



HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



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

Brethren,

We have a couple of events we do every year that give back to our community. My personal favorite is when we pack food for Feed My Starving Children.

I have many fond memories of volunteering side by side with my brothers and getting food ready to go to impoverished children in foreign countries.

I am always on the lookout for more opportunities to share in the friendship and family of the fraternity and I would appreciate some feedback from the brethren on things and events they would like to see in our future. One such example is the Scottsdale &

Hunter's Paradise family bowling night we had late last year. That event was discussed for a few years before it finally happened, it was a lot of fun for everyone involved and I want to encourage more events like that to occur more frequently.

But I need your help to make that happen, I need to know what interests you have that can be shared with our brethren and their families so we can all enjoy spending time together as a Masonic family. I look forward to hearing from all of you!

Fraternally and humbly yours,

Jonathan Beffel
Worshipful Master

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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)

3/26 - 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.

Bro. Jim Thomas: His lady Jill passed way earlier in the month. Please put him in your prayers.



From the Secretary's Desk...

By PM George "Z-Klown" Mather

Brethren All,

Brother Leo asked us to think about things we could do to improve our physical lodge room, Well, here are my thoughts:

1. The Lodge may want to look at the seating to make sure they are all still in good shape and safe for all to sit in.
2. The Lodge should look at doing away with the table in the fellowship room. Thinking that we may be better off with small tables and chairs to allow more comfortable seating for fellowship and refreshments.
3. Do we need to look at more candidate outfits?
4. The office could use a good four drawer filing cabinet for record storage.

I also have some improvements that we could share with the brother of our lodge on a more personal level:

1. We could have a monthly classroom session on the degrees for the candidates and this could be extended to the next point.
2. We could also offer this for mentors to help make more

members comfortable with mentoring tasks. The information for mentors is available to everyone. If you have interest please contact Z Secretary.

3. We could offer to Lodge members who need a ride or do not drive at night a means to get a ride. If this is something you need please contact Z Secretary.
4. On the other side, offering to volunteer to assist a brother in getting to Lodge or get him home if he has a way to lodge is a great way to help your lodge.

I personally want to offer a debt of gratitude to the Brothers who have quietly given time, energy and donations to the Lodge to help with the items we have needed or wanted in the past.

If you have an interest in helping with any of the clean up projects the Lodge may come up with, please contact our Worshipful Master Jonathon Beffel.

Fraternally,
 PM George Mather
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On the Level...

By Bill Wright, Senior Warden

Greetings from the West,

We are well on our way to another great year at Hunters Paradise. One of the factors in our young but proud history of accomplishment is adherence to routine maintenance and "spring cleaning".

Each year, around this time, we work to identify and prioritize items that we can address to im-

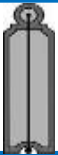
prove the lodge. This can be as simple as a good cleaning or improving our storage organization of degree work materials etc.

If you have thoughts on a good spring cleaning project that could be addressed by a group of brothers on a predetermined date please reach out to me or another elected officer.

We will work it into the schedule and keep our lodge ever growing and improving.

Fraternally Yours,

Bill Wright
Senior Warden



The Plumb Line...

By Michael Coontz, Junior Warden

Differentiating Attendance vs. Service

Brethren,

I started to write on what the lodge needs and its meaning. In doing so, I realized the lodge is more than a stated meeting and a building for good men to congregate.

Our lodge is a place to build our brotherhood and offer service freely and from the heart. This gives us an additional opportunity to do community outreach and recruit new brothers.

If you have a need or desire to get to know your brothers, then service offers the best way to do so. Service brings joy, builds trust and friendship, and fosters celebration of good works.

So, when you think of our brotherhood and our ability to grow, remember the many service callings that are needed.

Since spring will be here soon, I ask that you consider the selfless opportunities to grow - cleaning, setting up and putting away items from meetings, bringing refreshments, and many other ways to serve that so often feel small and mundane. It can bring a smile and add real happiness to your life.

The lodge is a place to provide a positive environment for all our brothers. Let's build on our opportunities to create an outstanding brotherhood - shoulder-to-shoulder - especially

with our newer brothers so they in turn can get guidance and fellowship with our older brothers.

As always, service answers the age-old adage: You get out of an organization what you put in it.

Believe me, our lodge has so much to offer every member.

Fraternally,

Michael Coontz
Junior Warden