








# Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85



## APRIL 2023

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### Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates

Hello Brothers, can you believe it is April already!

I want to thank Brother Austin for going to The Masonic Leadership Conference in Prescott. He has a plan and I can't wait to see what unfolds. We walked away with a wealth of knowledge starting with an idea and seeing it through to the end result and everything in between that can and probably will happen, it all starts with a conversation and a willingness to do what it takes.

I would like to welcome our two new Fellow Craft masons Chris Conaway and Chris Guenther. Earl was in the East and thank you to all who stepped in at the last moments, thank you very much Grand Chaplain VR Michael Valecourt for giving the staircase lecture Brother Allen Nichols as Senior Deacon and WB Bob Bffel as Junior Warden

and WB Bill Enloe for sitting in the West.

This month we are going to have an officer zoom meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we are going to visit Oriental Lodge number 20 on April 4<sup>th</sup>. April 10<sup>th</sup> is going to be a mandatory practice for the officers on the second degree. April 17<sup>th</sup> will be the second degree for Brother John Larson with Earl Gould in the East. April 24<sup>th</sup> will be our stated meeting with a meal beforehand provided by Earl Gould.

Please mark your calendars for May 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a third degree and we will need all hands on deck. If you have done a part in the past or want to learn a new part please contact me or Brother Gaines!

Gary Dates  
Worshipful Master

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### Upcoming Planned Activities

- Apr 3 - Officer Mtg (Zoom) - 6:30 pm
- Apr 10 - Practice night - 6:30 pm
- Apr 17 - 2nd Degree night 6:30 pm
- Apr 24 - Lodge Stated Mtg - 7:00 pm
- May 1 - Officer Mtg (Zoom) - 6:30 pm
- May 8 - Practice - 3rd Degree - 6:30 pm
- May 15 - 3rd Degree night - 6:30 pm
- May 22 - Lodge Stated Mtg - 7:00 pm
- May 29 - Memorial Day

(The Master will update via email)

### The 2023 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 as to the activity to be done.
- 4th Monday - Stated meeting
- 5th Monday - If it exists - NO meetings



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

Hello Members of Hunter's Paradise,

I feel you all should know me if not from a discussion face to face in Lodge in the 10 years we've been a Lodge, but definitely from sending dues and receiving dues cards from me.

Well, I wanted to take just a minute of your time to let you know that as a Lodge (on paper) we look fruitful. We have 120 members (including those Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts that are waiting to become Master Masons) and a healthy bank account. Sometimes, however, I feel that some members do not see the work, care, and attention that your officers do for you during the meetings as well as off hours. We are all in this for the love of the Lodge and do not expect any fancy award for the things we're doing in a volunteer group.

However, I do feel that we could use your help. "How can I help?", you may be asking yourself. Well for starters, coming down to the Lodge is a good start. If you don't feel comfortable about that (I, we, the officers) want to know because there is no way to fix something if no one knows what is broken. If nothing is broken, then that puts the accountability back into your corner because we would love to have you come down and see us. We'd like to have you do a part or participate somehow, but truth be told just showing up is a first start because there is strength in numbers. If you continue to show up then it should be because you like us and what we're doing.

There are always activities that can be supported by you, but if we are not doing enough or you want to see something else then it can be suggested. We are not here to fulfill some deep seated need to receive an apron. We are truly here to make sure we have a place where men (and their family) can meet and have fun together. We all joined this organization to do better, so let's renew our faith in this organization and work towards a better tomorrow.

Eventually, if you have enough fun that you want to take on more responsibility in keeping this Lodge progressing then you can conceive the notion in taking on an officer role, but that may not always be necessary.

Statistically speaking, out of the 120 members, we'll have some more join and a few other may leave (from demit, death, or NPD), but out of that rough 100 members a 10% expectation of 10 people taking on a leadership role leaves 90 to help support that leader group. Expecting the 10 to do it all is not feasible and just not something anyone wants because that work does get to be trying and often takes a toll on the healthy division of three parts we hear about.

So, please, please, please come on down and support your Lodge, your Leaders, and your community by participating with us.

*Bill Enloe PM*  
Secretary  
Hunter's Paradise #85 F&AM

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

----- Elected -----

**Worshipful Master**

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

**Senior Warden**  
TBD

**Junior Warden**  
Earl Gould  
716-800-7658

**Treasurer**  
Leo R. Balthazor  
602-740-5635

**Secretary**  
Bill Enloe, PM  
480-861-2440

----- **Appointed** -----

**Senior Deacon**  
Braden Gaines

**Junior Deacon**  
Chris Liristis

**Senior Steward**  
Brian Conner

**Junior Steward**  
Phillip Lopez

**Marshal**  
David Ruff

**Tyler**  
David Lowery, PM

**Chaplain**  
Austin Nisbet

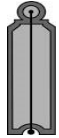
----- **Trustees** -----

Mark Brown PM  
Jim Thomas

Gerry Massey, PM

**-Trial Commissioners-**

Scott Garzuzi  
Leo Balthazor  
James Lippert  
Jim Thomas  
Ken Neusch



## The Plumb Line Junior Warden, Earl Gould

Greeting from the south,

Happy Easter, Passover, or whatever holiday you and your family celebrate this time of year. This is a time of year when everything is being reborn. When we rise from the dead of winter to flowers blooming and the dark cold grey skies of the winter give way to the sunny blue days of spring. As masons this is a good time of year to remember that we are all working towards the same goal, to be better men, not just for ourselves, but for our family and our community. Simple everyday acts of kindness and understanding, giving ourselves the strength not to judge but to be judge. Make every day better than today. Make a positive impact not only in someone's life but in your own. It is my pleasure to walk this path with you all.

We as your lodge officers have been trying to increase our member participation over the past few months. Simply put, We Need YOU! We would love to see all our members attend every stated meeting and degree. We know this

is unrealistic, but many of the things we try to accomplish as a lodge are not just for the lodge officers. It is your lodge, and we need you to participate, many of the requirements for the Master Architect Award require the brethren to take part in. The commitment from your lodge officers is there. We are committed to being in attendance for events which will count toward the award, but your help and participation is needed. We can do it together, please consider attending our stated meeting on a regular basis, and other lodge events such as visitations etc. We all welcome your help and assistance in making HP85 a stronger, better lodge.

For our stated meeting on April 24 dinner will be chicken fingers [from Cheddar's Kitchen] , Salad, rolls and dessert. Please RSVP to me at [Earl.gould.15613@gmail.com](mailto:Earl.gould.15613@gmail.com) or text 716-800-7658 by 4/20/2023.

*Earl P. Gould*  
Junior Warden  
Hunters Paradise #85



## A Thought on Membership Lodge Chaplain – Austin Nisbet

At Hunter's Paradise No. 85, we take great pride in our membership. We know that membership development is the lifeblood of the Masonic fraternity. For lodges to survive, they must continually seek out prospects and provide ongoing development for our active brothers. It is the charge of the fraternity to enhance the experience of prospective members and current members by providing on-going education and utilizing our values-based ritual traditions.

We seek to inspire all of our brothers, old and new, to be as active within the lodge as possible and to take pride in all of our doings under

our Supreme Architect of the Universe. To instill the importance of living by the Square and on the Level is our duty as a brotherhood, and here at Hunter's Paradise we have this built into our culture.

As current Chaplain of this great lodge, I hold these values with a great honor and hope to leave an everlasting impression during my year in the name of our Great Architect.

*Austin Nisbet*  
Chaplain  
Hunters Paradise #85