



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

25 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Jacksonville, FL. 32206

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**E-Trestleboard March 2024**



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

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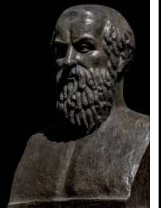
keep  
learning.



## 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,

It's already March, and the first couple of months have been quite busy. I appreciate everyone's help, support, and attendance, making each meeting a success. I am eager to continue working together with everyone on the upcoming projects we have planned to keep us busy throughout the year.

Take due notice: The fourth Monday of the month, March 25th we will not be having a meeting. Instead, it will be our Family Night. We will be having a cookout, serving hamburgers, hotdogs, and sides. Bring your family or friends. This is an ideal time to introduce people to Freemasonry and to Solomon Lodge's famous hospitality.

Fraternally,

W .: Benjamin Flanagan

*Worshipful Master*

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*The District Deputy Grand Master's official visit February 26th.*







## Greetings from the Senior Warden

### Bro. Issac Williams



Greetings from the West,

My esteemed brethren of Solomon Lodge #20. As we gather within these hallowed walls, let us reflect upon the virtues that define our Masonic journey. In the spirit of honesty, integrity, brotherhood, trust, charity, and obligation, we strive to uphold the timeless principles that guide our lodge.

At the heart of our Masonic journey lies the pursuit of truth, justice, and toleration. These qualities are not mere aspirations but indispensable pillars that support the foundation of our Lodge. As Masons, we recognize that embodying these virtues is essential in carrying out our duties and responsibilities.

In our quest for wisdom, we understand that leading by example is the most powerful teaching method at our disposal. Our actions should speak louder than our words, inspiring others to follow the path of righteousness and enlightenment. As Masons, we have the privilege and responsibility to set the standard for integrity and ethical conduct, both within and outside the Lodge.

Honesty forms the bedrock upon which our Masonic principles are built. We are called to be truthful in our dealings with others, to speak the truth without reservation, and to uphold the highest standards of integrity in all aspects of our lives. Through our honest actions, we foster an environment of trust and respect, strengthening the bonds of brotherhood that unite us.

Brotherhood is the essence of our Masonic journey. It transcends the boundaries of race, religion, and social status, embracing all who seek to walk the path of enlightenment. In the spirit of brotherhood, we extend a helping hand to those in need, supporting one another in times of difficulty, and celebrating each other's successes. Our collective strength lies in our unity and the unwavering commitment we have towards our shared ideals.

Trust is the cornerstone of our Masonic relationships. Trust is earned through our consistent adherence to the principles of our Craft. It is built upon the foundation of honesty, integrity, and reliability. As Masons, we must cultivate an atmosphere of trust, where our brethren feel safe to share their thoughts, concerns, and aspirations. By fostering trust, we create a supportive environment that enables personal growth and the flourishing of Masonic virtues.

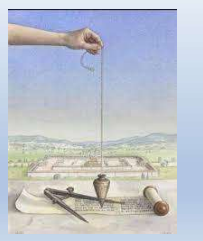
Charity is a virtue that flows from the depths of our hearts. It is the embodiment of selflessness, compassion, and generosity. As Masons, we are called to be beacons of charity, extending our helping hand to those in need, not only within our Masonic community but also in society at large. Through acts of charity, we demonstrate our commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others, spreading light and hope in a world that often years for it.

Obligation reminds us of the solemn promises we made when we embarked on our Masonic journey. It is the binding force that holds us accountable for our duties and responsibilities. Our obligations serve as a constant reminder of the commitments we have made to ourselves, our brethren, and our Craft. By honoring our obligations, we strengthen the fabric of our Lodge and contribute to the greater good of humanity.

As Masons, let us continue to embody the virtues of honesty, integrity, brotherhood, trust, charity, and obligation. Let us be champions of truth, justice, and toleration, recognizing their indispensable role in our Masonic journey. Through our actions and the examples, we set, may we inspire others to embrace these virtues and walk the path of righteousness and enlightenment.

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 a very busy year so far with two well attended meetings in February including Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Kuch's first official visit to our lodge. Spring feels like it has arrived and the activity around the lodge will be picking up and we look forward to everyone participating within the length of our cable tows.

For our March 11th stated meeting the menu will include chicken and rice main dish, steamed mixed vegetables, salad, and a dessert. I hope to see you there!

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. The system is still being fine-tuned. If we had your email, you were sent a request from Amity to accept the App. If you have not done that yet please do so. We have about 70 members who have not logged in to the Amity App. By you NOT logging in to the app I have no way of keeping your file up to date. 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 importantly 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 February 29th. Please pay them 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 27th, 2023 for the following year.

