



SOLOMON 20



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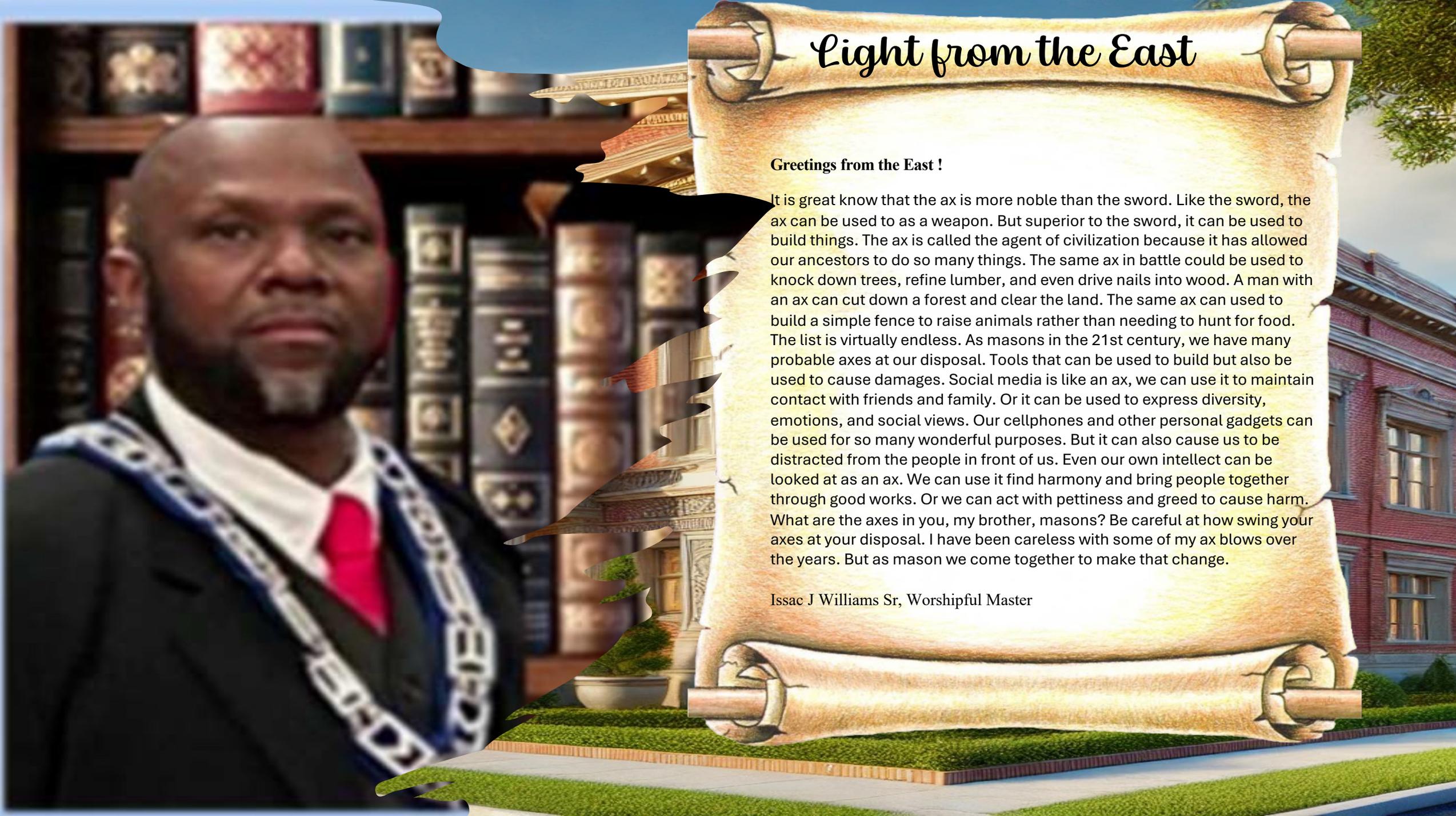


