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Message from the East; Worshipful Master Ken Ammons

Brothers,

This has been a difficult time for everyone during this pandemic! I have talked with a lot of our Lodge brothers during this isolation period, and please, if you haven't heard from me, give me a call and let me know if you need anything and we'll get it to you! I pray for everyone's safety and ask that you please wear a protective mask and gloves if you must go out. As they begin to open things up in the future, that does not mean the virus is gone. By the looks of it, I may have to consider joining Weight Watchers by the time this is over! Do keep our Brothers in your prayers and especially offer a prayer for those in the medical field.

With Brotherly Warmth,

W.: Ken Ammons; 941-238-8828

Quote of the Month

There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with sky-lights. All fact collectors, who have no aim beyond their facts, are one-story men. Two-story men compare, reason generalize, using the labors of the fact collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, predict; their best illumination comes from above, through the skylight.

Brother Oliver Wendell Holmes

Message from the West; David Finkelstein

My Brothers,

Last month, I talked about some of the substantive content in the lectures. This month, I will talk about some of hidden items in the lectures, what animators and movie folks call "Easter Eggs". If you didn't get to look for real Easter Eggs on Easter, you can look for them in the lectures and Degrees.

The first Easter Egg I found years ago while studying the EA lecture, is on page 29 of the Masonic Code (the "red book"). There, the EA lecture tells us that the way we became Masons is reminiscent of this passage in Matthew 7:7-8: "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." The first word of each of those phrases is Ask, Seek, and Knock. And the first letter of each of those words, A-S-K, spells the word "ask." See if you can find other words spelled out by the first letters of words or phrases in the lectures or degrees. If you find one, let me know.

Another type of Easter Egg starts on page 33 of the EA lecture. There, the EA lecture explains many of the parts of all Lodges. The Easter Egg is that it goes in order, spatial order. It starts with the Supports of Lodge. Then it goes UP to the Covering of a Lodge. Then back DOWN HALF-WAY



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to the furniture on the altar (the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses). Then it goes DOWN ALL THE WAY to the floor, specifically, the Mosaic pavement and the indented tessel. After that, it SPREADS OUT to the three principal officers of the Lodge and the ashlar on the ground next to the WM. Then, it SPREADS OUT EVEN FURTHER to the entire Lodge (in a discussion of the direction in which the Lodge is situated). Listen for that the next time you hear the EA lecture.

Yet another type of Easter Egg is a hidden meaning. Page 43 of the EA lecture compares the elements, and refers to there being only four elements, Earth, Wind, Fire and Water. Now, by 1661, mankind knew that there were more than 4 elements; today, we know there are 118. What does this strange reference to their only being 4 elements hide? That the EA lecture is at least 359 years old? That Masonry is at least 359 years old? Or is it one of Masonry's famous allegories, something that stands for something else?

Another example of the "hidden meaning Easter Egg" yields similar questions with even older ages. At page 95 of the MM lecture, it discusses the usefulness of astronomy. There, it says astronomy assists us in ascertaining "the power by which the planets circulate in their orbs." This is a reference to model of the cosmos that said that the motion of the sun, planets and stars was due to movement of large spheres (or "orbs") that rotated around Earth with the sun, planets and stars embedded in them. But this theory was debunked in 1577. Perhaps this is a reference to the MM lecture or Masonry itself being more than 443 years old. Or perhaps, again, this is another allegory, a reference that actually stands for something else.

These are just some of the hidden items in the lectures. While you are stuck in your house, you can spend some quality time with your red book and see if you can find more. Or you can sit in your home and eat too much, like me.

David Finkelstein; SW 941-587-8800

Message from the South; John Gum

Greetings Brothers:

Nothing new in the South. My hands are dry from all the hand washing but nothing new. I don't know about you guy's but I am very bored. But then again if you told me tomorrow I could go somewhere I wouldn't know where to go, so there you have it. I hope everyone is staying safe and we are able to get back to having meetings and being somewhat normal. I don't know what the new normal will be like but unless science comes up with a cure or vaccine I worry what the "new normal" will resemble. My parents weathered a depression and a world war so I guess it's time for me to shut-up and suck-it-up. If you get so bored you can't stand it give me a call and together we will solve all the world's problems.

