



# HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



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

Brethren,

Summer is upon us and many of our masonic entities are dark for the summer. For many of us, our family gatherings increase. The kids are out of school and the freedom to travel is before you.

I would encourage all of you, who travel, to visit as many lodges that you can during the summer. This is a great opportunity to spread brotherly love and make new

friends. For those of you who are young in freemasonry, it is a great opportunity to learn how other lodges do their ritual and to look for best practices that can move our lodge forward. Regardless of you summer path, I bid you and yours safe travels!

Fraternally and humbly yours,

*James Jennings*  
Worshipful Master

## Sickness and Distress

**Overall status:** There are no real changes from last month, we just need to keep these Brother in our prayers.

**Bro. Ken Jones:** He still enjoys his visitors from the lodge and his family. He is

in the same location in the Arizona Veterans Home.

**Bro. Tom Johnston:** He is trying very hard to come back, but it is tough. Drop by, he really like to have visitors.

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## Upcoming Activities

- 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
- 6/4 - Special Meeting - 6:30 PM\*  
1st Degree Initiation
- 6/26 - Stated Meeting 7 PM\*  
— Open on 3rd Degree or at lowest member present)\*
- 7/3 - Special Meeting - TBD\*
- 7/10 - Special Meeting - TBD\*
- 7/24 - NO Lodge business meeting

*\* 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,

Summer in Arizona. As we all travel around the state or visit friends and relatives take time to look at prospective members in your family and friends. For years we were afraid to mention the Lodge or what we did at Lodge. We are all proud men who have become better Men because of our involvement in our Lodge.

We will be doing degrees during the summer months and July is the only month we do not have a Stated meeting.

Have you purchased a raffle ticket for a chance to get your 2018 dues paid? Have you looked at what fun events are being held at other Masonic associations around the state. Have you considered learning a part in one of the degrees? There are many opportunities to meet with fellow Masons

and their families this summer.

Think about visiting the Grand Lodge during the week and meet the three Jim's or is it Gem's. You will possibly get to meet our Grand Treasurer and the Grand Master if they are In. Each will be happy to show you around and answer all your questions.

If you happen to be going to Winslow for a day or weekend contact the Lodge there and see the new building that has replaced the one lost in the fire several years ago.

Keep traveling in you Masonic life. Enjoy the summer and bring us new men to become Masons.

Fraternally,

PM George Mather  
Z Secretary

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## On the Level...

Jonathan Beffel, Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren,

I enjoy traveling during the summer months and visiting with friends and family. While traveling to various parts of the country, I hope to attend some meetings from lodges outside

of our jurisdiction. I find that each jurisdiction practices the ritual in their own unique way, much like there are minor variations between our local lodges.

These differences are fascinat-

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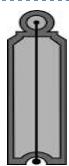
ing to me, because while we are essentially all getting the same lessons taught to us through the ritual; the manner in how they are taught is varied. Some of these changes can place more or less emphasis on the lessons and I like to observe and take note of the ones that I feel have

a stronger impact in the hopes that we can bring those changes to Arizona Masonry and have a greater impact on our candidates.

Sometimes these changes require a change to the ritual itself, which can be changed if enough lodges vote to accept the changes during Grand Lodge. I urge you all to do the

same and take note of the various differences in other jurisdictions during your travels and think about what those changes could do if they were implemented in Arizona as well!

Fraternally,  
Jonathan Beffel  
Senior Warden



## The Plumb Line

### William "Bill" Wright, Junior Warden

Greetings from the South,

As our Masonic year rolls along please keep in mind the many opportunities to further ourselves in masonry. Perhaps reach out to a brother from the lodge you have been meaning to call.

Just because many Masonic bodies go dark for a period of time during the summer doesn't mean fellowship can't be had. Perhaps check in with a lodge while you are traveling, or while relaxing do some reading or research on a topic relative to the craft.

In any event we have opportunities each day to represent our dignified fraternity well and improve ourselves along the way.

Truly yours,  
Bill Wright  
Junior Warden

## Quotations for Memorial Day

The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example. ~Benjamin Disraeli

And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. ~Lee Greenwood

They are dead; but they live in each Patriot's breast, And their names are engraven on honor's bright crest. ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

But the freedom that they fought for, and the country grand they wrought for, Is their monument to-day, and for aye.

~Thomas Dunn English

And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave. ~Joseph Drake

Perform, then, this one act of remembrance before this Day passes - *Remember* there is an army of defense and advance that never dies and never surrenders, but is in-

creasingly recruited from the eternal sources of the American spirit and from the generations of American youth. ~W.J. Cameron

I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did. ~Benjamin Harrison