



A composite image featuring a man in a Masonic sash on the left and a scroll with text on the right. The man is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, a red tie, and a blue and white sash with the letters 'M-F-D' on it. The scroll is unrolled and contains several paragraphs of text. The background is a collage of images including a bookshelf, a classical building, and a red brick building.

Light from the East

Greetings, Brethren from the East,

As we gather in this season of renewal, I am reminded of the beauty and vibrancy that spring brings.

Spring is a time for growth and transformation, a perfect metaphor for what we can achieve as Masons. Each year presents us with a unique opportunity to breathe new life into our lodges and our community. Let us reflect on how we can embody the spirit of renewal that this season represents.

Engaging Our Youth

One promising initiative is to inspire our children to step outside and connect with nature, rather than getting lost in the endless scroll of social media. Imagine the impact we can have by encouraging our youth to explore the great outdoors!

Brethren, as we look forward to Solomon's upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and the exciting chance to provide the community 100 Bike Giveaway, I want to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of our commitment to this initiative. This event will not only bring joy to the children of the surrounding community but also fosters a sense of unity and purpose among us as Masons. The Easter Egg Hunt promises to be a delightful occasion filled with laughter and celebration, allowing us to connect with families and spread goodwill. This year, as part of our efforts to promote health, safety, and active living, we aim to give 100 bikes to deserving children in our community.



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This noble endeavor is not just about providing bikes; it's about encouraging our youth to embrace outdoor activities, develop healthy habits, and enjoy the beauty of nature. I urge each of you to reflect on your previous commitments to donate bikes and safety equipment. Your generosity is crucial in making this vision a reality. You are encouraged to donate a bike, a new helmet, or other safety gear, every contribution counts and will make a significant difference in a child's life. Let us come together to ensure that our community's youth have the means to enjoy their surroundings safely and joyfully. As we approach this event, I encourage you to spread the word, engage your friends and family, and invite them to participate. Together, we can create a memorable experience that embodies the spirit of brotherly love and charity that defines our Masonic values. Let's make this Easter Egg Hunt and Bike Giveaway a resounding success, reaffirming our commitment to serve and uplift the community we cherish.

Becoming More Visible

As Masons, it's vital that we remain visible and engaged in our communities. Our presence can make a significant difference, and by participating in local events and volunteering our time, we can show that we are not just members of a fraternal organization, but dedicated citizens committed to service.



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Let us commit to organizing community service projects that address the needs around us. Whether it's a clean-up with our adopted community, assisting shelters, or offering mentorship programs, these initiatives reflect our values and demonstrate the Masonic principles of brotherly love and charity.

In conclusion, as we welcome the joys of spring, let us embrace the new beginnings it represents. Just as nature revitalizes itself, we too have the power to rejuvenate our Masonic order and strengthen our ties with the community. By engaging our youth and becoming more active through service, we can plant the seeds of renewal and growth, ensuring that our legacy as Masons flourishes for generations to come.

Let this spring be a season of action, transformation, and new beginnings for us all. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Fraternally Yours

Issac J Williams Sr/ WM



Message from the West

"No message from the West"

Derrick Coach

A man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, red tie, and a blue and white Masonic sash, stands on the left side of the image. To his right is a large, unrolled scroll with a parchment-like texture, held by wooden rollers. The scroll contains text. The background shows a brick building and a blue sky.

Message from the South

Greetings from the South Brethren,

This first month has been amazing! Thank you to all the Brothers who have attended our education nights, family night, practices, stated meeting and dinners. I'm thrilled with the continued enthusiasm and I will be doing everything I can to promote the energy throughout our whole year. If you enjoy sharing your Masonic experience with the Craft, I can't encourage you enough to come to the lodge to talk and work with all of our new members and officers. We are all very eager to learn and grow within the Craft and there is no better way than to have the opportunity to work hand in hand with more seasoned and learned Brothers.

