



# *Liberty Lodge No. 412 F&AM*



## **May 2019 Trestleboard**

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### **Message from the East; Worshipful Master Tom Haber**

My Brothers,

Liberty Lodge had a marathon meeting this month, and I appreciated all of you who attended for staying with me during that long morning, and afternoon. We balloted on 6 Candidates for the Three Degrees of Freemasonry and all were clear. We are working with Manatee 31 on EA Degrees June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are also practicing for our Liberty 412 FC Degree which we expect to exemplify sometime in early August.

We continue to have early Masonic Education before opening the Lodge for business. This allows our Candidates and Guests into the Lodge for education and fellowship. Come see what we're doing Brothers, and I promise you will be impressed with your Lodge. We had a very special Presentation by Br. Jamie Rocafort regarding the Masonic Cane. I was humbled to receive a special Master's Cane this year from Br. Rocafort. I will use it happily when I visit other Lodges!

There were 19 separate pieces of Grand Lodge Legislation read at our recent Stated Communication. We discussed each piece of Legislation and the Craft voted whether the Lodge Officers attending the Grand Lodge Communication this year should vote yes or no on the proposed Legislation. The Legislation included a consideration of raising the Grand Lodge Per-Capita Dues that each Brother pays, adding more requirements to be elected to the JW Station, and several proposed Masonic Home changes.

We had an honored guest to help us with our voting and the other Senior Deacon duties while our SD Mike Rogers prepared for joining the Scottish Rite. PDDGM RW:. Ron Baber sat in as our SD and was his usual steady self. I was very honored to call on him as our SD for a meeting!

I am very proud how hard our little Lodge is working to support our Candidates, and thankful for your participation in our fundraisers earlier this year. We are building something special Brothers. Help us keep the energy going and the Lodge growing!

See you all soon I hope.

**W:. Tom Haber; 904-501-0993**

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### **Message from the West; SW Ken Ammons**

Brothers,

Brothers we just had a great meeting by discussing the Legislation for the upcoming Grand Lodge Meeting in Orlando this month. We also had Cane presentations by Brother Jaime Rocafort. We also balloted on six new gentlemen that want to become Masons. It surprises us sometimes as we talk to these men from all different backgrounds, how much we all have in common. Before we closed the Lodge today I think we had three more Candidate Investigations assigned to us. This summer we need to go to Phoenix 147 Lodge to retrieve the Traveling Gavel. We only need seven Masons to get it back so please give one of our officers a call and we'll go take it back. That's all for now from the West.

**Ken Ammons; SW 941-238-8828**

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### **Message from the South; JW David Finkelstein**

I recently had occasion to go to a Lodge where it was past master's night. One Brother was in shorts, a T-shirt and sneakers. He and the Worshipful Master conferred and agreed that it might make the past masters feel a lack of respect if he stayed and so he went home.

I thought about the words from our Entered Apprentice lecture "It is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that recommend him to be a Mason". How did having a dress code comport with those words? Very simply, my Brothers. Those words are symbols, meant to communicate that we treat each other equally. They were not words of instruction on how you should dress.

We use words as symbols just like we use physical objects as symbols. We can understand clearly that when we refer to a physical object in Masonry, we are not referring to the actual object, but rather, what the object stands for. It's a little harder to recognize that Masonry's words often don't actually refer to what the words say, but what those words stand for.

When we say it's "High Twelve," we are referring to "break time", not "noon", even though that's what the words "High Twelve" would normally mean. Masonry has used the words "High Twelve" as a symbol, not for its literal meaning.

Perhaps the most important place to recognize that Masonry uses words as symbols is in the penalty for the violation of your obligation. Masonry uses drastic words as symbols that mean "we really don't want you to violate your obligation." Masonry does not use those words for their literal meaning.

So it is with "It is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that recommend him to be a Mason". The meaning of those words would be "we don't care what you wear". But Masonry is not using those words for their literal meaning. Masonry is using those words as a symbol that that says "treat all men equally." So don't wear a T-shirt to Lodge.

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

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### **From the Lodge Treasurer; Giles Light**

Brothers, as of April 30, 2019 we are four months into this Masonic year. I am pleased to report that we are fiscally sound. We have approximately the same dollar amount in our checking account as we did at the end of December 2018. And that is after our normal expenses. Our largest expense is the rent to Manatee Lodge No. 31, and we are current with our rent payments. Our second largest expense is payments to the Grand Lodge of Florida. That too is current. We've also made charitable contributions to a number of organizations so far this year. In closing, I would encourage each of us to fill the piggy banks distributed by JW David Finkelstein last month and to our charity boxes placed on the altar following each stated meeting.

**Giles Light; Treasurer 941-907-8470**

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### **From the Lodge Secretary; Richard Benson**

If you would like to be a Trestle Board Sponsor, please send a check to Liberty Lodge 412 F&AM.

