



HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



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

Brethren,

The Grand Lodge of Arizona Annual Grand Communication will take place June 1st through June 3rd at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel located at 2630 West Dunlap Avenue in Phoenix.

With that said, Hunter's Paradise #85 is in prime position to receive another Master Architect award. The eyes of Arizona Freemasonry are upon us and we are accomplishing great things.

We are poised to reach 100 members this year and we have members stepping up in record numbers to assist with degree work. Our long-term plan is to follow our formula of our initial success (having fun) and to create the founda-

tion for continued growth without compromising the culture of our lodge.

We operate from the core understanding that we are all volunteers and further understand that we sometimes work in several quarries. Participation is critical at this stage in our growth.

If you have been regularly attending lodge, we thank you! If you have been working in other quarries, we MISS you. Our Stated Meeting is the 4th Monday of every month. We look forward to catching up with you!

Fraternally and humbly yours,

James Jennings
Worshipful Master

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James "JJ" Jennings 1



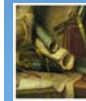
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Upcoming Activities

- 4/24 - Stated Meeting 7 PM*
– Open on 3rd Degree or at lowest member present)*
- 4/27 - Fellowcraft degree 7 PM at Eloy Lodge for our lodge brother **Scott Garzuzi**
- 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
- 6/12 - Special Meeting - TBD*
- 6/19 - Special Meeting - TBD*
- 6/26 - Stated Meeting 7 PM*
– Open on 3rd Degree or at lowest member present)*

* 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 the Masonic Year moves forward toward the Grand Lodge Communications in June the Lodge must also increase its communications with the members.

We need the Brothers that have not been able to pay their 2017 dues contact the Secretary to discuss them and help them make arrangements to retain their membership in Hunters Paradise Lodge No. 85.

Our members are our most valuable asset. If you know of a Brother that needs our help and may not want to call the Secretary please call the Secretary and we can work to help Our Brother together.

We have a May, June, August and September stated meetings during the Summer. we do not meet in July. We welcome every member to try to attend a Stated meeting to get to know all

the new members that are joining our ranks. The Officers of your Lodge are encouraged in their work by your attendance at the degree special meetings and the Stated meetings as well.

One of our newest Master Mason, Brother Daniel Ortiz is on his way to deployment to the deserts for a year. With all our prayers and thoughts for him and his family we will see him back in Lodge this time next year.

Are you receiving the Lodge communications on upcoming meetings and events. If you or someone you know is not please have them contact the secretary so we can get them set up.

See you at the Stated and Special meetings.

Fraternally,

PM George Mather
Z Secretary

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: He really enjoys his visitors and the support of the lodge and his family. He

is in the same location in the Arizona Veterans Home.

Bro. Tom Johnston: Was at the Easter brunch, he looks good and spirit is great. His body just does not cooperate. Drop by, he really like to have visitors.

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A LAST WORD ...

**Take a good look at that American Flag, Brothers,
It's got more Masonry in it than you may know -**

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We Americans have good reason to be proud of that symbol of Freedom and of our great nation. How many Masons know the major role we've had not only in shaping the destiny of this great nation, but also in creating, guiding and bringing veneration to those stars and stripes that comprise – "Old Glory."

Let us take a look back...

On January 1, 1776, General and **Brother George Washington**, after having achieved a semblance of military order with a limited number of troops, proclaimed the formation of the Continental Army at his headquarters on Prospect Hill, Somerville, Massachusetts. There he hoisted the Grand Union Flag on a 70 - foot mast in defiance of the British who were watching from Boston.

The flag too closely resembled the British flag. The enemy sneered. An angry Bro. Washington while still in the field sketched the idea of the stars and stripes on the back of an envelope. It was a Mason—**Bro. Francis Hopkinson**, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who really designed what the legendary Betsy Ross then cut and sewed into America's first flag.

