



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85



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

Brethren, our August Stated Meeting on the 24th will be an opportunity to celebrate.

The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Fiesta Room to celebrate the Masonic Service awards of several of our Lodge Brothers. This event was originally planned for our March Stated Meeting but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Celebrating 65 years are Amos 'Gene' Terrell and Bob Drizigacker, 55 years are Roger Weber and Mel Lindberg and 25 years is WB and Imperial Sir Ed Stolze. I encourage everyone to attend to recognize these Brothers for their dedicated years to the Craft.

We will also be celebrating our first in-Lodge meeting since March when the COVID-19 hit requiring only Stated Meetings and then by videoconference. I am looking forward to once again meeting in-person and to enjoy the Brotherly Love of the

Brethren.

The following COVID protocols will be followed. Masks will be required at all times while inside the building. Gloves will be required to minimize contact with surfaces and post-Meeting cleaning.







This evening will be the first step towards returning to a new Lodge normal. I ask everyone's patience and consideration as we travel these rugged roads.

On a final note, if any Brother has interests in pursuing a position in the progressive line of the Lodge with the goal of sitting in the East, please reach out to myself or any officer. Elections and new officer appointments are 2 months away.

Fraternally,

Mark Brown
Worshipful Master

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Upcoming Planned Activities (WM Brown will update via email)

- Aug 24th** - Longevity Pins Ceremony -
in the Fiesta Room - 6:30 PM
- Aug 24th** - Stated Mtg - 7:00 PM
- Aug. 31st** - 2nd Degree - 6:30 PM
- Sep 14th** - Officer Mtg - 6:30 PM
(Zoom)
- Sep 28th** - Stated Mtg - 7:00 PM
(Practices and other activities still TBD)

Sickness and Distress

This COVID19 pandemic is tough on you, me, and our fellow brothers. Please prayer for all brothers to safely get through this so we can return to Lodge and meet again in person and share a brotherly smile; a smile is very infectious and positive in a meaningful way.



From the Secretary's Desk...

By George "Z-Klown" Mather, PM

Brethren,

Are you ready to join us in fellowship? Are you ready to join us in working our waiting Candidates?

We are ready to have you join us in Lodge for Fellowship and to work our Candidates. The Officers are doing everything necessary to have the Lodge ready for you.

We are reopening on August 24, 2020 at 6:30 in the Fiesta room to celebrate the Longevity of several Masons. Please bring your Ladies out for this ceremony that will be prior

to the Lodge being opened for our regular monthly stated meeting at 7:00PM.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the stated meeting. Call your sponsors and bring them out to Lodge with you. It will be good to see everyone even if it is only their eyes we will see smiling because of wearing a mask.

See you all at the Ceremony and Stated.

George Mather PM

Z Secretary



On the Level...

Senior Warden, Gerry Massey PM

Brothers,

Believe it or not, we are coming up on 6 months since we last met in Lodge! For me, it feels more like 6 years! I can't begin to tell you all how much each of you are missed. We have and will continue to face uncertain times. But there are a few things we are certain about: 1) The Great Architect of the Universe will watch over each of us if we continue to trust and believe in him. 2) We have an amazing group of talented Brothers in this Lodge from many walks of life. 3) Many of those Brothers have served the Craft for more years than I have been on this Earth and should be celebrated. 4) We will celebrate their service and longevi-

ty at our Stated Meeting this-month. Please plan on being there to show your support and gratitude.

I am putting together a list of Brothers who would be interested in serving the lodge for the 2021 Masonic year.

Please let me know if you are interested in learning a new part or if you are interested in serving the Lodge as an officer. I do look forward to hearing from you.

Yours In The Faith,

Gerry Massey, PM/HP85-2013

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The Plumb Line

Junior Warden, Gary Dates Jr.

(This article is reprinted due to the strength of its content)

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/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, then 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 PROPER WAY TO WEAR A MASONIC RING

The following from Temple Topics (Illinois) is now being quoted with approval by other Masonic papers.

"What is the proper way to wear a Masonic ring? Should the points of the compass be toward or away from the body?"

If you were hanging the American flag, would you put the stars down? The same holds true of the ring. Usually it is a gift, and has sentimental value for the wearer. It should look right side up to him. Rings are therefore worn with the points of the compass toward the wearer."

This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation and popular opinion is divided. We must therefore reason from analogy. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, pennant, button, watch charm etc., universal custom requires the points of the compass point toward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master. As the Master from his station views the compass from the Altar of his lodge, the points are from, not towards him. As the wearer of a compass watch charm views it, the points are down and away from his eyes. In a similar way as he views the emblem on his ring the points should be down or away

from his eyes.

The square is the symbol of earthly, the compass of heavenly perfection. As a combined emblem the ends of the square point up as a symbol of man's aspirations toward God; the points of the compass are down to represent heavenly qualities coming down from God to earth. Therefore it would seem that the proper way to wear a ring would be that in which its symbolism is best expressed; namely, that in which, when the hand is held in its usual position the points of the compass are towards the earth and away from the wearer's eyes.

Thus it will be seen that our conclusion does not agree with the writer in Temple Topics. He truly says that in hanging an American flag we would not put the stars down, but in hanging a compass or a square and compass, he surely would put the points of the compass down. The same rule holds when worn as a ring or button or a watch charm; namely, they would be worn the same way with the points down. When so worn they all serve the same purposes, and by no means the least of these purposes is to announce to the world the proud wearer is a Mason. - Iowa Masonic Bulletin. (Copied from THE MONTANA MASON, May 1936, page 15)