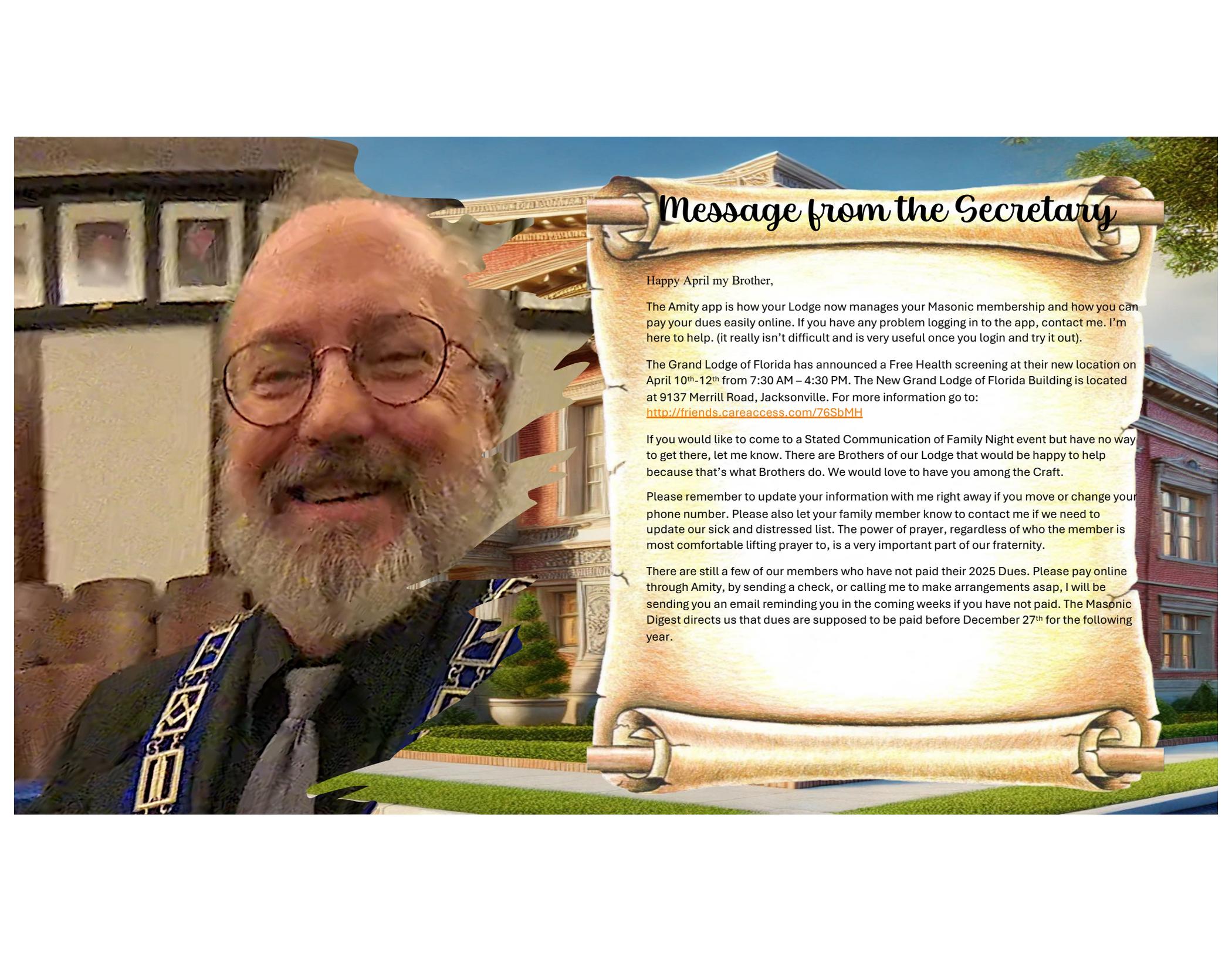
In February we have a lot on our schedule. We have the 100 Man Mason meeting between Florida and Georgia on the first. A meeting for our Building Trustees committee is on the fifth. Our official DDGM visit is the first stated meeting of the month on the tenth, where we will be serving a homemade Alfredo dinner, so please come hungry! We also have a school of instruction on the nineteenth, with a provided dinner as well as our lodge so please come and take advantage of our District Instructors wisdom and guidance. Our NEFMA meeting on the twenty-sixth at Hyde Park Lodge No. 370 is at 6:30pm, and a Family night on the twenty-fourth when we will be hosting a chili cook-off at the Lodge.

So come try your hand in the kitchen and bring your own recipe to the table. Challenge the Junior Warden by presenting your recipe to the Craft side by side with mine and letting the Craft decide who is Victor in a spoon-licking finish! This is a great opportunity to get our families back involved in our Lodge and show them this is just as much a place for them as it is for us. Trophies will be provided to the winners courtesy of our Worshipful Master. I look forward to the competition and participation from the Craft.

