



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85



Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates

Hello Brethren, it seems like forever ago since we have written an article. We are to reflect on brothers we haven't seen in quite a while. I don't see you in lodge, but I see you at Shrine functions. Time flies by and before you know it, more and more lodge activities go by soon we will be putting up Christmas trees and lights.

Hunter's Paradise has seen a decline in numbers of members that show up and or participate. And we have had brothers from other lodges step up and fill the voids. I can't thank the brothers that have helped put on the last few third degrees because without you we wouldn't have three new Master Masons this year. It might be a bit before we have another third

degree. If you are interested in learning a part or by participating in a degree please reach out to our lineup. Our officer lineup is a group of outstanding men who can best work and agree!

Sept. 16th – Shrine ceremonial –
Lodge Serving breakfast

Sept 18th – second degree for
George Munez

Sept. 25th – Stated Meeting

WE NEED 8 VOLUNTEERS to
pull off the fall ceremonial
breakfast!

Fraternally,

Gary Dates
Worshipful Master

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- Sept. 16 - Serve Breakfast at Shrine Ceremonial - 2 hours 7 am to 9
 - Sept. 18 - 2nd Degree night - 6:30 pm
 - Sept. 25 - Lodge Stated Mtg - 7:00 pm
 - Oct. 6 - Officer Mtg (Zoom) - 6:30 pm
 - Oct.13 - Practice - TBD - 6:30 pm
 - Oct.20 - Degree - TBD - 6:30 pm
 - Oct.27 - Lodge Stated Mtg - 7:00 pm
- (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 Hunter's Paradise members ,

We are shortly about to close the books of another dues collection exercise, but soon we will be starting the cycle all over again.

Please remember that your dues are due on 12/31 of the year prior of the dues year. So, if you are expecting to receive your 2024 dues card we would like to have the payment by 12/31/2023.

The reason we ask for this is simply because we are expected to pay the per capita for our membership by the end of February. I know our Lodge is not hurting for money, but that doesn't mean we should expect the payment to go for your membership without your portion.

We are always understanding of hardships that occur that may cause you to extend that 12/31 date for dues payments. So, please do not be a stranger and talk to your Worshipful Master, Secretary, and/or Treasurer to make possible arrangements for your specific needs.

We, of course, would always like to have the payment in full, but know that may not always be possi-

ble. The Lodge officers are sensitive to your feelings and know that pride can keep you from openly discussing times of hardships. However, remember that you may be on hard times now and some of your brothers will be there to help you just like if we fall on hard times you will be there for us.

If there is ever a time that I shame you for your dues rather than having you be an active member in our Lodge then that is a clear time to have me replaced. The Secretary of a Lodge should never be a person you are afraid to approach with your concerns, so I hope to never be that Secretary.

Your dues is an important factor in the financial health of a Lodge, however your participation in many of our activities is a far greater a sign of the success of the Lodge. So, please come down and enjoy the fellowship of brothers. I look forward to seeing you at a meeting, degree, of any other activity held by the Lodge.

Thank you,
Bill Enloe PM
Secretary

How and where did Freemasonry start? It is unknown, but...

The earliest recorded making of a Freemason in an English Lodge is that of Elias Ashmole in 1646. Organized Freemasonry began with the founding of the Grand Lodge of England on 24 June 1717, the first Grand Lodge in the world. Ireland followed in 1725 and Scotland in 1736. All the regular Grand Lodges in the world trace themselves back to one or more of the Grand Lodges in the British Isles.

Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---

Worshipful Master

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

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-

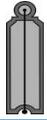
Scott Garzuzi

Leo Balthazor

James Lippert

Jim Thomas

Ken Neusch



The Plumb Line Junior Warden, Earl Gould

Greetings from the South:

Brothers, as I look at the calendar I see where fall is here, but as I walk outside, I feel the 100+ temperatures. Life in Arizona is good my friends, soon our definition of winter will be here. It will be cooler just in time for us to enjoy the fall and winter holidays and of course FOOTBALL.

This is also a good time to come back to your lodge, your officers of Hunters Paradise have worked throughout this past year to move the lodge forward. We have brought back meals for every stated meeting, we have done service work at Feed My Starving Children, we have established a relationship with a local elementary school of which we are holding school supply drive [there will be a donation box in the lodge] and we have supported the Shrine again this year by providing breakfast prior to the fall ceremony. A lot is happening in the lodge, but we still have one thing that we have not accomplished, YOU!

Not only do we need You to take part in the lodge and its activities, but we also miss you.

Without your participation the lodge struggles, without you we can not move forward, without you the lodge is not complete. If you can not come for a stated meeting, stop by for a practice, or a degree. We need people to fill in, if you would like to know a part for a degree or sit in an officer's seat, we would love to have you. Any participation is welcomed and needed. I remember the old ARMY re-enlistment poster which hung in the barracks – IF NOT YOU, WHO?

As a reminder, the fourth Monday of every month at 7pm is our stated meeting [dinner starts at 5:30pm]. In addition, we meet for practice on the second Monday of the month (at 6:30pm), the third Monday of the month is reserved for the conferring of degrees. Please stop down, visit with us and see what is new in your lodge.

I look forward to the end of this year and to continue to move the lodge forward with your help.

Earl P. Gould
Junior Warden



The York Rite in Arizona By William Enloe, PM

Beginning our York Rite journey, we start with the Mark Master Degree. In this degree we learn the lessons of Integrity, Charity, Education, and Discipline. This degree is where a Mason would be asked to create his Mark that would be used to display on his work. The Mark Master degree is a close link to the first three degrees and is often performed for many Master Masons to help him discover if the York Rite is the path he desires to continue.

If you are on the fence or desire to join the York

Rite, you may opt to petition for the Mark Master degree at no charge or commitment. Many of the York Rite Bodies would welcome you with open arms, so please seek someone out to help you locate a Royal Arch Chapter that is putting on this degree. Remember, 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 be in Future Trestle Board articles.