

# Liberty Lodge No. 299 F.&A.M.

## February 2012

### Trestleboard

FROM THE EAST...



What a fabulous start to the year. The 123rd Annual Installation of Officers for Liberty Lodge on January 14, 2012 was a smashing success. The lodge room was packed with friends, families, and Brothers. There were many visitors from other lodges as well. Thank you to all that attended to help us kick off this New Year. I am honored to serve as Master of the Lodge and look forward to a fun and rewarding year.

A big thanks go to Wor. Mark Litherland for serving as the host for our installation. Wor. Mark and his wife, Vickie, flew out from Salt Lake City, UT to be with us on this special occasion. Wor. Mark holds a special place in my heart. It was great having him back at the lodge spreading his inimitable sense of humor.

While there is much to celebrate, there is also the sad responsibility of being the Master to announce the passing of a fallen brother. Brother Gary Anderson was called to Celestial Lodge after a brief battle with cancer. Gary was a long time member with strong family connections in the lodge. Our condolences go out to his wife, Pam Anderson, and all her extended family on their loss.

One of the community service events that I have planned for this year is a Warm Coat Drive. Please bring a gently used, clean warm coat for donation to Inn Vision. Inn Vision is a primary gateway for homeless families and individuals seeking shelter and resources that lead to self-sufficiency. They are a leading provider of housing and services for homeless families and individuals in Silicon Valley. The coat drive will run for the month of February. We have already received a donation of coats from a Fed-Ex station that saw the announcement of our drive at OneWarmCoat.org.

I'd like to personally invite all of our Sweethearts to our Sweethearts Luncheon. We will be having the luncheon on February 19, 2012 at 12noon instead of the usual

Family Dinner that would have been held on February 16. The luncheon is opened to all lodge members. Please join me in recognizing our favorite ladies. I have some very special entertainment planned that you won't want to miss.

**Tom Bergevin, PM**  
**Master**



### In Memoriam

**Bro. Gary Dean Anderson**  
**Entered in to Rest - January 12, 2012**

*Initiated - 1/11/1980*

*Passed - 3/14/1980*

*Raised - 5/30/1980*

*"Almighty Father, into Thy Hands We Commend  
the Soul of our Departed Brother"*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

#### IMPORTANT EVENTS :

Feb 1 to 29 - Warm Coat Drive

Feb 5 - Super Bowl Party

Feb 19 - Sweethearts Luncheon

Mar 17 - Comedy Sportz

Apr 28 - Theatrical Play

### Ladies of Liberty Lunch

All of the Ladies of Liberty are invited to join your friends for lunch at **12:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8 at Holder's Country Inn** located at 2008 El Camino, Santa Clara, 95050 (at the corner of Scott Blvd and El Camino), 408-244-6267.

<http://www.holderscountryinn.com/>

**Have an extra coat  
in your CLOSET?**

**Liberty  
Lodge #299**  
is collecting clean, reusable coats

February 1-29, 2012  
Collection boxes are located at  
1675 Scott Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95050

on behalf of Inn Vision of Silicon Valley



[www.onewarmcoat.org](http://www.onewarmcoat.org)



**Liberty Lodge Logo!**

Would you like a shirt, or a mug, or pajamas, or something else with our logo?

CafePress has almost 90 different items available, so take a gander and show your pride in our Lodge.

Here is your chance! Check out  
<http://www.cafepress.com/bytheplumb/8444854>.

Note: only Master Masons can wear the square and compass.



**International Order of Rainbow for Girls**

Rainbow for Girls is a dynamic and fun organization that embraces all young women between the ages of 11 and 20, motivating them to achieve their life goals and helping them make a difference in their communities. Rainbow encourages excellence in learning and leadership, promotes fun and fellowship, and is a source of lasting friendships. Members will realize personal growth and satisfaction through service and community involvement.

