



# HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



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

Greetings Brethren,

The Annual Grand Lodge Communication is now upon us and we have been discussing all of the proposed legislation for the past few months.

I am very proud of our Lodge for maintaining order during the debates for and against each piece of legislation. Thank you for voicing your opinions and trusting your elected officers to carry your votes.

I just wanted to clarify one last time that new information may come to light during the course of the event and I will confer with the other officers present if we feel the Lodge would change their vote if

they were presented with the same information and ballot accordingly.

I'm looking forward to reporting back to all of you as to how things unfolded at the event.

Also watch for an announcement on our potluck dinner to be served next month at our stated meeting. This is to celebrate the fact that we now have 100 members. It will be a good time to try out our new tables and chairs donated for our reception area.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Beffel  
Worshipful Master

### MAY 2018

	From the East: Worshipful Master, Jonathan Beffel	1
	Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85 Sickness and Distress	1
	From Z Secretary's Desk: PM George Mather	2
	Lodge Education Officer Leo Balthazor	2
	Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85 2018 Officers	2
	From the West, Senior Warden Bill Wright	3
	From the South, Junior Warden Michael Coontz	3

### Upcoming Activities\*

**June 18th - Third Degree 6:30 pm\*** – (Red Fez room availability to be determined)

**June 25th -Stated Meeting 7 pm\*** – Open on 1st Degree, or the lowest degree of the members present.

**There will be a potluck to celebrate of our 100 members.**

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

### Sickness and Distress

**Bro. Ken Jones:** PM Bob Beffel visited him last month and reported he was doing ok.

**Bro. John Enloe:** He has had a set back and is still home, but rather weak right now.

**Please keep both of these brothers in your prayers.**



## From the Secretary's Desk...

By PM George "Z-Klown" Mather

Brethren All,

May is closing and the summer begins for us. Grand Lodge Communications begins May 31, 2018. We have 9 candidates in the pipe line and will soon add 2 more. Our goal should be to have them all completed by September.

Are you a mentor for a candidate? Would you like to become a mentor for one of our candidates? Call me and we will set you up with the material you will need to be a mentor.

Brother Leo is getting ready to publish a current roster of members and candidates. do we have all your information correctly listed. Have you MOVED, a new PHONE NUMBER or

EMAIL CHANGE? Please contact the Secretary when you finish reading this and we can get your information updated.

Are you receiving email from us? We feel we have everyone on the HPL group. If you are not getting them please call the Secretary.

Need a current ritual? We have them for sale. Please contact the Secretary.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you out for the degree work in the coming weeks

Fraternally,

PM George Mather  
Z Secretary

## Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85 2018 Officers

### Worshipful Master

Jonathan Beffel  
480-353-1236  
jmbeffel@yahoo.com

### Senior Warden

Bill Wright  
480-822-9242  
wbwpower@gmail.com

### Junior Warden

Michael Coontz  
480-236-2612  
mdcoontz@gmail.com

### Secretary

PM George Mather  
480-254-5328  
George.Mather@aol.com  
or  
huntersparadise85@gmail.com

### Treasurer

Phil Houghton  
602-622-0835  
phoughton@q.com

### Appointed Officers

#### Senior Deacon

Jon Weber 480-430-0807

#### Junior Deacon

Jonathan Whisenhunt  
602-721-5098

#### Senior Steward

James Leppert 602-369-9353

#### Junior Steward

Andre Bourgeois 602-885-6877

#### Marshal

Jim Poage 480-361-6520

#### Tyler

PM Jim Hoover 602-284-5279

#### Chaplin

PM Bob Beffel 602-403-6771



## Masonic Education...

By Brother Leo Balthazor  
Lodge Education Officer

I have been working with our lodge secretary, PM George Mather as we gather the material to be shared with our brothers who are working on their degree proficiency as they progress through the three degrees of masonry.

We did this last year with good results. It turned out to be fun and a great way for our new

brothers to meet their fellow brothers and to help other brothers and themselves to complete the work they need to do.

We will be announcing date and times of the classes as soon as the officers have approved the plans.

Watch for more details.



## On the Level...

By Bill Wright, Senior Warden

Greetings from the West,

As the Masonic year rolls on we again find ourselves preparing for Grand Communication. This process starts far in advance of the actual event and has many steps, both formal and informal.

Initially, proposed legislation, either new or carried over from a previous Grand Communication session is circulated. Next, review and discussion in lodge and otherwise takes place followed by a vote which indicates the way the lodge feels about the proposals. And finally, at Grand Communication, much of the proposed legislation will

be resolved and the process will start over again.

Embedded in this process exists the need to share thoughts and debate points of view. This is one of the under appreciated parts of the process that can be a building block of relationships within the lodge.

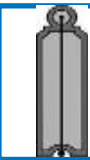
Given Grand Communication begins directly our lodge has gone through this process recently. I think it is not only healthy to have the respectful debate but it also lends itself to further appreciation and understanding of our brothers and their points of view. In the

proper context these needed debates should be beneficial as opposed to divisive. I'm proud to report that while we were able to deeply debate the issues prior to voting we did indeed treat one another with civility and consideration while identifying the lodges' position on the issues.

Take care brethren,

Fraternally Yours,

Bill Wright  
Senior Warden



## The Plumb Line...

By Michael Coontz, Junior Warden

An Overview of My First Time Attending Grand Lodge...

Brethren,

On June 1 and 2, I will have attended my first Grand Lodge Leadership Meeting. From review of the agenda, and as I thought it would be, it is a jammed-packed meeting with every hour scheduled to honor our traditions and to accomplish our legislative items.

In addition, prior to attending, I reviewed the proposed legislation. In doing so, I knew I had to be prepared to objectively discuss the issues around proposed legislation - what posi-

tively or negatively impacts our lodge, and, of course, to determine how my vote could impact our state-wide organization.

I had many questions that had to be answered prior to my attendance to ensure I properly represented Hunter's Paradise #85. What is the proper dress for appropriate representation?

What specific legislation is most important to my lodge, to the overall welfare of the state-wide organization? In my leadership role, what's required of my attendance and participation in discussions and subsequent

votes?  
In summary, my goal in attending the Grand Lodge is to ensure I uphold and represent the mission and principles bestowed upon me as an officer of Hunter's Paradise #85. It is indeed an honor to do so.

Fraternally,

Michael Coontz  
Junior Warden