



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

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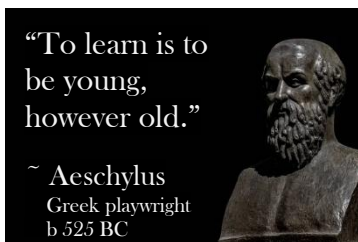
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LODGE OFFICER TRAINING

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



Brethren,

As we enter February, let us renew our commitment to the principles that bind us—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. This month offers opportunities to advance our ritual work, deepen our Masonic education, and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that make our lodge a sanctuary of steady purpose.

Please mark your calendars:

- Stated Communication: Attendance and participation are important.
- Degree: Volunteers for ritual work and mentorship are requested.
- Community Service: Help needed for projects; we encourage you to bring family and friends.

Focus for February:

- Ritual excellence: Practice, mentor, and support our candidates.
- Membership: Invite a worthy man to our next event; introduce him to our work.
- Charity: Small contributions sustain our relief efforts; no amount is too little.

Reminders:

- Arrive on time and in proper attire.
- Notify the Secretary if you cannot attend or if you need assistance.
- Share any ideas for lodge education or fellowship with the Worshipful Master or Senior Warden.

I would like to thank the officers and Brothers who labor faithfully. Your dedication keeps our light bright and our work true. Let us move forward together in harmony and purpose.



Fraternally,

Brother Derrick Coach
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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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Ian Dale Bozeman - Senior Warden



Brethren, greetings from the West,

February has come and we have had an amazing first month already. The books are checked; our schedule is set and the Brothers are at attention and ready for an amazing rest of the year. January's family night was incredible. Distinguished guests, family, friends and most of the officers were there in person or in spirit. We had a great meal and stayed warm by the fire, talking and educating one another on our own personal masonic experiences through the years. Good times were had by all.

Our first meeting of the month will be filled with announcements and reports on upcoming or proceeding events. We will have our workday the first Saturday of the month Feb 7th, which will be followed by our building committee meeting. Later in the month for our family night February 23rd we will be conducting our second annual Chili Cook off with a prize for the first-place winner. So please come out to support the lodge and try your hand in the kitchen.

Also, exciting news about some upcoming projects. We will be reviewing and planning the logistics and procedure on conducting a t-shirt printing line in the carriage house as a group activity. Printing new, custom, Solomon Lodge t-shirts for the members of our Lodge could develop into a great setting to have the Brothers come together and work. The labor is very low intensity, and the finished product will be a great gift to welcome back some of our less active Brothers.

Our Lodge is secure, active, and well managed for another outstanding year. I look forward to serving the Craft this year and helping develop a more seamless Lodge experience. We should all feel welcomed and supported by the Craft of our Lodge. Finding confidants in our membership and a safe refuge in our property. By having the Lodge more accessible to the members it is my impression that we can develop more participation from our members. This is an area of Lodge polishing that I would like to explore, talk with you all about finding the best approach in developing those ideas further.

Thank you for your support and contributions to our Lodge and our Fraternity as a whole.

Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Brother Ian Bozeman
Senior Warden
Solomon Lodge No. 20



Luis Eduardo Rueda-Vargas - Junior Warden Elect



A Letter From The Builders

When the work began on King Solomon's Temple, no single man could claim the structure as his own achievement. Though overseen by wise leadership, the Temple rose through the coordinated labor of many—each craftsman contributing according to his skill, training, and understanding. Some shaped stone, others measured and aligned, while others maintained the worksite itself. Every task, whether visible or unseen, was essential to the integrity of the whole.

The builders were taught before they were trusted. Education preceded responsibility, and responsibility demanded discipline. Knowledge without labor was insufficient, and labor without wisdom was dangerous. Only when both were combined did the work advance in harmony. The strength of the Temple was found not merely in its materials, but in the unity, order, and purpose of those who labored upon it.

Leadership among the builders was not exercised for personal distinction. Overseers were charged not to glorify themselves, but to ensure that the work endured beyond their time. Decisions were made with patience and foresight, understanding that what was being constructed would serve generations yet unseen. The Temple was never meant to reflect the ego of its builders, but the excellence of their collective effort.

So too with the Lodge. A Lodge is more than a meeting place—it is a living structure that reflects the care, unity, and commitment of its members. When a Lodge is neglected, it speaks not of a lack of resources, but of a lack of harmony. When it is maintained with diligence and wisdom, it becomes a testament to shared responsibility and brotherly cooperation. The lesson left to us is clear: the work entrusted to Freemasons is not completed in words alone, but through thoughtful action. Education must be lived. Stewardship must be practiced. Unity must be preserved through labor undertaken together. When each Brother contributes according to his ability, and when leadership is exercised with humility and foresight, the Lodge—like the Temple—stands firm. In this way, we honor those who came before us, serve those who labor beside us, and protect what we leave to those who will follow.

