



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

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Jacksonville, FL. 32206

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### **Worshipful Master: Benjamin Flanagan**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Stated  
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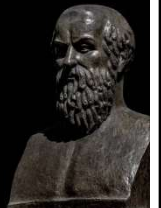
keep  
learning.



## Lodge Officer Training

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

~ Aeschylus  
Greek playwright  
b 525 BC



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.: Benjamin Flanagan



Greetings from the East,

Firstly, I'd like to extend my congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice, Eric Santiago. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Wesconnett Lodge 297 for their courtesy and for allowing us to participate in the degree, marking the initiation of Eric on his Masonic journey. I also express gratitude to Brother Erwin Virtusio from Calgary Lodge No. 23 from the Grand Lodge of Alberta in Canada, for taking the time to visit with us.

January proved to be a bustling month as we kicked off the year with various events. From Installation of Officers to the first stated meeting, the 175th-anniversary celebration, an EA degree, the school of instruction, to a second stated meeting to handle important matters, to the Northeast Florida Masonic Association meeting – it was indeed a busy start to the year. The enthusiasm and dedication of each one of you who contributed or simply attended played a significant role in our success. This excitement and commitment will be instrumental in maintaining our momentum as we move into February. Let's continue the positive energy and make February just as remarkable.



*(Left) W.: M.: Ben Flanagan greets Erwin Virtusio from Calgary Lodge No. 23 from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada, who visited Solomon Lodge No. 20 during our second 2024 stated Communication.*



*(Left) EA degree at Wesconnett Lodge No. 297.*

**Important dates:** February 12th: Stated Meeting, including voting on 4 members to serve on the Board of Building trustees. Also, R.:W.: Rick Wendling will be joining us.

February 26th: Stated Meeting, Official District Deputy Grand Master Visit. Let's all show up and make it a great Solomon turnout for this visit from our District leadership. See you there!

Fraternally,

Brother Benjamin Flanagan  
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## Greetings from the Senior Warden Bro. Issac Williams



In the spirit of being Activated by Light, I am reviewing my duties as newly elected Senior Warden 2024. My goals for the coming year are to set some things into motion that will improve the brethren and leave Solomon Lodge better than I found. As Masons, we should strive daily to improve ourselves, we are taught to do this through the lessons in our degrees, however, we should also understand that we learn Masonry from one another. There should not be a time that we as Masons cannot look to either side at our brother and feel "I cannot learn anything from him" There should be an air of confidence in the room when I look to my brother

that he has my best interest at heart and will willingly strive to help improve my life as he would his own life as we all should for the lives of each other. I intend to help foster an environment where brothers can develop a lifelong network of care, support, and protection within our Masonic Family.

As I embark on my role as Senior Warden of our esteemed lodge, I am excited to share some ideas and plans for the upcoming term. Together, we can work towards improving various aspects of our lodge's operations and strengthen our bonds within the fraternity and the wider community.

### Lodge Budget Improvements:

One of my primary focuses will be on enhancing our lodge's financial management. I propose a thorough review of our budget to identify areas where we can optimize our resources. By implementing efficient financial practices, we can ensure responsible stewardship of our lodge's funds while maximizing the benefits for our members and community projects.

### Lodge Candidate Care Improvements:

Our fraternity's future lies in the hands of our candidates, and it is essential that we provide them with the utmost care and support. To that end, I plan to enhance our candidate care program by implementing mentorship initiatives, organizing regular check-ins, and providing educational materials to guide them on their Masonic journey. By nurturing our candidates, we can foster a strong sense of belonging and help them grow into active and devoted members of our lodge.

### Lodge Education Improvements:

Continuing education is crucial for the personal and Masonic development of our members. I propose expanding our educational offerings by organizing informative and thought-provoking presentations, workshops, and discussions. These educational programs will delve into various aspects of Freemasonry, history, philosophy, and practical skills, enriching our Masonic knowledge and fostering a deeper understanding of our craft.

### Improvement in Community Involvement:

As Freemasons, we have a responsibility to positively impact our communities. I strongly believe in the power of service and engagement. I intend to strengthen our lodge's community involvement by organizing volunteer activities, charity drives, and collaborative initiatives with local organizations. By actively participating in community projects, we can demonstrate the values of Freemasonry and contribute to the betterment of society.

Brethren, I am eager to work alongside each of you to implement these improvements and make our lodge a shining example of Masonic excellence. Your input, support, and collaboration are invaluable in bringing these ideas to fruition. Together, let us embrace these opportunities for growth, unity, and positive impact.

