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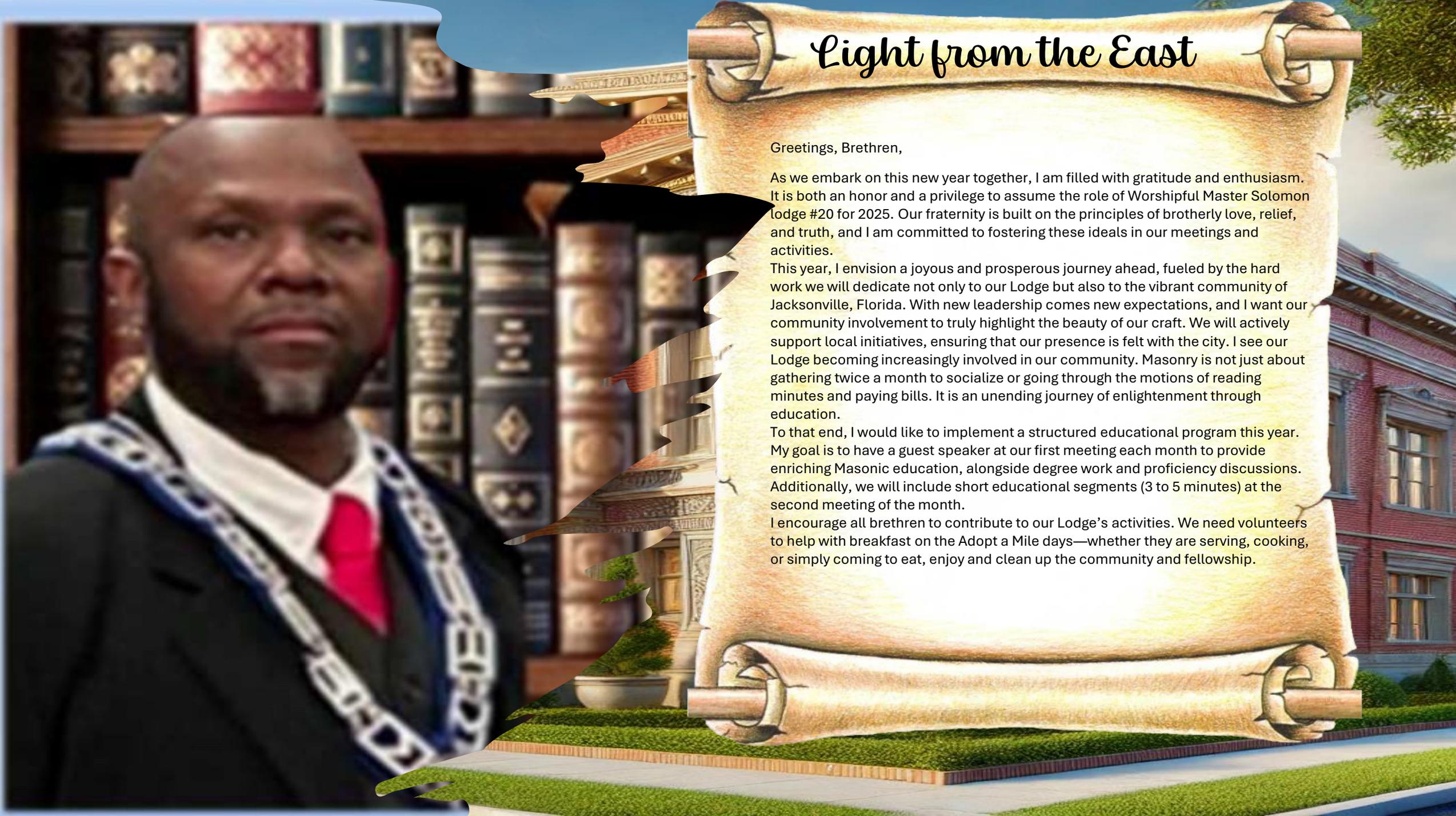


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Light from the East

Greetings, Brethren,

As we embark on this new year together, I am filled with gratitude and enthusiasm. It is both an honor and a privilege to assume the role of Worshipful Master Solomon lodge #20 for 2025. Our fraternity is built on the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and I am committed to fostering these ideals in our meetings and activities.

