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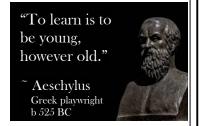
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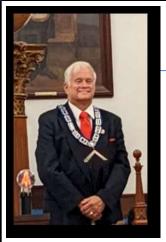




Lodge Officer Training



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.



Message from the Worshipful Master

W∴ M∴ Dave Kiraly



Greetings from the East,

It doesn't seem possible, but we are at the halfway point of the year. It has been a busy 6 months and I greatly appreciate all the help and support I've received.

As we head into the midpoint of this year, we need to start looking ahead to next year. It is very important that any Brother who has not yet done so complete his MLT lessons and the MM 1, 2, and 3. The Lodge needs a good line of succession to stay successful and the required training has to be done. Please feel free to reach out to myself or any of our current or past officers for any assistance you may need.

There will be an EA degree on June 13 at Callahan Lodge, the time to be announced. Our candidate, Mr. Austin Waters, will be initiated an EA at this time. If you are able to attend, please come out and support our candidate.

Breakfast and a chore will be on Saturday, June 17 from 0830 until 1100. There are a lot of projects that need to be done but we have to have brothers on hand to accomplish them.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Stated Communication on June 12 and elsewhere throughout the month.

Quote of the Month:

"It is during out darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."

Aristotle

Fraternally,

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Greetings from the Senior Warden Bro. Benjamin Flanagan



Greetings from the West,

My brothers, here it is already June. Halfway through the year. Seems like the year just started not long ago. It is now summertime which means that schools are out, and families will be taking vacations and spending time together. Which means everyone will

be busy... but if you are able to fit your Lodge into your cable tow, we sure would love to see you at our meetings, breakfast and a chore, NEFMA meeting, School Of Instruction, or any of the other things we have going on.

The first half of the year has been very busy, and we are not slowing down for the second half.

Everyone, stay safe this summer season.

Fraternally,

Bro. Benjamin Flanagan



Greetings from the Junior Warden Bro. Issac Williams



Greetings from the South,

Today I want to speak to you about Secrets, and balance and how many view Freemasonry as some secret society, and how these words become misused when it comes to Masonry.

A secret means not known or seen or not meant to be known or seen by others. This definition has been given an air of mystery and created an uneven balance in the lives of many of us. When we look at the word balance it is defined as an equal distribution of weight, the practice of keeping something upright and steady. But ask yourself how you can keep something unknown upright and steady as well as maintain your balance in life?

We as Masons must realize that sometimes the hardest battle only exists within ourselves and the situations that we create in our mind, instead of feeding the stigma of secrecy we need to reiterate the privacy in the practice and balance that with all we must maintain. I am speaking about the concept of balance, it's not so hard to find that balancing point for all our lives, if we always give the proper time and attention to God, our family, and our community.

Therefore, the question here is, in practice, can we be proper Masons if we have not found that proper balance in our own life and brotherhood? This begins with the understanding that the brotherhood is not a secret, it is Private, and instead of feeding into the conspiracy one must understand and observe how to effectively apply the lessons learned in each of our lives to create what is needed, to prioritize who we are as Masons more effectively as well as who we are viewed as in family, and the community.

Always your brother

Brother Issac J. Williams Sr.



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.

I will be mailing DELINQUENT DUES NOTICES June 1st. Starting June 27th you would be Six (6) months in arrears on your dues. You are required to pay the amount shown from the date shown on the letter within three (3) months Failure to pay or contact by September 27th you will be subject to being NPD. If you are a member of other appendant bodies, they will be notified of you being added to the NPD List.

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. As of this writing Amity is only showing Solomon as having 18 members. If anyone needs help, please contact me.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

6/1 THOMAS CLAYTON SR. 6/12 JOHN WADE JR. 6/2 THOMAS SHOPE 6/13 CLIFFORD LANCE 6/3 WILLIAM PAFFORD 6/13 LESTER ODOM 6/5 ROBERT PRAKEN 6/18 DANIEL TEAGUE 6/10 STEVEN FERBER 6/20 DANIEL MOODY 6/11 JEFFREY SPENCE 6/21 DAVID RONEY 6/11 FRANCIS TUENGE SR. 6/22 DONALD LAMEY JR. 6/12 PAUL GEAREN 6/29 GEORGE NANCE

Congratulations to the following on their journey:

In FC Catechism: Francisco Jacques and David Bucci.

In EA Catechism: Ian Bozeman and Anthony (Tony) Stevens.

Voted to receive the three Degrees of Masonry: Austin Waters.

Demetri Perkins, Adam Esquilin and Lamont'e Earnest to be balloted on June 12th to receive the three degrees of Masonry.

Fraternally,

David F. Straining PM

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Now seeking Degrees or in Catechism:

Demetri Perkins, Adam Esquilin and Lamont'e Earnest Francisco Jaques, David Bucci, Anthony 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 Print Week Month Agenda Today June 2023 ▼ Wed Mon Tue Thu Sat Jun 1 6am Joseph Gentisor 6am Thomas Claytor 6am Harvey Naeser 6am William Pafford 7am Charles Spence 7am Jerry Balderson 7am Thomas Shope 6am Robert Panken 6am Michael Horn Bi 6am Wayne Carter E 6am Francis Tuenge 6am John Wade Jr. E 6am Lester Odom Bi 6am Peter Fettig Birl 7am Jeffery Spence 6:30pm Solomon Sta 7am Clifford Lance E 6am Daniel Teague E 6am David Roney Bil 6am David Lamey Jr. Jul 1 Need Trestle Board 6am William King Bir 6:30pm NEFMA Meet + Google Calendar Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York



WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2023 AT 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting Oceanview Lodge No. 408

308 New Berlin Rd

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

<u>Building and Property:</u> Dave Kiraly, Benjamin Flanagan, Jim Boone, Issac Williams

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

<u>Budget & Finance:</u> Benjamin Flanagan, Mike Davison, David Land, Jason Vymetal

<u>Charity</u>: Sam Bennett, David Straining, Dave Kiraly

Masonic Education: Robby Stokes, James Vick, Sam Bennett

Vigilance: Issac Williams, Derrick Coach, Donald Kraus

<u>Building Trustees:</u> 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

<u>Visitation:</u> 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

<u>DeMolay:</u> Robby Stokes, Benjamin Flanagan

Masonic Rites: Sam Bennett, Dave Kiraly, James Vick

<u>Widow's Program:</u> 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 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



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

Solomon Lodge No. 20 Activities

May was a very busy month for the Lodge. We had a very successful EA Degree, during the family night this month the weather was not behaving so PDDGM Robby Stokes conducted a tour for family attendees of the historic facility we all call our second home. That tour covered the beautiful mansion, furnishings, and artwork being curated by the Barnett Museum and Preservation Society in partnership with Solomon Lodge.

We didn't get any photos last month of any of those wonderful Lodge event moments but stay tuned for June. Solomon Lodge has a busy summer planned for us all and we're just at the start of it. Be sure to attend all our great events and be a part of the fraternal fun, Masonic tradition, and family focus that are all part of our dynamic Solomon Lodge No. 20 experience. See you soon!

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. Mail or deliver check to ATTN: David Straining PM, Secretary Solomon Lodge 25 E. 1st St. Jacksonville, FL. 32206 I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE 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!**