







Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

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Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



SEPTEMBER 2022

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Message from Worshipful Master - Gerry Massey P. M.

Brethren,

OK, OK, I know we have mentioned in these Trestle boards what we have going on and that you are missed. But I don't think you REALLY understand how much you are truly missed.

We have a full slate of officers who are progressing and doing great work in the Lodge and we even have a few backups, so when you come, we will not be nagging you to get into the line. LOL Even if it is once every other month or just occasionally, we want to see

you. If interested, we have new Lodge Shirts ready for sale, as well as some water bottles and coffee cups as a fundraiser.

We also just completed an official visit to Pioneer Lodge with ten (yes 10!) Brothers for a 2nd Degree. Talk about a proud WM, walking into another Lodge with so many Brothers for an Official Visit! THANK YOU to each of you who showed.

Monday, Sept 19 th we will have a new Senior DeMolay who will become an EA and get his 1 st De-

gree. The following Monday Sept 26 th our SW will be stepping up and running the Business Meeting. So come on out and laugh at, uh, I mean SUPPORT Bro Gary!

October's Stated will be the Election of Officers for next year. Again, it's ok, it is safe to come. We have officers for all the chairs. LOL It will be a great night for all. I will be sure to come up with some kind of theme for both Sept and October's Stated Meetings, Stay Tuned!

Gerry Massey, PM

On the Level... Senior Warden, Gary Dates

Hello brothers,

What drew you to masonry? Was it to belong and view from a distance and wonder what is going on behind closed doors, and then complain about the direction of the lodge? There is always room for improvement. When I joined Hunters Paradise the lodge room was full. The officer's spots were full at the stated let alone the degree nights by the people that

were elected or appointed to the positions.

The amount of purple aprons on the sidelines was daunting. I understand we all have lives, but when I am asked about what I miss most of about the lodge and brothers involved is that we need to have you come back and be present. Covid is going to be around for the foreseeable future and we take all the necessary precautions.

So, what is your excuse for not coming back or even coming to lodge at all?

Instead of relying on the officers to keep plugging all the holes, how about stepping up and show up. We could use a degree team for the third degree ruffians and FC etc. we could also use a dedicated funeral team. Now the question is what are you going to do?



From the Secretary's Desk...
By William Enloe, PM

Hello Hunter's Paradise,

Ever wonder if you had what it takes to be a Leader of the Lodge? Well, first and foremost, showing up and participating is a good beginning to showing your Leadership. Not all leaders of the Lodge will make it to the East, some will head a committee, fundraiser, or pass on knowledge.

You are a Leader of the Lodge, but to ask the same question in a different way, what do you need to do to become a Worshipful Master and preside in the East for a term. There is a component of organization, accounting, project management, Robert's Rules of Order, and memorization.

Many of the earlier items you may possess or will learn from those elected before you as you progress. Other important factors of leadership are the ability to listen as well as the ability to speak out. These are two traits of leadership that my sometimes be forgotten because we must listen to those who lead before us and to those who may come after us. Take the information they provide and decipher what is important then utilize the important pieces to make the correct decisions and/or act upon need for the Lodge.

The ability to speak out does not mean the act of being heard or to disrespect others, but rather to say something when you see something that does not look right. You may not always get the pat on a shoulder for this trait but knowing that you are doing the right thing for the right reason is something that should not require an accolade or

prize. It is something that may not always make friends, but it is something that will earn the respect of your peers (given they also contain this strong leadership trait).

To ask the question a bit more directed within the Arizona Masonic Lodge, how do I become qualified to be elected in the South? You will be asked to open, close, and confer one degree (this could be the EA, FC, or MM).

To be qualified to sit in the West, you will be asked to open, close, and confer two degrees. And to be qualified to be elected for the East, you will be asked to open, close, and confer three degrees and recite a main degree lecture (EA lecture, Staircase lecture, or MM lecture). The Apron presentation and G Lecture are part of the conferral portion of the EA and FC degrees. That does sound like much to memorize but taken from someone who has memorized it that it is not as hard as it seems.

The certification is effective for 5 years (each level) and is a progressive card meaning most DDGM's do not ask you to reperform each degree each time you are performing the next level certification. Lastly, if one were to think ahead and begin this memorization process in the earlier appointed chairs (JS, SS, or JD) he could be qualified to be elected to the East well before he left the South and therefore would not have the added pressure of learning degrees and could perform the above-mentioned tasks when

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**Hunter's Paradise
 #85 Lodge Officers**

----- Elected -----

Worshipful Master

Gerry Massey, PM
 623-229-0545

Senior Warden

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

Junior Warden

Jon Weber
 480- 430-0807

Treasurer

Leo R. Balthazor
 602-740-5635

Secretary

Bill Enloe, PM
 480-861-2440

----- Appointed -----

Senior Deacon

Earl Gould
 716-800-7658

Junior Deacon

Chris Liristis

Senior Steward

Trent Pittard
 480-848-0337

Junior Steward

Shawn Strohman

Marshal

Bob Cherry

Tyler

David Lowery, PM
 602-237-0204

Chaplain

Braden Gaines
 516-456-7737

----- Trustees -----

Jim Thomas

Brian Bednar

Mark Brown PM

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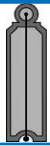
elected to the South, West or East. Lastly, having a larger number of members knowing the desired ritual needed to keep the Lodge healthy and active also ensures the longevity of the Lodge without fear of repeat Past Masters.