This year, I envision a joyous and prosperous journey ahead, fueled by the hard work we will dedicate not only to our Lodge but also to the vibrant community of Jacksonville, Florida. With new leadership comes new expectations, and I want our community involvement to truly highlight the beauty of our craft. We will actively support local initiatives, ensuring that our presence is felt with the city. I see our Lodge becoming increasingly involved in our community. Masonry is not just about gathering twice a month to socialize or going through the motions of reading minutes and paying bills. It is an unending journey of enlightenment through education.

To that end, I would like to implement a structured educational program this year. My goal is to have a guest speaker at our first meeting each month to provide enriching Masonic education, alongside degree work and proficiency discussions. Additionally, we will include short educational segments (3 to 5 minutes) at the second meeting of the month.

I encourage all brethren to contribute to our Lodge's activities. We need volunteers to help with breakfast on the Adopt a Mile days—whether they are serving, cooking, or simply coming to eat, enjoy and clean up the community and fellowship.

A man with a beard, wearing a dark suit, a red tie, and a blue and white Masonic sash, stands in front of a wooden bookshelf filled with books. The background is slightly blurred, showing a brick building and greenery.

Light from the East

Themes for 2025

Inclusivity and Diversity:

Let's promote an environment that welcomes diverse perspectives and backgrounds, enhancing our Lodge's experience.

Charity and Philanthropy:

We will highlight the importance of giving back, supporting various causes through fundraising and volunteer work.

Masonry in Action:

We'll showcase how our Masonic values can be applied in everyday life, emphasizing practical applications of our teachings.

Upcoming Events and Initiatives

Community Service Projects:

This year, we will focus on initiatives such as food drives and charity events. I encourage all brethren to participate and share ideas on how we can make a positive impact.

Social Events:

We will host several social gatherings to strengthen our bonds of brotherhood. Look forward to family nights and holiday parties that provide opportunities for fellowship outside our meetings.

Educational Workshops:

I plan to organize workshops on leadership, Masonic history, and personal development. These sessions will help us grow as individuals and as a Lodge.

Goals for the Year

Increase Membership: Let's work together to invite new members into our fold, sharing the values and fellowship that Freemasonry offers.

Strengthen Fellowship: Building stronger bonds among brethren will be a priority. I encourage open communication and collaboration among all members.

Enhance Masonic Education: Knowledge is the foundation of our craft. We will strive to deepen our understanding of Masonic principles and traditions.

Closing Thoughts

As we enter this new year, let us be guided by the principles that unite us. Together, we can achieve great things and continue to uphold the values of Freemasonry. I am excited about what lies ahead and look forward to working with each of you.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling new year!

Fraternally yours,

Issac J. Williams Sr

A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie stands in front of a brick building. He is wearing a white and blue academic regalia chain. A large, yellow, textured scroll is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text. The background shows a brick building with windows and a green lawn.

Message from the West

Greeting Brethren,

Happy new Year!

Fraternally,

Derrick Coach



Message from the South

Greetings from the South Brethren,

First and foremost, Happy New Year to the Craft. I know our new Stewards and I are very excited about the opportunities that lie in Wake, as I'm sure passion; our new Officers are as-well. Congratulations to our New Worshipful Master Issac Williams! We are all excited to see you in the East and I look forward to working under the perspective and integrity of such a prominent figure in Solomon No. 20s history. As-well as Congratulations to our Senior Warden Derrick Coach! We are blessed to have a brother with such broad shoulders sitting in the West. To all other Officers coming in, the courtesy and gratitude of the South is extended to you for your personal offerings of time, focus, and commitment to your Office, our Lodge, and the Craft as a whole.

