



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



NOVEMBER 2023

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Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates

Hello from the East.

It is November and elections are over. **Elected Officers** for the lodge are :

WM Gary Dates,
SW Earl Gould,
JW Braden Gaines,
Treasurer Leo Balthazor,
Secretary Bill Enloe

Appointed Officers:

SD Brian Connor,
JD Phillip Lopez,
SS Austin Nisbet,
JS Allen Nichols,
Marshall Christopher Guenther,
Tyler Dave Lowery

Trustees are James Jennings,
Keith Seplak and Jim Thomas.

Trial Commissioners are:
Scott Garzuzi, Leo Balthazor,
Jim Thomas, Jim Leppert and
Bruce Bouldin.

November 13th practice was at 6:30pm, the 13th is also the last day for school supply drive we will be delivering them on Wednesday at 3pm.

November 20th meeting at the lodge before practice with trustees'

board at 6:30pm, but we couldn't get in so it was canceled

November 26th Hunters Paradise officer install at 2pm if you can't make it you will be installed at the next stated meeting you are at. Wear a black suit for officers' pictures. It is open to family.

Installing officers are as follows:
WB Darrell Mandrel as
Installing Master,
WB Gerry Massey as Marshall WB
Jim Hoover as installing Chaplin.

November 27th Stated Meeting. 7pm We are looking forward to a great year, please come out and support your Blue Lodge as often as possible.

We have many things instore for the upcoming year. Since this is the last trestle board for 2023 hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Gary Dates
Worshipful Master

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Mesa, AZ 85211-1545

Upcoming Planned Activities

Nov. 26 at 2 PM - Installation of Officers families and friends are invited

Hunters Paradise Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing:

12/9 -12pm -2pm
12/9 - 4pm -6pm
12/10- 4pm - 6pm

The December activities will be announced by the Master as December typically a quiet month for Hunter's Paradise Lodge

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:

We've just completed elections and I'd like to give a personal thank you for all officers (and members) working hard to keep our Lodge going in 2023. We are looking toward the 2024 Masonic year and the officers elected are already preparing to do what is needed for certifications.

These guys are doing so much for you and this Lodge that it only stands to reason that you would come on down to see their efforts. WB Gary will remain in the East to allow Earl and Braden the time it takes to get certified and prepare for future successful years. This line of officers has a tremendous amount of talent and have that drive that we've been looking for. You should be proud that they were elected to lead and guide us into tomorrow.

I'm sure you are aware that we

have many EAs and FC that need to advance. If you are a mentor keep working on their proficiency, so they can be scheduled for a degree. Once they receive their MM degree don't stop mentoring because that is when the hard work begins. It is this crucial time that you set the example and show them what it really means to be a Master Mason. The keys to success are fellowship and participation.

We have opportunities for you to volunteer (even if you are not a mentor, because in a measure we're all mentors). So, come on down and see what needs to be done. If there is something you want to get started, please see a pedestal officer, and give them your ideas. You lose nothing by trying and gain everything by speaking up.

Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Secretary

Bill Enloe

Why Is There An Altar in the Lodge Room?

From: masonic-lodge-of-education.com

Altars are usually found in sacred places such as shrines, temples and churches. All major religions such as Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shinto, Taoism, etc. have altars. Even the pagans built altars to their gods.

The Masonic altar within the Masonic Lodge represents the sanctity of the Altar of Incense within the Holy of Holies (Sanctum Sanctorum) in

King Solomon's temple.

The scriptures in the Holy books tell us that each of the men, below, erected an altar to God. God commanded that each of them build an altar unto Him and in many places in the scripture, He specified the exact material, size and even the material which the tools were made of that they should or should not use in its creation.

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-

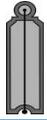
Scott Garzuzi

Leo Balthazor

James Lippert

Jim Thomas

Ken Neusch



The Plumb Line Junior Warden, Earl Gould

Greetings from the South:

I would like to wish every veteran a Happy Veterans Day. Thank you for answering the call from your county, no matter if you served in war time, peace time, active duty or reserve, your contributions mattered and the nation is grateful for your efforts. I also would like to thank everyone who has supported a veteran, Mothers, Fathers, Sister, Brother, Wives, Husbands. Without these people in our corner we could have never had the courage to do the mission we were facing.

Like the Service, Masons serve. We are always looking for ways to help people in our community, it can be a number of ways. Letting people know we care, a monetary donation, donating or time or supplies to a cause. I ask each and every member to help in anyway they can.

The WM has a number of initiatives to support our community/ Lodge, please consider helping out and supporting the lodge and your brothers.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their vote for allowing me to serve as your SW for the upcoming year 2024. My promise to each and everyone of you is to continue the progress we have made and assist the WM in his vision of growing the lodge, not only in numbers but in our charitable works as we continue to make ourselves better Citizens, husbands, fathers, and Men.

As Masons we are ever improving ourselves working towards that ultimate goal. As we move towards November we start to think about the holidays and all the fun and gatherings which come with the season. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. As a kid, I always loved it when our house would be full of family and friends, the noise of everyone talking at the same time and how happy everyone was to see each other. I

get that same feeling when we have a full house in the lodge room.

For the October stated meeting, we honored one of our brothers with a 60-year apron, a feat many of us will never achieve, including myself. The lodge room was packed more than it has been in a long, long time. It was great to see everyone and to meet brothers who I did not know. Please note that before our November meeting, we will be honoring several brothers with their 25-year anniversary as a MM, again an impressive achievement and one that should be recognized publicly. I urge, each and every brother to mark it on your calendar and make it a point to come to lodge to see these brothers achieve this milestone.

Please remember we will be having dinner before the stated meeting and if you plan on coming, please RSVP to myself, include the number of people who will be coming with you. I would like to have as accurate account of people who will be attending so we make sure we have enough food for everyone. I am thrilled we have more and more brothers coming to lodge to include brothers coming for dinner, but with the growing numbers it becomes harder and harder to get the proper amount of food, so please RSVP. My email address is earl.gould.15613@gmail or text me at 716-800-7658 and let me know if you will be coming and taking part in dinner.

Remember we are having our school supply drive. There is a list of supplies needed and flyers are in the lodge room. If you have any questions, please contact myself or any of the officers.

Again, I look forward to this upcoming masonic year and what WE will accomplish together.

God Bless!

Earl Gould,
Junior Warden

Photos of November 26, 2023

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Bill Enloe PM
2023 HP85 Mason of the Year



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Gary Dates, Master



Braden Gains, Junior Warden



Leo Balthazor, Treasurer



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Brian Connor, Senior Deacon



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