



January 2020 Trestleboard

Message from the East; Worshipful Master Elect Ken Ammons

My Brothers,

As we begin a new year with our newly-elected officers, I would like to thank the Craft for electing us. I look forward to the pleasure of serving every one of you in this coming year...not only a new year, but a new decade!

Our Lodge has a busy year ahead with degree work and fundraisers. It will be important for us to reach out to all of our Brothers. Some have fallen off the wagon and we need to encourage them to become more involved.

Everyone needs to make an effort to come out on the <u>first Saturday</u> of every month, at 8:00 AM, for the monthly Lodge clean up. It usually involves only a few hours from us to help to assure the Lodge is in top condition. Manatee 31 has been so gracious to allow us to share in their beautiful Lodge and helping with its maintenance is our way of showing our appreciation. Recalling the old expression: "Many hands make light work" is what I am talking about. Please remember that there are always pancakes and/or doughnuts with coffee provided with a side of fellowship! Please mark your calendars to join the comradery!

Any time that I can be of assistance, please give me a call or message!

Fraternally,

W:. Ken Ammons; 941-238-8828

Quote of the Month- something to think about!

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another:

Sympathy that begets sympathy

Kindness that begets kindness

Helpfulness that begets helpfulness

And these are the wages of a Mason."

~by Brother Benjamin Franklin 1706-1790





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Message from the West; David Finkelstein

Welcome, my Brothers, to a brand new year in Masonry. Thanks to Worshipful Haber for an amazing 2019. And thanks to Worshipful Mike McCullough and the Brothers of Manatee 31 for assisting us in so many ways. Let's all roll up our sleeves and help Worshipful Master Ammons have an amazing 2020.

This year, we will hold Mentoring Classes for EA's and FC's before each stated meeting at 7:45 am and for MM's right after each stated meeting. We are looking for one more mentor, so if this interests you, let me know (<u>SarasotaLawyer@gmail.com</u> or 941-587-8800). At the beginning of each class, we will practice the due guard and signs, so if you're a "rusty mason" and feel like you don't remember this well enough, join us! We'll get you in tip-top shape before you can say "tip-top shape".

I am very excited about being SW this year. I promise to work hard to assist WM Ammons in the discharge of his arduous labors. If everyone else does too, we'll have a great year!

David Finkelstein; JW 941-587-8800

Message from the South; John Gum

Brothers,

First let me thank each of you for the chance to serve our lodge as the new JW. I will try my best to represent each of you, the lodge and Masonry in a manner that brings honor and integrity upon us. During the holidays I have spent some time pondering my place in Masonry and Masonry in general. I come to the old adage "we take good men and make them better". There is no one way this happens and in many instances we may not even realize that we are having an impact upon a brother. Sometimes it's just being there and listening, sometimes it's a word of encouragement, and sometimes it's having a Brother just silently observing how we handle a situation. I have hopefully improved myself during the last year from encounters with each of you, and hopefully I have helped some of you in some small way. As I used to tell my students, "if we leave here confused on a higher level then we have accomplished something"!

From the South,

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 January Birthday:

Robert Leonard Tamas Zetener

Have a Great Birthday!!!!

<u>Liberty Lodge Brothers Celebrating a Masonic Birthday in January:</u>

Liberty 412 has no January Masonic Birthdays yet.

2020 Dues Notices went out at the end of October, to all Master Masons of Liberty Lodge F&AM. Liberty Lodge 412 is still not at 100% of members paying their 2020 Dues. If you have not already done so. You may pay your Liberty Lodge 2020 Dues with a Credit Card thru Circumscribe or write a check and

Send Dues payments to the Attention of: Secretary, Liberty Lodge 412 F&AM, PO Box 461, Bradenton, FL 34206, or give a check or cash to the Secretary.

Prompt Payment of your 2020 Dues would be appreciated.

Richard Benson, Secretary - Liberty Lodge 412 F&AM rbenson1873@yahoo.com





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Friends & Brothers of Liberty Lodge No. 412

Help us out by signing on to www.Libertylodge412.com to launch your Amazon shopping. That way your orders will bring Money to the Lodge, while costing nothing additional to you. Thanks for your consideration!

Liberty Lodge No. 412 F&AM meets the second Saturdays of the month

<u>Lodge Meetings:</u> <u>Lodge mailing Address:</u>

<u>402 - 15th Street East</u> <u>PO Box 461</u>

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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





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

Liberty No. 412 Past Masters

2017 - Earl Dennis Jr.

2018 - Dr. Mark L. Mason 2019 - Thomas Haber <u>Liberty No. 412 Perpetual Members</u>

Ken Ammons

Dr. Mark Mason, PM:. 2018 Thomas Haber, PM:. 2019

Steven Grubbs Les Ruggerio

Liberty No. 412 F&AM Mason of the Quarter

2019:2020:1st Quarter - Kenneth Ammons1st Quarter -2nd Quarter - Richard Benson2nd Quarter -3rd Quarter - John Gum3rd Quarter -4th Quarter - James Sloan4th Quarter -

Liberty No. 412 Sick and Distressed:

One of the First Ladies of Masonry especially in the 23rd District, Mrs. Linda Dale has passed away. Funeral arrangements will be sent when the family has been consulted for a time and place. Please keep Mrs. Linda's family in your prayers as they deal with her loss.

Please inform our Chaplain Bob Cunningham of any other sickness, distress or requests for Funeral Services at (941) 417-7872 or at 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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Members of Liberty 412, Manatee 31 and OES 87 assisted with this year's Doe Rae Community Christmas



Liberty 412 WM:. Tom Haber, Manatee 31 WM:. Mike McCullough, Manatee 31 PM (and Doe Rae organizer) Brian Johnson, Liberty 412 Br. Jim Sloan and Liberty 412 WM:. Elect Ken Ammons supporting the Doe Rae community Christmas Party

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: Baron Kamp, Jerry Agan, Cameron Mailloux & Joshua Pelton.

Awaiting EA Degree: None.

Awaiting EA Catechism: Amir Ghaeenzadeh, Dariush Ghaeenzadeh, 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.





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Calendar of upcoming Lodge Events

Saturday January 4th, 2020 - Liberty Lodge 412 - 2020 Officer Installation, 10:00 AM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Saturday January 4^{th} , 2020 - Manatee Lodge 31 - 2020 Officer Installation, 6:00 PM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Saturday January 11th, 2020 – Liberty Lodge 412 Stated Communication, 9:00 AM; at Manatee Lodge No. 31

Saturday January 11th, 2020 – Samoor Grotto – 2020 Officer Installation (with PM Tom Haber being installed as Chief Justice), 5:00 PM dinner and 7:00 PM Officer Installation