#### **Current 2019 Trestle Board Sponsors:**

**Pinnacle Sponsor (\$100)**

*None*

**Platinum Club (\$75)**

*None*

**Gold Club (\$50)**

*None*

**Silver Club (\$25)**

*PM.: Mark Mason*

#### **Liberty Lodge Brothers with a May Birthday:**

*PDDGM Juan de la Rosa*

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

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

**John Gum - 3 years**

**Shaun Koby - 14 years**

**Congratulations!!!!**

*We still have a few Brothers who have not paid 2019 Dues. Just a reminder that they are now past due. Please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary if you are having difficulty paying your 2019 dues.*

#### **Current Candidate Petitions for Membership in-process:**

Baron Kamp, 55, Green Cove Springs, FL

Cameron Jade Mailloux, 26, Bradenton FL

Horace George Griffin Jr., 77, Bradenton, FL

Kevin Douglas Clayton, 50, Myakka City, FL

James Zettner, 63, Sarasota, FL

Jason Garrett, 48, Bradenton, FL

Joshua Pelton, 21, Bradenton, FL

Otis Wilson, 67, Bradenton, FL

Robert J. Leonard, 47, Ruskin, FL

Seaborn Walker, 66, Bradenton, FL

Yerandy Molina, 29, Ruskin, FL



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### Liberty Lodge 412 - Committees for 2019:

**Masonic Education** - David Finkelstein, W.: Tom Haber.

**Finance** - Brothers Ammons, PM Mason, Benson, Light and RW.: Dobbs.

**Petitions** - Brothers Benson, PM Mason - These brothers will sign all Petitions but will not be on any investigation committee.

**Board of Masonic Relief** - Brothers WM.: Haber, Ammons, Finkelstein.

**Petition Investigation** - Brothers Ammons, Rogers, Sloan; others assigned as needed. Cannot include any Petition Member on signer of Petition.

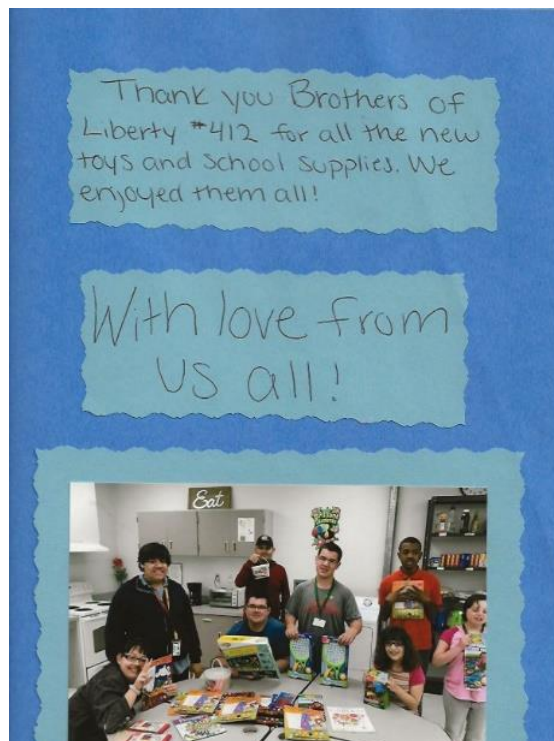
**Charity** - Brothers Cunningham, Ammons, Benson.

**Lodge Property** - Brothers Ammons, PM Mason, Light.

**Richard Benson, Secretary - Liberty Lodge 412 F&AM**  
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Liberty Lodge No. 412 F&AM meets the second Saturdays of the month

Meetings held at Manatee Lodge No. 31 located at:

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### Liberty No. 412 Past Masters

2017 - Earl Dennis Jr.

2018 - Dr. Mark L. Mason

### Liberty No. 412 Perpetual Members

Dr. Mark Mason

Ken Ammons

Thomas Haber

Steven Grubbs

Les Ruggerio

### Liberty No. 412 Sick and Distressed

*None currently that we are aware of. Please inform our Chaplain Bob Cunningham of any sickness, distress or requests for Funeral Services at (941) 417-7872 or at [bob44c@aol.com](mailto: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/groups/1987051098234807/>

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

Webmaster: Gary Schweinshaupt

[www.trowel.com/flamason/dist23.htm](http://www.trowel.com/flamason/dist23.htm) or via email at: [GarySch@trowel.com](mailto:GarySch@trowel.com)

### Degree and Proficiency Work

Awaiting Balloting: Baron Kamp, Cameron Mailloux.

Awaiting EA Degree: Horace Griffin Jr., Kevin Clayton, Otis Wilson, Robert Leonard, Seaborn Walker, Yerandy Molina.

Awaiting EA Catechism: Amir Ghaenzadeh, Dariush Ghaenzadeh, Stanley Walker Jr.

Awaiting FC Degree: None

Awaiting FC Catechism: None

Awaiting MM Degree: None

Awaiting MM Catechism: None



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### Calendar of upcoming Lodge Events

Thr. May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – 23<sup>rd</sup> District MMA Meeting with Masonic Education, 6:45 PM; Sarasota Lodge No. 147

Sun. May 26<sup>th</sup> thru Wed. May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 190<sup>th</sup> Grand Communication of Florida Masons, Rosen Hotel, Orlando, FL.

Sat. June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Liberty 412 / Manatee 31 Lodge Cleanup day, 8:00 AM; Manatee Lodge No. 31

Sat. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Liberty Lodge Stated Communication, 9:00 AM; Manatee Lodge No. 31

Mon. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – Manatee 31 Stated Communication, 7:30 PM; Manatee Lodge No. 31

Sat. June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Liberty 412 / Manatee 31 Called Communication for the Initiation of Liberty 412 & Manatee 31 Candidates, 8:00 AM; Manatee Lodge No. 31

Sat. June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 - Liberty 412 / Manatee 31 Called Communication for the Initiation of Liberty 412 & Manatee 31 Candidates, 8:00 AM; Manatee Lodge No. 31

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