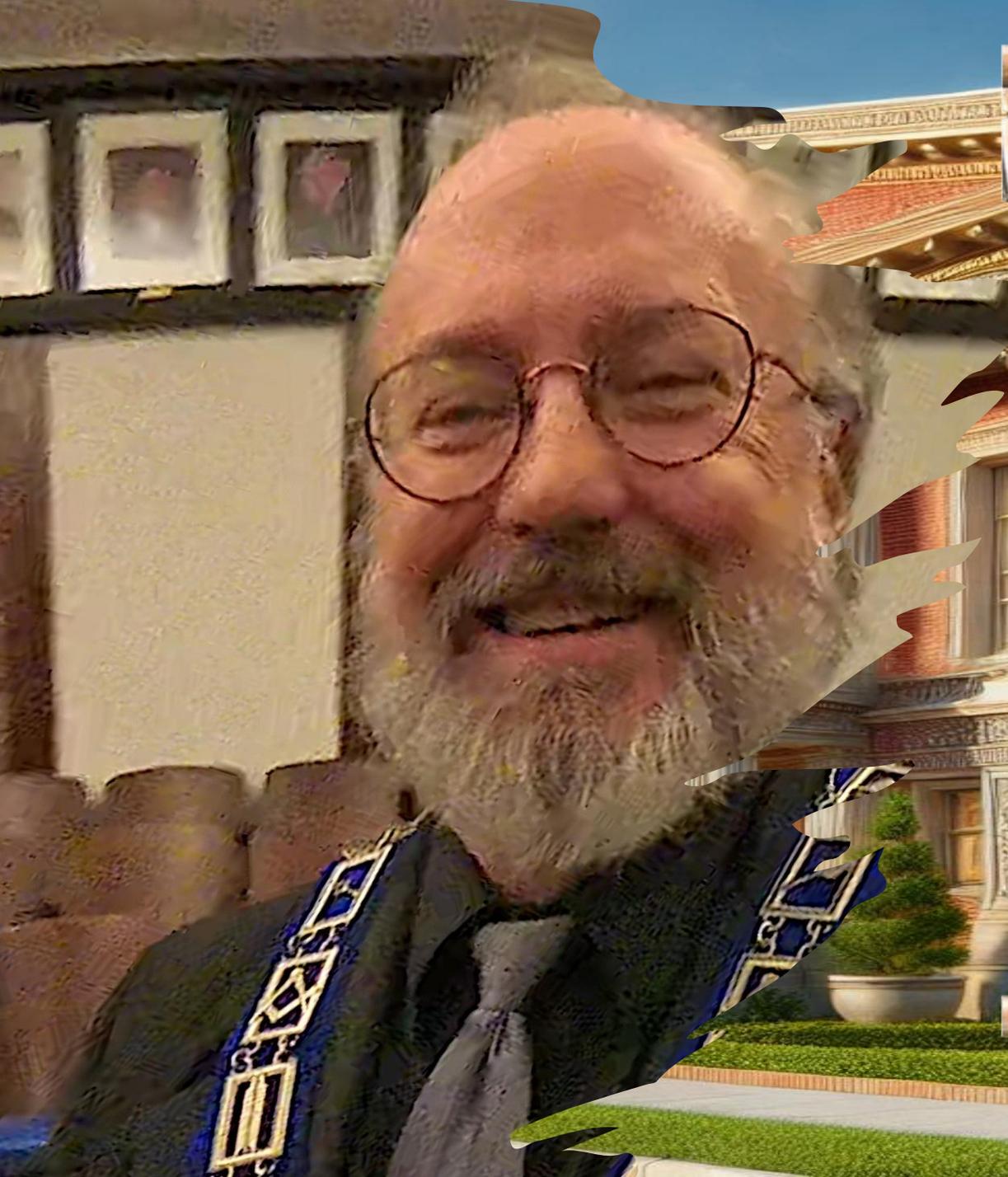
As we turn the page on 2024; remembering our experiences, efforts, troubles and accomplishments, we are greeted with the lessons, resources, friendships, and ambitions established there within. Instituting the enthusiasm we will carry into our new year; with hopes of prosperity, growth and further enlightenment through the cares and works of our craft.

I feel this is emblematical of our efforts at Solomon No. 20. We are turning a page in our history to be greeted with the opportunities and experiences that are set forth within to be ours forever, along with the rich history and culture we are to inherit.