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TRESTLE BOARD



A man in a dark suit, white shirt, red tie, and a blue and white sash stands in front of a library. The background shows bookshelves filled with books and a building with classical architectural features. A large, golden scroll is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

# Light from the East

## Greetings from the East !

It is great know that the ax is more noble than the sword. Like the sword, the ax can be used to as a weapon. But superior to the sword, it can be used to build things. The ax is called the agent of civilization because it has allowed our ancestors to do so many things. The same ax in battle could be used to knock down trees, refine lumber, and even drive nails into wood. A man with an ax can cut down a forest and clear the land. The same ax can used to build a simple fence to raise animals rather than needing to hunt for food. The list is virtually endless. As masons in the 21st century, we have many probable axes at our disposal. Tools that can be used to build but also be used to cause damages. Social media is like an ax, we can use it to maintain contact with friends and family. Or it can be used to express diversity, emotions, and social views. Our cellphones and other personal gadgets can be used for so many wonderful purposes. But it can also cause us to be distracted from the people in front of us. Even our own intellect can be looked at as an ax. We can use it find harmony and bring people together through good works. Or we can act with pettiness and greed to cause harm. What are the axes in you, my brother, masons? Be careful at how swing your axes at your disposal. I have been careless with some of my ax blows over the years. But as mason we come together to make that change.