Fraternally,  
Brother Issac J. Williams Sr. - Senior Warden - Solomon Lodge No. 20

Image coming soon!



## Greetings from the Junior Warden Bro. David Land



Brothers,

We have had an exciting start to the new year with installation and the 175th anniversary celebration of our lodge. Let's continue the excitement and activity all year. This month the planned menus are February 12<sup>th</sup>: Pot roast, steamed vegetables, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls and frosted brownies for dessert. February 26<sup>th</sup> we are planning Minestrone vegetable soup, pasta with meatballs and sauce (most likely penne or rigatoni), green beans,

garlic toast, and of course cookies. Hope to see you there!

"Sometimes the smallest steps in the right direction ends up being the biggest step in your life." – Unknown

Fraternally,  
Brother David Land - Junior Warden - Solomon Lodge No. 20



## Message from the Secretary David Straining PM



Brothers All,

Every brother's Name has been put in the new Amity App. Please do not use AMITY to pay dues at this time. The system is still being fine-tuned. If we had your email, you were sent a request from Amity to accept. If you have not done that please do so.

We have about 70 members who have not logged in to Amity App, If you are having trouble with signing up or logging in to the new Amity app, please contact me. I will be glad to assist you with it. I would appreciate it if you would update your information with me if you moved or changed your phone number including your updated email address. I need to make sure your Masonic files are up to date. But most important we have a way of getting in touch with you if needed.

There are still about 15 brothers that haven't Paid their 2024 Dues yet as of January 31st. Please pay asap, I will be sending you an email reminding you this month. As the masonic digest states, dues are supposed to be paid before December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the following year.

### February Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers)

2-2 Thomas J. Cooper Jr.	2-7 Bruce Fortadoues	2-11 Emory Holsenbeck	2-21 James H. Vick
2-5 James Krause	2-7 Austin L. Waters	2-14 Marcus P. Shallar	2-23 James M. Tucker
2-5 Christopher A. Prestwood	2-9 Lance M. Day	2-16 Starling E. Addison	2-25 David E. King
2-6 Samuel D. Allen	2-9 James C. Smith Jr.	2-16 Keith M. O'Conner	2-27 Paul J. Nichols
2-6 John Barfield	2-10 Louis Frost IV	2-19 Walter H. Rowland	2-29 Eric C. Roberson

Fraternally,

David F. Straining PM

Secretary

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To see the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 4K video, simply click on the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/dE2VTOYy2Sc>



### Congratulations to the following Brothers on their journey:

Congratulations to the following Brother on his journey being initiated to an EA January 16<sup>th</sup>: Emanuelle Eric Santiago.

The following brothers are doing the EA Catechism: Mark Rosenlof, Adam Esquilin, Demetri Perkins, Calvin Oglesby, Luis Vargas, and Eric Santiago.

We have one petition Seeking Freemasonry: Seth Holt.

We will be Balloting on Brandon James Tucker NPD petition for reinstatement at February Stated.

**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: Benevolence Fund**

# EVENTS

## Solomon Lodge No.20 schedule

Today February 2024 Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2 8am Thomas Cooper	3
4	5 8am Christopher Pre 8am James Krause E	6 6am Samuel Allen B 8am John Barfield B	7 6am Bruce Fortado E	8	9 6am James Smith Jr. 7am Lance Day Birth	10
11 6am Emory Holsen B	12 6:30pm Solomon Sta	13	14 6am Marcus Shallar	15	16 6am Starling Addiso 7am Keith O'Connor	17
18	19 6am Walter Rowland	20	21 6am James Vick Birt	22	23 9am James Tucker B	24
25 Need Trestle Board 6am David King Birt	26	27 6am Paul Nichols Bir	28 6am Eric Roberson E	29	Mar 1 6am Harold Kelly Jr.	2

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, February 28th, 2024 AT 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting**

Hyde Park Lodge No. 370 F&AM 6744 Mc Mullin St, Jacksonville



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.