Thank you to all the Brothers from time immemorial for having established a fraternity so rich in culture and integrity that even time has to bend a knee to the unwavering, dauntless traditions which is ours.

This year will be filled with efforts from many brothers to reestablish our connections to not only our members but the community as a whole. We have a lot of ambition and passion, we hope that any brother who will come and be apart of our fellowship is met with an experience that will inspire further work to come.

Fraternally, Ian Bozeman



Message from the Secretary

Happy New Year my Brother!

I hope everyone had a Blessed and safe holiday season. Thank you all for allowing me the honor of serving as your Lodge secretary for this coming year. Having been secretary for a much smaller Lodge nearly ten years ago, I fully appreciate the importance of this office to any smoothly running organization and I approach that obligation very seriously. Thank you to Br. David Straining, PM for all the diligent work he has done to keep our Lodge records organized coming into the New Year.

Call me, text me, or email me if you have any questions or if I can assist you in any way. If your email or phone number changes, let me know asap so your Lodge can stay connected with you and your files stay up to date. I'm easy to reach and happy to chat.

We have 5 Brethren who are being suspended for nonpayment of dues as our New Year starts. This is less than we had this time last year, but every Brother lost is a loss we all feel. Every effort has been made to contact those Brothers and we regret their absence.

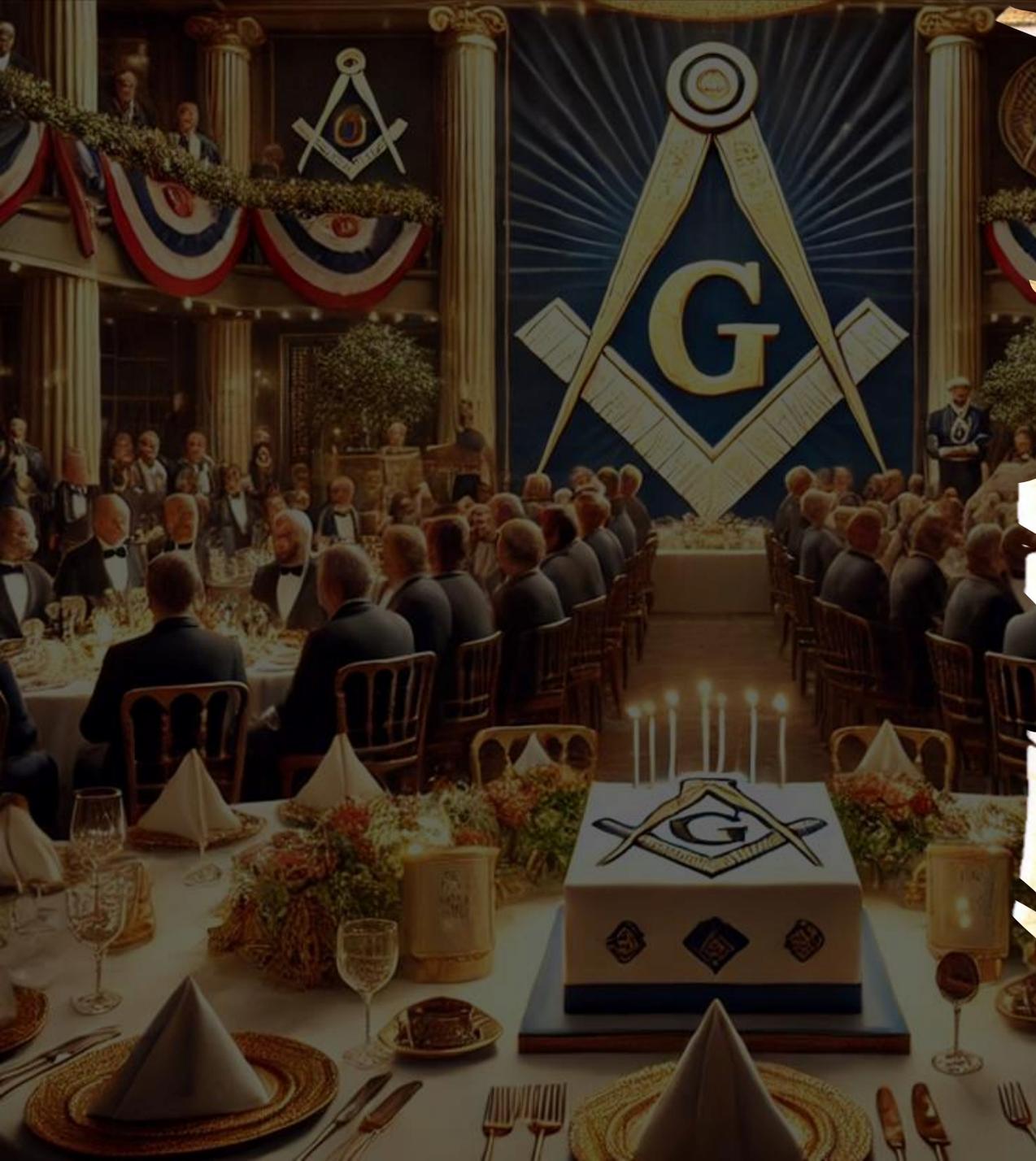
We still have a few who need to pay their 2024 dues so they will not be listed among the NPD next January. If you still have not paid, please contact me. If you pay online through the Amity app please enter the amount on your dues notice. Also keep in mind that they charge a fee of \$7.50. You can pay with Check, Money order, Cash or Cash App. Any questions please call me.

