



SOLOMON LODGE NO. 20 F. & A. M.

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

~ Aeschylus
Greek playwright
b 525 BC



keep
learning.

LODGE OFFICER TRAINING

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.



W.: M.: Derrick Coach - *Worshipful Master Elect*



Brethren,

Happy New Masonic Year 2026, as we open Solomon #20 doors, I would like to extend warm greetings to you and your families. The month of January is a time for renewal, it's a time for the Lodge to reflect on where we have been and to set great intentions for the road ahead. It is with humility and gratitude that I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to serve as Worshipful Master during the coming year.

We are taught that progress is not made by great leaps, but by steady labor upon the rough ashlar. As we begin 2026, let us recommit ourselves to the principles that unite us: BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, and TRUTH! These are not merely words spoken in ritual, but obligations are called to live each day, within our lodge, our home, and community.

This year, I want the lodge to be a place of comfort, to ease the mind from the outer world we see, Brothers can reflect, be welcomed, be valued, and inspired.

Attendance, participation, and fellowship are the lifeblood of a strong Lodge. Whether you are a long-standing member or a newly raised Brother, your presence matters. I encourage you to attend meetings when you are able, support our activities, and take part in the work that makes our Lodge thrive.

Education, fellowship, and charity will remain our cornerstone of our labor this year. Through meaningful programs, thoughtful degree work, and service to others, we strengthen not only our Lodge, but the reputation of FREEMASONRY itself.

Let us remember those BROTHERS who may be absent due to illness or hardship, and extend them the care and support that defines us as MASONS.

In closing, I look forward to laboring with each of you in the quarry throughout the year ahead. May we work together in harmony, guided by the light of MASONRY, and may the year of 2026 help us all grow with a purpose and rededicate ourselves to our CRAFT.

Fraternally,

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Masonic Tip of the Month

Explore The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida website. Click the link!



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Free & Accepted Masons of Florida**



Ian Dale Bozeman - Senior Warden Elect



Brethren, greetings from the West,

Firstly, let me thank the Brothers for their endorsement to be our Senior Warden. My only ambitions within the fraternity are to serve the Craft and to that end, I have a very full year upon me. I am eager to assist our new Worshipful Master in another great year of growth, development, and encouragement at Solomon Lodge No. 20. If there are any areas that Brothers want to develop either individually or as a Craft this year, please bring it to any of the officer's attention so we can organize our agenda according to the needs and curiosities of our members.

I am excited to congratulate all the new officers of Solomon Lodge No. 20 for the year 2026. The time we spend together in active engagement within and out of the Lodge will undoubtedly strengthen the stability of our Fraternity and produce fruits of labor unimaginable to us in this present moment.

A request to any officer or member within our Lodge, please if we see something in our Lodge that needs to be addressed or could be improved upon, let's sit down and talk about our perspectives in a Masonic manner looking for compromise and understanding. The only way we contribute to the development of our Craft is by addressing the areas that need improvement. I think our Lodge does an outstanding job at this already but as a point of work this year I would like to encourage all of our members to be active and engaged so that we can together bring Solomon Lodge No. 20 to a level of light that we and the Fraternity as a whole can admire and be proud of!

Fraternally,

Brother Ian Bozeman
Senior Warden Elect (at time of publication)
Solomon Lodge No. 20



Luis Eduardo Rueda-Vargas - Junior Warden Elect



A Reflection from the South: Solomon Lodge and the Future of Freemasonry

From the South of Solomon Lodge No. 20, where the sun reaches its height and the Craft is called from refreshment back to labor, we are reminded that Freemasonry has never existed merely to preserve tradition—but to prepare men for their time. Our Lodge was formed in an era when liberty was not assumed, but pursued with courage, sacrifice, and discipline. The men who laid the foundations of Solomon Lodge understood that freedom of conscience, equality among men, and the right to self-governance were principles worth building upon—not just politically, but morally. In many respects, that foundational labor has been completed. Liberty is now an inherited condition rather than a daily struggle. Yet Masonry was never intended to end its work with freedom alone. Liberty is not the destination of the Craft—it is the ground upon which greater labor begins.