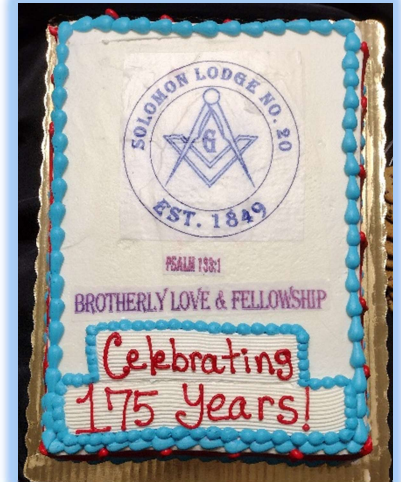
**Need A Ride?** Carpool to Lodge! Any brother that would like to carpool to the stated meeting, please contact James Vick at c. 904-638-6121 or email at [lamJamesVick@Gmail.com](mailto:lamJamesVick@Gmail.com)

# Solomon Lodge No. 20 - Installation of Officers 2024

Installing Officer – Clayton Vandiver, Jr. PM

Installing Marshall – Rory St. John PM

Installing Chaplain – (I Am) James Vick PM



2024 Officers Pictured: W.:M.: Ben Flanagan, Issac Williams, David Land, David Straining PM, Derrick Coach, Thomas Meadows, Tony Stevens, Austin Waters, Russell Fisher PM, David Kiraly PM, Jason Vymetal PM, Installing Team: James Vick PM, Rory St. John PM, Clayton Vandiver, Jr. PM.

W.:M.: Ben Flanagan and Clayton Vandiver, Jr. PM enjoy a quiet moment in the East.

  
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## Solomon Lodge No.20 – 2024 – Committees

**Building and Property:** Benjamin Flanagan, Issac Williams, David Land, David Straining

**Board of Relief:** Benjamin Flanagan, Issac Williams, David Land

**Budget & Finance:** Issac Williams, Mike Davison, David Land, Jason Vymetal

**Charity:** David Kiraly, David Straining, Samuel Bennett

**Masonic Education:** Robby Stokes, James Vick, Sam Bennett

**Vigilance:** David Land, Tony Stevens, Austin Waters

**Building Trustees:** Benjamin Flanagan, Issac Williams, David Land, David Straining

**Hospitality:** Tony Stevens, David Land Derrick Coach, Austin Waters

**Catechism Instructors:** James Vick, Rory St. Johns

**Lodge Mentors:** James Vick, Issac Williams, Mike Davison

**Visitation:** David Kiraly, David Straining, Issac Williams

**Petitions:** Issac Williams, David Land, Derrick Coach, Tony Stevens

**Web - Social Media:** Russell Fisher, Thomas Meadows, Benjamin Flanagan

**DeMolay:** Benjamin Flanagan, David Kiraly

**Masonic Rites:** Samuel Bennett, David Kiraly, James Vick

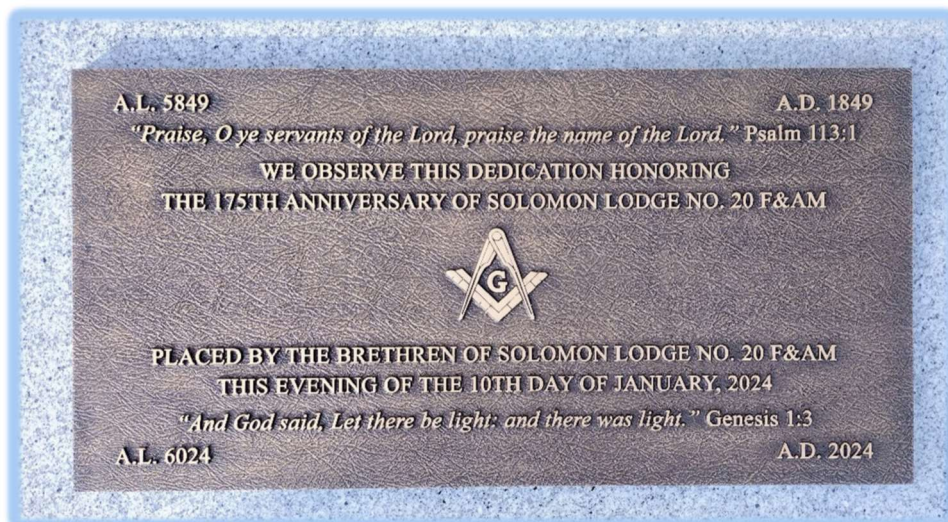
**Widow's Program:** Thomas Meadows, Samuel Bennett, David Land, David Straining

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**Your e-trestleboard Editor:** Clayton Vandiver, Jr., M.Ed.

