



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

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Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates

Hello from the East.

It has been a very eventful year and we have accomplished a lot. We have rallied with two to three other lodges at times to put on our degrees. We have raised three Master Masons. As of now we have twenty one prospective members! We also have had three successful fundraisers this year.

In the upcoming year we hope to have a majority of the lineup proficient to sit in the South by the end of this year. We are working on putting together a format for our prospective members if anyone is interested in heading that up please contact me or any line officer. It needs to be someone other than an officer. We don't have enough participation from lodge members to get the Peer to Peer up and running smoothly yet.

We are looking at requests of possibly having an AR type rifle or M1 Grand for our next

gun raffle so stay tuned. The last gun raffle brought in \$925 profit.

We have a school supply drive going on now for David Crockett Elementary School. We have a donation box at the lodge. They are asking for the ten most used supplies. See previous email for details. We will donate them during the week that our Grand Master determined to be our teacher appreciation week.

At our Stated Meeting for October we will be having elections for the upcoming year and we will be having an award ceremony for 25 and 60 year members. With Halloween coming up wear your best Halloween shirt/ dress. You guys make me proud to be a member of Hunter's Paradise #85.

Fraternally,
Gary Dates
Worshipful Master

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- October 9th** Earl's proficiency for the second degree with our DDGM Luke Evans
 - October 16th** Braden's proficiency for the first degree with our DDGM Luke Evans
 - October 23rd** Stated Meeting
Halloween theme, ELECTIONS, and award ceremony
- (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

To the members of Hunter's Paradise, As a Past Master of this Lodge and as a Secretary, I must commend the current officers for the work they have done this year and the dedication they have shown to the craft. They are diligently working on improving themselves and becoming certified to serve you in the future years.

It makes me happy to see so many have the zeal to learn the important lessons our ritual offers. It would not shock me that one or more of them would be awarded a Master Ritualist in the coming years. Of course, this effort is for your benefit and I'm hopeful that you are just as please in them as I am.

You may be asking yourself how I can show my appreciation. Well, simply by coming down to the Lodge and sharing in the fellowship. Your presence is one of the reasons why I and they continue to do what is needed to keep the Lodge in good standing with Grand Lodge. It is why we

are all members of Hunter's Paradise and why we continue to grow as a Lodge (both in numbers and in experience).

There is, however, always a place for you to participate. Each degree has a need for sideliners as well as non-speaking parts. There are also times when you can show your support by performing a small piece of ritual. Even the smallest of parts brings comfort and relief to those who are performing the much longer parts. It allows them to take a break and focus on learning new parts or to ensure we are all engaged in the performing of the traditions of our institution.

So, please come down and join us in this fun and fellowship and find out where you can assist. We would love to have you down and love to see you joining in on our fun.

Thank you,
Bill Enloe PM
Secretary

What Is A Masonic Trestle Board?

From: masonic-lodge-of-education.com

A Masonic trestle board is a design board for the Master Workman (Architect) to draw his plans and designs upon to give the workmen an outline of the work to be performed. In today's terms, we might call it a **blueprint**.

A trestle board is a framework

consisting of (usually 3) vertical, slanted supports (or legs) with one or more horizontal crosspieces on which to hang or display an item. Today, it is better known as an "easel".

Some jurisdictions around the

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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



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

Brothers,

It's that time of year again. Time to elect our new officers for the next year. If you're interested in serving the Lodge, (even if in a non-officer roll) please let the WM know as soon as possible. We do need committee members, Trustees, etc. Sadly, life happens, and we lose people to job relocation, family commitments, and even lack of interest and failure to advance (non-proficiency).

It is more than likely too late to take a progressive elected role unless you are already proficient. However, it is NOT too late to start preparing for next year. Some lodges have 4 or 5 Brothers who are proficient in all positions all the way up to WM. Wouldn't it be nice to have multiple Brothers wanting to serve the Lodge in the progressive line?!? -Hey, a Brother can

dream! ♦♦

I'll keep this short, but I cannot tell you all how proud I am of this Lodge. We've come together when we needed to. Brothers step up when they can, and we handle our Business. I also know we are coming up on the Holiday season. This season tends to be tough on some of us for various reasons. Please look out for each other. We ARE our Brother's keeper. Connie and I are here if you need us. Do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time. We also wish each and every one of you an Amazing Holiday Season.

Gerry Massey, PM 13/22

Senior Warden 2023



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.

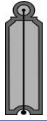
If you are on the fence or desire to join the York Rite, you may opt to petition for the Mark Master degree at no charge or commitment. Many of the York Rite Bodies would welcome you with open arms, so please seek someone out to help you locate a Royal Arch Chapter that is

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.

Bill Enloe
HP85 Lodge Secretary



The Plumb Line

Junior Warden, Earl Gould

From the South:

As we reflect on this past year, I am proud of all the accomplishments we have made as a lodge and how we have moved the lodge forward.

This past year we, as a lodge, have obtained the Master Architect Award, established a stronger relationship with Davy Crockett school, hosting not only a "Bikes for Books" program but a school supply drive and have plans for much more.

We are giving back to the community and it feels good. Building the future and leaving this place better than what we had found. We have also enjoyed sharing a meal at our stated meetings, telling stories and remembering why we became Masons. We have made improvements to the lodge, installed a big screen TV for presentations, degree work, or the occasions football game.

We have again given our time to the Salvation Army, ringing bells at Christmas time and packed meals at "Feed my Starving Children". We even found time to assist the Shrine and again this year, provide a pancake breakfast for the shrine induction ceremony. With all these accomplishments we should consider this a very successful year.

It has been successful; however, we have al-

so had failure. That failure is not from lack of trying, we have made a diligent effort to bring brothers back to the lodge. To attend the stated meetings and perhaps a degree or two, but failed we have.

I challenge each and every Brother to make it a point to attend lodge in this upcoming year. Without you we can not grow stronger, without you we and putting the burden of the success of this lodge on a few and if those few cannot be there we will fail.

I would like to see you all this upcoming year. To learn from you as well as to get to know you all better. To hear your ideals and get your input. I know many from the Shrine, but the Blue Lodge is the foundation and without a strong foundation we cannot build our fraternity and our lodge stronger. In short, without you, we fail.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next stated meeting, please remember to RSVP to me at earl.gould.15613@gmail.com if you will be attending the dinner, regrets to WM Gary Dates. We ask a \$10.00 donation to help defray the cost, an email will be coming out with the menu.

Earl P. Gould
Junior Warden

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world call it a tracing board. It would be somewhat of a "circular logic" task to argue the difference, as, while neither can be fully proven (in historical writings), the "Tracing board" may very well have preceded (come before) the use of the word "Trestleboard" because lodges in Europe (which pre-date American lodges), use the word "Tracing Board".

Hiram's Tracing Board: Hiram Abif's tracing

board is believed to have been made of wood, covered with a coating of wax. Each day he would draw his Master architect's measurements and symbols into the wax in order to instruct his Master Masons of the work that was to be accomplished.

At the end of the day, he would simply scrape off the wax and pour a new layer of hot wax onto the board to ready it for the next day's work.