\* California Rainbow for Girls  
[www.caiorg.org](http://www.caiorg.org)  
[supremeinspector@caiorg.org](mailto:supremeinspector@caiorg.org)

(714) 524-8583

\* International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

**“Education in Freemasonry is meant to be a lifelong process, furthering our understanding of the fraternity and its relevance to today’s world”.**

Are you traveling, on a quest, living out of the area or just missing in action? Please send us your “Where Have I Been” article so we can catch up on your life’s journey. Send to [liberty299@liberty299.org](mailto:liberty299@liberty299.org) or to Liberty Lodge, 1675 Scott Blvd. #299, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Thanks!



## From the Secretary's Desk....

**Please Note:** First, let me apologize to anyone who tried to send me an email to my new address and it bounced back. AT&T assured me of the email I was supposed to get, but at the time to make the change, I was informed that I could NOT have knagel@att.net - The new email I was allowed to have is [knagel299@att.net](mailto:knagel299@att.net) – **It is active and working properly.** Keep it handy in case you have any questions regarding your membership or dues. Also, please remember, if your address changes, let the me know as soon as possible to ensure we keep your member data current. The same is true for email or phone number changes. We don't want to lose contact with you. Please assist us.

### **DUES, DUES, DUES:**

As of this writing, we still have 40 members who have **NOT PAID THEIR DUES**. Please see to this obligation as soon as possible. If you did not receive a notice, please let me know as soon as possible; your dues are still due. This year's dues are \$65 (\$30 base plus Per Capita of \$35). All checks should be made to "Liberty Lodge #299".

We have had a couple of our members recently purchase a Life Membership. If you too wish to quit paying dues, please see the following chart and pay a one-time fee and be rid of dues forever! It will save you money in the long run, but more importantly, the Lodge will benefit from the interest it earns in perpetuity:

Under age 49	21 times annual dues	\$1,365
50 - 54	19 times	\$1,235
55 - 59	17 times	\$1,105
60 - 64	14 times	\$910
65 and over	11 times	\$715

Please call me if you have any questions regarding the program.

### **ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN:**

Grand Lodge has again sent a request for this year's Annual Giving Campaign. Your donation can be designated for the Masonic Homes, the Foundation or a portion to each. You can also give on-line with a single donation or break it up into smaller donations each month. Either way, the funds will be put to good use to help our less fortunate members, their widows and children. The Masonic Outreach Services Program (MOS) covers those expenses that a member is unable to pay to maintain their life with dignity. We all took an obligation at the Altar to help those of our members in need, their Widows and Orphans. Please remember your obligation and help us assist those we can. Also, please return your donation directly to Grand Lodge in the envelope provided. It has your member number on it and Liberty Lodge will get credit for your generosity. Last year, less than 30% of our members responded. Please help us do better this year. We ask only, **"Each to his own ability"**, but please help! A special thank-you to those of you who have already responded. Our numbers are starting to go up, and each of our brothers and sisters who need assistance thank you from the bottom of their hearts.

### **Member Education: (REPRINT FROM LAST MONTH)**

Every member, lodge sweetheart or candidate for the degrees is located in our Grand Lodge data base called "i-member". Critical information such as your name, address, dates of membership, email, phone numbers, , officer stations held, birthdays etc. are maintained during your time associated with Freemasonry. As of approx. five years ago, each of you paid \$30 as part of your application fee for life-time maintenance of this record. Upon being entered into i-member, a member record number was established for your record. **You should each know your member number.** Although you don't need the number when corresponding with me as Secretary, you should always use this number when corresponding with Grand Lodge, our Masonic Homes or the Acacia Creek Senior Living Center. It ensures they don't confuse you with someone else in the data base that might have the same name. If you don't currently know what your member record number is, there are two ways to get it.

First, you can email or call me and I will forward it to you.

But, secondly and even easier, you receive your member record number every other month. On the back cover of each issue of the Freemason magazine (mailed bi-monthly), **your member record number is printed on the mailing label just above your first name.** Note it and keep it handy. Each of you is entitled to this magazine at no cost. If for some reason you are NOT receiving the magazine, please contact me as soon as possible so I can rectify the error. Again, every member, widow and candidate for the degrees should be receiving the magazine, and as such you have your member number at hand.

