



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85



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Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates



Hello brothers friends and family.

It is already Valentine's month. We

are well on our way to obtaining the Master Architect award. We have to get two more blue lodge visits, two people to get to the leadership conference in Prescott. Three more months with articles and one inside lodge education and one out of lodge education.

Our members who have participated in the last few third degrees stepped up and did a great job on the last third degree on February for Brother Strohman. In March we will do another third degree. If you haven't been to a third degree

for a while come on down and see the great job your brothers are doing. Next month is Brother Conway's 3rd degree. Right behind that we have a gazillion 2nd degrees to do, so our third Mondays starting April we will be active doing 2nd Degrees for a while as we work to get them all completed.

From now on the:

First Monday will be officers meeting using Zoom 6:30pm

Second Monday practice for 3 degrees at 6:30pm for March

Third Monday 3rd degree 6:30pm

Fourth Monday Stated Meeting We have a meal at 5:30 pm Then our meeting at 7pm

Gary Dates WM

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- Mar 4th – 6:30 pm** – via ZOOM Officer meeting
- Mar 11th – 6:30 pm** Practice 3rd Degree
- Mar 18th – 6:30 pm** 3rd Degree
- Mar 25th – 5:30 Dinner 7 pm** Stated Meeting

(Master's updates via email)

The 2024 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 have begun the year off on a good note and the Officers of HP85 are working diligently in completing the Master Architect award activities.

Though it would be nice to get another ribbon and plaque for our Lodge, the more important aspect are the activities we perform are better served for the community and our organization.

Performing the ritual continues our traditions in spreading the symbols and messages of our fraternity. Maintaining a Trestle Board, website, and the like are meant to keep everyone informed of the multitude of information we spread to the members and the public. Visiting other Lodges, youth groups, and appendant bodies are meant to share in the fellowship that makes this organization great.

So, you see the main purpose of these activities are to keep a Lodge active in staying relevant in the public eye as well as remain a beacon for others to follow.

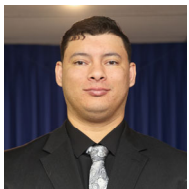
Your part in a Master Architect Award is far greater than the planning, organizing, or executing of the form of events or even in receiving it at Grand Session. Your part is the participation in your Lodge events, degrees, meetings, and other activities. If there is other activities you feel we need to add then it is your part to contact the officers and get them added to our tools of improving this world of ours.

So, keep coming to Lodge and get involved. If we haven't seen you in awhile then it is important reintroduce yourself to your officers and continue to make Hunter's Paradise the best Lodge in Arizona.

Your Humble Secretary
Bill Enloe PM



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Braden Gaines



Hello brothers,
I just wanted to say everyone has been doing a great job over the past few months with all the Third Degrees. It has been really great watching everyone so willing to help out. With that said

we have one more left, so let's finish out strong and make it a great one.

While sitting in the south it is my role to keep food coming to the meetings. If there is anything that anyone

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Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---
Worshipful Master

Gary F. Dates, Jr.
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Senior Warden
Earl Gould
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Junior Warden
Braden Gaines
719-231-1433

Treasurer
Leo R. Balthazor
602-740-5635

Secretary
Bill Enloe, PM
480-861-2440

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

Senior Deacon
Brian Conner

Junior Deacon
Phillip Lopez

Senior Steward
Austin Nisbet

Junior Steward
Allen Nichols

Marshal
Christopher Guenther

Tyler
David Lowry PM

Chaplain
Richard Lange, Jr

---- **Trustees** ----
James Jennings
Keith Seplak
Jim Thomas

-**Trial Commissioners**-

Scott Garzuzi
Leo Balthazor
Jim Thomas
Jim Leppert
Bruce Bouldin



On the Level... Senior Warden, Earl Gould



Greetings from the West:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the brothers who reached out to me during my recent medical issue. While I hate being "that guy", I did truly appreciate all the well wishes and prayers. I am doing much better and everyday I feel more and more like my old self. This month we are to reflect on the training and development I am looking forward to this year, but first I would like to reflect on what a truly unique organization we are part of. We all come from different walks of life, but we all have the same desire to be better people, husbands, fathers, friends, co-workers. I can tell you that I have never been prouder to be a part of an organization as I have this past month. While I did not mention I was going in for an operation, once you all heard I felt your love and support, I truly appreciate it, from the bottom of my heart. Your kindness and caring are something I will never forget.

As far as training this year, I look forward to meeting more brothers from different lodges. Recently we made an official visit to Scottsdale no.45, it was an enjoyable evening, and it was a great experience to witness how they do degree work. I encourage anyone to come to an official visit, it is a chance to talk to other brothers from

different states, countries or to spend time with one of our own lodge brothers which you may not have time to do when we are in lodge because of our various duties.

I am also looking forward to the Grand Communication this year, every time I go, I have learned something new. Which has always been my goal, when I would go to training, I would want to take away one or two new things to bring back to my group to help us achieve the mission.

I am also looking forward to completing my lecture and becoming proficient in the 3rd degree. I want to help make the lodge stronger, so we can attract new members and have them achieve their degrees so they can one day take an officer position in the lodge to make it a stronger organization.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude and my appreciation for you all and for allowing me to be a part of this great organization. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge.

God Bless!

Earl
Senior Warden

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would like to see please feel free to reach out to me, I'm open to all suggestions.

One thing I have noticed over the past month which has been inspiring to watch is the amount of brotherly love that goes in the lodge. Of the past couple of months we have had a few

brothers who have needed a hand and watching everyone come together to support them has truly been an amazing act to watch and makes me proud that I joined a lodge where everyone supports one and another without question.

Braden
Junior Warden



The York Rite in Arizona By William Enloe, PM

We left with the Most Excellent Master and ended the degrees in the Chapter with the Royal Arch Degree.

This degree takes us to the completion of the second temple of Solomon and we learn the importance of working for others without benefit of reward or payment. Items that were lost may be found and ties well with the first three degrees of Masonry.

If you have ever wanted to learn more about the three degrees of Masonry and what happens next, then please reach out to the Secretary of our Lodge for more information.

The York Rite is broken down into three bodies that are identified as Chapter, Council, and Commandery. For the last few articles, we've talked about the Chapter and in the future articles we will learn more about the Council and Commandery.

Each body affords opportunity for growth and with the lessons you can learn you can bring them back to the Blue Lodge of Masonry to mentor and spread to others.

You may elect to go as far as you desire in the York Rite as long as you don't forget your roots in that all roads lead to home.

How my Masonic Journey Has Changed Me By Cynthia Lowry

I began my Masonic journey at age 13 when I joined Rainbow for Girls. My Daddy was a Mason, and I wanted to follow in his footsteps.

Going up the line and being Worthy Advisor taught me to speak in front of people without fainting, and it taught me responsibility by being in charge of fundraising one term.

My journey continued in 2001 when I joined Eastern Star. Going up the line in an adult organization taught me advanced planning on a large scale.

In 2005 I joined Order of the Amaranth, another couples Masonic group. This order enhanced my skills in advanced planning and speaking in front of people.

In 2018 I was Queen for Daughters of the Nile, a women's Shrine order. This experience taught me team building and the power of many

women working together on a project. Being Queen literally changed the person I am as I memorized my ritual work. It strengthened my faith in God in a powerful way.

I would highly recommend Masonic widows or any woman looking to establish meaningful relationships with other women, or young women wishing to strengthen their self-confidence while having fun come join one of the various ladies groups within the Masonic family.

Cyndy

Editor's Footnote: We thank Cyndy for this great article. Cyndy is the lady of Dave Lowry who is the Tyler for Hunter's Paradise Lodge 85.