



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



Message from Worshipful Master - Earl Gould

The Importance of Participating in Your Freemason Lodge



The Importance of participation in Hunter's Paradise is more than just meeting places— we are the center for personal growth, mutual support, and community engagement. From the youngest EA to a senior MM active participation can be a deeply rewarding experience which enhances both your life and the collective strength of the lodge. One of the most valuable aspects of a Freemason lodge is the sense of brotherhood it fosters. Members support each other in times of need, offering guidance, wisdom, and camaraderie. In a world where genuine connection is often overshadowed by digital interactions, a lodge provides a physical space for meaningful relationships to flourish.

Active participation in your lodge presents opportunities for personal development.

Whether through leadership roles, mentorship, or engaging in discussions on philosophy and principles, members hone valuable skills like public speaking, organization, and decision-making. These experiences contribute to self-improvement and can even benefit professional and personal life outside the lodge.

Freemason lodges carry forward traditions, rituals, and teachings which provide guidance and moral foundations. By participating actively, members ensure that these values remain strong for future generations. Understanding the principles upon which the lodge is built creates a deeper connection with its history and mission.

Through shared experiences and collective endeavors, Masons forge lasting friendships. The bonds formed within the

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- June 2nd - Zoom Officers Mtg
- June 9th - Practice for 3rd degree (Start time 6:30pm)
- June 16th - Degree Start Time 6:30pm (Shirt, Tie and PANTS for the sitting officers)
- June 23rd - Stated meeting (Dinner starts at 5:30 pm, Gavel Drops at 7pm SHARP!)
- June 30th - *No meeting planned

July – *No Monthly Meeting, but Degrees work may be plan.

***Master's updates sent 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,

We just finished this year's AZ Grand Lodge Communication, and we have brought home another Master Architect award.

You may be asking what this award means. Typically, I would state that it means we are doing the right thing to be a thriving Lodge and most often it does. However, these items are not the only thing that I feel describes a Lodge that is healthy. I would stress that the items for Master Architect are the items that a Lodge should be completing as a Lodge, educating members, visiting other Lodges, performing ritual, completing community service, and the like. These things are what we should be doing as Masons.

Marking them on a list is merely an exercise to show other Lodges that they should be doing it too. So, what do I feel are the items that make a healthy Lodge.

1. First and foremost, having members engaged with activities of the Lodge.
2. Second, having a strong line (meaning having members that want to progress and are taking steps to do so).

3. Lastly, having a purpose.

These three items are closely related but can be misleadingly separate. We could have a line of ritualist but no purpose, we could have a purpose and active members, but no one wanting to progress. Or, we could have a list of members with a purpose that want to progress, but not enough active participation from the membership.

Each of these scenarios and many others can cause a huge problem with the progress and/or overall health of a Lodge. I will not go into a rant on what I feel we are at because only you can decide. If you have no Earthly idea where we are as a Lodge, then I would strongly recommend looking at the first point. Only I can control my participation within our Lodge and only I can control my activity level within our Lodge because I am only accountable for myself.

You are the only ones who can determine if you want to be a thriving Lodge or a stagnate Lodge with hopes that we continue because someone else will do the work. All I can push is that your officers are working hard to ensure we have all three items of a healthy Lodge, but only you can bring that first and most important factor because it is YOU!!!

Bill Enloe
Secretary Hunter's Paradise #85

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 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,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits.

As I continue working on my proficiencies in preparation for the East, I've also begun planning for the upcoming year. If there's anything you'd like to see happen—events, activities, educational topics, or new ideas—please don't hesitate to share them with me. I'm open to suggestions and always eager to try something new.

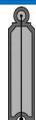
Additionally, if you have an interest in learning or taking on any parts, please let me

know. We can never have too many willing brothers stepping up—your involvement is always valued.

On another note, the grill for our fundraiser has been purchased, and the drawing will be held on **December 1st at the Officers' Meeting**. I'll have tickets available at our stated meeting on **June 23rd**. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. Wishing you all a safe, enjoyable, and restful summer.

Fraternally,

Braden Gaines,
Senior Warden



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Brian Conner



Greeting from the south.

Can you guess I'm a mason?

My family and friends know that I am a mason and have an idea of what that means but I was wondering of others do? I start by asking the question of

“what does it mean to be a mason”? We all know the ritual work and what it says/means but for someone who is not familiar with those things what does it really mean? That is a very tough question which I didn't know the answer to until I was raised and truly understood what it takes to be a mason.

There are rumors everywhere and most of them are false but we in our everyday actions show that we are masons even if those who don't know what a mason is can recognize. We help our fellow man through donations to our favorite charity and then volunteer when we have time that will not bring harm to our family

our ourselves. We show that we do not know everything, even though it seems as if some of us do, to listen to others and help them when we can. We give advice even though we know nit won't be received the right way because we've seen it before knowing it may help the one we are offering it to.

In the long run it comes down to becoming a better man than we were before by actions as well as what we say which determines whether people can see if we are a mason. They may not say “He is a mason” but they will be able to say “He is a humble, good man that helps people when ever he can” and that is what we strive for.

From the South

Brian Conner,
Junior Warden

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lodge can extend far beyond meetings, leading to connections which offer unwavering support and lifelong companionship.

I encourage each one of |rx to participate in your lodge. It is more than just fulfilling an obligation—it is an enriching experience that fosters personal growth, strengthens tradition, and positively impacts the wider community. Each member plays a vital role in ensuring the lodge re-

mains a beacon of fellowship, wisdom, and service.

As we enter our dark period, I encourage everyone to return to log and participate. We always need brothers who are willing to enter the line and continue to make the lodge a strong place which will be here for future members to build those lasting memories we all have enjoyed throughout the years.

Earl Gould, Master

HUNTER'S PARADISE #85 BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE RAFFLE

- SEE ANY HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE MEMBER FOR DETAILS AND TICKETS!
- TICKET \$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00
- PRIZE 28" TWO BURNER BLACKSTONE GRILL W/HOOD
- BLACKSTONE GRILLING ACCESSORIES: GRILL COVER, BOOTLEG BURGER SEASONING, & SMASHBURGER KIT.

DRAWING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 1, 2025.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!



**** A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE TO BENEFIT THE HUNTER'S PARADISE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM. ****