



HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE #85



Greetings from the East... Worshipful Master Mark Brown, PM

Greetings from the East,

Brethren, I hope this message finds everyone safe and adjusting to life as we currently know it. Not since the Spanish Flu over 100 years ago, has a pandemic the magnitude of the COVID-19 been so transformative as to impact all aspects of our lives, our society, and our country in ways we never imaged. The decisions governments, companies, organizations and individuals have made and the adjustments that have followed are defining the 'new normal' in which we live our lives. Freemasonry is no exception.

Since mid-March when the pandemic broke and the first restrictions were imposed on Lodge operations, all Stated Meetings have been conducted with either minimal attendance or by electronic means

(Zoom). The Zoom meetings have allowed the officer and non-officer Brethren to meet and conduct the minimum business necessary to meet the Grand Lodge Constitution requirements and pay all obligations. Lodge business that requires balloting by either the Ballot Box or paper ballots has been suspended until the meetings once again return to the Lodge room.

Even the recently completed Grand Lodge Annual Communication was held with the minimum attendees to conduct necessary business and install the new officers who were elected by mail ballots.

While the daily reported cases in Arizona continue to remain high, there is positive news in that Lodges are again allowed to resume meeting in the Lodge setting as long as they establish and enforce re-

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Upcoming Planned Activities (WM Brown will update via email)

- July 27th** - NO July Stated Meeting
- Aug. 3rd** - Officer Mtg - 6:30 pm (Zoom)
- Aug 24th** - Stated Mtg - 7:00 PM
- Sep 7th** - Officer Mtg - 6:30 pm (Zoom)
- Sep 28th** - Stated Mtg - 7:00 PM
(Practices and other activities still TBD)

strictions in accordance with CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services guidelines.

While Hunters Paradise Lodge is dark for official business until the next regularly Stated Meeting at the end of August, there are candidates who are ready to take their next step in Masonry. As such, the officers have been working on the plan to reopen the Lodge for regular business



From the Secretary's Desk...

By George "Z-Klown" Mather, PM

COVID-19 from the Lodge Secretary view point.

As the Lodge Secretary and also as the Grand Secretary we have seen and heard it all. Getting ready to reopen our Lodge has been a team effort to make sure we have a safe environment for us to return to.

Every Lodge around the State has had different issues to look at and deal with. Brothers are having to ask themselves if they are ready to come out to the Lodge, have their temperature checked, wear a mask, maybe wear gloves and maintain social distance.

Lodges that have reopened

have reported that they were able to conduct the business of the Lodge, read petitions, vote on petitions and start doing degree work. It felt awkward the first time but it was good to see and talk to fellow Brothers in person again.

We welcome and look forward to seeing each and every Brother that makes the decision that they are ready to reopen and rekindle the work of Hunters Paradise Lodge No. 85.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George
Z Secretary

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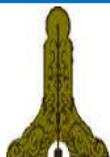
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On the Level...

Senior Warden, Gerry Massey PM

Brethren,

Brothers, I have to admit, I did not realize just how much I would miss each of you as much as I do until I have not been able to shake your hand and see your smiles in person.

Fear not however, your HP85 Officers have been diligently working on getting us all back together in Lodge as soon as possible. However, as much I want to see you all in person, if you are not

HEALTHY and COMFORTABLE enough to come back, please stay home until you are.

You are far too important to your family, Masonic family, and friends to take any chances. Please remain socially responsible, and we will see you again as soon as possible.

Yours In The Faith,

WB Gerry Massey, PM/HP85-2013

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and degree meetings immediately. That plan will be based on 3 pillars: social distancing of 6', masks/gloves/hand sanitizer, and stringent clean practices. Look for more detail as we roll out these plans with the schedule of degree meetings to follow.

Until we meet again Brethren, stay safe.

Fraternally,

Mark Brown
Worshipful Master



The Plumb Line

Junior Warden, Gary Dates Jr.

Hello Brothers,

The last few months have been challenging to say the least. The new normal is changing every other day it seems. In a time like these it is reassuring to have someone that has your back slash best interests at heart. Through the officers meetings of Hunter's Paradise lodge #85 we have come up with some suggestions on how to move forward with the new normal. All members will be required to wear a mask and gloves at all times when in the building. We will have some on hand for anyone who forgets. We will have hand sanitizer on hand both upstairs and down. We will only use the upstairs bathroom to cut

down on the amount of cleaning we have to do at the close of lodge. If you use it clean it, if you brought it in with you take it out with you when you leave for the night.

During these difficult times remember we are here for one another if you need help or have questions, comments or concerns get ahold of any of the officers. Please respect each other's feelings and concerns during this epidemic.

My phone number is 515-971-4560

Fraternally,

Gary Dates
Junior Warden

The Square by Bro. R. J. McLaughlin

The ciders of our ancient art
Built Temples, high and fair,
And never stone was laid in place
And never column rose in grace,
Untested by the Square.

Our elders left a heritage,
Up reared in wood and stone,
That we, who follow, might behold
The craft of these, the men of old,
Thus, through their works, made known.

Oh, let us do our work as well,
Though never dome we raise,
With brain untutored, hand unskilled,

A square-set Temple may we build,
Of simple nights and days.

The Square of Virtue for our acts
Wherewith to set them true,
Can make a building, standing quite
As worthy in our children's sight,
And in the Master's, too.

Thus may we, too, great builders be
As any ancient race;
Our Temple is the square-set mind,
Wherein the Master's Self may find
A fitting dwelling-place.