



# HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



## Greetings from the East... Worship Master, James "JJ" Jennings

Brethren,

As each Easter and Passover approach, I consistently think of my family and friends that I am thankful for and the constant gifts they bring to my life. I am reminded of a prayer that I received from a dear brother of mine...John Solimena:

Father:

Thank You for each and every day You have blessed us here on earth.

Thank You for Your tender mercies.

Thank You for giving us friends and family to share joys and sorrows with.

I ask You to bless my friends, relatives, brothers and sisters and those I care deeply for, who are reading this right now.

Where there is joy, give them continued joy.

Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy.

Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence.

Where there is need, fulfill their needs.

Bless their homes, families, their goings and their comings.

Amen.

Fraternally and humbly yours,

*James Jennings*  
Worshipful Master

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### Upcoming Activities

- 3/27 - **Stated Meeting 7 PM\***  
– Open on 3rd Degree or at lowest member present)\*
  - 4/3 - Special Meeting - 6:30 PM  
- Fellowcraft Degree\*
  - 4/10 - Special Meeting - TBD\*
  - 4/17 - Special Meeting - TBD\*
  - 4/24 - **Stated Meeting 7 PM\***  
– Open on 3rd Degree or at lowest member present)\*
  - 5/1 - Special Meeting - TBD\*
  - 5/8 - Special Meeting - TBD\*
  - 5/15 - Special Meeting - TBD\*
  - 5/22 - **Stated Meeting 7 PM\***  
– Open on 3rd Degree or at lowest member present)\*
  - 6/1 to 6/3 - **Grand Lodge of Arizona - Annual Grand Communication**  
The Sheraton Crescent Hotel  
2630 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix
- \* Meeting & Meal updates will be sent by the Worshipful Master prior to the meeting.*



## From the Secretary's Desk...

By PM George "Z-Klown" Mather

Brothers All,

As we approach the Easter Season and reflect on the difference that our Supreme Architect makes in our daily life and as a Mason we all humbly stop to give thanks to everyone who has made our lives what they are.

Serving as a Secretary is a wonderful way to be involved with all our Masonic connections and membership. Helping our Brothers that may need our help and encouraging our Brothers to attend Lodge and enjoy all the functions all our appended Bodies provide is a great way to pay back.

We are always looking for good men to become Masons. Please

reflect on the men you know

and have known that you feel would be a great addition to a Lodge and a Brother you would

enjoy sitting with and teaching them the life of a Mason. You make a difference to those you

touch and you make a valuable difference to Hunters Paradise Lodge No 85.

Happy Easter and may all your eggs be hard boiled or Chocolate.

Fraternally,

PM George Mather  
Z Secretary



## On the Level...

Jonathan Beffel, Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren,

Easter is approaching and our theme for this month's trestle board is in regards to Easter and Passover and how they are connected to the Masonic Lodge. As you may or may not know, the two pillars at the entrance to King Solomon's temple were adorned with network, lily work and pomegranate. The lily work on the pillars symbolizes peace, pu-

rity and tranquility and were actually said to be lotus lilies, which have their origins in Egypt. The Passover season marks the remembrance of the first born plague that washed over Egypt when Moses was trying to convince the Pharaoh to free his people. To be passed over as the plague crept through Egypt, you had to mark your door with the blood of an unblemished lamb (an emblem and

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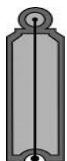
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purity). Lilies are listed among the traditional flowers for Passover and you are supposed to line the entryway to your home with them, much like lilies being present on the pillars that are at the entrance to Solomon's temple. Lilies also appear in Easter celebrations to celebrate Jesus's resurrection. It is said that lilies miraculously formed

as his blood fell from the cross and that is why lilies are used to commemorate Easter. Jesus is often called the "Lamb of God" and his sacrifice was made to wash away all sins, much like how lamb's blood saved the Israelites from the plague of the first born son on Passover and is similar to how they would offer up lambs for sacrifice at the temple. So in essence, the Masonic Lodge is connected to

Easter and Passover through lilies and lambs because of the significance they hold in regards to purity, which we are constantly reminded of every time we put on our Masonic aprons and enter the lodge.

Fraternally,  
Jonathan Beffel  
Senior Warden



## The Plumb Line

### William "Bill" Wright, Junior Warden

A note from the Editor: Bill Wright, our Junior Warden is on vacation with his family. I offered to fill in for him and he accepted. For Bill, we hope you are enjoying the break and come back to us refresh and renewed. For now, you have the article below from me.



### Brother Leo R. Balthazor, the Trestle Board Editor

During the past month, I have been working closely with our new Entered Apprentices to help them complete their proficiency work. Their progress and zeal really warms this old mason's heart. It is such fun to share our history and what we are all about and then seeing them working so hard to prove they are ready to advance with-

in the fraternity.

For me this is what the Spring season and Easter or Passover is all about. Celebrating a time that shows the blessing of the Supreme Architect and rebirth and foundation of our faith based on what has happened so many years ago. This same rebirth we see as our

fraternity grows with our new Masons who are so full of life.

As Masons, we live by our principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; this makes us who and what we are. Then by our actions we practice the thoughts of Easter and Passover and that gives us the strength to have a great and full life.

## Sickness and Distress

**Over all status:** No real changes from last month, we just need to keep these Brother in our prayers.

**Bro. Ken Jones:** Talking with Debbie, she notes that Ken is better but with his physical limits, he probably won't be coming home soon or at least for awhile if at all.

**Bro. Tom Johnston:** He is doing much better, but he still has a way to go. The exciting thing is he is talking about get out of his wheel chair.