It is a pleasure serving you, Brothers, and I hope that the camaraderie and Brotherhood already well-established continues to foster the culture we so humbly seek within our fraternity and community.

Fraternally,

Ian Bozeman
Junior Warden
Solomon Lodge No. 20



Message from the Secretary

Happy April my Brother,

The Amity app is how your Lodge now manages your Masonic membership and how you can pay your dues easily online. If you have any problem logging in to the app, contact me. I'm here to help. (it really isn't difficult and is very useful once you login and try it out).

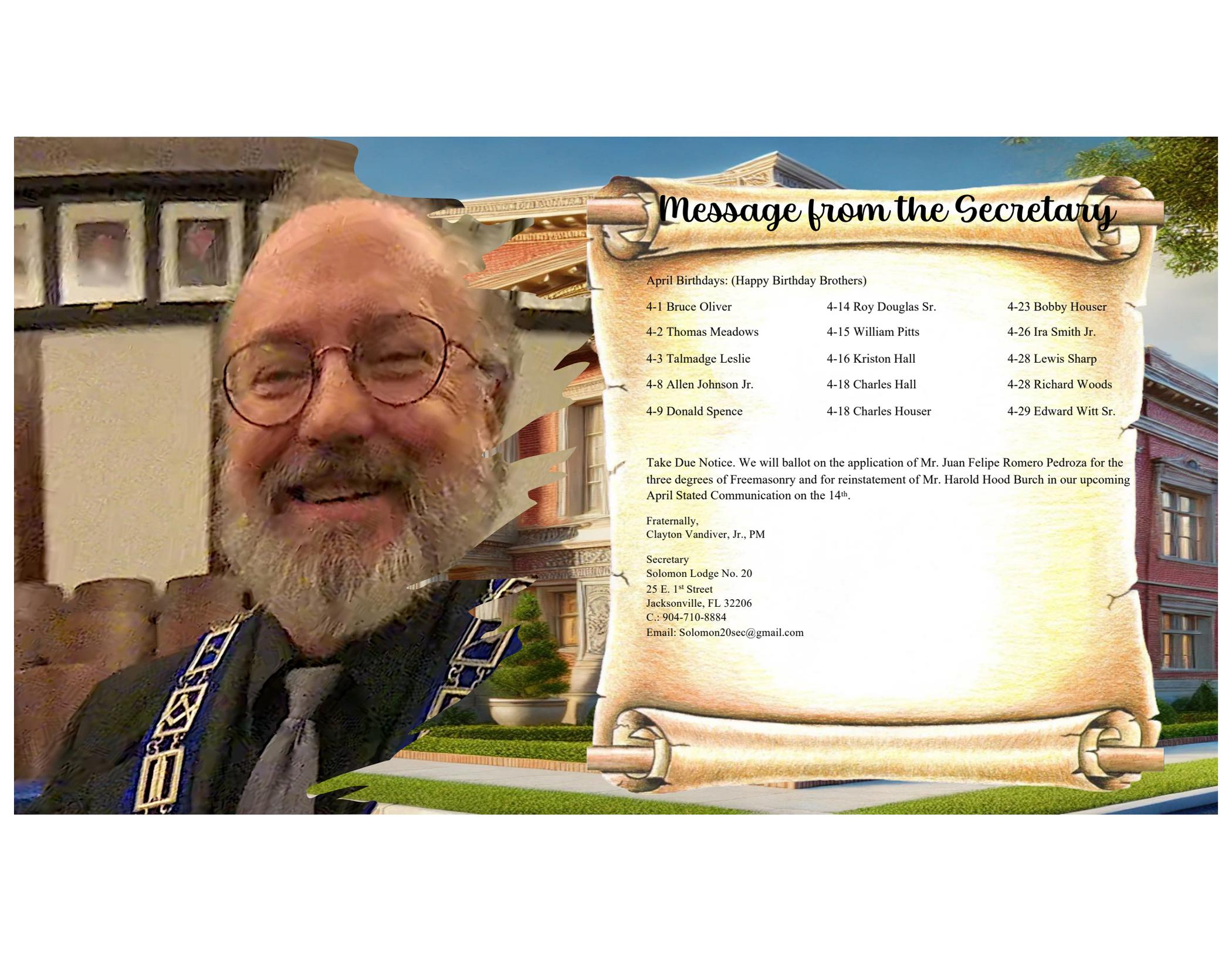
The Grand Lodge of Florida has announced a Free Health screening at their new location on April 10th-12th from 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM. The New Grand Lodge of Florida Building is located at 9137 Merrill Road, Jacksonville. For more information go to:

<http://friends.careaccess.com/76SbMH>

If you would like to come to a Stated Communication of Family Night event but have no way to get there, let me know. There are Brothers of our Lodge that would be happy to help because that's what Brothers do. We would love to have you among the Craft.

Please remember to update your information with me right away if you move or change your phone number. Please also let your family member know to contact me if we need to update our sick and distressed list. The power of prayer, regardless of who the member is most comfortable lifting prayer to, is a very important part of our fraternity.

There are still a few of our members who have not paid their 2025 Dues. Please pay online through Amity, by sending a check, or calling me to make arrangements asap, I will be sending you an email reminding you in the coming weeks if you have not paid. The Masonic Digest directs us that dues are supposed to be paid before December 27th for the following year.



Message from the Secretary

April Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers)

4-1 Bruce Oliver	4-14 Roy Douglas Sr.	4-23 Bobby Houser
4-2 Thomas Meadows	4-15 William Pitts	4-26 Ira Smith Jr.
4-3 Talmadge Leslie	4-16 Kriston Hall	4-28 Lewis Sharp
4-8 Allen Johnson Jr.	4-18 Charles Hall	4-28 Richard Woods
4-9 Donald Spence	4-18 Charles Houser	4-29 Edward Witt Sr.

Take Due Notice. We will ballot on the application of Mr. Juan Felipe Romero Pedroza for the three degrees of Freemasonry and for reinstatement of Mr. Harold Hood Burch in our upcoming April Stated Communication on the 14th.

Fraternally,
Clayton Vandiver, Jr., PM

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Corn hole Board Raffle

Solomon Lodge will be raffling a
Cornhole Board May 16th, 2025.

Tickets will be \$7 each.

Worshipful Master Issac Williams will
have the tickets in his possessions for
those interested in participating.

Donations will be used for the
acquiring of Christmas gifts.

In a time long past, a group of weary travelers made their way through a vast and arid desert. They were builders, journeying to a distant land where they were to construct a magnificent temple. The journey was arduous, the sun relentless, and their burdens heavy.

One evening, as the last rays of light dipped below the horizon, their Master called them to halt. "We shall not press forward in weariness," he declared. "For a craftsman's strength is not merely of the body but of the spirit. Come, let us seek refreshment."

But the land was barren. There was no well, no stream, no oasis in sight. The apprentices murmured among themselves, questioning their Master's wisdom.

Undeterred, the Master took a staff and struck the ground three times. Then, with measured steps, he led them toward a rocky outcrop. "Dig here," he commanded.

