



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

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Message from Worshipful Master - Earl Gould



I would like to give you all a brief run down of the accomplishments we have done so far this year. We have initiated and elevated several members, with hopes by the end of the year to have at least two more Master Masons in our ranks. We have attended lodge visits to include a visit to Case Grande lodge which was a bit farther than we normally would have traveled but was a fun evening in a place that was not familiar to many of us. We have improved on our ritual with practices and many members have become involved and contributing from the side lines. In addition, we have again, sponsored the El Zaribah Shrine Spring ceremonial pancake breakfast, partnering with the Chandler chapter of DeMolay. This event not only supported the Shrine, but the DeMolay youth were able to make some

money to help support their organization, in a year which has been uncertain at times for them. We have done and will continue to support the Salvation Army Bell Ringing event at Fry's during the Christmas season, as well as our service days at Feed my Starving Children and Christmas with Santa at the Sojourn center.

All of these are positives, and I am profoundly grateful to all of you who have helped and supported these events. We have many things going in the right direction, and I would like to see the lodge not just grown in its membership, but grown in the support and assistance our members can provide. I would be remiss if I did not mention a real concern I have for the lodge, while I always try to be upbeat and positive about the forward progress we are making, my deepest concern is that of our internal structure. For several

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- May 5th- No Officers Meeting
- May 12th- Practice for our 3rd degree (Start time 6:30pm)
- May 19th- 3rd Degree for Brother Edward Lago (Start Time 6:30pm) (Shirt, Tie and PANTS for the sitting officers)
- May 26th- Stated meeting (yes, I know it is memorial day) (Gavel Dropps at 7PM SHARP!, Dinner starts at 5:30pm)

(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, Family, and Friends,

The summer months are approaching us quickly, which means half our year is behind us and half of our time we're looking towards the remainder of the year.

The Arizona Grand Communication is the next big event that we must focus on as a Lodge. Each year at Grand Communication we go over the legislation that directs our path on how we must operate as an organization. Far more than that, it is a time for us, as a Lodge, to visit and share in fellowship with other Lodges throughout our state. The registration for Grand Communication is not limited to just voting delegates or Past Masters. It is open to all Master Masons, but only the forementioned can vote. Not all the events at Grand Lodge are strictly for voting members to participate. So, if you would like to join us please go to the azmasons.org website and register to attend. I believe the non-voting member's cost is \$35 for the event (plus any meals you would like to include).

The one take away from the above invitation as well as my continuous push while I'm a member writing articles at Hunter's Paradise is "Please get involved". With that said, we have 115 Master Masons,

but often feel a struggle to get ritual parts, charity/community involvement, and the like to be covered by more than the same selected few. My plea is that each of you members of Hunter's Paradise, please look at your involvement and ask, "Why am I not getting more out of my Blue Lodge?" If the answer is something the Lodge should do to help correct, then let us know what we need to do to improve our Lodge. If the answer is something in you then maybe you can join us and work to improve yourself in Masonry.

I often have members come to me for refreshers of what it takes to attend (Grips, Signs, and Tokens). If you are having a harder time remembering these, please come by and attend because we'll help refresh your memory (even in a one on one, so no one else needs to know). We are here for you because without you there is no "US". Our Lodge requires active participation to thrive. We recently had visitors from two different Lodges show up for our meeting and we were able to accommodate many members at Lodge. I would love to see the need to find better solutions to accommodate all our members at one event. So, let's just call that a goal and try to fill the room with our own members.

Bill Enloe
Secretary Hunter's Paradise #85

Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---
Worshipful Master

Earl Gould
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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



On the Level... Senior Warden, Braden Gaines



Hello Brothers,

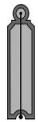
Greetings from the West. As we are approaching the summer time that is time for Grand Communication June 5th- 7th I look forward to seeing my brothers who can make it there. I would also like to give a big thanks to Brother Gary Dates who provided a wonderful meal this past stated meeting.

The only thing I would like to point out is that we are getting ready to start our push for our

lodge fundraiser. We will be selling raffle tickets for a Blackstone grill 28 inch 2 burner. tickets will be selling one ticket for \$5 or five tickets for \$20. Last year this turned out to be a very successful event for us and allowed us to raise funds for our educational outreach program. I will have tickets in hand the night of our Third Degree May 19th, This fundraiser will run until November 30th with our drawing being December 1st at the officers meeting. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

Fraternally,

Braden Gaines, Senior Warden



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Brian Conner



Greeting from the south.

