise RW Al Martinez and RW Dave Thomas said they were honored and humbled also.

Letting the craft know at the end of April and beginning of May we will be changing the lodge door entrance with an electronic deadbolt. You can still enter the lodge when you want you will just have to contact one of the Five elected officers, or the Barnett Museum officers to enter. They will unlock the lodge door and lock the door back when you leave. Also, if we have the alarm system up and running, they will turn the alarm off and reset when you leave. We will talk more about at the next Stated.

I want to personally Thank the JW and SW for the two Fine meals they served for the NEFMA and for the Special Stated we held for Orange Park Lodge. Where we were honored with the Presence of the Grand Master. I apologize for not mentioning the fine job they did in lodge.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next Stated and last just a reminder we are going to be Dark the months of July and August. God Bless the USA



Greetings from the Senior Warden!

Bro. Dave Kiraly



Greetings from the West.

First, let me congratulate our newest brothers, George Nance and Don Krauss on their initiation as Entered Apprentices, the first step in a very worthwhile journey.

Our Worshipful Master has declared this the year of Foundation. The very foundation of our brotherhood is our lodge. While the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, and the Shrine are very noble and worthwhile organizations, the basis for membership in all of them is our Lodge. I would ask all our brothers to refocus on our Lodge and try to attend the stated communications, family nights, the various ceremonies promoting our candidates up to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Masonic Education opportunities. Our Lodge is only as strong as we make it!



Greetings from the Junior Warden!

Bro. Benjamin Flanagan



Greetings from the South,

Last month proved to be a busy month for us here at Solomon. It is good to see Solomon so active. Let's keep the momentum going Brothers. Whether it is here at Solomon. Or Solomon going out and visiting other lodges and/or events.

Also, I would like to thank all the Brothers that have helped with everything so far this year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at next meeting. Also remember Northeast Florida Masonic Association (NEFMA), School Of Instruction, Open Books. Always a good way to meet new brothers and learn something new.

Menu for April 11th Meeting:

Ham
Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Salad
Cookies



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022 AT 7:30 PM

NEFMA - APR - Orange Park 267

******Do Not Forget April 26th. 100 Mason Meeting [Amelia Lodge No. 47](#)**

Remember School of Instruction / MLT's / Open Books Schedule Are On The Calendar

PAST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN WORSHIPFUL MASTER

John R. "Jack" Capra PM-2013

My Brothers,



Each of us, having been found worthy, have had the hallowed rights of the first 3 degrees of Freemasonry bestowed upon us. This was neither a minor decision on our parts, nor that of the Craft. Rather, it was taken by us as a sacred obligation, one with the expectations that our lives would be enriched by the vast histories and mysteries that the Craft had to offer, and to lead us on the path of improving our lives and citizenship. Remember also that the bond is reciprocal, we were not chosen by fate or happenstance, but rather for the character and maturity that we showed when this remarkable invitation was extended to us. In my case my acceptance into the Craft has been beyond anything I could have imagined.

I was Initiated, Passed, and Raised at Solomon Lodge No. 20 in the fall of 2007. I had already been put on alert that I would be going back on active duty and serve my 3rd tour in Iraq with the Navy Reserves in early 2008. The brothers, and especially the Worshipful Master at the time, arranged to have the first 3 degrees awarded to me and help me study and pass my catechisms before the end of the year and in time for me to re-deploy to Baghdad. It was while working at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq that I first discovered how far the network

of my new Masonic brethren extended. While working in the Court translation office an older Iraqi gentleman saw my shiny new Masonic ring and approached me. With tears of joy in his eyes, he told me how he became a Mason years ago, but the Saddam Hussain regime had outlawed all secret organizations so on pain of torture and death he had never admitted to a soul that he was a Mason, not even to his wife of many years. It was a very moving experience for me, not only as a Mason, but also as an American.

In 2012 I became Junior Warden, but near the end of that year of service the Senior Warden announced his intention to relocate and so I was elected to the position of Worshipful Master for the 2013 term. From the very start I was overwhelmed, but the brothers were always there to assist in anything that I needed. That year the brothers voted on a major capital improvement to the Lodge, the badly needed repairs to the front balcony, which was not safe at that time to even walk on. I regret we could not muster the funds to re-roof the Lodge, but that will happen eventually. It was also during my term that we had a great year for membership, as we brought several new members into the Craft. The most meaningful to me was gaining the Grand Lodge's approval to hold a one-day 3-degree ceremony for 3 U.S. Navy Sailors how were deploying out of Mayport Naval Station, Jacksonville. It was more or less an all-day affair for three new Mason's who were about to deploy for several months.

Since being Raised at Solomon Lodge 15 years ago (actually, it was out at Brother Fitzhugh Powell's hunting cabin where I was attacked by red fire ants as I was waiting), I have had an unbelievable journey in the Craft. I have since left the Jacksonville area, but I joined first Ashlar Lodge No. 98 in St. Augustine, Florida, and presently am also a plural member with Jackson Lodge No. 1, Tallahassee, Florida. I have also become a member in both the Scottish Rite as well as the York Rite. But the greatest honor I have had, so far, in Masonry was when my Blue Lodge brothers and peers elected me to serve in the East for that wonderful year.

