



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



Message from Worshipful Master - Bill Enloe P. M.

My Brothers,

A Leader is defined as one who influences or leads others. At no point does that definition state that the leader must be in a position of authority nor does it state that the person must have the clearance by others to be a leader.

So, what does that mean to me? It means that you are a leader and you are in a position where you can perform leadership. You do not need to wait for someone to tell you there is a particular set of skills needed to be a leader in our Lodge, in our community, or in our world. One of the intangible goals of the Masonic Lodges of Freemasonry is to build better leaders.

To this end, we should be offering each and every member the opportunity to build those skills and each member, who is willing, should reach to obtain the skills to become bet-

ter leaders. The way I see things in this life is that everything is a give and take, we give you the opportunity to meet your potential and you take the opportunity to receive these opportunities.

My reason for mentioning this is because I feel you are all leaders and I admire you for your contributions to the Lodge. Also, it is stated to ensure that I am providing you with all the tools and support you need to become a leader in this Lodge.

My first goal (as well as the goals of those before me) is to provide this Lodge with replacements for me and those who have served before me. I want to make sure they are able to lead this Lodge and can perform the ritualistic requirements to be in that position. The challenge to accept your

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Upcoming Planned Activities (The Master will update via email)

- Jan 4th - Officer Meeting 6:30 pm
via ZOOM
 - Jan 11th - Ritual practice 6:30 pm
2nd Degree preparation
 - Jan 18th - Degree meeting 6:30 pm
Confer the 2nd Degree
 - Jan 25 - Lodge Stated meeting 7:00 pm
- The 2021 Monthly Meeting Plan**
- 1st Monday - Officers meeting (ZOOM)
 - 2nd Monday - Ritual practice meeting
 - 3rd Monday - Degree special meeting,
if no degree, then the Master will advise.
 - 4th Monday - Stated meeting
 - 5th Monday - If it exists - NO meetings

Sickness and Distress

Please prayer for your fellow brothers, so we can get through the pandemic and return to Lodge and meet again in person and share a brotherly smile; a smile is very infectious and positive action in a very meaningful way.



From the Secretary's Desk...

By George "Z-Klown" Mather, PM

Brethren,

Even though I am returning as your Lodge Secretary I will make sure I have a handy listing of all our Lodge Officers and their contact information. A current copy of all the Grand Lodge Officers and their contact information. A current copy of the Lodge by-laws, the Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes, a copy of our Lodge Officers manual, a copy of the Secretary and Treasurers handbooks from Grand Lodge and a copy of our 2021 budget.

I will update my personal calendar to show the dates we are having any type of meeting, Grand Lodge training sessions,

Grand Communication Session and any other special dates the Master or the Lodge has set aside. This allows me plenty of time to plan ahead.

As a Lodge officer I feel we have a duty to make sure we are prepared for each upcoming, meeting or degree. If I were planning to go up the chairs I feel I have the responsibility to know my responsibilities as well as those of the Office in front or in back of my position as an Officer.

As an Officer of Hunters Paradise Lodge No. 85, I am available to any Officer, Lodge Member or

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On the Level...

Senior Warden, Gerry Massey PM

Brothers,

Many feel 2020 was a horrible year. It had some "downs", but there were many "ups" as well. I will take my lessons learned from last year and apply them to 2021 in hopes of making it a better year.

I will lead by example and improve my ritual work. I will be supporting WM Bill in his vision of having all officers ritualistically proficient (including myself).

Our lodge is unique, besides being HP85 officers, almost every one of our officers hold multiple

positions in the Masonic Community. While we are not perfect and sometimes we fall short. As Masonic Brothers we cannot "snipe" at one other, but rather we should stretch forth our hands and help our Brothers so far as we can do so without injury to ourselves and family.

If you should need me, I will be there to stretch forth my hand to you. Happy New Year to you and your family.

Yours In The Faith,
Gerry Massey PM/HP85-2013

Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

----- Elected -----

Worshipful Master

Bill Enloe PM
480-861-2440

Senior Warden

Gerry Massey, PM
623-229-0545

Junior Warden

Gary F. Dates, Jr.
520-568-6959

Treasurer

Leo R. Balthazor
602-740-5635

Secretary

George S. Mather, PM
480-254-5328

----- Appointed -----

Senior Deacon

Joe Newby
602-819-9673

Junior Deacon

Jon Weber
480- 430-0807

Senior Steward

Ken Neusch
516- 456-7737

Junior Steward

Braden Gaines
516-456-7737

Marshal

Earl Gould
716-800-7658

Tyler

David Lowery, PM
602-237-0204

Chaplain

James Jennings PM
602-821-2327

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portion in my goal is up to you and all you need is to let me know you are willing. I will provide the time (Every 2nd Monday of the Month) for you to train, study, and learn. Officer or not, you are invited to attend these practice meetings and we will work to build a better future together.

Now, to ensure you are reading my articles.

Please email me (benloe@gmail.com) and tell me what you feel is the strongest or most important leadership trait and why. Your answers will be kept confidential, but will be read and studied by me. The first to respond will be mentioned in next Month's Trestle Board article.