Issac J Williams Sr, Worshipful Master



# *Message from the West*

*No message from the West.*

*Derrick Coach Senior Warden*

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# Message from the South

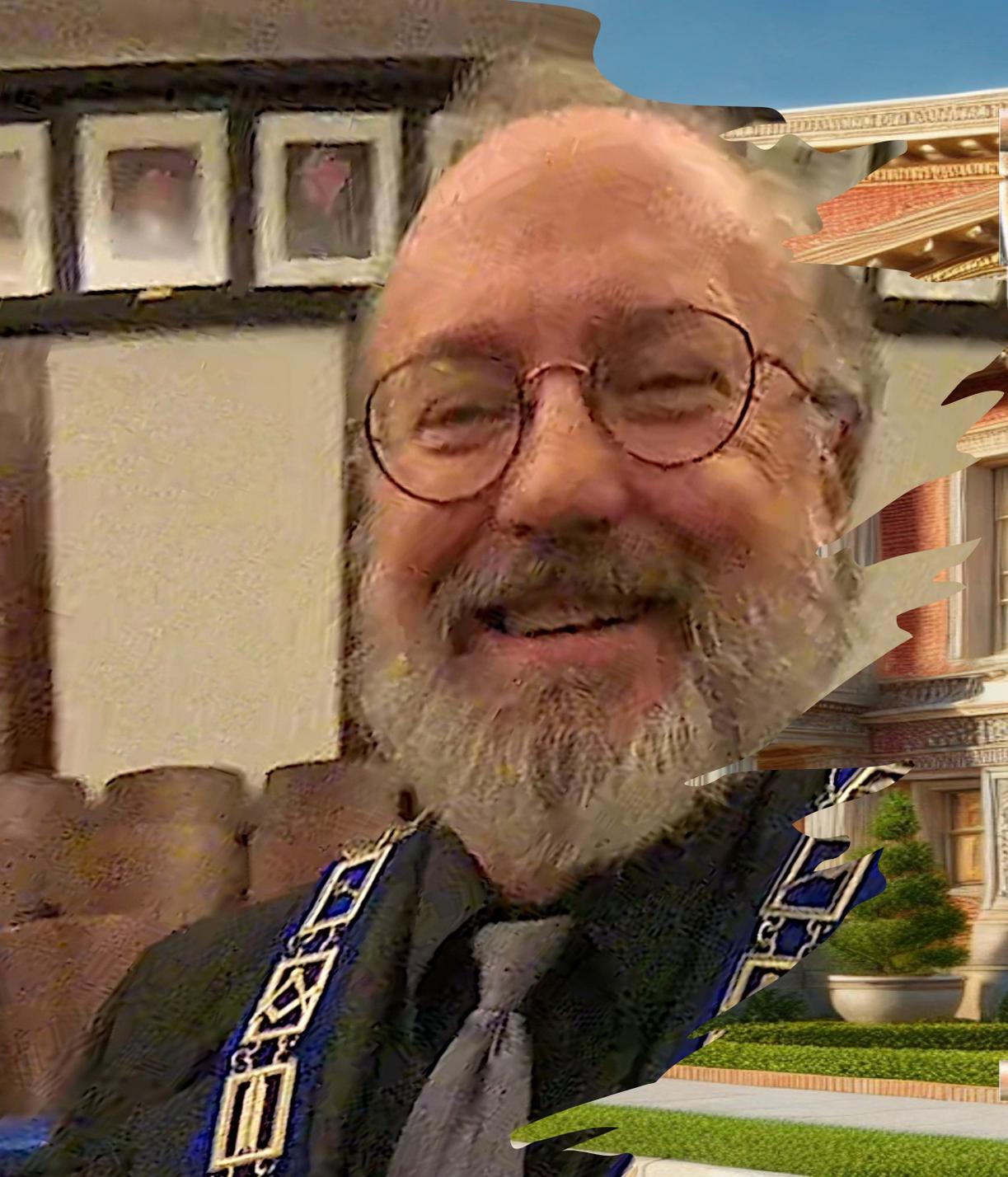
Greetings from the South Brethren,

February went as smooth and eventful as we could have wished. It was a pleasure hosting our District Deputy and committeemen for their visit on our stated communication. As well as having Brothers come from all over the district to take advantage of the school of instruction that was hosted here at Lodge. We also were able to support our community in two different road side cleanups this month. One supporting Main Street hosted by our lodge and another hosted by the SPAR program enriching our neighborhood. The Chili cook-off was humble and filled with good times for the Brothers that attended. We also have had visitors interested in joining our lodge stop in and take part in our fellowship which is always a pleasure; to be on the front lines hosting our lodge to members outside of our community and delivering the outreach necessary in growing our fraternity is a responsibility we should all try and take part of.

With March's Arrival we don't have a large list of events but there is always something going on. To start with as always is our stated communication, this month I have put together a menu in a southwestern theme so please come out and get a good meal that is sure to leave you full and ready for Labor! School of instruction for the district will be hosted at Temple Lodge No. 23 on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Followed by a family night on March 24<sup>th</sup> hosted at our lodge which is a perfect time to bring spouses, parents, siblings, cousins, and friends that may be curious of our fraternity or are just free for a good evening filled with loving conversation and interesting tales of the past. There will be a meal provided so come hungry and enjoy the involvement of our ever-extending family and community. Later in the month on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, the Northeast Florida Masonic Association for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> district will be hosted at Albert J. Russell Lodge No. 126. Let us plan to make an appearance and show up in full force to represent the new wave of Solomon Lodge and our eagerness to take part in our supportive district. Apart from that Brethren we always have our education nights open to all members on the odd Mondays of the month which we are trying to involve other lodges in; so please come out and learn from some senior Brothers and instruct more novice Brothers in the wisdom we have established as our own.

Stay vigilant in our duties toward each other and the whole of the world as we progress through another month of good work, amiable contributions, and useful actions.

