

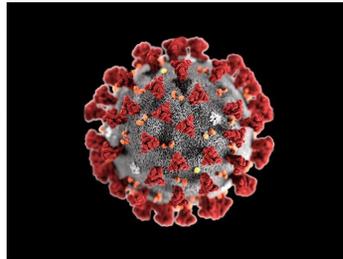


HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



A DIFFERENT TIME THAT CALLS
FOR VERY DIFFERENT ACTIONS BY
THE ARIZONA GRAND LODGE.

As your Trestle Board Editor, with the permission of WM Mark Brown P.M. we have put together in one place all the communications that has been passed to us from our Grand Master in regards to our actions to defend against the COVID-19 Virus.



The result is that a lot of the things that we had taken for granted in our fraternity have had to be revised to protect us. Rules have been modified by the MWB Greg Vasquez. There are still a few things to be resolved, thus we need to continue be flexible and at the same time maintaining the integrity of our fraternity and the practice of Social Distancing.

As Worshipful Brother Mark said last month, "As you have noticed, the operation of our Lodge has been impacted. We are now limited to just our regularly scheduled Stated Meetings with the minimum officers to conduct critical business. All other meetings, particularly special meetings to initiate, pass and raise good men, have been cancelled. Like every challenge our country has faced previously, we will persevere. Our faith in the Supreme Being and the American spirit will again guide us through these difficult times.

No doubt, once we are through this, life will be different. As was the case following 9/11, we adapted to the new norm and came together as a nation to embrace those changes. The key is learning from what we have faced to apply towards similar challenges we will face in the future."

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Upcoming Activities

(WM Brown will update via email)

- April 27th - April Stated Meeting (Zoom)
- May 4th - Officer Mtg - 6:30 pm (Zoom)
- May 24th - May Stated Meeting



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Date: March 19, 2020

To: All Constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

From: Greg Vasquez,
Grand Master 2019-2020.

Subject: Edict 2019-04, Stated Meetings Mandate.

I would like to thank all Lodges and lodge officers who have complied with the guidelines laid out in my letter dated March 15, 2020 concerning COVID19 and our Governor's directives prohibiting meetings of 10 or more individuals.

However, there seems to be some lodges whose officers do not understand my directive so I am now issuing the following edict:

Edict-04, Only Stated Meeting Allowed.

Until further notice there will be no activity except stated meetings held in any Arizona lodge. There will be no dinners or coffee hour or any social gathering prior to or after the stated meetings. Each stated meeting will be held to 5 members minimum and no more than 9 members of the lodge and the meeting will only be as long so as it takes to conduct the business at hand. Those 5-9 members of the lodge may could consist of:

5-9 Master Masons with at least one being a pedestal officer. If no pedestal officers are attending then the DDGM, if a member of the lodge, may preside or assign a Past Master to preside.

In all cases a lodge must comply with the requirement of holding 10 stated meeting in a given year.

Fraternally.

Greg Vasquez
Grand Master
2019-2020

**Hunter's Paradise
Lodge #85 - 2020 Officers**
(elected or appointed)

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Date: March 31, 2020

To: Masters, Secretaries, Members of Arizona Lodges

From: Greg Vasquez,
Grand Master 2019-2020.

Subject: Edict 05- Compliance with Arizona Governor's Executive Orders 2020-18.

Brethren,

Effective immediately I am requiring the Grand lodge of Arizona offices and all Masonic lodges to close until at least April 30, 2020 in compliance with the requirements specified in the Arizona Governor's Executive Order 2020-18 which can be found on the Governor's website, azgovernor.gov.

Consequently, all essential lodge meetings shall be conducted by videoconference or teleconference in compliance with Grand Master's Dispensation, Dated March 30, 2020. Reference:

" I am hereby issuing a blanket dispensation to allow any and all Arizona lodges the use of teleconferencing and/or video conferencing methods to conduct any and all lodge business meetings until further notice.

Furthermore, any and all business meetings includes stated meetings but not degrees. Since stated meetings require a tyled lodge, I am extending this dispensation to include opening a stated meeting with the following statement: "**This stated meeting is symbolically opened on the First Degree of Masonry.**" Closing the meeting the statement would be: "**This stated meeting symbolically opened I the First Degree of Masonry is no(w) closed.**"

Fraternally.

Greg Vasquez
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Date: April 9, 2020

TO: Masters, Secretaries, Members of Arizona Lodges.

Subject: Keeping in Touch.

Brethren,

The Corona Virus epidemic has challenged us to come together, to stay in touch and keep to our tenets. Today we are limited in the way we conduct meetings and communicate with each other but that does not mean that we have to stop keeping in touch with our brethren.

So, I am asking each Worshipful Master to mobilize his lodge and using their Calling Tree make contact with each of their members and let them know they are being thought of. The Calling Teams should also contact the widows, first to let them know that they are not forgotten, and second to offer as much assistance as possible.

I am also asking Worshipful Masters to consider setting up an Education Night where brother call into a video conference and listen to a presentation on a Masonic topic and then participate in a discussion on that subject. Video conferences are a good way for brothers to stay in touch and since it is a video conference all participants can see their brothers.

We all know we are not alone coping with this virus situation. It is great to stay in touch and perhaps get a feeling of unity as we contend with social isolation and limited time away for our home.

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Date: April 22, 2020

To: W.M.s, Secretaries, Az Lodges.

From: Greg Vasquez

Grand Master

Subject: Cancellation of 2020 Grand Communication.

Brethren,

Due to issues with the coronavirus, coupled with the Arizona Governor's Stay at Home Order and information received from the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino stating that the facility will not be fully open for business in time to accommodate the 2020 Arizona Grand Lodge Grand Communication I am hereby cancelling this year's Grand Communication. All officers will remain in place until further notice.

Fraternally.

Greg Vasquez
Grand Master
2019-2020

A final note from the editor: WM Mark Brown has asked our Calling Committee to keep in touch with you. Your only task in this process is to reply to your calling committee member so he can report your status. We have left the Officer's names and phone numbers in the right column of page two so if you need to reach someone to help you or you just want a brother to talk to, please call. Your officers are here and they care about each of you. Be safe until we can meet again in Lodge.