



# *Liberty Lodge No. 412 F&AM*



## **June 2020 Trestleboard**

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### **Message from the East; Worshipful Master Ken Ammons**

Dear Brothers,

The officers of Liberty Lodge 412 had a Zoom meeting and the consensus was to remain closed for the month of June. If all goes well, Lodge 412 will have a brick and mortar meeting on July 11. We are trying to keep safe for all our friends and families. I am aware that all members do not agree, but one month more should not be a problem. There will be a lot of things to discuss at our next meeting in July. Behind the scenes, the Lodge is encouraged by the fact that we still have membership positions being requested.

With Brotherly Warmth,

**W.: Ken Ammons; 941-238-8828**

#### Quote of the Month

"Courage is the first of human qualities, because it is the quality which guarantees all the others."

– Winston Churchill

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### **Message from the West; David Finkelstein**

My Brothers,

This month, I would like to quote from Chapter 1 of "The Legend of the Winding Stairs" by Albert Galatin Mackey, one of our greatest philosophers and historians. (I don't have the page number because my copy is an audiobook.) "From the beginning of modern Freemasonry's birthdate in 1717, the intelligentsia of humanity has found refuge for safe reflection within the walls of the Fraternity. Masonic writers have produced a nearly incalculable amount of written musings on a multitude of esoteric and philosophical subjects, as they relate to the ancient mysteries Freemasonry currently storehouses.

Sadly, most of it appears to have sat largely unread [except for what Robert Leonard has read!], as American Freemasonry, in particular, continues to transform itself into something that bears little resemblance to what it was originally designed to be.

The true essence of Freemasonry is not blind patriotism or a single-minded national religion, but one of universal brotherhood and altruism.

It is designed for the betterment not just of its members, but of society as a whole. In particular, for those who are not members of the Fraternity, as Freemasonry has always acted as a beacon to help guide humanity through darker times, with the hopes that one day, we will collectively reach a truly enlightened age."



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A beacon of humanity to help guide humanity through darker times. I like that. I want to be a beacon. I want you to be a beacon. I want Masonry to be a beacon. I want some bacon.

Am I a beacon of brotherhood when I cut off people in traffic so I can get to my destination 14 seconds faster? And is the definition of Brotherhood, "the expression of vile hatred and insults against someone (or everyone) who belongs to another political party than you?"

The choice is yours. Let's vote right now.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be a beacon of Brotherhood, like the level on the Senior Warden's pedestal.

\_\_\_\_\_ "Brotherhood? We don't need no stinking Brotherhood!"

Until next month,

**David Finkelstein; SW 941-587-8800**

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### Message from the South; John Gum

Greetings from the South.

Brothers Ammons, Finkelstein, and I voted to not have a June Lodge meeting. We all want to meet but decided to err on the side of safety. Let's face it, we aren't spring chickens anymore. Covid appears to hit older folks a lot harder. We will move slow and steady and hopefully will have Lodge in July.

Those on our FC Degree team look over your parts. I am going to try to sit in the East, therefore we will have an opening for SD, anyone interested? If so let me know and we can talk. In the meantime stay safe and cherish the things important to you. I have used this "downtime" to reflect some more on life kind of like a "chamber of reflection".

In brotherly love,

**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 June Birthday:**

RW: Steve Murphy

Barron Kamp

Seaborn Walker

**Have a Great Birthday Brothers!!!!**

#### **Liberty Lodge Brothers Celebrating a Masonic Birthday in June:**

James Cramer – **30 years**

RW: Juan de la Rosa – 12 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 each month  
at 9:00AM**

### **Lodge Meetings:**

**402 - 15th Street East  
Bradenton, FL 34208**

### **Lodge mailing Address:**

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### **Worshipful Master**

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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 (Manatee 31)  
Robert Leonard  
David Phillips

### Liberty 412 F&AM Mason of the Quarter:

#### 2019:

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

#### 2020:

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter - Tom Haber, PM 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter -  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter -

### Liberty 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](mailto: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>

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District Website

Webmaster: Gary Schweinhaupt  
[www.trowel.com/flamason/dist23.htm](http://www.trowel.com/flamason/dist23.htm)

email information to: [GarySch@trowel.com](mailto: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: None.

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 Committee

David Finkelstein, SW

#### Catechism Committee

**Chair** - Tom Haber, PM  
Tamas Zettner  
Robert Leonard