Ian Bozeman  
Junior Warden  
Solomon Lodge No. 20



## Message from the Secretary

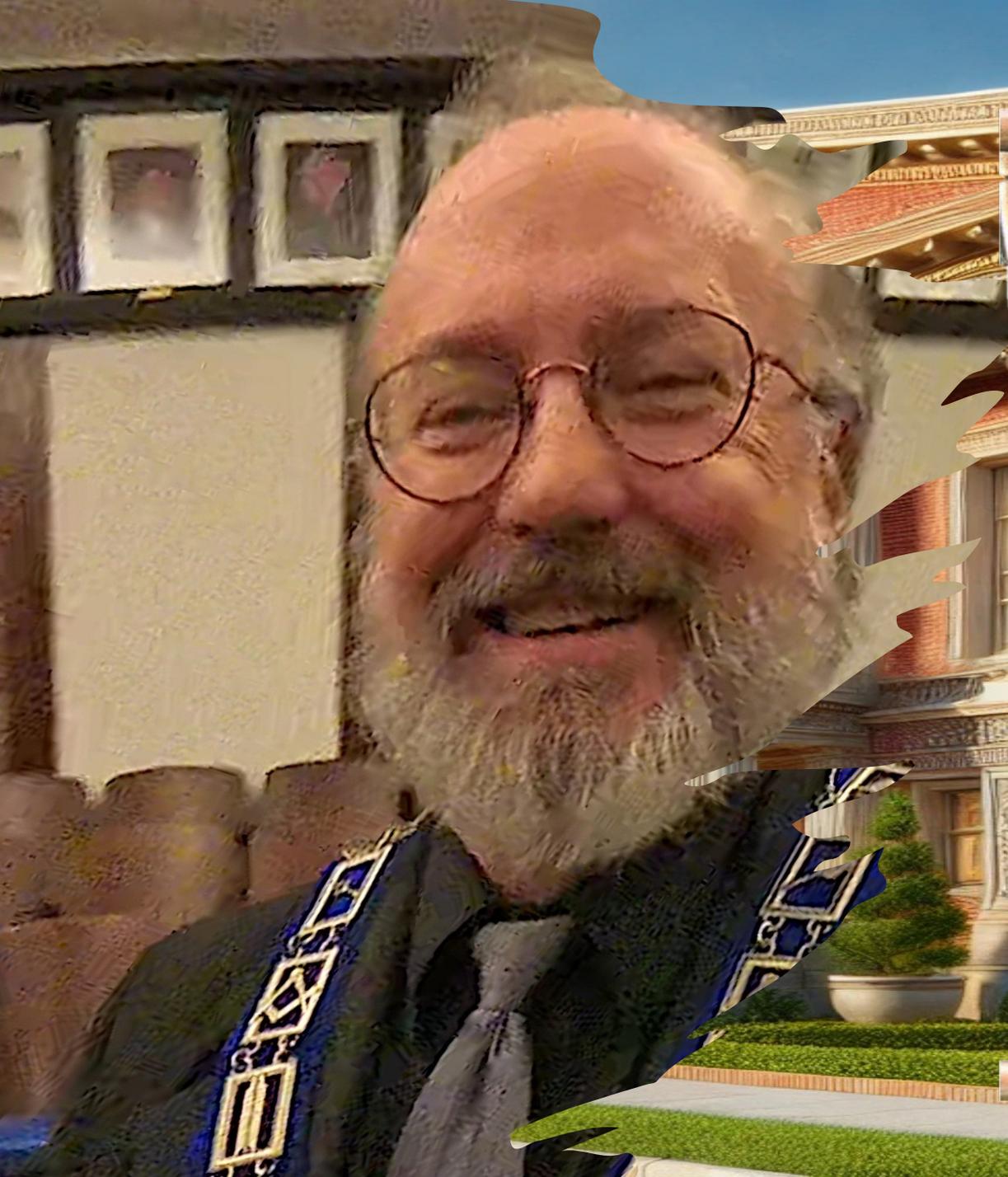
Happy March my Brother

We are taking care of administrative business for Solomon Lodge No. 20 as quickly and efficiently as possible. One of my primary missions (among many others) is to see that every Brother with an email address has that email listed with this office. Obviously we have yours but need your help with any Brother you may know who has not shared their current email with us yet. We must be able to reach our membership with important communications from time to time. We never share that email address with anyone outside of this Lodge other than The Grand Lodge of Florida.

Just a reminder: Please log in to the Amity app when you can. If you do not log in to the new Amity app I will have no way of keeping your file up to date. If you are having trouble with signing up or logging in the new Amity app, please contact me. I will be glad to assist you (it really isn't difficult and is very useful once you login and try it out)

We need all Brethren to update information with me right away if you move or change your phone number.

