



HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



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

Brethren,

This month's trestle board is focusing on how your elected officers got into Masonry and became your officers for 2018. I became interested in Masonry after attending many blue lodge and Shriner events as a family with my father.

I was always greeted respectfully at all of these events and I could tell that everyone involved in these organizations were great people. I would even get asked by men, whom I am pleased to now call Brothers, why I hadn't applied to become a Mason yet at most of these events and I never really had a good answer to give them other than it wasn't something I felt ready for yet.

I can honestly say that the one event that tipped the scales from "interested" to "I want this in my life" is when I saw "A Rose Upon The Altar" performed by the Scottish Rite Players in Scottsdale Lodge. A few months later I was initiated at Scottsdale Lodge, then I was passed during a courtesy degree at Hunter's Paradise

and finally raised at Scottsdale Lodge with my dad presiding in the east as Acting Master for all three of my degrees.

During this time, I was learning the full catechism for each degree to perform them in open lodge. After which, I was approached by the then Worshipful Master of Scottsdale Lodge, WB Scott Tracy to head up a sideliner degree team filled with first year Masons to perform the first degree ritual for a live candidate. I ended up as the Acting Master for the team and we performed the ritual for a man who I am honored to have initiated.

In my first year as a Master Mason, I performed ritual as a sideliner for every chair in the officer line between Hunter's Paradise and Scottsdale lodges. I was then approached by the incoming Masters of Scottsdale and Hunter's Paradise lodges to join their officer lines as their Junior and Senior Deacons. I ended up joining Hunter's Paradise as your Senior Deacon because I felt I

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Upcoming Activities*

2/26 - 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,

My Masonic life began in 1972 when I was raised a Master Mason. The first three years in the Lodge I was their LEO or Lodge Education Officer. This was very rewarding as one of the responsibilities was to get Brothers to come back and finish their degrees. I spent time in all the Stations of the line to become Master. I was able to learn all the lectures and several parts in the Master Mason Degree.

I was Master of Lithopolis Lodge No. 169 in 1996. I was elected Secretary of Lithopolis in 1997 replacing our Secretary of 26 years. I kept telling the Lodge members I was going to move to Arizona and they needed to elect a new Secre-

tary. The Master in 2006 became the new Secretary and I was on my way to Arizona. He was selected as a DDGM this year for district 13 which has 19 Lodges of responsibility.

When the opportunity came to set up a new Lodge in the Shrine building I offered to take the office of Secretary. This has been very rewarding and it feels good to be a constant part of the Lodge again.

Membership, Degree work, Friendships and Community awareness are the future of Hunters Paradise Lodge and I welcome the opportunity to serve and be a part of our growth. Come join us at our meetings and degree work.

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On the Level...

By Bill Wright, Senior Warden

Greetings from the West,

I know we all look forward to another great year as brothers in the craft and servants to our communities.

My particular community is north east Mesa. I was born and raised here and although I have worked in many different cities and states over a 20 plus year career in the electrical transmission business, I have always considered this home.

To this day, all too often, my career keeps me away from family

and friends. But fortunately, our family gets through on the strength of Lady Brandi to organize and operate our home.

When I'm not working I enjoy a number of activities. Foremost the hustle and bustle of our four biological children and the many foster kids we have had the honor to share our home with. In addition, golf, cigars and the work we do together in lodge.

After many years of growing inter-

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

Brethren,

Last month I wrote on the "how" of my journey into the Masonic fraternity - the "why" may be more important.

There are a lot of "whys", such as charity and community involvement. For me, I was searching for a brotherhood of like-minded, good men who believe family is critically important.

Every man I have met in my lodge, and within the other lodges I have had the privilege to meet, truly demonstrate that family is first. They just don't say it

- these men live it. Their family-first principle builds confidence and security within themselves, which translates into meaningful fellowship. For me, it comes to living this type of principled life. This has given me the real brotherhood that I personally haven't seen or been involved with over my lifetime.

Thanks for accepting me.

Fraternally,

Michael Coontz
Junior Warden

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could be more helpful to this lodge than I could be to Scottsdale and I have never regretted making that decision.

Later in the year, I helped out at Scottsdale as their Junior Deacon had left the officer line and they were looking for someone to fill in. The following year I was appointed as the Chaplain for my dad's 2016 officer line at Scottsdale, but I continued up the line at

Hunter's Paradise all the way to becoming your Master for 2018. I hope knowing about my journey to becoming your Master inspires others to learn our ritual and step into the officer chairs from time to time and ultimately join the officer line for our future Masters.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

Jonathan Beffel
Worshipful Master

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est about masonry, in 2013 I knocked, and the door was opened. Shortly thereafter I was given the opportunity to fill a steward's chair and stepped off of the sidelines.

I can only point to the dedicated lodge leadership in

challenging my growth. And most importantly, the generous support of the lodge brethren for my continued line advancement.

Sincerely Yours,

Bill Wright
Senior Warden

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Friendships are in the making by attending and getting to know everyone.

Keep looking for good men to become Masons.

Fraternally,

PM George Mather
Z Secretary