### March Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers)

3-1 Harold Kelly	3-8 Timothy Hope	3-18 Gary Rubach	3-24 Andrew Zerber
3-3 Alton Clowers	3-8 John Bressler	3-19 Havey Lewallen	3-25 Issac Miller
3-4 Jose Vizcaino	3-10 Mitchell Oliver	3-21 Lemuel Sharp	3-28 Gary Reynolds
3-5 Jerry Dorman	3-14 Raymond Jeter	3-21 Rory St. Johns	3-29 Israel Swanson
3-7 William Wingard	3-16 James O'steen	3-22 Thomas Powell	3-30 Romies Miles
3-8 Brandon Tucker	3-17 Issac Williams		

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/hGWHv\\_rQjpo](https://youtu.be/hGWHv_rQjpo)



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

We have one petition Seeking Freemasonry: Seth Holt.

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

We will be Balloting on Brandon James Tucker NPD petition for reinstatement at our March 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 ◀ ▶ March 2024 ▾

Print Week Month Agenda ▾

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Need Trestle Board 6am David King Birt	26 6:30pm DDGM visit t	27 6am Paul Nichols Bir	28 6am Eric Roberson E 6:30pm NEFMA Meet	29	Mar 1 6am Harold Kelly Jr.	2
3 6am Alton Clowers S	4 6am Jose Vizcaino B	5	6	7 6am William Wingar	8 6am John Bressler B 7am Timothy Hope E	9
10 6am Matthew Kemp 6:30pm Solomon Sta	11	12	13	14 6am Raymond Jeter	15	16 6am James O'Steen
17 6am Issac Williams E	18 6am Gary Rubach Bi	19 6am Harvey Lewalle	20	21 6am Rory St John Bi	22 6am Thomas Darby 7am Thomas Powell 8am Charles Hall Bir	23
24 6am Andrew Zerber	25 Need Trestle Board 6am Isaac Miller Birt	26	27 6:30pm NEFMA Meet	28 6am Gary Reynolds	29 6am Charles Stitt Sr. 7am Israel Swanson	30
31 6am James Heard Bi	Apr 1	2 6am Raymond Pasch 7am Thomas Meado	3 6am Talmadge Leslie 7am Leonard Kelley	4	5	6

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York



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

**WEDNESDAY, March 27th, 2024 AT 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting**

Duval Lodge No. 159 F&AM



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 – 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

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**DeMolay:** Benjamin Flanagan, David Kiraly

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

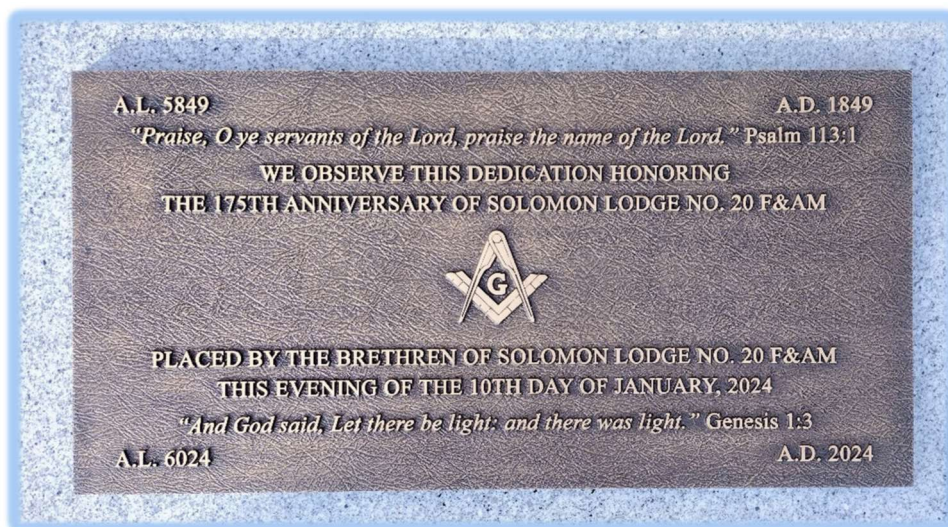
**Widow's Program:** Thomas Meadows, Samuel Bennett, David Land, David Straining

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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/hGWHv\\_rQjpo](https://youtu.be/hGWHv_rQjpo)

## 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](http://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  
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BROTHERS, OUR DEMOLAY ARE LOOKING FOR NEW  
MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE SONS OR GRANDSONS  
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We Meet The 1<sup>st</sup>. & 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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](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>

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## 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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