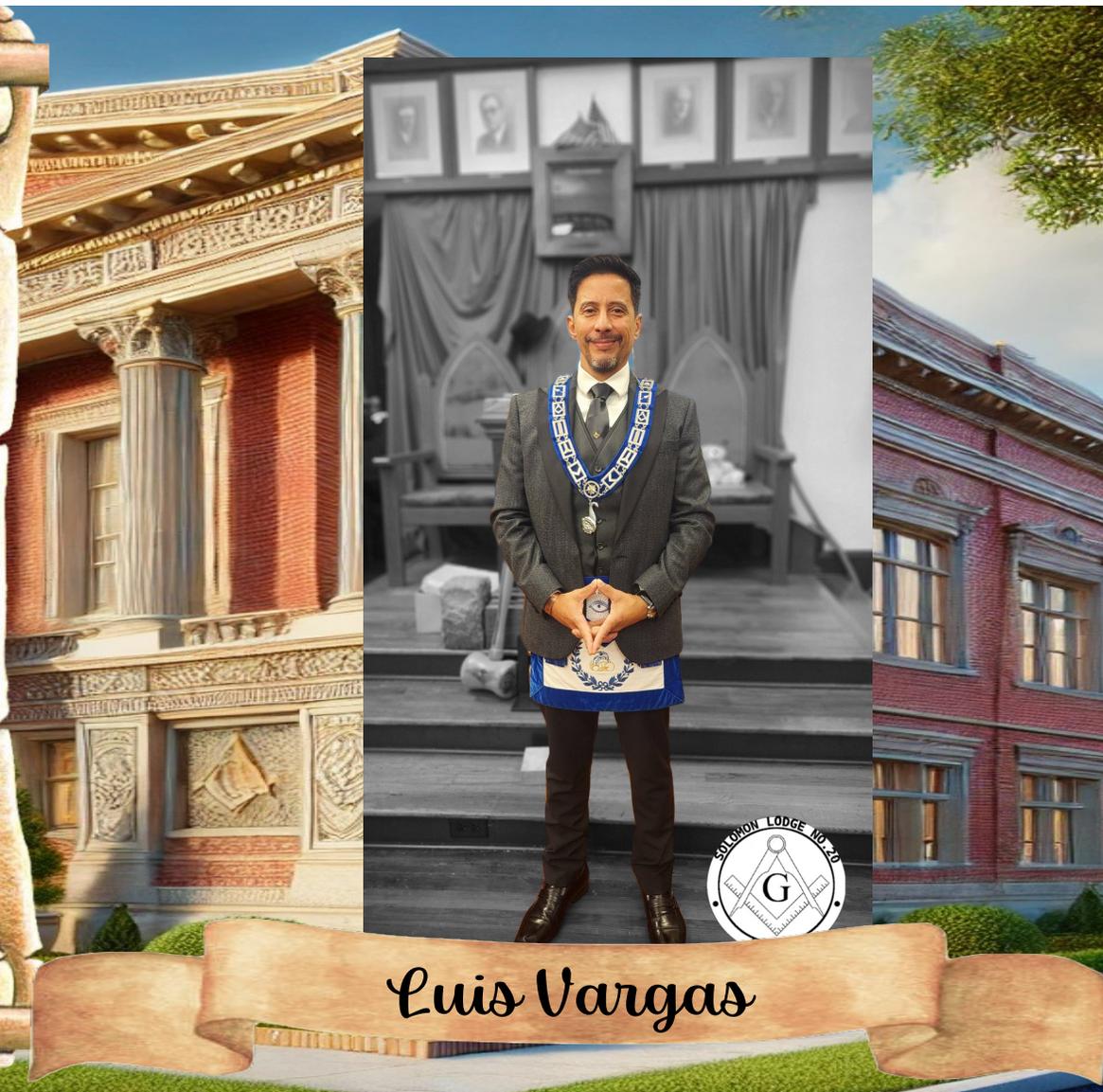
Though doubtful, the travelers obeyed. As they labored, cool water sprang forth from beneath the earth. Their thirst quenched, their spirits revived, they sat together in quiet contemplation.

The Master spoke: "Brothers, the journey of the craftsman is long and demanding. If we do not pause for refreshment, both in body and in mind, we shall falter before our work is complete. True refreshment is not idleness, but the renewal of strength and purpose."

With this wisdom, they rested not in indulgence, but in harmony. At dawn, they rose with vigor, their hands steady, their hearts light, and their resolve firm.

Thus, they continued their journey, knowing that the greatest labors require moments of rest, and that refreshment, when sought with wisdom, is itself a sacred part of the craft.

This allegory reflects the Masonic principle that refreshment is not merely a pause from labor but an essential element of balance, wisdom, and renewal. It also alludes to the idea that true refreshment often lies beneath the surface, waiting to be discovered through effort and faith.



Luis Vargas

April 2025 Calendar

SUN 30	MON 31	TUE 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am James Hez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Raymond F 7am Thomas M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Talmadge I 7am Leonard K 		
6	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Allen John 7am Roger Carr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Edwin Blaii 7am Donald Spr 	10	11	12
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Roy Dougl 6:30pm Solomo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am William Pit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Kriston Ha 6pm School of I 	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Charles Hc 	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Andrew Mi 	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Charles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm NEFMA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Kevin Khos 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Ira Smith J 7am Aaron Dole
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Richard Wk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Edward Wi 	30	May 1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6am Robert Ale

Meetings

- ❖ Monday, April 7, 2025, Stated Meeting
- ❖ Monday, April 21, 2025, Family Night



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