There are still a few of our members who have not paid their 2025 Dues yet. Please pay your dues asap, I will be sending you an email reminding you in the coming weeks. The masonic Digest tells us that dues are supposed to be paid before December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the following year.



# Message from the Secretary

March Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers)

3-1 Harold Kelly    3-8 Timothy Hope    3-18 Gary Rubach

3-14 Andrew Zerber

3-3 Alton Clowers    3-8 John Bressler    3-19 Havey Lewallen

3-25 Issac Miller

3-4 Jose Vizcaino    3-10 Mitchelll Oliver    3-21 Lemuel Sharp

3-28 Gary Reynolds

3-5 Jerry Dorman    3-14 Raymond Jeter    3-21 Rory St. John

3-29 Israel Swanson

3-7 William Wingard    3-16 James O'steen    3-22 Thomas Powell

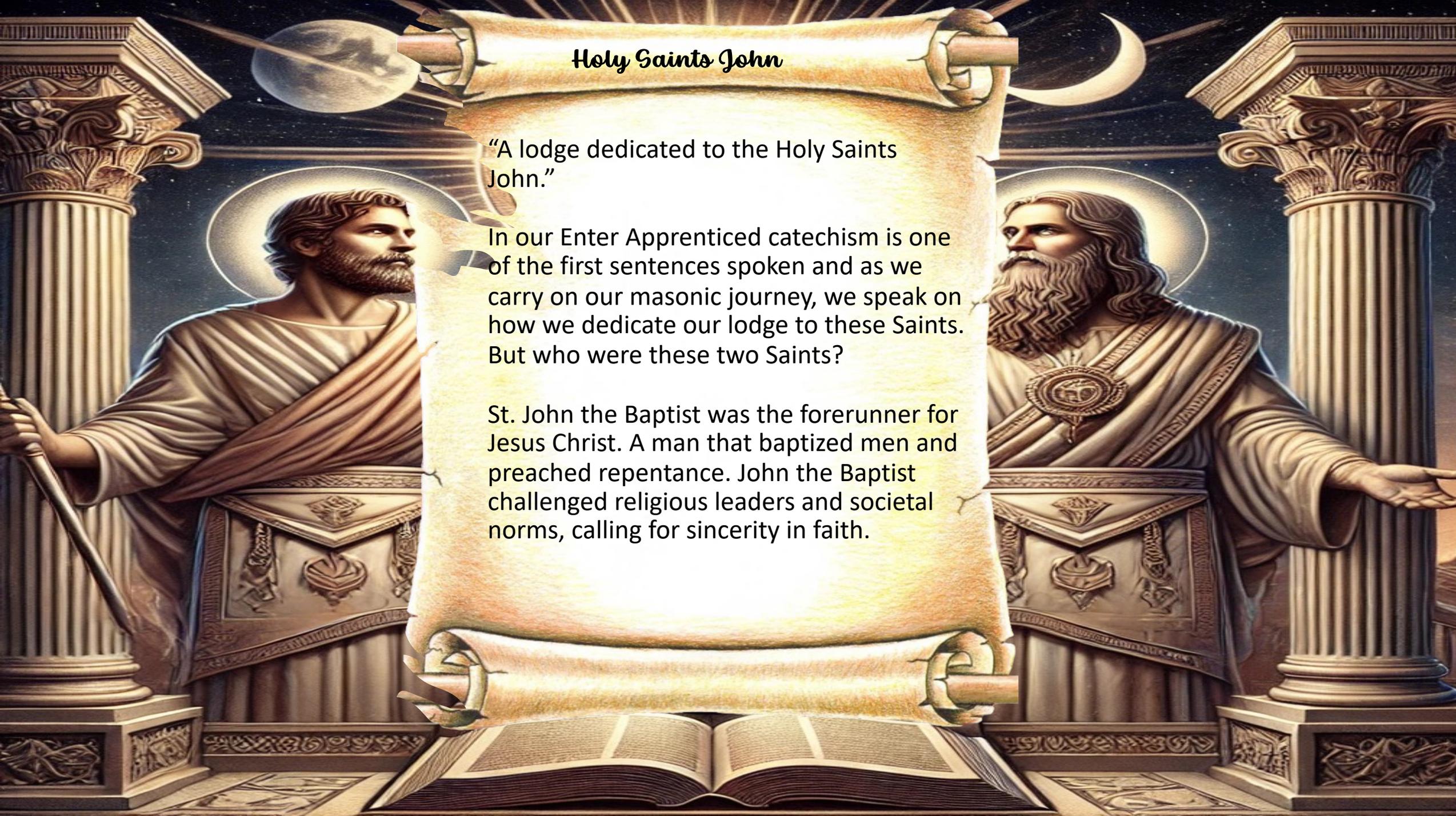
3-30 Romies Miles

3-8 Brandon Tucker    3-17 Issac Williams

Take Due Notice: We have read in Lodge the application of Mr. Juan Felipe Romero Pedraza for the three degrees of Freemasonry and it has been sent to the investigation committee.

Fraternally,  
Clayton Vandiver, Jr., PM

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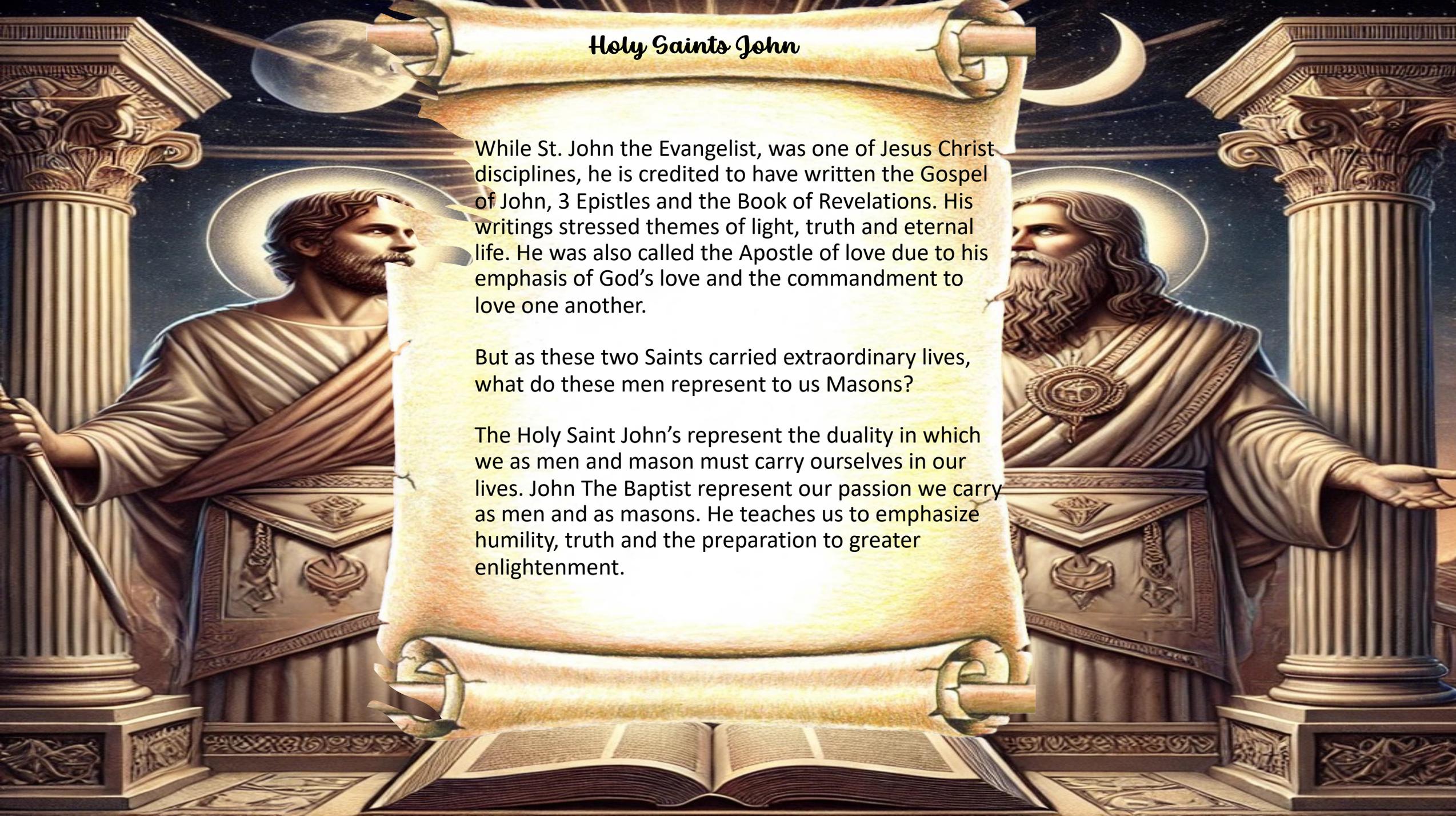


