



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

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Jacksonville, FL. 32206
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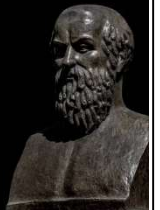
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keep
learning.



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

~ Aeschylus
Greek playwright
b. 525 BC



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,

Hard to believe, but here we are in November already. October was a good month for the Lodge.

Family night was a huge success. RW Jim Boone and his lovely wife did a magic show for us. We had a great turn out and a great time.

Please join me congratulating brothers Austin Waters, Ian Bozeman, and Tony Stevens on being passed to Fellow Craft on October 26 at Mandarin Lodge. My thanks to W.: John Mann and his degree team for doing the courtesy work on our behalf.

November looks to be busy also. We will have our 4th quarter street cleanup on November 18. This is our last one for this year so let's try and have a good turnout.

Family night is scheduled for November 27. This will be our Christmas decorating night to get the lodge ready for the children's Christmas party . It has been requested that we do a potluck dinner that night with everyone bringing a dish particular to their family or background.

All Brothers are reminded that the nomination forms for next year's slate of officers must be on the Secretary's desk prior to the gavel dropping at our next Stated Communication on November 13.

Lastly, as we approach the holiday season, remember what is important in life: family, friends, being together.

-Quote of the Month_

"The Joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing each other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays."

W.C. Jones

American poet

Fraternally,

Dave Kiraly

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Greetings from the Senior Warden Bro. Benjamin Flanagan



Greetings from the West,

First of all, I want to say Congratulations to our Brothers Austin Waters, Tony Stevens and Ian Bozeman in performing their EA Proficiency. It was truly a job well done all around! Also, I want to say Congratulations to those same Brothers for successfully being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Thank you to Mandarin Lodge for the courtesy work that was nicely performed.

My Brothers, just as a reminder as we get closer to the holidays, let us not forget those in our community that could use our help. We are still collecting items such as personal hygiene and toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc....) for those who live in the Masonic Home. They have a little shop there for the residents to get things they may need from time to time at no charge. We are also still collecting new unwrapped toys for The Children's Home Society. They are a local orphanage for whom we host a very special and heartwarming Christmas party at Solomon Lodge every year.

You can bring your donations to Solomon, and we will make sure your gifts for all these wonderful charities get to where they need to be. Happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,

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



**Fellowcraft Degree participants, October 2023.
Thank you, Mandarin Lodge.**



Greetings from the Junior Warden Bro. Issac Williams



No message this month.

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



Message from the Secretary

David Straining PM



Brothers All,

2024 dues notices have been mailed. 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 2023 you will not receive 2024 dues notice. Please contact the Secretary ASAP and I will assist you.** 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, or you can cash app me and I will write you a receipt and mail it to you along with your dues card or meet up with you.

If you are having trouble with signing up or logging in to the new Amity app, please contact me. I will be glad to help you with it.

I would appreciate it if you would update your information with me including your updated mailing address, phone number, and email address. I need to make sure your Masonic file is up to date.

November Birthdays, Happy Birthday brothers.

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| 11-1 Barry Collins | 11-9 Carlton Spence | 11-19 Robert Jones |
| 11-3 Rennie Jackson | 11-10 Paul Hout Jr. | 11-22 Wilson McMullan |
| 11-4 A. Clayton Vandiver Jr. | 11-13 Frank Mitchell | 11-22 Elmo Busby Jr. |
| 11-4 Clarke Wilson Jr. | 11-13 William Tomlinson | 11-23 Franklin Gregory |
| 11-7 Hal Adams | 11-15 Donald Prewitt | 11-24 Therron Allen |
| 11-7 Daniel Peterson | 11-17 William Shad Jr. | 11-24 Bennie O'Neal |
| 11-8 Joseph Peoples | 11-18 Coley Bagocius | 11-26 Jimmie Noone |

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

David F. Straining PM

Secretary

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Congratulations to the following Brothers on their journey:

Currently in FC Catechism: David Bucci, Ian Bozeman, Tony Stevens, and Austin Waters.

Recently Completed EA Catechism: Ian Bozeman, Anthony (Tony) Stevens and Austin Waters.

Balloted to receive the Degrees of Freemasonry: Mark Rosenlof, Adam Esquilin, and Demetri Perkins.

Applications Seeking Freemasonry: Lamont'e Earnest, Seth Holt, Emanuelle Eric Santiago, Calvin Oglesby, Kenny Mitchell, & Luis Vargas.

Application for reinstatement: Samuel Lively Marsh.

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 ◀ ▶ November 2023 Print Week Month Agenda ▼

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------|---|--|----------------------|-----|--|---|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | Nov 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | 6am Clifford Hope Jr 7am William Powell I | 6am Barry Collins Bi | | | 6am Charles Taylor E 7am Clarke Wilson J 8am Clayton Vandiv |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 6am Bobby McDuffie | | | | | 6am Paul Hout Jr. Bi | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | 6am William Tomlins 6:30pm Solomon Sta | | 6:30pm NEFMA Meet | | 6am William Shad Jr | 8am Street clean up |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | 6pm Potluck/decorat | | 6am Elmo Busby Jr. | | 6am Bennie O'Neal E 7am Therron Allen B | Need Trestle Board |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | 2 |
| 6am Jimmie Boone S | | | | | | |

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



WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2023 AT 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting

Ribault Masonic Lodge 272, 327 2nd Ave N, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Road Cleanup – Saturday November 18th. 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 lamJamesVick@Gmail.com



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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 also let us know. Either email, call the editor, or call one of the officers listed.

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

175th Anniversary Announcement!

Brother's All and Ladies,

January 10th, 2024 at 3:00pm we will be celebrating **Solomon Lodge No. 20 F&AM being 175 years old**. We plan on having a BIG Celebration and would like you and your family to come and celebrate with us. We hope to have the Grand Master and his entourage, The Governor of Florida, Jacksonville Mayor, City Councilmen, and the broadcast media all join us for this great event.

We plan on doing something to commemorate the moment, possibly putting together a time capsule with a newspaper and other small items of interest about the Lodge from 2023 and 2024. Also, we will be unveiling a Historical marker being placed in front of the Lodge on 1st Street. Also, we plan on having local food trucks available for everyone to be able to enjoy some delicious food.

We hope to see you there to help celebrate this Great occasion. We ask if you plan on coming to please RSVP us with how many in your party will be attending. Please respond to:

benjamin.Flanagan2024@gmail.com or solomonlodge20secretary@gmail.com



Help us Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Solomon Lodge No. 20 F&AM January 10th, 2024.

3:00 pm at the historic Barnett Mansion on 1st Street.

Bring the entire family for a great day in Jacksonville!

SOLOMON LODGE NO. 20 MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

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Submitted by: _____ Phone Number: _____

DONATION = \$50.00 Cash

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

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