John R. "Jack" Capra, Ph.D.
Captain, JAGC, US Navy (Retired)
Attorney-at-Law

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS ADDED TO THE SOLOMON ROLLS - 2022



M.: W.: JEFF FOSTER



R.: W.: AL MARTINEZ



R.: W.: DAVE THOMAS

ENTERED APPRENTICES in CATECHISM:

1. David Thomas Bucci
2. Derrick L. Coach
3. Kelvin A. Fishburne
4. George Nance
5. Donald Kraus



**ORDER OF DEMOLAY HURLBERT CHAPTER AT
SOLOMON NO. 20 LODGE
BROTHERS, OUR DEMOLAY ARE LOOKING FOR NEW
MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE SONS OR GRANDSONS
13 YEARS AND UP TO 21.
WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM!**

We Meet The 1st. & 3rd. Monday @7PM

**CONTACT DAD TIM FERINCHECK AT 904 504-1141
CONTACT DAD ROBBY STOKES AT 904 591-7163**

One time membership fee and a lifetime of DeMolay

Last Month's Charity: Angels Year Round

Solomon No. 20 - 2022- Calendar

This can also be viewed on the Website:

<http://solomon20.com/events/>

EVENTS

Solomon Lodge No.20 schedule

Today							April 2022		Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat						
27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2						
	6am Gary Reynolds 6:15pm Solomon Sta	6am Charles Stitt Sr 7am Israel Swanson			6am James Heard Bi	6am Raymond Pasch 7am Thomas Meador 9am Masonic Educat						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
6am Talmadge Leslie 7am Leonard Kelley					6am Allen Johnson J 7am Roger Carman	6am Edwin Blair Birt 7am Donald Spence						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16						
	6pm Solomon State			6am Roy Douglas Sr	6am William Pitts Bir	6am Kriston Hall Bir						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23						
	6am Charles Houser	6pm Barnett Lodge	6am Andrew Miller E 6pm School of Instr		8:30am Charles Hall							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
6am Kevin Khosrowz		6am Ira Smith Jr. Bir 6:30pm 100 Mason M	12pm Secatary lunch	6am Richard Woods	6am Edward Witt Sr.							

Solomon Lodge No.20 – 2022 – Committee's

Building and Property- David Straining, Dave Kiraly, Benjamin Flanagan, James Krahn, Issac Williams

Board of Relief –David Straining, Dave Kiraly, Benjamin Flanagan

Budget & Finance- David Kiraly, Mike Davison, David Land, Jason Vymetal

Charity – Sam Bennett, James Vick, David Straining

Masonic Education- Robby Stokes, James Vick, Jim Boone

Vigilance- Benjamin Flanagan, Issac Williams, Jonathan Guzman

Building Trustees- David Straining, Dave Kiraly, Benjamin Flanagan

Hospitality- Dave Kiraly, David Land, Dominic Bucci

Catechism Instructors- James Vick, Bill Watson, Rory St.John's

Lodge Mentor- Dave Kiraly, Mike Davison, Jason Vymetal

Visitation- Sam Bennett, James Vick, Dave Kiraly

Petitions- Dave Kiraly, Mike Davison, David Land, Dominic Bucci, Jason Vymetal, Issac Williams

Web – social media- Russell Fisher, James Vick, Benjamin Flanagan

DeMolay- Benjamin Flanagan

Masonic Rites- Sam Bennett, David Straining, James Vick, James Krahn,



Lodge Officer Training

The Grand Lodge of Florida encourages all members of the Craft to further their knowledge of Lodge operation, especially those concerning the Elected and Appointed Officers of each particular Lodge. The Lodge Officers Training program was designed to educate and test your knowledge of Lodge procedures, business, penal code, and other areas. Contact your District Instructor for details.

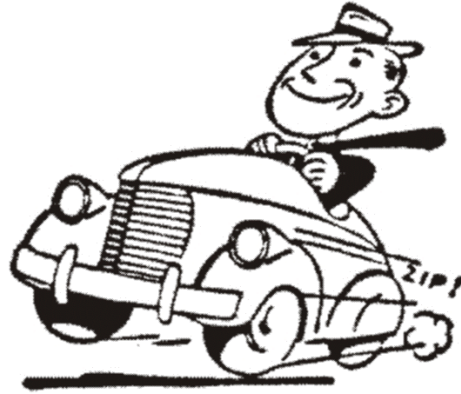
**keep
learning.**

Please make every effort to keep us informed of your address, email address, and phone number. We need to keep in contact with you. If you see errors in the Trestleboard please let us know.

James Vick's email : jamJamesVick@Gmail.com

--or--

If you do not use email, you can call one of the officers listed.



Need A Ride? Carpool to Lodge. Any brother that would like to carpool to the stated meeting, please contact James Vick at c. 904-638-6121 or email at IamJamesVick@Gmail.com



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MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

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Submitted by: _____

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DONATION = \$50.00 Cash

CHECK # _____ Payable to Solomon Lodge No.20

REMARKS = Memorial Brick Program.

Mail or deliver check to ATTN: James Vick, Secretary

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TO THE FLAG OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS,

ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE,

WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

GOD BLESS AMERICA!