Fraternally.

Bill Enloe P.M.

Worshipful Master Elect

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Candidate to offer them help and support for any question they have.

2021 is the year we relight the lodge to make it stronger and better than before.

Happy New Year,

George Mather P.M.

Z Secretary.

The Plumb Line Junior Warden, Gary Dates Jr.

Hello Brothers,

I hope you all have been able to enjoy the holidays! 2020 has been a humdinger and has left many of us wondering what next.

For myself, I am looking forward to getting back to something 'normal' and am excited to get back into my lodge routine. My focus will be on getting my proficiencies for the three degrees. I hope to be at all practices and available if anyone

is interested in studying or practicing any of the degrees. I am also available if anyone just walks to talk. I'm sure we've all felt pretty isolated this past year and are ready for some friendly engagement and good discussions.

Take care. My phone number is 515-971-4560

Fraternally,

Gary Dates

Junior Warden

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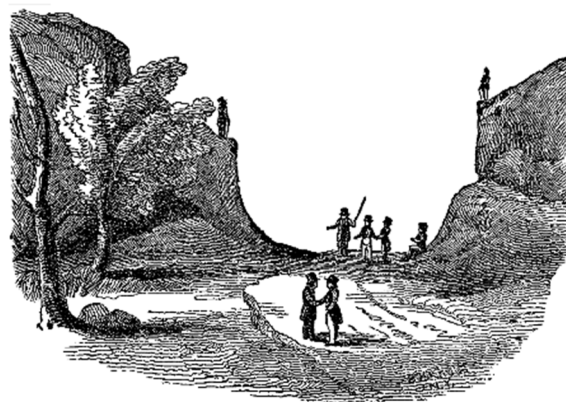


(continued from last month's Trestle Board)

Much later, in the days where lodge was held in secret areas and on hills and vales, (valleys) once lodge was in session, the Tiler (or Tyler) would draw an oblong (rectangular) or oblong square depiction (image) into the dirt that represented the form of the lodge.

Again, onto that tracing board was drawn the architect's plan...the working tools in the

degree that was to be worked.



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Masonic Trestle Board: Through the years, the Masonic Tracing Board progressed to charcoal or chalk on the floor of taverns where lodges were held back in the 1700s. After the lecture, the Stewards or the Entered Apprentice, as a lesson in secrecy, would get a mop and bucket and remove all trace of these drawings.

This, obviously, was a somewhat tedious and messy procedure, so cloths or rugs were created which could be laid onto the floor and simply folded up when the lecture was complete. Later, these cloths (or rugs) were placed onto a table. As time passed, they were finally hung onto an easel...(a trestle board) much like a drawing board at a construction site where each workman could receive clear instruction as to what his specific participation entailed.

When the team's work was completed, it was obvious that each Master Mason not only understood their specific part in the undertaking, but how their part (no matter how small), contributed to the construction of the entire edifice (building).

The meaning of the words "Nothing further remains to be done, according to ancient custom, except to disarrange our emblems" is a reference to the now antiquated use of these trestleboards (or tracing boards) during which the dirt on the ground was erased or the chalk marks on the floor of these lodges was mopped or scrubbed, to leave no trace of the form of the Lodge or the contents drawn thereon.

The reason why our lines of travel are at right angles within the lodge and thus the reason that we "square" the lodge is a "throwback" to the antiquity of the ritual.

If the brethren were to walk atop the markings made in the dirt on hill and vale; atop the chalk on the floor of the taverns; or tread upon and thus soil the cloths or rugs used to provide the workings of that degree, the message of that lecture which was being worked could be par-

tially or fully destroyed.

Therefore, "Squaring the Lodge" in a semi-military-like precision, goes back many centuries as the means of preserving the ritual and the degrees being worked so as not to destroy the symbolism of their markings before their usefulness on that day has been completed. Many modern-day lodges now simply use a bulletin board or electronic newsletter to notify the brethren of a degree which will be worked. Others use PowerPoint or slide presentations.

Low Cost Lodge Website Trestle Board: One of the easiest ways, today, to notify the majority of the brethren (those with internet access) is to create a website and ask its Webmaster to include an up-to-date calendar.

Simon-Sez: Your Worshipful Master should designate (request) a member who is able to keep your trestle board updated at all times. The lodge Secretary should have all the member contact information, but he may be over-burdened with tasks, already.

The electronic Trestle Board is an excellent way to keep in touch with the brethren as to lodge degrees and functions. Begin placing each member's contact info and e-mail address into the lodge E-mail Address Book to be able to quickly broadcast this Electronic Trestle Board information to the brethren.

This E-mail Address Book function coupled with a public calendar for your electronic Trestle Board provides much safer data protection than a single computer owned by the Secretary...even if he is excellent at performing back-ups of his hard drive.

Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85 Status

1. Our address book is in the new AZ Grand Lodge Software called *Grandview* and there you can access our members information and is where you can update your information.
2. Our email list is the *HP85 Google Group* and was used to communicate this electronic *Trestle Board* with you.