How do we give back?

There are many ways that people think we can give back to other people in our lives. It is not just to the less fortunate or folks that have hit hard times on the side of the street but when was the last time you thought about giving back to the brotherhood and masonry? I have to be honest and say that I too have not given this much thought until recently as well. There are so many ways that we as brothers can help each other and the order as well and it is not just financial. That is the easiest way to help but often times is not the most effective or best way to help.

I have recently begun to learn that simply being a "brother" is the best way to help others in most situations. Whether that is giving your time, advice or just listening when needed it seems that is a better help to a brother than anything else. Your time can be a help by going over ritual with a new brother or even attend-

ing a committee meeting on membership or member attention. Advice comes in many different facets, and even though sometimes not welcomed, the advice that comes from a brother who has "been there and done that before" usually has some truths that will give us a chance to learn and lead better.

The hardest part of giving back is to just listen. Again, I struggle with this myself, just ask my wife. It is always with the greatest intentions we have to listen but to really just listen and not put our two cents in is a very difficult lesson to learn. Luckily as we learn more about the brotherhood and its teachings that is something we can get better at. Strangely enough it is in our teachings to help us to become better men which at the same time allows us to give back to our brothers and perhaps help them to become better men as well.

From the South

Brian Conner, Junior Warden

HUNTER'S HAPPENINGS

- **OUR LODGE EVENT ON MAY 15TH, AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC) WENT EXTREMELY WELL. THANK YOU ALL WHO ATTENDED, A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JIM LEPPERT FOR ORGANIZING EVERYTHING. THANK YOU TO DEMOLAY AND THE LADIES FOR HELPING OUT AND MAKING THIS A SUCCESS.**
 - **LOOK FOR OUR UPCOMING FALL SERVICE DAY AT FMCS, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.**



- **OUR STATED MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED, IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY VISITING BROTHERS (FROM PHOENICIAN AND CHANDLER THUNDERBIRD), THANK YOU TO THE DEMOLAY YOUTH FOR HELPING SERVE AND CLEAN UP. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY BROTHERS IN LODGE**



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years our lodge has remained afloat on a few individuals who were willing to fill the roles of a pedestal officer. As time marches on, and as individuals need to move along in their masonic career, we again are faced with a short fall of people willing to take on the responsibility of a lodge officer. We are in dire need of brothers who are willing to serve. I am constantly reminded of the Army recruitment poster that hung in the barracks when I was due to reenlist. It was that classic picture of Uncle Sam, with his finger pointed directly at you when observing the poster. It read "If Not You, WHO?" I am asking anyone who has an interest in progressing up the line to come talk to anyone of the lodge officer, past or present. We need people, this lodge cannot sustain utilizing the same individuals to fill its chairs. If we do not develop a strong officer line, we stand in peril of going the way of many other lodges.

If we do not have a strong line of officers, we will fail to exist, then we will have to merge with another lodge and get swallowed up. Our culture, which has developed at Hunter's and our unique relationship with the Shrine will be gone. We currently have, according to

Grandview; 114 Master Masons, 3 Fellowcrafts, 1 Entered Apprentice. While we work to build our membership every year, we have fallen short on obtaining individuals who wish to fill the ranks of an officer. It has been my observation, that many new members join the Masons because it is a requirement to be a Shriner and once in, we never see or hear from many of them again. Ordinarily this can be absorbed in an organization, not everyone will want to aspire into a leadership role, which is totally understandable and fine. If we look at the history of HP#85 Worshipful Masters, we have had several WM who have served multiple times for lack of a succession line. This does not lend itself to a health organization structure. We must solve this and everyone of you can help. If you have ever thought about serving as an officer, or if you just want to help your lodge to continue to survive, now is the time.

By no means are we at a crucial juncture yet, but this needs to serve as a warning order of what could be without individuals stepping up and assuming a role in your lodge, **IF NOT YOU, WHO?**

Earl Gould, Master

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arizona presents the 143rd Annual Communication

(June 5th -7th) at Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West
dedicated to brotherhood, leadership, and progress.



This annual gathering is a cornerstone of our tradition, bringing together Masons from across the state to elect our new Grand Lodge Officers, vote on important legislation, and shape the future of our Fraternity.

Whether you're a seasoned Past Master or a New Brother, this event is an excellent opportunity to celebrate our shared commitment to Freemasonry while creating lasting memories with brethren.

Please visit the Grand Lodge of Arizona website for more details.

<https://www.azmasons.org>