Clayton Vandiver, Jr. PM



Announcement

Mr. Scott Lewis Panken is seeking to receive the three degrees of Freemasonry. He is the son of Robert Panken PM who is a Past Master and Past Secretary of Solomon Lodge.



Solomon's Birthdays January 2025

- 1-1 George Ackley
- 1-16 Francisco Jacques
- 1-18 Nolan Chancey, Jr.
- 1-24 Thomas Clayton, Jr.
- 1-2 Hernan Chang
- 1-16 James Philips
- 1-19 Charlie Kirksey, Jr.
- 1-25 John Santiago
- 1-9 Stanley Stover
- 1-17 Clayton Osborn
- 1-20 Michael Stanski
- 1-27 Fitzhugh Powell
- 1-11 Richard Harris
- 1-18 Charles Wythe
- 1-22 John Young
- 1-30 Osbon Brooker

Winter Solstice

The winter solstice is the shortest day and longest night of the year. Where its counter part is the Summer Solstice when the day is longer, and the night is shorter. The winter solstice represents a new beginning, as it could be referred to as the predecessor to the spring.

The practice of celebrating the winter solstice can be traced back to the Neolithic period, the last part of the Stone Age, beginning 10,200 BC. Neolithic monuments, like Newgrange in Ireland and Maeshowe in Scotland, are aligned with the sunrise in the winter solstice, while Stonehenge is oriented towards the sunset.

As the world kept evolving the celebration of the solstice immersed itself into culture. The Romans held celebrations around the time of the winter solstice, to celebrate Saturnalia, a holiday in honor of Saturn, their god of agriculture.

During this celebration the common roman law was overturned, as slaves were given temporary freedom and treated as equals, while schools and businesses were closed for the enjoyment of all. In this time another celebration was practiced, Juvenalia, a feast honoring the children of Rome.

The Norse celebrated Yule, from the winter solstice through January. In this celebration fathers and sons would bring logs, that would be called Yule Logs. They would set up in fire one end of the Yule log and would feast until the log would burn out completely. The Norse believed that each spark of the fire represented a new piglet or calf that would be born during the coming year.

As many great civilizations and cultures around the world practiced and celebrated this event, Masonry has not been the exception. The winter solstice has taken a role of great importance for Masons.

