



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85



JUNE 2023

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Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates

Hello Brethren,

It is June and Grand Lodge has just completed. It was held at Wild Horse Pass and Casino. This month's article is about what we are looking forward to this summer and I am looking forward to many things.

Earl is just about done with his proficiency on the second degree and Braden is very close to getting his proficiency for the first degree along with the apron lecture. I have encouraged Austin and Brian to sit in the east on the first degree before the end of the year.

How many of you are top line signers on our brothers that are still needing degrees? We have too many getting close to

being dropped because of failure to advance. You are their mentors so check up on them! We just put through a brother just under the wire of being dropped last week. You need to call write, email or text them and let me know where you and your candidate stand. We have six brothers waiting on a second degree and six waiting on their second degree. We require the minimum proficiency and their obligation in order to advance to the next degree.

George Muñoz is having his first degree in June and I hope to get two third degrees in July.

Fraternally,

Gary Dates
Worshipful Master

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- June 5 - Officer Mtg (Zoom) - 6:30 pm
- June 12 - Practice - 1st degree- 6:30 pm
- June 19 - 1st Degree night - 6:30 pm
- June 26 - Lodge Stated Mtg - 7:00 pm
- July 3 - Officer Mtg (Zoom) - 6:30 pm
- July 10 - Practice-3rd Degree - 6:30 pm
- July 17 - 3rd Degree - 6:30 pm
- July 24 - 3rd Degree - 6:30 pm
- July 31 - TBD

(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 Brothers,

By the time you read this, Grand Communication will be concluded, and new legislation will have been passed, carried over and even some rejected.

We will have welcomed in a new Grand Master of Free and Accepted Mason of Arizona and have thanked Most Worshipful Jim Baker for a fine year as Grand Master. Our Lodge was well represented by your Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden and has received another Master Architect Award.

Our Lodge is, in my humble opinion, still one of the best Lodges in this Great State. Now that a new Masonic term has ended beginning a new (clean slate) term to work from, we'll be wanting to address some things as we go forward.

We want to see more members here at our Degrees and Stated meetings (3rd and 4th Monday respectfully). We'll want to see a list of members proficient to be qualified for the West, South and East (please see one of the current elected officers to know how or what is needed for you to become qualified).

The second Monday of every month is a practice meeting, and we open the room for anyone who wants to (and is able to) partici-

pate. So, please come join us to ensure that we do not lose the knowledge of our fraternity stored in the ritualistic degrees we perform. We can always use a hand, so please don't be shy.

The last item I would like to mention is Grand View. Grand Lodge is pushing the use of Grand View, so please log on and poke around to familiarize yourself with the product.

I've been a champion in notifying the Grand Secretary when I feel something should be added or updated. However, my view is not the same as other individual members. So, I feel our product is only as good as the information that is available for use from the masses.

If you see something that feels odd or can be improved, please take a few minutes to document it and send it to me in email and I will forward it to the Grand Secretary. Hopefully, this product will become second nature for you to use as many of the cell phone apps you use every day.

Thank you,

Bill Enloe PM
Secretary

Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---

Worshipful Master

Gary F. Dates, Jr.
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Senior Warden

Gerry Massey PM
623-229-0545

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

Brian Conner

Senior Steward

Phillip Lopez

Junior Steward

Marshal

David Ruff

Tyler

David Lowery, PM

Chaplain

Austin Nisbet

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

Mark Brown PM

Jim Thomas

Keith Seplak

-Trial Commissioners-

Scott Garzuzi

Leo Balthazor

James Lippert

Jim Thomas

Ken Neusch

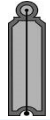


On the Level... Senior Warden, Gerry Massey PM

As your newly elected Senior Warden, I would like to share my experience at the [141st Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona](#).

To think that it was 10 years ago when I accepted the Charter for our Lodge, I was told our Lodge would not be in existence for long because we are nothing more than "a bunch of Shriners" and would not be able to fill a line of officers nor do the work.

Well, WB Gary Dates and I accepted the Master Architect Award for 2022-23 on behalf of the Brethren of Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85 at the [141st Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona](#). This makes 8 out of our 10 years we have received Master Builder (1 time) or Master Architect (7 times, it is the highest award a Lodge in Arizona can receive) for their work. After all, we were "just a bunch of Shriners", but now we are 100+ masons.



The Plumb Line Junior Warden, Earl Gould

Greetings from the South:

As we head into June and the summer months, I was excited to attend the Grand Communication as your JW. During this event I meet brothers from all over our state and to share in ideas and fellowship of our fraternity.

As summer approaches and we go dark for the month of July, we all know too well that the heat will be upon us. I look forward to furthering the initiatives and community relationships we have developed over this past year. I will be working with the WM and SW to help continue and establish fundraising activities and identifying worthy charities where we can represent the good Mason's do.

When we come back in August, I look forward to seeing many more of you to help fill up the

lodge. Not just for stated meeting but for practices as well as degrees. We will continue with our dinners before every stated meeting. We have had a great turnout, any suggestions you have for dinners are always welcome, feel free to drop me an email or text me.

As always, if you plan on attending the dinner, please drop me a text (716-800-7658) or email earl.gould.15613@gmail.com to RSVP, a donation of \$10 is requested to help cover the cost.

Enjoy the month of July with your friends and family and I look forward to seeing you all when we return from Darkness.

Respectfully,

Earl Gould
JW Hunter's Paradise #85



The York Rite in Arizona By William Enloe, PM

The York Rite is an extension of the Blue Lodge degrees with an additional 10 degrees to continue your search for Masonic knowledge. There are three bodies that are contained in the York Rite, the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. They must be achieved successively, but your progress is your journey.

In the Chapter you have the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees. If you elect to continue to the Council, you will receive the Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master degrees. Lastly, if you wish to continue to the Commandery, you can attain the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, and Order of the Temple and become a Knight Templar.

There are several constituent bodies around the Valley that meet on different nights. So, like many Masonic Bodies, reach out and someone will provide you with more information.

Phoenix meets on the 2nd Monday, Chandler the 3rd Wednesday, Sun City the 3rd Friday, Scottsdale the 1st Tuesday, and Mesa 2nd Wednesday just to name the bodies that are local.

So, whether your Masonic journey started decades before or recently, there is always more to learn.

If you feel you would like to find out more about the York Rite please see our lodge Secretary for more information and he will help you along with your journey.

More information will come in Future Trestle Board articles.