John Gum; JW 941-545-1034



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From the Lodge Secretary; Richard Benson

If you would like to become a Trestleboard Sponsor, to help the Lodge defray the cost for our Website and Communications, please send a check to the Secretary.

Current 2020 Trestle Board Sponsors:

Platinum Sponsor (\$100)

WM: Ken Ammons

Gold Club (\$50)

None.

Silver Club (\$25)

None.

Liberty Lodge Brothers with a March Birthday:

PDDGM – Juan De La Rosa

Have a Great Birthday Brothers!!!!

Liberty Lodge Brothers Celebrating a Masonic Birthday in March:

Dr. John Gum - 4 Years

Shaun Koby - 15 Years

If you know of any Brother or are a Brother in distress and needing Help, please contact the Worshipful Master!

Richard Benson, Secretary - Liberty Lodge 412 F&AM

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**Liberty Lodge No. 412 F&AM meets on the second Saturday of each month
at 9:00AM**

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Liberty 412 Past Masters

2017 - Earl Dennis Jr.
2018 - Dr. Mark L. Mason
2019 - Thomas Haber

Liberty 412 Perpetual Members

Ken Ammons
Dr. Mark Mason, PM 2018
Thomas Haber, PM 2019
Steven Grubbs
Les Ruggerio, PM
Robert Leonard
David Phillips

Liberty 412 F&AM Mason of the Quarter:

2019:

1st Quarter - Kenneth Ammons
2nd Quarter - Richard Benson
3rd Quarter - John Gum
4th Quarter - James Sloan

2020:

1st Quarter - Tom Haber, PM
2nd Quarter -
3rd Quarter -
4th Quarter -

Liberty 412 Sick and Distressed:

The entire world apparently, but none from Liberty 412 that we are currently aware of.

Please inform our Chaplain Bob Cunningham of any Brothers or family members facing sickness or distress, or requests for Funeral Services at (941) 417-7872 or to bob44c@aol.com

Liberty 412 Social Media Links:

Liberty Lodge 412 F&AM Website: <https://libertylodge412.com/>

Liberty Lodge Facebook Site: <https://www.facebook.com/@libery412>

23rd Masonic District Website

Webmaster: Gary Schweinhaupt email information to: GarySch@trowel.com

www.trowel.com/flamason/dist23.htm



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Degree and Proficiency Work

A reminder to ALL Candidates for Liberty 412 Degrees; prior to your taking a degree Liberty Lodge By-laws require you pay the required \$100 for the Degree to the Lodge Secretary

Awaiting Balloting: William E. Reppond.

Awaiting EA Degree: None.

Awaiting EA Catechism: Baron Kamp, Jerry Agan, Stanley Walker Jr., Jason Garrett & Jose Lopez Morgado.

Awaiting FC Degree: None.

Awaiting FC Catechism: Yerandy Molina.

Awaiting MM Degree: None.

Awaiting MM Catechism: None.

Liberty Lodge 412 - Committees for 2020:

Finance Committee

Chair - David Finkelstein, SW
Richard Benson, Secretary
Giles Light, Treasurer

Vigilance Committee

Chair - John Gum, JW
Robert Cunningham
James Sloan
Mike Rogers

Petitions Committee

Richard Benson, Secretary
Mark Mason, PM
Tom Haber, PM

Education Committee

Chair - Kenneth Ammons, WM
David Finkelstein, SW
John Gum, JW
Tom Haber, PM

Lodge Board of Masonic Relief and Charity Committee

Chair - Kenneth Ammons, WM
David Finkelstein, SW
John Gum, JW
Robert Cunningham
Mike Arnold

Lodge Property Committee

Chair - Mike Arnold
George Lukas
Robert Leonard

Lodge Librarian

Tom Haber, PM

Investigation Committee

Appointed by WM for each Petition

Meeting Welcoming Committee

Chair - John Gum, JW
Mike Rogers
Tamas Zettner
Mike Arnold
George Lukas
Mark Mason, PM

Mentoring / Catechism Committee

Chair - Tom Haber, PM
Tamas Zettner
Robert Leonard
David Finkelstein, SW



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Calendar of upcoming Lodge Events:

Nothing...

I thought I would add an old picture here to make you all smile.

Below are three of Liberty's four Worshipful Masters working together. I hope we can all sit together again soon in Lodge and enjoy Brotherly love.

