



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85



MARCH 2024

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Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates



Hello Brethren, it's March already!

I am happy to say we have a few groups

that are contributing to our trestle board articles. A special thanks to our secretary who is writing three articles a month and the lady groups that are starting to write as well, who knows, we might be able to get advertisers soon?

Thank you to everyone that has helped put on the last 7 third degrees. We have one left on the books and it looks like we will be having that third degree in March. I have noticed that our apprentices are being lost in the shuffle, please if you are a top

line signer touch base with your candidate and see where they are in the cycle. We require them to know the minimum proficiency(step due guard and sign) accompanied by the obligation. It has been this way since Mark was WM.

Our line up is very strong. We have many men getting proficient with the ritual way before they are to sit in the South. Austin, Brian, Braden, Earl, Chris just to name a few.

To anyone writing articles for the trestle board they are due on the night of the stated meeting so they can go out the first of the month.

Gary Dates WM

**Monday Night – March 18th - A Third Degree
Starting 6:30 pm**

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Upcoming Planned Activities
Mar 18th – 3rd Degree 6:30 pm
Mar 25th – 5:30 Dinner
7 pm Stated Meeting
April 1st – 6:30 pm – Officer meeting via ZOOM
April 8th – 6:30 pm Practice
2nd Degree
April 15th – Degree Night - TBD
April 22nd – 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,

Spring is in the air, and I feel it is important to keep my table clean. I know you may be asking yourself, "Bill, why is this my concern?"

Well, it becomes your concern and all of our concern when dues payments are due. Much of my time are the administrative task of ensuring that each dues payment is processed, and dues card mailed out to he who paid it. So, the quicker all dues are paid the less I need to perform that task and can spend my time more efficiently with the other tasks required for the Secretary (receiving monies from the brethren and handing it to the Treasurer as well as receiving your receipts and ensuring that your reimbursements are accurately paid, and all other admin tasks.)

I assumed this responsibility

when elected and installed, so it is my honor to do so. I just humbly ask your assistance by ensuring your dues are paid in a timely manner (or reach out to keep me informed if a special arrangement needs to be handled) because one task I do not like performing is the suspending of Brothers for Non-Payment of dues. We all would like to have you here with us and participating as a happy member of Hunter's Paradise. That means, the far greater need is you and your presence than the dues you pay.

So, please come and enjoy our time together. We'd love to have you at each and every meeting, event, or degree, but will accept any small amount of time you can share with us. We are here for you and are thankful you are a member of Hunter's Paradise #85.

Your Humble Secretary

Lodge Spring Cleaning Day
COMING SOON – WATCH FOR DETAILS

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Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---
Worshipful Master

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Earl Gould
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Junior Warden
Braden Gaines
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Leo R. Balthazor
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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:

As we look forward to another spring, and summer which will soon follow, I think this is a good time for us to reflect on why we are Masons.

Springtime is a rebirth, when winter yields to the warmer weather, and the birth of life which is popping up all around us. As Masons we should take this time to reflect on our own Masonic journey. Why did we join this fraternity? Am I doing everything I can to make myself a better person? Am I helping those around me to achieve their goals?

It does not take much for each one of us to improve ourselves and in turn assist others with improving their life and experience, but this just does not happen. It takes some effort and work on each and everyone of us. For months we have asked of the brethren, to come back to lodge to participate in degrees. We have achieved moderate success on this front. The WM has sent out post cards to each member of the lodge reminding them of our meeting times and our monthly schedule, we have seen a noted improvement in attendance and many of the

older members have commented on how much fun they have had. We need more help, we need members to participate in lodge activities.

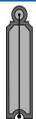
We need people not only to come to lodge and sit on the sidelines, but we need help at our community service events, as well as our fundraising efforts. When working for the Master Architect degree we need members to come to other lodges for visits. Wouldn't it be great if we had ten or more brothers from our lodge visiting another lodge, just to show support and brotherly love? Or if we had ten or fifteen brothers for a

volunteer event like our annual Salvation Army Bell ringing, or the HP#85 sponsored Pancake Breakfast for the Shrine Spring and Fall Ceremony.

This is the goal, to get more involved, to do one or two more extra things during the course of the year, which will move the lodge forward. By doing this, we will not only better ourselves, but better our lodge and our communities.

Respectfully,

Earl
Senior Warden



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Braden Gaines



Hello brothers,
As you know spring is around the corner and that means spring cleaning. Spring cleaning can be fun at times, getting rid of clutter making things look new again.

With that being said, the lodge hasn't been cleaned in quite some time so it's time for a cleaning party. As the details of this party get

figured out, I will be providing food.

If any brothers have any idea as to what type of food that would want for this cleaning party. Please feel free to let me know.

I wish everyone a great month

Braden
Junior Warden