## Holy Saints John

“A lodge dedicated to the Holy Saints John.”

In our Enter Apprenticed catechism is one of the first sentences spoken and as we carry on our masonic journey, we speak on how we dedicate our lodge to these Saints. But who were these two Saints?

St. John the Baptist was the forerunner for Jesus Christ. A man that baptized men and preached repentance. John the Baptist challenged religious leaders and societal norms, calling for sincerity in faith.

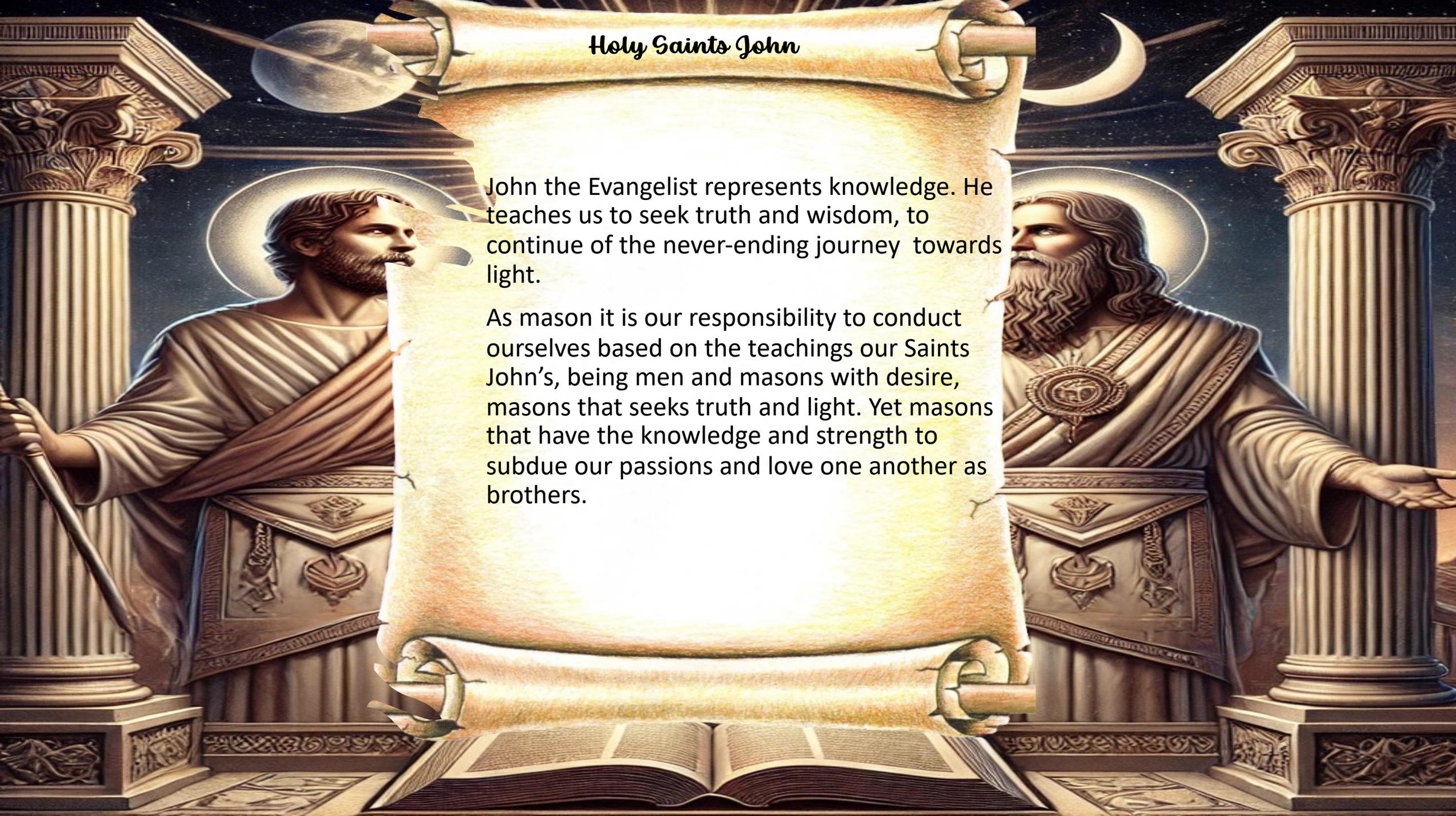


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While St. John the Evangelist, was one of Jesus Christ's disciples, he is credited to have written the Gospel of John, 3 Epistles and the Book of Revelations. His writings stressed themes of light, truth and eternal life. He was also called the Apostle of love due to his emphasis of God's love and the commandment to love one another.

But as these two Saints carried extraordinary lives, what do these men represent to us Masons?

The Holy Saint John's represent the duality in which we as men and mason must carry ourselves in our lives. John The Baptist represent our passion we carry as men and as masons. He teaches us to emphasize humility, truth and the preparation to greater enlightenment.



## Holy Saints John

John the Evangelist represents knowledge. He teaches us to seek truth and wisdom, to continue of the never-ending journey towards light.