Please consider the above as a plea for you to continue the legacy of Hunter's Paradise. We may have some officers in the line that are learning what is needed to be elected, but that doesn't mean the future won't need you to step up and do your

part to assist. If you are a strong leader and can perform much of what is needed to run an organization but may not feel you have the skills to learn ritual then I suggest you start now and keep that memorization muscle active with the lessons taught to you when you were going through the degrees.

We look forward to having you around and learning new parts for you Lodge.

Bill Enloe PM
Secretary HP85



The Plumb Line Junior Warden, Jon Weber

Brethren,

Hunters Paradise is starting a DeMolay Chapter to mentor young men aged 12-20. With all that is going on in our country and the world, having a great place for our local young men to go and have their own brothers in the chapter to lean on is very important and can change their lives for the better.

I have seen first hand how DeMolay can benefit them. My 2 sons knew nothing about DeMolay when they were 12 and 15. I asked them to join the Chandler Chapter and try it for 6 months. 7 years later my older son Christopher Weber ran led the Chandler Chapter for 2 terms, chose to run for the state line of officers for Arizona DeMolay (similar to Grand Lodge), served as the Acting State Master Councilor for 2018-2019 and State Master Councilor for 2019-2020. My younger son Zachary was Master Councilor of Chandler DeMolay for a term and earned the PMC-MSA. They both learned leadership skills, public speaking, about business (ran a food stand for a while as a chapter fundraiser), participated in charity work and made lifelong friends while doing so.

We need more Masons to become advisors and

help mentor our chapter members. We have 3 Masons who have already completed the training, Gerry Massey, Gary Garafola and Jon Weber (me). Also, Gerry's lady Connie completed the training and is a DeMolay Advisor. Your lady can be involved with you! Please call me if you are interested. Go to <https://beademolay.org/> then to the "RESOURCES" drop down and select "New Advisor Registration".

There will be a pop up saying "Please read the instructions on the next page in red."

If you are a Senior DeMolay, former Advisor, or an Honorary Legion of Honor recipient and do not know how to login to eScribe, please use the [Login Recovery Tool](#).

Please note that if you already have an eScribe account and you sign up for a new one, your current record may be deleted.

As a Senior DeMolay (*anyone who was a DeMolay as a youth but are now 21 years of age or older*), former Advisor (Mentor), or an Honorary Legion of Honor recipient, DeMolay International may already have you in the system. So, if this applies to you, use the "Login Recovery Tool" FIRST.

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All Advisors must have a background check completed as part of DeMolay International's youth safety process. The cost is \$48 and is done through *Validity*. The advisor registration process will guide you through this. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any issues or questions. After that is completed, you will be asked to watch 5 short (10-20 minute) training videos teaching you about DeMolay and youth safety. After each video a short quiz will be given to make sure you paid attention.

If you have a son or know of a young man aged 9-11 for the DeMolay Squires or 12-20 for a DeMolay Chapter, call me and as soon as the advisors are trained, I will give you a petition for him to join. A new chapter member pays a one-time membership fee of less than \$80 (this will be decided by the new advisors). There are NO monthly dues and NO yearly dues for DeMolay Chapter Members.

Please visit <https://beademolay.org/> and <https://www.azdemolay.org/> for more information about DeMolay.

If you have not updated your information yet, please go to the following link:

https://az.grandview.systems/membership_registration

See Aprils trestle board for more information

"The words, "Friend to Friend" capture the essence and the spirit of Freemasonry. Just as the operative masons built the magnificent cathedrals centuries ago from stone to stone, Freemasonry has been built through the centuries from friend to friend." From [Richmond Lodge #412](#)

Monthly Schedule

1st Monday 6:30pm - Lodge officers only meeting

2nd Monday 6:30pm - Ritual practice to help memorize and perform degrees

- *Prospective Candidate Education*

3rd Monday 6:30pm - Degree night for scheduled candidates

- Candidates that have already gone through the scheduled degree are encouraged to attend

4th Monday 6:00pm - Dinner; a \$10 donation to help cover costs of food

- *Prospective candidates* and all brothers are encouraged to attend.

- *Prospective candidates*, this is the time to get to know the members of the lodge and for them to get to know who they will be voting for to become members of the lodge.

- If you do not plan on eating no donation is required, please attend, and enjoy the fellowship with our brethren

7:00pm - Stated Meeting begins. All brethren who have at least gone through the 1st Degree are encouraged to attend

5th Monday - 4 or 5 months throughout the year have a 5th Monday. This Monday is at the discretion of the Master of the Lodge. Most 5th Mondays we are off but at times we may choose to hold a degree or some other activity.

As *prospective candidates* who would like to be a Master Mason, the lodge encourages you to attend on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

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