



Solomon Lodge No. 20 F. & A. M.

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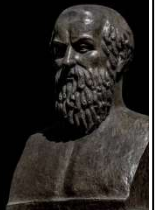
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learning.



[Lodge Officer Training](#)

“To learn is to
be young,
however old.”

~ Aeschylus
Greek playwright
b. 525 BC



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Message from the Worshipful Master

W.: M.: Dave Kiraly



Greetings from the East,

I would like to bring to your attention the whiteboard that is now in the anteroom of the lodge. The board poses the question "Why do you want to be a Mason?" The question is taken directly from the petition we all filled out when starting our Masonic journey.

The 2 or 3 answers below the question are taken from randomly selected answers on petitions. The purpose here is to cause all of us to pause and reflect upon our own answers and purpose for submitting our petitions. Are we fulfilling our purposes for joining this great fraternity? My plan is to have different answers each month for the rest of the year and some open discussions in the lodge.

We had a successful and yet disappointing family night in July. Successful in that we had 6 potential candidates attend and join us for the fellowship. Disappointing in that there were only 4 brothers in attendance. As a fraternity, we have to show better interest and attendance to encourage our potential new brethren to come to the lodge.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Stated in August.

Quote of the Month:

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

Jimmy Dean

Fraternally,

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Greetings from the Senior Warden **Bro. Benjamin Flanagan**



Greetings from the West,

The heat is on! Our year and our Lodge continue to move forward with a lot of energy this year. Thanks to all the enthusiasm for our programs, our events, and our fraternal Brotherhood, Solomon Lodge no. 20 F&AM is growing and there is a lot of activity to enjoy each month. Thank you to everyone for being here. Remember – you get as much out of membership as you put in along your Masonic career. Keep up the great work!

Our historic Lodge has a beautiful and unique face that shows Springfield that we are a special place and a special Brotherhood. That's the upside. The downside of having the responsibility to take care of an awesome facility that is more than 100 years old is that things often need expensive attention. That historic face, specifically the upstairs front porch, is giving us the Masonic sign of distress and needs a lot of work in the near future to keep it from collapsing. We are at the stage now where, as Brother Ben Franklin used to say: "an ounce of prevention prevents a pound of cure." We are honor bound to respond to that sign. Please keep in mind that it is a big project. It will involve a new roof and repairs to stop the problem from getting worse, and we all will need to show our pride in our beautiful Lodge to keep it standing proud for the next hundred years.

Stay safe in that summer heat and come to the next Stated Communication. The food is great, the fellowship can't be beat, and you are missed when you're not here!

Fraternally,
Brother Benjamin Flanagan
Senior Warden
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Greetings from the Junior Warden **Bro. Issac Williams**



Greetings from the South,

Greetings brothers from the south. An idea comes to me as Masons we all have similar experiences. It hits each brother different - walks of life - ups and downs -and no two Masonic journeys are the same. What do we recall? Our transformation from darkness to light, fear, excitement, confusion? What lessons have we learned from my journey from darkness to light? What lesson has impacted our lives? With all that being said my Masonic brothers let's keep the faith and assist the ones searching for light.

Until next time my brothers. Be Safe,

Brother Issac J. Williams Sr.
Junior Warden
Solomon Lodge No. 20



Message from the Secretary David Straining PM



Hello my Brothers,

Reminder to please check your dues card and if it doesn't have 2023 on it you are in arrears. Please Pay your 2023 Dues. Remember your obligation. Circumscribe is no longer in effect. Mail checks to our mailing address. If you prefer to pay cash, you can contact me, and I will be happy to meet up with you.

The new Amity program replaced Circumscribe. I sent a flyer out on how to download Amity. You need to download the app and input your info. If anyone needs help, please contact the Secretary or any of the officers.

August BIRTHDAYS:

Rodney Long	8-3	Jason Vymetal	8-20
Henry McElreath	8-5	Randall Smith	8-25
Authur Lanier	8-6	Morris Darby	8-25
Gevonia Messer	8-8	James Jones Jr.	8-24
Leforest Mayberry	8-13	Ian Bozeman	8-27
James Douglas	8-14	Edward Stroud	8-28
Jesse Thrower	8-19	Seth Rothstein	8-31

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their journey:

In FC Catechism: Francisco Jacques and David Bucci.

In EA Catechism: Ian Bozeman, Anthony (Tony) Stevens and Austin Waters

Master Mason Degree August 26th at Solomon Lodge. 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Francisco Jacques being Raised to Master Mason. Come out and show your support.

Breakfast will be served 8:00-8:55. Degree starts at 9:00 am.

Faternally,

David F. Straining PM

Secretary

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Now seeking Degrees or in Catechism:

Francisco Jaques, David Bucci, Anthony (Tony) Stevens, Ian Bozeman
Austin Waters.

Keep up the great work Brothers!