The question before Solomon Lodge today is not whether Freemasonry remains relevant, but whether free men still understand their responsibility once freedom has been achieved. A man without chains but without purpose soon becomes idle. A society with rights but without virtue soon becomes unstable. Thus, the future of Solomon Lodge depends on our willingness to move beyond preservation and into intentional cultivation of purpose. Our labor must now focus on shaping men who know how to use freedom wisely—men who govern themselves before attempting to influence others. The Lodge must remain a place where discipline is restored, character is refined, and meaning is forged through conscious effort.

As Junior Warden, entrusted with the harmony of labor and refreshment, I am reminded that balance is essential. Comfort must never replace commitment. Enjoyment must never eclipse duty. Solomon Lodge must continue to guide its brethren to enjoy the fruits of liberty without becoming enslaved by ease, distraction, or indifference. Our future does not depend on numbers alone, but on the quality of men we raise and retain. We must resist the temptation to dilute our standards for convenience. Instead, we must raise men to the timeless standard of Masonry: upright in conduct, measured in judgment, faithful in obligation, and active in service. If liberty was the great achievement of our past, then purpose must be the great labor of our future.

From this Lodge—rich in history, strengthened by brotherhood, and anchored in responsibility—we recommit ourselves not merely to maintain Solomon Lodge, but to live its principles so fully that those who come after us inherit not only our charter and symbols, but our example. So may our work in the South be worthy of the Light entrusted to us, and may Solomon Lodge continue to stand as a workshop where free men learn what it truly means to live with purpose.

Fraternally,

Brother Luis Rueda-Vargas
Junior Warden Elect (at time of publication)
Solomon Lodge No. 20

Message from the Secretary



Clayton Vandiver, Jr. P.:M.:



Brothers All,

I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and enjoyed precious time with family and friends. My heartfelt wishes to all our Solomon Brethren for a safe and prosperous Happy New Year.

I want to begin the new year with a positive message of congratulations to all our officers, elected and appointed, for 2026. While many of you are relatively new to Freemasonry and Solomon Lodge, your enthusiasm and dedication are recognized and appreciated. Look to the PDDGMs and many PMs we have in regular attendance. Their guidance is your key to success and our historic Lodge's key to the future.

I also want to congratulate and sincerely thank everyone who has already paid their dues for 2026. I particularly want to thank those who we were able to reach and paid their 2025 dues before they could be lost to us by NPD. Freemasonry is an investment. It is a commitment of both time and financial resources toward a greater cause. Each loss is deeply felt.

A huge effort continues to reach out to many Brothers who don't have current phone numbers, email addresses, or whose dues notices for 2026 came back undeliverable. Through those efforts we learned most sadly of the loss of several members in recent years to that "Lodge Not Built by Earthly Hands." We thankfully reached and updated phone and email records for a few and I encourage each of our officers to help reach out to help me find our missing Brethren when you can.

The Grand Lodge Amity App for your Apple or Android smart phone is a convenient way to pay by credit card. A small fee to offset the cost of using a credit card is added to the Amity transaction. If you have any questions about installing or using the Amity app on your phone, please contact me. Sending in a check or money order is still perfectly fine.

It is my sad duty to report that 15 brothers are being suspended for NPD. Every effort was made to contact them. Because of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's opportunity we voted to offer our members, if any of those 15 are able to be reached we may yet see them back among the Craft. The masonic digest states that dues are to be paid before December 27th for the following year. If you don't have your 2026 dues card (and haven't paid dues yet for 2026) please send it asap!

Important Dates to mark in your Calendar and plan to attend:

Jan. 10th, 2026 - 11:00am - Installation of Solomon Lodge Officers.

January 12th - Solomon Lodge Stated Communication. 6:30pm Supper. 7:30pm Gavel drops.

January 26th - Solomon Lodge Family Night & brief Stated Communication. 6:30pm Supper. 7:30pm Gavel drops.

January Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers):

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

Fraternally,

Clayton Vandiver, Jr. P.:M.:

Secretary

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Congratulations to the following Brothers on their journey:

Demitri Perkins for recent completion of his MM Catechism.

Bro. Scott Lewis Panken and Bro. Juan Felipe Romero-Pedraza for their continued dedication to learning their EA catechism.

Notice: Brother Jeffrey Norman Bradshaw has petitioned to be reinstated.

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: LYPMGS / Benevolence Fund

EVENTS

Installation of Officers:

1/10/2026 Solomon Lodge No. 20 11:00 AM Light snacks follow.

Stated Communication:

1/12/2026 Solomon Lodge No. 20 6:30 PM meal 7:30 PM meeting.

Family Night/Stated Communication:

1/26/2026 Solomon Lodge No. 20 6:30 PM meal 7:30 PM brief meeting.

Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting:

1/28/2026 Hyde Park Lodge No. 370 Meal 6:30 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM

School of Instruction:

1/21/2026 Solomon Lodge No. 20 Meal 6:00 PM – SOI 7:00 PM

Open Books:

1st Wednesday in February, March, April, May at Orange Park Lodge No 267. Books open at 6:30pm. No meal.

3rd Saturday in January, February, March, April at Hyde Park Lodge No 370. Books open at 9:00am. Breakfast at 8:00am.



Need A Ride? Carpool to Lodge! Any brother that would like to arrange a carpool to the stated meeting, please contact your Secretary at c.904-710-8884 or email at Solomon20sec@Gmail.com

Please make every effort to keep Solomon Lodge No. 20 F&AM informed of your address, email address, and phone number. We want to keep in contact with you. If you see errors in the Trestleboard, please also let us know. Either email, call the editor, or reach out to one of the officers. Thank you.

December 2025 Children's Home Society Christmas Party at Solomon



Food, Fun, Fellowship, Games, and Presents. Over 100 kids and family members. Memories to last a lifetime. Sincere thank you to all the Brethren from Solomon No. 20 and the 8th and 9th Districts who created the magic!





Solomon Lodge No.20 F&AM ~ 2026 ~ Committees

Building and Property: Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Jim Boone PDDGM, Rory St. John PM, Austin Waters, Issac Williams PM

Board of Relief: Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas

Budget & Finance: Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Mike Davison PM, Issac Williams PM

Charity: Ian Bozeman, Demetri Perkins, Adam Esquilin

Masonic Education: James Vick DI, Robby Stokes PDDGM, Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Adam Esquilin

Building Trustees: Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Jim Boone PDDGM, Mike Davidson PM, Issac Williams PM

Hospitality: Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Demetri Perkins, Calvin Oglesby

Catechism Instruction: James Vick DI, Rory St. Johns PM, Jim Boone PDDGM

Lodge Mentors: James Vick DI, Bruce Oliver PM, Robby Stokes PDDGM, Rory St. Johns PM, Mike Davison PM, Clayton Vandiver Jr. PM

Visitation: Demetri Perkins, Ian Bozeman, Rory St Johns PM

Petitions: Luis Vargas, Austin Waters, Demetri Perkins, Adam Esquilin

Web- social media: Ian Bozeman, Demetri Perkins, A. Clayton Vandiver Jr. PM, Austin Waters

DeMolay (no active chapter): Ian Bozeman

Masonic Rites: James Vick DI, Robby Stokes PDDGM, Jim Boone PDDGM

Widow's Program: Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Demetri Perkins, Luis Vargas, Calvin Oglesby

Trestleboard Editor: Clayton Vandiver, Jr., PM

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SOLOMON HISTORY

Members of The Raconteurs Degree Team under the Legendary direction of R.:H.: IAM James Vick at Solomon Lodge No. 20 on December 30, 2023 with Tony Stevens, Austin Waters, and Ian Bozeman who were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason along with two other Brothers from District Lodges. Congratulations to all for continued dedication to presenting excellent Masonic work!



See the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Solomon Lodge, January 10, 2024, on YouTube by clicking this link:

<https://youtu.be/dE2VTOYy2Sc>



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