



# HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



## Greetings from the East... Worshipful Master, Jonathan Beffel

Brethren,

On November 12th, I was installed as your Worshipful Master for 2018 and I couldn't be more grateful. I have been attending Hunter's Paradise meetings ever since you guys performed a courtesy second degree for me back in 2013.

I joined Hunter's Paradise as W.B. Bill Enloe's appointed Senior Deacon for 2015 and continued up the officer line as your Junior Warden for 2016 and Senior Warden for 2017.

I still fondly remember my first election to the Junior Warden's chair and how humbled and inspired I was when you guys put your confidence in me. Those feelings were magnified a hundred fold during my installation as the Master of the Lodge, when I was surrounded by all

my brethren and family present.

Hunter's Paradise Lodge has a tradition of being performing great ritual work and having a great time doing it. In my year as Master of the Lodge, I hope to continue those traditions.

Another thing that is starting to become a tradition for us is charity work with one of my favorite charities, namely Feed My Starving Children.

Please keep an eye out in our communications for opportunities to join us when we set-up dates for charitable work in our community. I look forward to serving alongside all of you as our Lodge continues to grow.

Congratulations to all of the other officers on your installa-

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### Upcoming Activities\*

December 2017: NO STATED MEETING

There is a 3rd Degree coming in January 2018. Further details will come from the Worshipful Master.

1/22 - Stated Meeting 7 pm\* — Open on 1st Degree, or the lowest degree of the members present.

(Red Fez room availability to be determined)

\*All other activities and details will be sent, by the Worshipful Master via email.

### Sickness and Distress

**Bro. Ken Jones:** No real change for him. He still appears to be in good spirits, still in VA home.

**Bro. John Enloe:** He is at home recovering from heart surgery. Getting around pretty good.



## From the Secretary's Desk...

By PM George "Z-Klown" Mather

Brethren All,

We wish every member and potential new member of Hunters Paradise Lodge a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the 2018 Officers of Hunters Paradise have been duly installed and we wish them a very successful year. We ask that each member list the stated meetings on their 2018 calendars and make every effort to come out and support your Lodge.

Please check your dues card and see if it says 2018. If it says 2017 we need you to send in your dues check. Please contact the Secretary if you may need an extension of time. Dues for

2018 are due by December 31, 2017 for 2018.

We need Brothers to become mentors for new Lodge applicants. We can send you the education information packet if you are interested. This is a good way to continue to learn about Masonry, meet new members and further your Masonic education. We are headed towards raising out 100th member. Who will that be?

Please look for good men to become Masons. Each of us makes a difference. See you on the sidelines

Fraternally,

George  
Z Secretary



## On the Level...

By Bill Wright, Senior Warden

Greetings from the West,

For those that were able to attend the HP#85 November installation I think you would agree what a nice job WM Jonathan and his lady Katie did hosting that event.

Along with a new calendar year we welcome all of our officers, both elected and pedestal, to their new stations and places. With the election and appointment of new officers, we have

an opportunity to see first hand the vibrancy of the lodge. The succession of a strong officer line is a vital component for the long term success of the lodge.

This holiday season, give thanks to the Great Architect for all of his blessings, including the continuance of friendship and brotherly love of the lodge.

Sincerely Yours,

Bill Wright

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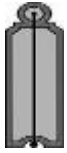
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## The Plumb Line...

By Michael Coontz, Junior Warden  
The Brotherhood Only Grows . . . Because of You

For years I thought about becoming a Mason and subsequently a Shriner, and because of a telephone call asking me to donate to the Shrine Circus, it became reality.

Although both organizations promote brotherhood, for me I have found the deep connection at the Masonic level. I have no less than three big brothers who have continually gone above and beyond to support my degree work, and my resulting growth in the line. My brothers have acted as personal teachers and mentors to be sure that I was prepared and confident to step up into a leadership role.

Becoming a Mason is much more than the words that we must learn. Our traditions, words and passages are not enough - they must be supported by practical action along with the love and support of a Brother. For that, I am extremely grateful.

My life's lesson, because of the honor of being a Mason, is to be sure to pay it forward to my Masonic Brothers and to everyone in my life.

Michael Coontz  
Junior Warden

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tion. Whether you were elected or appointed, I know that we have assembled a strong officer line and I was very pleased to see that we were able to install nearly every officer during the installation and as of the November stated meeting, all officers have been officially installed. As

a reminder, our Lodge is "dark" in December and there will be no stated meeting. Enjoy the holidays, spend time with your family and I look forward to seeing all of you in January.

Fraternally and humbly yours,

Jonathan Beffel  
Worshipful Master

### A Nice Masonic Story *from The All Things Masonic Blog*

*Here is a story given to me by Brother Tim Davison of Templar Lodge St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town: "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car, I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment" Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says

the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!" The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening, the salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me because I am a Mason?" "No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason" Travel well my Brothers.





WM Jonathan Beffel



SW Bill Wright



JW Michael Coontz



PM George Mather - Secretary



Phil Houghton - Treasurer

Jon Weber - Sr. Deacon



Jonathan Whisenhunt - Jr. Deacon



Jim Leppert - Sr. Steward



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