



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

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Jacksonville, FL. 32206
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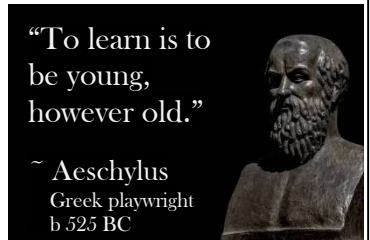
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Message from the Worshipful Master

W.: M.: Dave Kiraly



Greetings from the East,

Here we are in September. It is amazing how fast this year has gone by and how much we still have to accomplish in the short time remaining in the year. I need to remind everyone of the importance of completing their Master Mason 1, 2, and 3 and their MLT's. We must have a core group of Masons ready to step up into leadership roles and these core courses are a requirement to be able to do so. In addition to the courses, you must have a commitment to being at the lodge and participating and making it better. We all have our cable tows but need to try and stretch them just a little. I need your support; the lodge needs your support.

Please remember to read the whiteboard in the anteroom. The reasons for becoming a Mason on it are taken directly from the petitions that are on file. If you have a good thought and would like to add it to the board, please do so.

Congratulations to Brother Francisco Jacques who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on August 26 here at Solomon.

There will not be a family night in September as the 4th Monday will be our annual official DDGM visit.

Family Night in October will be on Friday, October 20 instead of our usual Monday night. RW Jim Boone is going to put on a magic show at the lodge. We need a great turnout to support him, it should be a fun evening.

Quote of the Month:

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value."

- Albert Einstein

Fraternally,

Dave Kiraly

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



Greetings from the West,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Brother Francisco Jacques for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It warms my heart seeing more good men joining Solomon and our great fraternity. When I see these men start and then continue their journey, I see the future. And the future looks bright.

I hope everyone has been able to stay safe during the summer heat we have been experiencing. I also hope everyone stays safe and takes the necessary precautions needed for our homes and families as recently we are reminded that we aren't out of hurricane season yet. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound at our next meeting.

As a reminder we will be welcoming our District Deputy Grand Master, our District Instructor, and the committeemen on Sept. 25, 2023. This is a yearly formal opportunity for us all to greet our District representatives and put our best foot forward for our Lodge. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,
Brother Benjamin Flanagan
Senior Warden
Solomon Lodge No. 20
(904) 667-1660



Greetings from the Junior Warden **Bro. Issac Williams**



Greetings from the South,

Another year is about to close, and I want to say it's been a test of a man and Mason this year. The test of a man and Mason is the fight that he makes. The way he stands up on his feet and takes life's bumps and bruises. A coward can smile when there is nothing to fear but it takes a man to stand up and cheer. It isn't the victory after all but the fight that the brother Mason makes. A brother Mason that is driven against the wall will stand head held high body erect and take the blows of life and never fear and never fear to fail.

Until next time my brothers,

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 ASAP. I will be mailing Summons notices to you starting September 28th to appear at our October Stated meeting to explain your reason for not paying your dues. If I do not hear from you, your name will be put on the NPD list December 28th, 2023. Also, ALL appendant bodies will be notified of your Status of being NPD. Remember brothers your obligation you took, see address below to mail you dues for the year 2023.

I will be mailing 2024 dues notices soon. 2024 dues need to be paid by December 27th, 2023; St. John's Day as stated in the Masonic Digest. Note if you have not paid your back dues for years 22 and 23 you will not receive 2024 dues notice.

Circumscribe is no longer in effect. Mail checks or Money Orders to our mailing address. If you prefer to pay cash, you can contact me, and I will be happy to meet up with you. I will be setting up the Amity app for you to pay your dues online if you prefer. Keep in mind there will be a service charge if you use the pay through Amity app. We have no control over the service charge the Amity App assesses. Any questions please contact me.

September BIRTHDAYS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

9-3 David Bucci	9-16 Gary Hopkins
9-3 Howard Smith	9-18 Cary Brannan
9-4 William (Bill) Kirkland	9-18 George Hicks
9-5 Derrick Coach	9-22 George Breslin
9-5 Charlie Smith Jr.	9-23 Wendell Davidson
9-6 Michael Severson	9-23 Hans Vige Jr.
9-11 Henry Graves Jr.	9-24 Michael (Pete) Trent
9-16 Kenneth Crotts	

Congratulations to Brother Francisco Jacques being Raised to our newest Master Mason of Solomon Lodge Saturday August 25, 2023.

Fraternally,

David F. Straining PM
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Congratulations to the following Brothers on their journey:

Petitioning for the Degrees: Adam Mark Esquilin, Demetri Alexander Perkins
In FC Catechism: David Bucci.
In EA Catechism: Ian Bozeman, Anthony (Tony) Stevens and 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



EVENTS

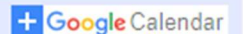
Solomon Lodge No.20 schedule

Today ◀ ▶ September 2023 ▼

Print Week Month Agenda ▼

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 6am Edward Stroud	28	29	30	31 6am Seth Rothstein	Sep 1	2
3 6am Howard Smith	4 6am Bill Kirkland Bir	5 6am Charlie Smith J	6 6am Michael Severs	7	8	9
10	11 6am Harry Graves Jr 6:30pm Solomon Sta	12	13	14	15	16 6am Gary Hopkins B 7am Kenneth Crotts
17	18	19	20	21	22 6am George Breslin	23 6am Wendell Davids
24 6am Michael Trent B	25 Need Trestle Board	26	27 6:30pm NEFMA Meet	28	29	30

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York



WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2023 AT 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting

Arlington Masonic Lodge #309, 3421 University Blvd N, Jacksonville

Road Cleanup – Saturday September 9th. 8am Coffee/Donuts

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 iamJamesVick@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>

Masonic Tip of the Month

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



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
Free & Accepted Masons of Florida

~ Solomon Lodge No. 20 Activities ~

**Master Mason Degree
8/26/2023
for Brother Francisco Jacques**



Photo courtesy Brother Christian Kiefer

The Raconteurs Degree Team

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*



GOD BLESS AMERICA!