The following year, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Stars and Stripes as a symbol of our new freedom and independence. The thirteen stars on a blue field defiantly replaced the British flag. After that **Masonic glory accompanied the stars and stripes on America's journey to growth and glory.**

Admiral and **Brother John Paul Jones**, "Father of our Navy" in France achieved international prestige for our Navy and our country during a historic ceremony at Quiberon Bay on February 13, 1778.

There the French Fleet gave our flag our first national salute, the first time America was acknowledged as a sovereign nation. For most of a century—**Sag Harbor whaling men—Masons all**—showed the stars and stripes to the four corners of the world for the first time.

Soon followed many memorable occasions when we were to see Masons and our flag honored around the world as well as in outer space—at the North Pole thanks to **Admiral and Brother Byrd**, the South Pole, thanks to Admiral and **Brother Amundson, and Scott**, and on the moon, thanks to **Brothers "Buzz" Aldrin, and John Glenn.**

In 1803, Admiral and **Brother George Prebble's** Squadron was fighting against the Barbary pirates who were then infesting the Mediterranean Sea. On February 16, 1804, Commodore and **Brother Stephen Decatur** took the USS Intrepid into Tripoli Harbor under the guns of the fort and fleet, to burn the USS Philadelphia that had been captured after having accidentally run aground and the crew inhumanely tortured.

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In 1814, the nation's Capitol was burned by the British during the War of 1812. On Lake Erie, Commodore and **Brother O. H. Perry** flew a flag that read: "Don't Give Up The Ship," and after the battle reported, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." On September 14, 1814, **Brother Francis Scott Key**, prisoner aboard a British man-of-war shelling Fort McHenry, wrote on the back of an envelope what was to become our national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner.

In 1831, Captain and **Brother Thomas Driver** of the SS Charles Daggett received a delegation of ladies aboard ship who presented him with a new flag they had just made. He immediately ordered the new colors run up the mast and as he saluted declared, "I name thee Old Glory." The name stuck. Bro. Driver was to carry "Old Glory" twice around the world.

The year 1861 saw our nation tested as to whether it could survive as a nation united. Civil War. We were to suffer 650,000 casualties, more than for all wars combined until World War II. And **Brother James Gilmore** wrote: "When Johnny comes marching' home..." It was during those terrible times that **Brother elect (but never initiated) Abraham Lincoln** described America as "a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal...a nation under God that shall have a new birth of freedom and that the government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth...."

In 1892, **Brother James P. Upham**, publisher of Youths Companion Magazine, advanced the idea of a flag raising ceremony in all schools in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Sir Knight Christopher Columbus. Patriotic fervor swept the country.

For an appropriate prayer filled with reverence, patriotism and love of country, for occasions such as these, the Rev. and **Brother Francis J. Bellamy** created America's Pledge of Allegiance. Bro. Bellamy's pledge was first used on Columbus Day, October 12, 1892 and was officially adopted on June 22, 1942, "under God" was added June 14, 1954. And all through the terrible World War One we "kept our eye on that Grand Old Flag" as instructed by **Bro. George M. Cohan** in his "Grand Old Flag" rouser.

In 1941 we were again called upon to defend our freedom and that of weaker nations subjugated by power hungry dictators. We marched to **Brother John Philip Sousa's** Semper Fidelis March, The National Emblem March and, of course, Stars and Stripes Forever. And, with the poetic genius of **Brother Irving Berlin**, we all asked "God to Bless America"

On August 3, 1949 a Master Mason and Knight Templar 80 years old and in failing health, came to Washington from Yeadon. Pa., to witness U.S. President and **Brother Harry S Truman** sign The Flag Day Act into law. **Bro. William T. Kerr** had, with other Masons, for more than a half century, appealed to every United States President from McKinley to Truman. He lead rallies and continually promoted the idea of a special day to honor "Old Glory." Kerr died in 1953 but left his brethren this legacy, now the law of the land.

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**"God bless America,
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
with the light from the lights from above
From the mountains, to the prairies
to the oceans white with foam
God bless America
My home sweet home
God bless America My home, sweet, home."**