As mason it is our responsibility to conduct ourselves based on the teachings our Saints John's, being men and masons with desire, masons that seeks truth and light. Yet masons that have the knowledge and strength to subdue our passions and love one another as brothers.

# Corn hole Board Raffle

Solomon Lodge will be raffling a Cornhole Board May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



# February's Street Clean up



# Family Night Chilli Cook Off



# March 2025 Calendar

Today < > March 2025						
SUN 23	MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28	SAT 1
		• 6am David King	• 6:30pm NEFMA	• 6am Paul Nicho	• 6am Eric Rober	• 6am Harold Kell
2	• 6am Alton Clow	• 6am Jose Vizca	5	6	• 6am William Wii	• 6am John Bress • 7am Timothy Hc
9	• 6:30pm Solomo	• 6am Matthew K	12	13	• 6am Raymond .	15
• 6am James O'S	• 6am Issac Willie	• 6am Gary Ruba	• 6am Harvey Lev • 6pm School of I	20	• 6am Rory St Jol	• 6am Thomas Dz • 7am Thomas Pc • 8am Charles Ha
23	• 6am Andrew Ze	• 6am Isaac Mille	• 6:30pm NEFMA	27	• 6am Gary Reyn	• 6am Charles St • 7am Israel Swar
30	31	Apr 1 • 6am James Hez	2 • 6am Raymond F • 7am Thomas M	3 • 6am Talmadge I • 7am Leonard K	4	5

## Meetings

- ❖ Monday, March 10, 2025, Stated Meeting
- ❖ Monday, March 24, 2025, Family Night



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# Solomon Lodge's Committees

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