Fraternaly,

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,

We have a very active group of officers in Solomon Lodged and I wish each and every one of them the very best and most successful year possible. Our Lodge is truly becoming the beehive of activity that we all hear about in Freemasonry. Good work gentlemen!

I will continue to remind everyone that 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 vendor's expense of using a credit card is added by Grand Lodge to the Amity transaction in addition to your dues. 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. I'm old fashioned – I'll even accept cash! But please do pay your dues sooner rather than later.

(Side note: I'm so old now when I go into an antique store. they put a sticker on me and won't let me leave).

Sad news my Brethren. On December 31st Solomon Lodge No. 20 lost the first of our members this year to that Lodge not built by Earthly hands. Hans Gustav Vige, Jr. passed and the family called to let us know. It is always distressing to learn that another light has been extinguished in Freemasonry.

I'm contacting everyone I can reach (and tracking down those I cannot) to shorten our list of NPDs each year. On the other side of retention is growth. Growing our Lodge is everyone's responsibility. Each of us must prepare and be ready to encourage interested and well-qualified parties whenever they ask about membership in Freemasonry. Our fraternity is like a houseplant - we will help it grow or we will watch it fade.

If you do not have your 2026 dues card (and haven't paid dues yet for 2026) please send it asap! If you are a 50-year member or Perpetual and have no card yet for 2026 – update your USPS mailing address with me asap!

February Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers):

2-2 Thomas J. Cooper Jr.	2-7 Bruce Fortadous	2-11 Emory Holsenbeck	
2-5 James Krause	2-7 Austin L. Waters	2-14 Marcus P. Shallar	2-23 James M. Tucker
2-5 Christopher A. Prestwood	2-9 Lance M. Day	2-16 Keith M. O'Conner	2-25 David E. King
2-6 Samuel D. Allen	2-9 James C. Smith Jr.	2-19 Walter H. Rowland	2-27 Paul J. Nichols
2-6 John Barfield	2-10 Louis Frost IV	2-21 James H. Vick	2-29 Eric C. Roberson

Fraternally,

Clayton Vandiver, Jr. P.:M.:

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Important Dates to mark in your Calendar and plan to attend:
2/16/2026 Fellowcraft Degree (see events listing next page).

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their journey:

Bro. Juan Felipe Romero-Pedraza for presenting his EA catechism.

Notice: Brother Jeffrey Norman Bradshaw has petitioned to be reinstated. Investigations Committee is doing its work. Ballot may be taken in February.

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 / Children's Home Society Fund

EVENTS

Stated Communication:

2/09/2026 Solomon Lodge No. 20 6:30 PM meal 7:30 PM meeting.

Fellowcraft Degree:

2/16/2026 Solomon Lodge No. 20 6:30 PM meal 7:30 PM meeting.

Family Night/Stated Communication:

2/23/2026 Solomon Lodge No. 20 6:30 PM meal 7:30 PM brief meeting.

Northeast Florida Masonic Association Meeting:

2/25/2026 Albert J. Russell No. 126 Meal 6:30 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM

School of Instruction:

2/18/2026 Arlington Lodge No. 309 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.



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

Building Trustees: Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Jim Boone PDDGM, Rory St. John PM, Austin Waters

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 and Property: Derrick Coach, Ian Bozeman, Luis Vargas, Jim Boone PDDGM, Mike Davidson 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

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

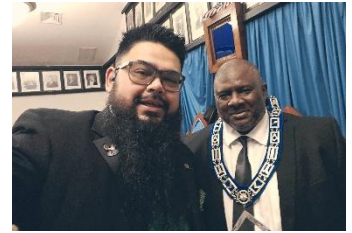
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Trestleboard Editor: Clayton Vandiver, Jr., PM (not a committee)

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SOLOMON HISTORY

January 10, 2026 - Installation of Officers of Solomon Lodge No. 20. Worshipful Master Derrick Coach and his wife, Tracy. Brother Christian (Bigfoot) Keifer and W.: Derrick Coach. *(more installation photos to come).*



Family Night January 26, 2026. Guest speaker RW Julian Mackenzie enjoyed a pleasant evening among the Craft. Cold night – warm fire, food, and fellowship!
Photos courtesy Br. C. Keifer (Bigfoot) & Br. C. Vandiver (Bigvoice)



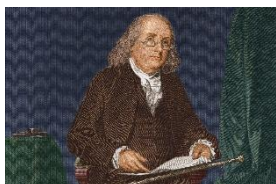
It's so cold outside the sign post died.
You can actually see when the spirit leaves its body.



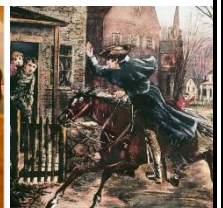
See the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Solomon Lodge, January 10, 2024, on YouTube by clicking this link:
<https://youtu.be/dE2VTOYy2Sc>



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