



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85



Message from Worshipful Master - Bill Enloe P. M.

Brethren,

The development of members should always begin with retention. It is important to know that if you do not have happy existing members it may not be possible to achieve gaining happy new members. So, what can we do to keep the current members happy?





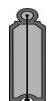

Some may say that is a jaded question that might be difficult to answer. I may not be able to answer the question in a Trestle Board article, but I can say that the answer to making me happy starts with me. So, it may be safe to say that what makes our current members happy must come from the membership. The difficult part of keeping everyone happy is that we have over 100 individuals and those members may have 100 different independent things that will keep them happy. Should this mean that we not try to make the members happy?

Absolutely not, what it means is that in making some happy it may be possible to make others

unhappy. Therefore, I approach it that it is important to make a decision that makes me happy in hopes that others will be on board with my decisions. Please know that there is no malice in decisions made at the Lodge, but these decisions should not mean you should remain silent. Your voice is equally important. So, step up and make it known that you are either happy or not. Provide the input we need that will either give us validation knowing we're making you happy with our decisions or that we should try something new. We may not always make the decisions to make you happy, but you should always have a voice that is to be heard. This is your, mine, and our Lodge and we are all in this together to make it a great Lodge. Notice, that I said a great Lodge and not a LARGE Lodge because the success of the Lodge is measured more on our feelings of the Lodge rather than the number of members that may not show up to our events.

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Upcoming Planned Activities

(The Master will update via email)

- Apr 5 - Officer mtg 6:30 pm
with ZOOM
- Apr 12 - Ritual practice 6:30 pm
- Apr 19 - Mark Master Degree 6:30 pm
- Apr 26 - Lodge Stated mtg 7:00 pm
- May 3 - Officer mtg 6:30 pm
with ZOOM
- May 10 - Ritual practice 6:30 pm
- May 17 - Degree mtg 6:30 pm
- May 24 - Lodge Stated mtg 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



From the Secretary's Desk...

By George Mather, VMW, PM

Brethren,

Membership is our most valuable asset. We are 109 strong in members. We started with 35 Charter members in 2013. We have been averaging 10 plus members each year. The members we have raised to Master Masons are the Brothers that we need to be nurturing in the lessons of Masonry.

Any Brother who has sponsored a new Mason should continue their own education by bringing their candidate / Brother Mason to degree work, stated meetings and all Lodge activities. The future of our Fraternity is in all our new Brothers.

The Lodge is growing and needs its Members to grow with it. The Officers

are working together to put action plans in place for training, fellowship, and Family times.

Become a part of our growth. If you were raised since 2013 in Hunters Paradise Lodge No. 85 please bring your Sponsor and join us at the Stated meeting on April 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM. If you have met other good men since you were raised please talk to them about what you have learned since becoming a Mason and bring them out to meet us before one of our meetings. Please let the Secretary know you are coming.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George Mather, VMW
Z Secretary



On the Level...

Senior Warden, Gerry Massey PM

Brothers,

My Brothers, Membership is one of the most important aspects of our fraternity. It is actually critical. We must walk a fine line between filling our ranks with large amounts of new members and ensuring we continue to bring in quality. Ultimately, it must be quality over quantity, but I believe in my heart that there are plenty of good men out there wanting to become better men. I beg of you to become familiar with the rules and practices, resources and assets we have at our disposal to bring in the best qualified candidates. Remember, we are not just bringing in new members to Freemasonry, but they are the future York and Scottish Rite members, Shriners, and their Ladies are the future of Eastern Star, Amaranth,

Ladies Oriental Shrine and Daughters of the Nile. This is why when we investigate our candidates for the degrees, it is so important to include the candidate's Lady and family. Their children are also potential members of our Masonic Youth and future members of the adult orders as well, so be sure to explain all the options of our Masonic FAMILY. Remember, we are now allowed to ask someone to join us and petition for the degrees. If you need assistance with this or if you want me to assist you in asking someone to join, please contact me. I will be more than happy to help you out.

Yours in the Faith,

Gerry Massey, PM 13
Senior Warden

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

Jon Weber
480- 430-0807

Junior Deacon

Earl Gould
716-800-7658

Senior Steward

Ken Neusch
516- 456-7737

Junior Steward

Braden Gaines
516-456-7737

Marshal

OPEN

Tyler

David Lowery, PM
602-237-0204

Chaplain

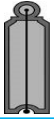
James Jennings PM
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----- Trustees -----

Jim Thomas

Brian Bednar

Mark Brown PM



The Plumb Line

Junior Warden, Gary Dates Jr.

Brothers, This month's article is about membership development and fundraising efforts. We have sent out numerous inquiries for your input on what it would take to get you interested in coming back to lodge. The lodge hasn't had many people show up even before the 2020 covid19 so we cannot blame that. The officers and I are willing to help in any manner that we can. We meet the first four Mondays of every month except when we are dark. First Monday is our officer meeting, second Monday is meet and greet anyone who shows up to our monthly practice. The third Monday we schedule degrees and the fourth Monday of the month is our stated meeting.

We have the structure to help develop any member, but no one wants to show up to check it out let alone go through the lineup. So I will propose to you the membership what more can we do to get you to take an interest in your Masonic Membership Development. Our lodge has more than 100 members which is fantastic, but isn't if no one will step up. This lodge can close no lodge is too big to close. If you do not step up then who?

Fraternally,
Gary Dates
Junior Warden

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One downfall that many in our organization make is that dues should be a source of income for the Lodge. I personally feel that dues should cover the per capita costs and membership related expenses. However, a Lodge should rely on a sustainable source of income. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, and similar activities can be done to make money, but I feel they are best suited for increasing the fellowship of the Lodge. Watching the faces of the winners of a raffle help maintain the moral of a Lodge. Some money can be made, but not to the extent that will keep the Lodge running. I like to equate it to a young child living in a house, asking for money from his or her parents to go to the movies. After

awhile of asking the same parent for money there may be an added annoyance tax and the parent may tell the kid to "get a job". By asking our own members time and time again we risk adding that same annoyance tax, so it is important that our fundraisers add value to the member as well as add revenue to the Lodge. In the same respect, we can't expect the next guy to pick up the slack or over discuss the potential fundraisers. At some point we need to act any because some activity is better than no activity.

Fraternally.
Bill Enloe P.M.
Worshipful Master



Brother's with April Birthdays

Scott Mudd 4/1	Jonathan Whisenhunt 4/9	William Enloe 4/22
James Poage 4/8	WesleyClose 4/11	James Stolze 4/23
Larry Schwarberg 4/8	Roger Howard 4/11	Patrick Powers 4/24
David Smith 4/9	Jonathan Beffel 4/19	David Weinstein 4/25

Sickness and Distress

We continue to not have brothers get COVID 19 and many are getting their shots. Please prayer for your fellow brothers, so we can get through the pandemic and return to lodge in a very meaningful way.