This record is important to the lodge to ensure we serve you properly. But it is only as good as how current we receive changes or new info from you. It is imperative that you be active in assisting us to maintain your record. Not only do we need address, email or phone number changes, but other changes as well. As a member, if your marital status changes, we want to ensure your spouse is also listed in your record. If anything should happen to you, you should take comfort in knowing she will always be a part of our Masonic family and we will see to her needs as best we can.

The most important thing to remember is communication. As we will communicate with you by way of the Trestleboard, Freemason magazine, lodge mailings and the like, please communicate with us as changes occur in your life or if you have a question or concern regarding your membership. I, as the Secretary, will always be your first line of service. **Keep in touch!**

**Finally, if you have not returned your member info card that was mailed with your dues notice or dues card, over these last two years, please mail it back to me as soon as you can.**

Fraternally, Ken Nagel (Secretary)  
[knagel299@att.net](mailto:knagel299@att.net)



### AS OF January 24th



### **DeMolay International**

DeMolay International is one of the largest youth fraternities in the world. The organization is dedicated to promoting leadership skills, civic awareness, and fellowship in young men between the ages of 12 and 21. DeMolay members govern and direct their own activities under the advisorship of adults, and are responsible for planning and managing their own programs and projects. Chapter activities include public speaking, athletics, education, social functions, travel, and community service.

There are two jurisdictions in California: Northern California DeMolay and Southern California DeMolay.

Northern California DeMolay

[www.norcaldemolay.com](http://www.norcaldemolay.com)

(800) 439-6232

Southern California DeMolay

[www.scjdemolay.org](http://www.scjdemolay.org)

(714) 491-1669

DeMolay International

[www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org)



### **Job's Daughters International**

Job's Daughters is a vital youth organization that develops leadership, respect, responsibility, and confidence within a fun and friendly environment. Open to young women ages 10 to 20 with a Masonic heritage, Job's Daughters prepares members to face life's challenges with courage, confidence, and poise. Job's Daughters are active in their communities, plan and participate in numerous philanthropic activities, and are devoted to helping disadvantaged children.

Job's Daughters, California

[www.caiojd.org](http://www.caiojd.org)

[GrSecCAiojd@aol.com](mailto:GrSecCAiojd@aol.com)

(714) 535-4575

Job's Daughters International

[www.iojd.org](http://www.iojd.org)

### **Are you getting ready to move?**

As a mobile society, many of us move often. But, we don't always remember to notify everyone of the impending move. Please notify our Secretary if you are planning on moving at [liberty299@liberty299.org](mailto:liberty299@liberty299.org) or call 408-241-5026 with the change. We can make sure all Trestleboards and correspondence are mailed to the new location with no additional costs. We have lost about a half dozen of our members who have moved out of the area with no forwarding instructions. Please, don't get lost. Let us know where you are headed.

**"The daily practice of gratitude is one of the conduits by which your wealth will come to you"**



# February 2012 Activities



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	 6:30 PM Masonic Education 8:00 PM Stated Mtg 2	 7:00 PM Demolay Meeting 3	4
 <b>SUPER BOWL PARTY</b> 5	 6:45 PM 2nd Degree Practice 6	7	Ladies of Liberty Lunch  8	 6:45 PM 2nd Degree Proficiency 9	10	11
<b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b> 12	 7:00 PM 2nd Degree Chuck Marks and Tommy Trull 13	 <b>VALENTINES DAY</b> 14	15	 7:00 PM 2nd Degree Ted McBain and Bob McBain 16	17	 18
12:00 PM Sweethearts Luncheon 19	<b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b> 20	 7:00 PM National Sojourners 21	22	 7:00 PM 1st Degree Sven Martensson and Charles Wraights 23	24	25
26	 6:30 PM OAM 27	28	29			



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