



HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



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

Greetings Brethren,

We have been holding a number of special meetings while we were dark and I wanted to take this time to thank all of the Brethren for their continued support to the Lodge.

Your efforts have helped us to initiate 4 new Brothers and raise 1 Brother to the Degree of Master Mason. We still have one more candidate who needs to be initiated at this time and our Sr Deacon will be sitting in the east for his proficiency. Please be on the look-

out for Lodge emails to hold that degree in September and show support for our candidate as well as our Sr Deacon.

Additional 2nd degree nights may appear as well in September provided our candidates return and meet their proficiencies. I look forward to working alongside all of you as we continue to grow our Lodge!

Fraternally,

Jonathan Beffel
Worshipful Master

How and where did Freemasonry start? It is unknown, but...

The earliest recorded making of a Freemason in an English Lodge is that of Elias Ashmole in 1646. Organized Freemasonry began with the founding of the Grand Lodge of England on 24 June 1717, the first Grand Lodge in the world. Ireland followed in 1725 and Scotland in 1736. All the regular Grand Lodges in the world trace themselves back to one or more of the Grand Lodges in the British Isles.

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Upcoming Activities*

August 27th - Stated Meeting

* 7 pm – Open on 1st Degree, or the lowest degree of the members present.

September 24th - Stated Meeting

* 7 pm – Open on 1st Degree, or the lowest degree of the members present.

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

Sickness and Distress

Bro. Ken Jones: He is still in the VA home, Editor has no further update at this time.

Please keep this brother and his family in your prayers.



From the Secretary's Desk...

By PM George "Z-Klown" Mather

Brethren,
 It is always good to report that we have nine Candidates in the works for the Lodge. We have six (6) EA's, two FC's and one (1) waiting to begin the degrees. We have a FC ready for the MM degree and possibly two when their proficiencies are completed. The six EA's should be returning their proficiencies by the August or September Stated meetings. It would be nice to be able to work all in their degrees by the end of September or October.

If you are interested in learning more about the different degrees and/or want to help with any of the degrees please contact the WM, SW or JW.

As the year 2017-2018 closes for Hunters Paradise Lodge No 85 there is planning being done for the 2018-2019 year. Please contact Brother William Wright if you have any interest in taking a position in the line or learning what is involved in each appointed position in the line.

We should be able to close out 2018 with a potential nine new members. Please let us know what you are willing to do to help make this happen.

Fraternally,

PM George Mather
 Z Secretary

Activities and Updates around Arizona Masonry

September 8th - Aztlan No. 1 MM Outdoor Degree at Fain Ranch, Prescott 10:00am. For Reservations visit hwww.aztlanlodge.org/outdoordegree.html

September 15th - San Pedro No. 55 MM Outdoor Degree at Escapule Ranch, St. David 10:00am, For reservations visit sanpedro55.com/Outdoor-Degree-2018.pdf

October 13th - MM Outdoor Degree at EZ Ranch.
 Coffee & Donuts at 8:00am, RSVP to the Lodge Secretary at secretary@azlodge2.org for a steak lunch reservation.
Directions - azmasons.net/Events/EZRanchDirections.pdf
Map - azmasons.net/Events/EZRanchMap.pdf

An update from Arizona Grand Lodge

PGM James W. Rowan, Grand Secretary announced that Brother Sam Graziano has returned to work in the Grand Secretaries office. Sam is replacing PGM Jim May, who retired July 1, 2018.

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On the Level... By Bill Wright, Senior Warden

Greetings from the West,

Our great fraternity depends on the active support of its members. Arguably, Hunters Paradise is even more dependent on active members than some other lodges because our lodge is relatively young and yet to meet its potential in membership size.

We must be appreciative of the course our leadership has charted to date and the incredible dedication of many of our

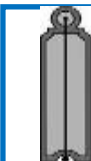
officers and members. It is the duty of each of our brothers to do what they can, when they can.

This can take many forms. Maybe it's bringing a brother to lodge that has been away for some time. Maybe it's volunteering for a role or initiative from the Master. However, there is one thing that every brother in our lodge can do. And that is to make sure we are available to discuss masonry with the good men in our

spheres of influence that are becoming interested in masonry and looking for information.

Why is this so important? The most basic and important thing we can do is to initiate good men, raise better men, and keep them involved in the craft.

Stay well,
Fraternally Yours,
Bill Wright
Senior Warden



The Plumb Line... By Michael Coontz, Junior Warden

Brethren,

In the past Grand Lodge year Hunters Paradise has achieved quite a lot. We again earned the Master Architect Award, and for the first time, we (Leo) received top honors for the Trestle Board.

In the short couple years that

I have been a Mason and member of HP, I believe it is a great achievement that on many occasions all of our past masters have attended lodge, either for a stated meeting or participating in degree work. In addition, we hit the one hundred member mark, and if that trend continues we will be moved from a small lodge to a medium size

lodge - a very big accomplishment for any volunteer organization only a few years old.

I continue to look forward to great things in the near future.

Fraternally,
Michael Coontz
Junior Warden



Masonic Education... By Brother Leo Balthazor, Lodge Education Officer

- Those of you who are mentors for our newest candidates, if you would like to have help mentoring, please give me a call.
- The HP85 2018 lodge directory is available from our lodge Secretary. Drop by his desk and get your copy.