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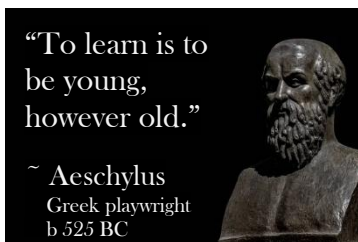
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LODGE OFFICER TRAINING

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 (Right Honorable James Vick) for details.



W.: M.: Derrick Coach - Worshipful Master



Brethren,

As we enter the month of March, we find ourselves at a meaningful point in the Masonic year—a season of transition, renewal, and renewed labor. Just as nature begins to awaken and prepare for growth, so too should we recommit ourselves to the work of the Craft with fresh energy and clear intention.

March invites us to reflect on our obligations and to examine how faithfully we are living the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Freemasonry is not confined to the walls of our Lodge; it is demonstrated in our conduct at home, in our professions, and in our communities. Let us strive to be examples of integrity, patience, and moral courage in all that we do.

This month, I encourage each Brother to:

- Attend Lodge regularly and participate actively.
- Mentor and support our newer Brothers as they advance in light.
- Strengthen the bonds of fellowship that unite us.
- Continue your personal study of our ritual, symbolism, and teachings.

Our Lodge thrives not merely through numbers, but through engagement. Every Brother's presence, voice, and labor add strength to the whole. When we work together in harmony, our efforts become more effective, and our fraternal ties grow deeper.

Let us approach our labors in March with discipline, unity, and purpose. May we be reminded that the tools placed in our hands are not symbolic alone—they are guides for building upright lives and strengthening our spiritual temples.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the Lodge as we continue the great work before us. 

Fraternally,

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Masonic Tip of the Month

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Ian Dale Bozeman - Senior Warden



Greetings from the West, Brethren,

As we all know, last month was filled with progressive business and great fellowship! We passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft Brother Juan and Scott who were well ready to receive their next step in their Masonic journey. We also hosted our Annual Chili Cook-off established by Worshipful Isaac Williams and good times were had by all. Congratulations to Brother Clayton and his wife Charlie Vandiver for winning first place in the chili Cook-off! Your contributions to the craft were greatly appreciated by all! It is very exciting to see our events grow through the years and I am very enthusiastic to see how things grow and prosper in the coming years.

March is here and with that comes more business and work for the Craft. Our Workday is scheduled for the first Saturday of the month March 7th. A few members lead by Appointed Senior Deacon Demetri Perkins have contributed donations to start crafting in house our own Masonic lodge shirts as well as the ability to make any kind of custom t shirts the craft wants to create. The limits to our ability are our own imagination. We will also be disposing of some old metal chairs in our basement. Cleaning and refurbishing the basement to provide a private smokers lounge/ conference area to provide for the brothers to conduct practices, committee meetings, or a hangout space outside of the building so we can try and cut down on our utility usage and try and show our treasurer we are all trying to be conscious of our spending.

Moving forward in our year we will start a masonic gun raffle this month to help provide funds to our annual charity event, the Christmas party for the children's home society. We will start selling raffle tickets for \$20 and the winning ticket will be pulled at the end of the year at our last stated communication. Thank you to Brother Adam Esquilin for providing a Glock 47, a new barrel and high-performance trigger for this raffle partnered with the senior warden providing the funds to refurbish the gun and provide custom engraving making this item a must have for masonic gun collectors!

Let us be happy ourselves and provide service and charity to our community and members. Thank you to Brother Brandon Kinerck and Demetri Perkins for showing up with the senior warden at the call for service. We gathered to help a fallen Brother Harry Davis's daughter move furniture into her new condo back in Jacksonville. It is necessary to make ourselves available when we can to provide services to those family members of Brothers who have moved on to that celestial lodge above. It shows our initiative to stay active in the families of our brothers even after they have laid down their working tools proving that once a member always a member. Providing assurance to the Brothers still here that even after they are gone, their family will be looked after and supported by the fraternity they themselves supported through the years.

Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Brother Ian Bozeman
Senior Warden
Solomon Lodge No. 20



Luis Eduardo Rueda-Vargas - Junior Warden Elect



A Reflection on Health and the Inner Work

The past month has been a singular and defining passage in my life. A moment marked by a shadow upon my personal Trestleboard. I have long regarded health as one of the most precious assets entrusted to us, yet there is a profound difference between acknowledging its value and standing face to face with its fragility.

When the harmony of the body is threatened, we are reminded that no structure - however well designed - can endure without a sound foundation. As speculative Masons, we labor tirelessly to improve the mind and spirit, but we must not neglect the living stone through which all our work is expressed.

I invite each Brother to be mindful of his health, to take the necessary and timely actions to preserve the strength of his body, for without health, even the noblest plans weaken, our labors lose their vigor, and our dreams begin to fade into obscurity.

Let us remember that caring for our physical well-being is not vanity, but duty - so that we may continue our work upright, prepared, and worthy to serve the Craft, our families, and the Great Architect of the Universe.

Respectfully submitted,

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,

Congratulations to our Senior Warden and his team for coordinating the outstanding Chili Cookoff event in February. Cold weather came back just in time for warm fellowship and fine food. Anyone in the 8th and 9th Districts who missed the great tastes this year should really try to make it next year. Congratulations also go out to my beautiful wife of nearly 32 years, Charlene Vandiver, for cooking the delicious 1st Place pot of chili this year. I was very surprised and humbled by the response from our voters. I'm proud of everyone's cooking skill and glad to have been there to taste so much awesome liquid lava!

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 price to pay for convenience – a 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. You can still send in a check, money order, even bring cash. Please pay your dues soon. It helps keep the lights on in our great Lodge!

If you are a 50-year member or Perpetual and have no card yet for 2026 – please call me and update your USPS mailing address asap! I had more than a few cards get returned marked “undeliverable.”

Please remember you can help the Lodge with your voluntary contributions to the dues payment. Our Building Fund campaign needs your help to repair the front of the building and the beautiful balconies that our iconic Lodge is so famous for having. Yes, having a very old and beautiful historic facility costs a lot to maintain. It also earns our Lodge and fraternity lots of positive attention from the community. It attracts many new members each year that may never have noticed a small square “modern” facility (that also would need periodic maintenance...). It's expensive, no doubt, but the attention, public relations, our pride in ownership, and other benefits are certainly worth our effort.

March Birthdays: (Happy Birthday Brothers!):

3-1 Harold Kelly	3-8 Brandon Tucker	3-17 Issac Williams	3-25 Issac Miller
3-3 Alton Clowers	3-8 Timothy Hope	3-18 Gary Rubach	3-28 Gary Reynolds
3-5 Jerry Dorman	3-14 Raymond Jeter	3-19 Havey Lewallen	3-29 Israel Swanson
3-7 William Wingard	3-14 Andrew Zerber	3-21 Rory St. John	
3-8 John Bressler	3-16 James O'steen	3-22 Thomas Powell	

Fraternally,

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Important Dates to mark in your Calendar and plan to attend: Master Mason Degree to be announced soon. Stay tuned!

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their journey:

Bro. Juan Felipe Romero-Pedraza for his Fellowcraft Degree last month.
Bro. Scott Lewis Panken on his upcoming Fellowcraft Degree this month.

Notice: Brother Jeffrey Norman Bradshaw has petitioned to be reinstated. An Investigations Committee in Seattle, Washington has been requested to assist with courtesy work by our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F&AM of Florida. Ballot may be taken when the results are returned.

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

SOLOMON FAMILY FUN!

February 23rd, 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off

Photos courtesy Br. C. Vandiver



The second annual chili cookoff was filled with warm Solomon Lodge fellowship and very hot and spicy fun. Congratulations on a delicious event and a job well-done to everyone!



Charlene Vandiver * Adrien "Dre" Davis * Sherry Stokes



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