



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

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Jacksonville, FL. 32206
Chartered January 10, 1849



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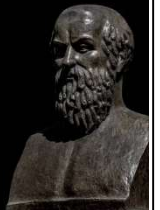
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keep
learning.



“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,

November was a busy month with the Thanksgiving holiday and our tree trimming party. I trust everyone had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to our 5 newest EAs: Adam Esquilin, Luis Vargas, Calvin Oglesby, Mark Rosanlos, and Dimitri Perkins. They were initiated into the brotherhood on November 30 at Hyde Park. My thanks to the Worshipful Master and the brothers at Hyde Park for doing the courtesy work for us.

Our annual Christmas party for the Jacksonville Children's Home Society is December 9. It's a fun evening with the kids and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Our last street cleanup of the year is scheduled for December 2. If we get a good turnout like we did for the 3rd quarter cleanup, we can be done in about an hour and a half.

Finally, this is my last message as Worshipful Master. I'd like to thank everyone for your trust and assistance this year. We were able to get some projects done and get a good start on some others for completion in the new year. It has been an honor serving the lodge over the past year and I look forward to supporting our new Worshipful Master in the coming year.

Again, thank you all for your support.

Quote of the Month: Any new beginning is forged from the shards of the past, not from the abandonment of the past." - Craig D.Lounsborough

Fraternally,

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



Greetings from the West,

First off, I want to congratulate Adam Esquilin, Calvin Oglesby Jr., Demetri Perkins, Mark Rosenlof, and Luis Vargas for being made Entered Apprentice Masons. And thank you to Hyde Park for doing the courtesy degree work for Solomon. It is great to see not just new members added to our family here at Solomon, but also new members added to our great fraternity of Freemasonry.

Next, I want to say “thank you” to all who showed up for our most recent family night. We were able to get the Christmas tree and decorations up and once again our historic Lodge is ready for the holidays.

As the year is winding down, some would say coming to a close, Solomon is always staying busy. And with that I just have to say “thank you” to everyone that has given of their valuable time over the course of the year to help make Solomon what it is today. The new year is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. I hope everyone has a good and safe holiday season and we look forward to seeing you often in the new year.

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 my fellow Brothers,

As the year is getting to a close, we have more hills to climb and obstacles to complete. As Masons, let's lead by example. Help a worthy Mason when in need and not let our ego get in the way of the craft. Let's learn from each other and be a class act. Show others we are better than the rest, but in the same form be equal and share thoughts, ideas, and spread peace and harmony to all.

So in closing, let the New Year be the start of new and better days.

Until next time my Brothers,

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 the year 2023 you will not receive 2024 dues notice and you will be marked NPD Dec. 28th, and all appendant bodies will be notified.

Please contact the Secretary ASAP and I will assist you. Circumscribe is no longer in effect. If you Mail checks or Money Orders to our mailing address, I will need to have received your payment on or before Dec. 27th. 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, if you moved, changed your phone numbers including your updated email address. I need to make sure your Masonic files are up to date.

Important Dates to mark in your Calendar, December 9th we will be having our Annual CHS Christmas party 6:00pm, December 11th Election of Lodge officers at Stated meeting, Installation of Lodge Officers Jan. 6th, 2024 time to be announced, and our 175th Anniversary Celebration January 10th 3:00pm.

December Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers),

12/2 Larry Kent	12/7 Dale Young II	12/24 Glynn Bagley Jr.
12/3 Daniel Gifford	12/12 Carl Orr	12/25 Russell Fisher
12/3 Loren Pearson	12/12 Donald Kraus Sr.	12/25 Charles Shaffer
12/5 Kenneth Leeds Sr.	12/16 David Straining	12/29 Daid Kiraly
12/5 Lamar McMichael	12/19 Benjamin Flanagan	12/31 Franklin Bailey
12/6 Jeffrey Woodward		

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

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.

Congratulations on being raised to EA 's: Mark Rosenlof, Adam Esquilin, Demetri Perkins, Calvin Oglesby & Luis Vargas.

Applications Seeking Freemasonry: Lamont'e Earnest, Seth Holt, Emanuelle Eric Santiago.

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 ◀ ▶ December 2023 ▼ Print Week Month Agenda ▼

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 6am Jimmie Boone S	27 6pm Potluck/decorat	28	29	30 Lodge Cleaning 6:30pm EA Degree at	Dec 1	2 8:30am Street clean
3 Lodge Cleaning	4	5	6 6am Jeffery Woodwa	7	8	9 6am Donald Haralso 5pm CHS Party
10	11 6am Clarence Picket 6:30pm Solomon Sta	12 6am Carl Orr Birthda	13	14	15 6am Nicholas Romar	16 6am David Straining
17 6am James Krahn Bi 9am Bill Maule Birth	18	19 6am Benjamin Flana	20 6:30pm NEFMA Meet	21	22	23
24 6am Glynn Bagley Jr	25 Need Trestle Board 6am Russell Fisher J	26	27	28	29 1pm Dave Kiraly Birl	30
31 6am Franklin Bailey	Jan 1 6am Nathan Hilborn 7am Thomas Richmc 8am Carlton Spence +2 more	2 6am Hernan Chang I	3	4	5	6

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

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



WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2023 AT 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting

Solomon Lodge No. 20 F & AM, 25 E 1st St, Jacksonville, FL 32206

Road Cleanup – Saturday December 2nd. 8am Coffee/Donuts

Remember School of Instruction / MLT's / Open Books schedule is most accurate online on the Lodge Calendar. Stay up to date at <http://solomon20.com/events/> for the latest information each month.



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



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

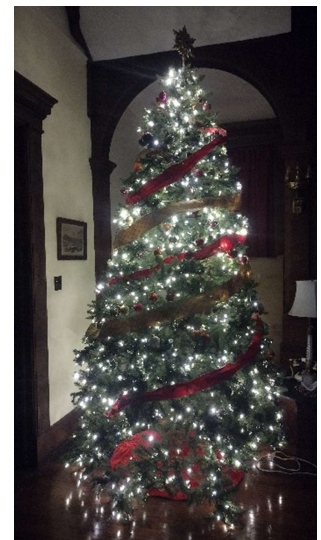
Web - Social Media: Russell Fisher, James Vick, Benjamin Flanagan

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)

Your e-trestleboard Editor: Clayton Vandiver, Jr., M.Ed. Past Master 2012 & Founding Member - Lewis A. Armistead Lodge No. 403 F&AM Send correspondence to 25 East 1st St. Jacksonville, FL. 32206 Or cell. 904-710-8884 or email: vanim8@gmail.com



Left: November EA Degree courtesy of Hyde Park Lodge. Right: Solomon 2023 Holiday Tree.

Do you know a young man who could benefit from developing 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



The Craft voted to join 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 is just the start of future community involvement.

We are looking for volunteers to work on the crew of the Adopt-A-Highway program. 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 team charge of this program will be forwarded your information. For more information, 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**

Please make every effort to keep Solomon Lodge No. 20 F&AM informed of your address, email address, and phone number. We want to keep in contact with you. If you see errors in the Trestleboard, please also let us know. Either email or call the editor, or call one of the officers listed. Thank you.

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 Council, 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 about the mansion being placed in front of the Lodge on 1st Street. We plan on having local food trucks on hand 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

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!