Past Master 2012 & Founding Member - Lewis A. Armistead Lodge No. 403 F&AM

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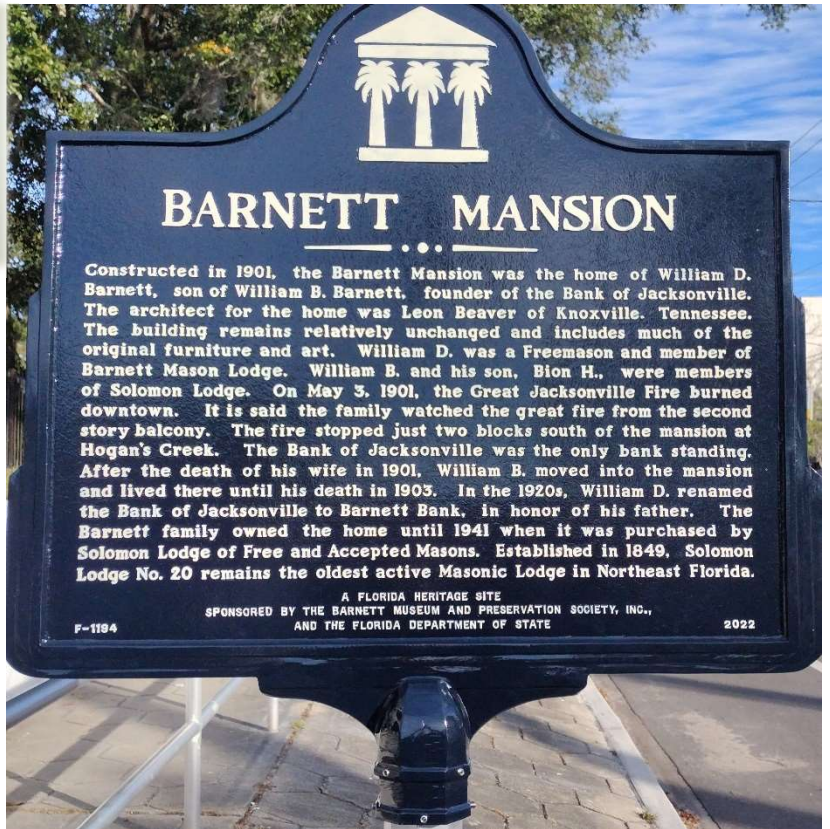
If you missed the historic event at 3pm on January 10<sup>th</sup>, The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Solomon Lodge No. 20 F&AM was recorded and produced to preserve the moment in 4K video as a Masonic courtesy by the owner of Vanimation Studios, Brother Clayton Vandiver, Jr. PM. It is archived and available for viewing on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/dE2VTOYy2Sc>





## Celebrating The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Solomon Lodge No. 20 F&AM January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

The 175th celebration of the founding of Solomon Lodge No. 20 F&AM was kicked off at 3pm, the same time 175 years ago that the Lodge was formed, and featured Presentation of the Colors by the Scottish Rite Guardsmen, National Anthem by Hansford Joiner PM, historical perspectives by Master of Ceremonies Prof. Clayton Vandiver, Jr. PM, history of the Lodge by Robby Stokes PDDGM, an address by W.: Ben Flanagan, invocation and prayers by Sam Bennett PDDGM, and the presentation of a commemorative historical marker (shown on the previous page) unveiled by Calvin Oglesby.



R.:W.: Robby Stokes PDDGM, on behalf of the Barnett Museum and Preservation Society, Inc. with the assistance of W.: Ben Flanagan, unveiled the historical marker placed in front of the Lodge on 1<sup>st</sup> Street adding the Mansion to the Florida Heritage Site registry and giving anyone passing by a wealth of historic information on the Barnett Mansion and the proud Freemasons who cherish and preserve that iconic architectural treasure. The Barnett Mansion has been part of the Jacksonville community since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It has been a quintessential part of the Masonic family since the 1940's.

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee was chaired by Dave Kiraly PM with the assistance of dedicated Brethren on the committee: Mike Davison PM, David Straining PM, Sam Bennett PDDGM, W.: Ben Flanagan, Clayton Vandiver, Jr. PM, Isaac Williams, Luis Vargas, Calvin Oglesby, Ian Bozeman, Adam Esquilin, David Land, Dimitri Perkins, and Kenneth Mitchell.



Many thanks to the Barnett Museum and Preservation Society for tireless efforts to acquire the Florida Heritage Site sign with the assistance of the Florida Dept. of State and the coordination of Robby Stokes, PDDGM. The Barnett Mansion sign and registration were the personal project of, and made possible by, several years of continuous and dedicated effort by James Krahn, PM, in whose honor and loving memory this article is dedicated. Alas my Brother...



## 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!

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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](mailto: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

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## SOLOMON LODGE NO. 20 MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM

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