



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

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Message from Worshipful Master - Earl Gould

Greetings from the East:



This month I would like to take a few moments to speak about the efforts

we have made to help develop a strong membership development program for the lodge.

Building on what has already been established I have been working Grandview and getting in touch with every prospect which has made an inquiry for more information about masonry. This past stated meeting I contacted all thirty-five prospects which have been referred to us, out of that, five said they would show, one did. He had a favorable impression of the lodge, and he sent me a text the next day thanking me and the lodge members for our hospitality.

I cannot thank the brethren enough, for just doing what we all do best. Making every-

one who enters our doors feel at ease and welcome. I know many of you will say only one prospect out of thirty-five is not good, but I see it as a positive.

For our next stated meeting my goal is two or three prospects to visit. For me it is a marathon, not a sprint. This is how we will improve our numbers and bring new people into the lodge, eager to learn the craft and move through the chairs. Without a strong membership base, this lodge, for that matter any organization, is doomed to fail.

If we continually nurture the prospects, we will re-build our foundation and have a strong base on which to build HP 85 future. I will continue to reach out to these prospects, and it is my hope we can bring some of these men on as brothers by the end of this year and early next year.

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From the Worshipful Master
Earl Gould

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Our Mailing Address
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Upcoming Planned Activities

- 4/6 – Officer Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm
- 4/15 - Charity work at Feed My Starving Children
- 4/21 – Lodge of Instruction 6:30pm
- 4/21 – Practice for 3rd Degree (after lodge of Instruction)
- 4/28 – Stated Meeting Dinner at 5:30PM, Lodge Meeting at 7:00 PM

(Master's updates via email)

The 2025 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, officers, and family:

Spring is in the air, and it is a sign of new beginnings. As a Lodge, we should make it a goal to attempt to look for potential members that can keep this machine running. Our Lodge, to date, has 114 Master Masons, but that doesn't mean we can't use more.

As a Lodge member, you may ask yourself how I can assist with bringing in new members. Well, you could ask the Worshipful Master to be part of the Candidates list. I'm sure he would have no worries handing this task over to an eager member willing to call prospects and add notes to Grand View on their interest in becoming a member. We are definitely willing to train you, but if you have a device (phone or computer) that will allow you to enter notes then you can handle this responsibility.

The other important role we're looking for is someone to help mentor these candidates once they join. Of course, the top line signer is desired to take on this task, but we all know that often we look to others to assist.

We need to build a better foundation with the members coming in and give them a consistent mes-

sage, so you could be part of that team to provide the information to our newer members. In any regard, the Lodge is looking for your help because with 114 Master Masons and members that span decades of experience, we should be able to find a few volunteers to help build better Masons for the future.

If neither of those items appeal to you then the last plea should be easier. Please just come down to the Lodge and enjoy your time with us. By coming to Lodge and visiting with friends you can show the newer members how Masons are expected to meet, act, and part. We are all more than just friends, we are more than just family, we are a tribe. A tribe is a family you pick to be with not just one that you were born into. So, a tribe is a much stronger bond and that bond will live on through you by your participation with us.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Bill Enloe
Hunter's Paradise #85 Secretary



Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---
Worshipful Master

Earl Gould
716-800-7658

Senior Warden
Braden Gaines
719-231-1433

Junior Warden
Brian Conner
719-231-1433

Treasurer
Leo R. Balthazor
602-740-5635

Secretary
Bill Enloe, PM
480-861-2440

---- Appointed ----

Senior Deacon
Felix Cwynar IV

Junior Deacon
James Miller

Senior Steward

Junior Steward
Shawn Strohman

Marshal
Christopher Guenther

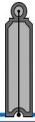
Tyler
James Hoover PM

Chaplain
Darrell Mandrell PM

--- Trustees ---
James Jennings
Keith Seplak
Gary Dates, Jr PM

-Trial Commissioners-

George Mather PM
Leo Balthazor
James Miller
Jim Leppert
Bruce Bouldin



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Brian Conner



Greeting from the south.

As I am growing in my masonic life I am learning every day that if you stop and look around there are masonic ideals and reminders everywhere. I have been in a new city for a few months now and I have seen 3-7-77 on Montana state trooper patches, signs on businesses as well as patches on college football teams. I was surprised at how wide spread the "logo" was and when I asked I was told it refers to an old criminal trial from back in the 1860's which changed the landscape of Montana.

Apparently the first recorded trial in Montana happened in 1863 where the leader of a criminal group was tried and convicted of murder and he claimed that another man had perpetrated the crime. That man was a mason and in the crowd at the trial 3 officers of the local lodge stood and vouched for the brother. Then a group of 7 met, the significance of

which all entered apprentice masons know, and decided to come together and find the rest of the criminal group. 77 brother masons showed up and found the criminals and escorted them to prison.

This group of vigilantes as they were to become known as is recognized as starting to keep Montana safe as the world was focused on the civil war and is credited as helping the state move away from local justice to true freedom and protection. It just goes to show that no matter where you go there are always brothers and masons who have helped in the past if you just ask and keep wanting to learn.

From the South

Brian Conner, Junior Warden

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The success of the membership program is much more than me reaching out to the prospects and getting them into lodge.

I am asking each and everyone of you to help, please come to lodge for our stated meeting. We invite the prospects for dinner and to meet the brothers. They can ask questions and start to see what we do and develop an interest in the craft. This is the key to building a strong officer line. We need new people who want to learn, and we need experienced Master Masons to come to lodge to teach them. Without an effort from everyone in the lodge we are in jeopardy of not being able to have a well-qualified and proficient officer line. Every member of Hunt-

ers Paradise has a stake in the membership committee.

I am asking you to come to lodge and just be yourself. Our greatest selling feature of our lodge is the people we have in it. You all are some of the most welcoming and hospitable individuals I have ever had the pleasure to know. We as a lodge sell ourselves, we just have to get the prospects through the door.

As always, proud to be a member of Hunter Paradise 85.

Yours in the Faith

Earl

HUNTER'S HAPPENINGS

- IN FEBRUARY WE HAD A LODGE VISIT TO CHANDLER THUNDERBIRD LODGE OVER 10 MEMBERS CAME OUT.
- IN MARCH 7 PEOPLE MADE THEIR WAY DOWN TO CASA GRANDE FOR A LODGE VISIT. BOTH OF THESE VISIT WE AN ENJOYABLE NIGHT.
- WE ELEVATED TWO EA TO FC: BROTHER SAM AVITIA AND BROTHER THOMAS HOOPER.
- WE HAVE BEEN UTILIZING A TEXT MESSAGE SYSTEM. IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING THESE PLEASE LET A LODGE OFFICER KNOW.
- AT THE FEBRUARY STATED MEETING WE HAD A GREAT SHOWING WITH OVER 25 MEMBERS AND FOUR VISITING BROTHERS FROM OTHER LODGES. REPRESENTED WERE CASA GRANDE, SOUTH CAROLINA, ARKANSAS, AND PHILADELPHIA, PA