



Liberty Lodge No. 412 F&AM



February 2020 Trestleboard

Message from the East; Worshipful Master Ken Ammons

Brothers in Masonry:

We have a busy month of February ahead of us! Please review the schedules in this Trestleboard. Several Brothers have been working on moving up in Master Masonry. I have been reaching out to those to see if we can do anything to help them on their journey to becoming a Master Mason, and have received good responses from all. Please mark your calendars as we have our Pirates training to help with concessions and seating coming up on February 11th from 6:00- 9:00 pm. That gets us ready for our big fundraiser of the year, and it's really a lot of fun working with Br. Chuck Knapp and his crew!

Sadly, we have lost some great Masons this year already. Please keep their families in your prayers. I plan to make a visit to all of the lodges in our district this year. If anyone would like to go along, please let me know. We always enjoy great fellowship with our Masonic Brothers.

W.: Ken Ammons; 941-238-8828

Quote of the Month

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."

Brother John Wayne

Message from the West; David Finkelstein

The Senior Warden reminds us at each meeting that Harmony is strength of all societies, especially ours. We all know instances where someone, perhaps even ourselves, got so invested in an idea or an issue, that it became more important than harmony in the Lodge and we were not nice to each other or we developed negative thoughts about another Brother. If the problem was a discussion that got a little out of hand, I have a suggestion to fix it. I propose that, at the first opportunity, you walk over to the other Brother, give him a hug and tell him that you love him. If you are fostering negative thoughts about another Brother, here's a suggestion for that: Ask yourself these questions: "What if he is right?" Or, "What if he sincerely thinks he's right?" "How important really is it for me to think about this in the first place?" And then make it a point to find the Brother, and talk about something else, something you respect him for. Help him with something he is doing or ask him for help with something you are doing. Or just go get a cup of coffee with him. This will "reset" your brain and help you remember that you actually do like him. Don't let these things fester. Seek harmony right away. Are you going to be perfect at this? Am I perfect at this? Of course not! Otherwise, we would not need to be reminded TWICE at every meeting to seek harmony. Like so many things in Masonry, harmony is a goal for us to aim for. But if we can recognize when we have unharmonious, it's easy to fix. All it takes is remembering that we love each other.

David Finkelstein; JW 941-587-8800



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Message from the South; John Gum

Greetings from the South:

Well the holiday season is over, that is the season of forgiveness and good cheer. How about we try to extend those feelings one month at a time for the rest of the year. It starts with our Brothers in the lodge and should expand to everyone we meet. This I have to remind myself daily. Let's enjoy our times together because none of us know what the future holds. With this said, let's try and make our Lodge a place that others aspire to belong!

John Gum; JW 941-545-1034

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 January Birthday:

Giles Light

Mark Mason, PM

James Sloan

Kevin Clayton (EA)

Have a Great Birthday Brothers!!!!

Liberty Lodge Brothers Celebrating a Masonic Birthday in January:

Jeffery Pick, PM – 14 years.

Richard Benson, Secretary - Liberty Lodge 412 F&AM

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

Lodge Meetings:

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Liberty Lodge 412 - Committees for 2020:

- Masonic Education – To be determined.
- Finance - To be determined
- Board of Masonic Relief - To be determined.
- Petition Investigation – To be determined.
- Charity - To be determined.
- Lodge Property - To be determined.
- Lodge Librarian – Tom Haber, PM

Piggy Banks for Charity is a Lodge Charity program started by our SW David Finkelstein. **So far Brothers of Liberty 412 have donated over \$515.00 through this important Charity!**

Liberty No. 412 Past Masters

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

Liberty No. 412 Perpetual Members

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

Liberty No. 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 -
- 2nd Quarter -
- 3rd Quarter -
- 4th Quarter -

Liberty No. 412 Sick and Distressed:

None 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 Lodge 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 Schweinshaupt

www.trowel.com/flamason/dist23.htm or via email at: GarySch@trowel.com



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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 for Affiliation: Richard Larry Hayes (from Pinellas Daylight Lodge 385).

Awaiting Balloting: William E. Reppond, Cameron Mailloux & Joshua Pelton.

Awaiting EA Degree: Baron Kamp, Jerry Agan.

Awaiting EA Catechism: Amir Ghaenzadeh, Dariush Ghaenzadeh, Stanley Walker Jr., Horace Griffin Jr., Kevin Clayton, Otis Wilson, Seaborn Walker, Jason Garrett & Jose Lopez Morgado.

Awaiting FC Degree: None.

Awaiting FC Catechism: Yerandy Molina.

Awaiting MM Degree: None.

Awaiting MM Catechism: Robert Leonard.

Calendar of upcoming Lodge Events

Wednesday January 29th, 2020 - Liberty Lodge 412 – Officer’s meeting, 4:00 PM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Wednesday January 29th, 2020 –Open Books, 7:00 PM; at Sarasota Lodge 147

Thursday January 30th, 2020 – 23rd Masonic District EA Degree Competition Team Practice, 7:00 PM; at Sarasota 147

Saturday February 1st, 2020 - Liberty Lodge 412 – Manatee 31 Lodge Cleanup Day, 8:00 AM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Monday February 3rd, 2020 – Manatee Lodge 31 Stated Communication, 7:00 PM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Saturday February 8th, 2020 - Liberty Lodge 412 Stated Communication, 9:00 AM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Wednesday February 12th, 2020 – 23rd Masonic District EA Degree Competition Team Practice, 7:00 PM; at Phoenix Lodge 346

Monday February 17th, 2020 – Manatee Lodge 31 Stated Communication, 7:00 PM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Wednesday February 26th, 2020 – 23rd Masonic District EA Degree Competition Team Practice including all Liberty Lodge 412 Candidate Conductors, 7:00 PM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Saturday February 29th, 2020 – Liberty Lodge 412 – Manatee 31 EA Degree put on by the 23rd Masonic District EA Degree Competition Team, 9:00 AM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31