Remember Brother: B ready 2 B the 1 asked, when they want 2 B 1.

Last Month's Charity: Angels Year Round / Benevolence Fund



Solomon No. 20 Calendar Also on the Website: <http://solomon20.com/events/>

EVENTS

Solomon Lodge No.20 schedule

Today ◀ ▶ August 2023 ▼ Print Week Month Agenda ▼

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 6am James Comptor	31 6am Fred Grimsley E	Aug 1	2	3 6am Rodney Long Bi	4	5 6am Henry McElreat
6 6am Arthur Lanier B	7	8 6am William Newsor 7am Darryl Deetz Bi	9	10 6am Sam Bennett Bi	11	12
13	14 6am James Douglas 6:30pm Solomon Sta	15	16	17	18	19 6am Jesse Thrower :
20 7am Jason Vymetal	21 6am Edwin Rhoden E	22	23 6:30pm NEFMA Meet	24 6am James Jones Jr.	25 Need Trestle Board 6am Morris Darby Bi	26
27	28 6am Edward Stroud	29	30	31 6am Seth Rothstein	Sep 1	2

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York + Google Calendar



WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2023 AT 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting
Morocco Shriners, 560 Wells Rd, Orange Park, FL

Remember School of Instruction / MLT's / Open Books schedule are all most accurate online on the Calendar. Just go to <http://solomon20.com/events/> for the latest information each month.

Solomon Lodge No.20 – 2023 – Committees

Building and Property: Dave Kiraly, Benjamin Flanagan, Jim Boone, Issac Williams

Board of Relief: Dave Kiraly, Benjamin Flanagan, Issac Williams

Budget & Finance: Benjamin Flanagan, Mike Davison, David Land, Jason Vymetal

Charity: Sam Bennett, David Straining, Dave Kiraly

Masonic Education: Robby Stokes, James Vick, Sam Bennett

Vigilance: Issac Williams, Derrick Coach, Donald Kraus

Building Trustees: Dave Kiraly, Benjamin Flanagan, Issac Williams, Jim Boone

Hospitality: Benjamin Flanagan, David Land, Derrick Coach, Kelvin Fishburne, Don Kraus

Catechism Instructors: James Vick, Rory St. Johns

Lodge Mentors: Benjamin Flanagan, Mike Davison, Dominic Bucci

Visitation: Sam Bennett, David Straining, Benjamin Flanagan

Petitions: Benjamin Flanagan, Derrick Coach, David Land, Issac Williams, Donald Kraus

Web - Social Media: Russell Fisher, James Vick, Benjamin Flanagan

DeMolay: Robby Stokes, Benjamin Flanagan

Masonic Rites: Sam Bennett, Dave Kiraly, James Vick

Widow's Program: Thomas Meadows, Dominic Bucci, Kelvin Fishburne, Robby Stokes (Advisor)



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 lamJamesVick@Gmail.com



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Do you know a young man who could benefit from learning Leadership Skills?

Brother, if you have not yet visited the International DeMolay website, please take a moment to visit and learn more about this organization for young gentlemen. Your sons and grandsons (ages now 12 to 21) are missing out on a great lifetime experience!

Visit www.beademolay.org for more information and check out the "History" section to truly be impressed by all this organization has done for youth for the past 100 years.



ORDER OF DEMOLAY HURLBERT CHAPTER AT
SOLOMON NO. 20 LODGE
BROTHERS, OUR DEMOLAY ARE LOOKING FOR NEW
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13 YEARS AND UP TO 21.
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We Meet The 1st. & 3rd. Monday @7PM

CONTACT DAD TIM FERINCHECK AT 904 504-1141
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Recently the Craft voted to accept the Adopt-A-Highway Program. This is a great way to publicize both Solomon Lodge No. 20 and Freemasonry. This is a 2-year commitment but if we have a good participation this should not be too taxing on anyone.

We as Masons are responsible for helping the community in addition to our charities. This is a way to give back to the community. Hopefully this will just be the start of future community involvement.

We are looking for volunteers to work on the crew of the Adopt-A-Highway program. I think we will need at least 10 – 12 participants, however, the more the better as it will expedite the cleanup.

If you and any of your family are interested in participating, (community volunteer hours look great on resumes' for our teens...) please provide your names and ages (for any child). Email the Trestleboard editor Clayton at vanim8@gmail.com and the new person in charge of this program will be forwarded your information.

For more information about the program, click here - <https://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm>

Masonic Tip of the Month

Explore The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida website. Click the link!



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Free & Accepted Masons of Florida

SOLOMON LODGE NO. 20 MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

12 characters per line (including spaces.) 3 lines max

Submitted by: _____ Phone Number: _____

DONATION = \$50.00 Cash

CHECK # _____ Payable to Solomon Lodge No.20 REMARKS = Memorial Brick Program.

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