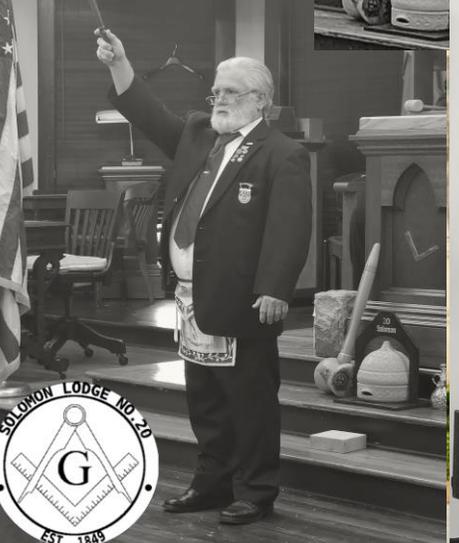
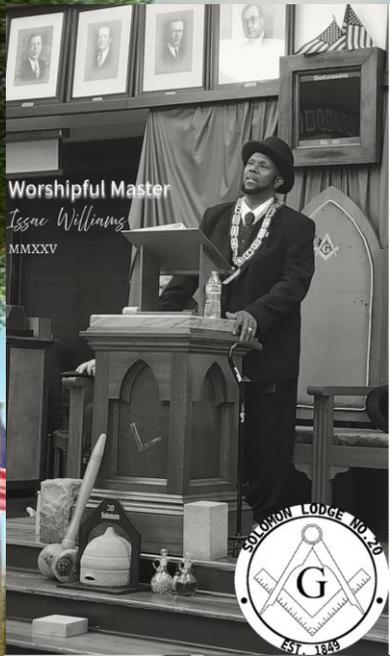
Both solstices share a great importance to Masonry, and its history, because of their ties to our masonic patrons the Holy Saints Johns. In early masonry, the feast day of St. John the Baptist was celebrated, and the date shares a particular importance since the Grand Lodge of England was born on June 24, 1717, in London on St. John the Baptist day. Later, the celebration of St. John the Evangelist took an importance for celebration as well as marked the first day of the calendar year of masonry, this being December 27th.



Children's Home Society Christmas Party



Officer Installation



January 2025 Calendar

Meetings

EVENTS

Today < > January 2025 ! 📅 🖨️ Month ▾

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Jan 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
• 1pm Dave Kiraly		• 6am Franklin B	• 6am Nathan Hil • 7am Thomas Ri 3 more	• 6am Hernan Ch		
5	6	7	8	9 • 6am Robert Sm	10	11 • 9am Richard He
12	13 • 6:30pm Solomo	14	15	16 • 6am James Phil	17 • 6am Clayton O	18 • 6am Nolan Cha
19	20 • 6am Michael St	21 • 6am Harry Jeffr	22 • 6am John Yonn	23	24 • 6am Thomas Cl	25 Need Trestle Boa
26	27 • 2:30pm Fitzhug	28	29	30	31	Feb 1

- ❖ Monday, January 13, 2025, Stated Meeting
- ❖ Monday, January 27, 2025, Family Night



Solomon Lodge's Leadership

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Solomon Lodge's Committees

Building and Property	Isaac Williams, Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman
Board of Relief	Isaac Williams, Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman
Budget & Finance	Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Mike Davison, Jason Vymetal
Charity	Ian Bozeman, Demetri Perkins, Tony Stevens
Masonic Education	James Vick, Robby Stokes, Emanuelle Eric Santiago
Vigilance	Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Adam Esquilin
Building Trustees	Isaac Williams, Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, A. Clayton Vandiver Jr.
Hospitality	Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Demetri Perkins, Calvin Oglesby
Catechism Instruction	James Vick, Rory St. Johns, Jim Boone
Lodge Mentors	James Vick, Bruce Oliver, Thomas Meadows, David Land
Visitation	David Land, Benjamin Flanagan, Demetri Perkins
Petitions	Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Demetri Perkins, Adam Esquilin, Emanuelle Eric Santiago
Web- social media	Demetri Perkins, Thomas Meadows, A. Clayton Vandiver Jr., Emanuelle Eric Santiago
DeMolay	Benjamin Flanagan
Masonic Rites	James Vick, Robby Stokes, Jim Boone
Widow's Program	Ian Bozeman, Demetri Perkins, Tony Stevens, Thomas Meadows, Luis Vargas, Calvin Oglesby
e-Trestle board	Emanuelle Eric Santiago