



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

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Message from Worshipful Master - Earl Gould



I would like to take this opportunity to discuss something which most all of you already have some knowledge of, but I felt it is important I spoke about what we as lodge officers are looking to do. I am sure it will not come as a shock the Shrine is looking at ways to make themselves more liquid and help relieve some of the financial issues they have faced over the past several years. I have spoken to the El Zaribah Potentate and even asked him to review my message, so I was not overstepping. Currently the Shrine is looking at several ways to raise revenue and cut expenses. They continue to explore several courses of action, but no final decisions have been made.

So, what does this have to do with Hunter's Paradise? First and foremost, the Shrine is our landlord and one of the items being discussed is the sale of the building. While this would be a blow for Hunter's I am sure we are resilient enough to overcome this obstacle. I would like to have some discussions this upcoming year as to what would be the best course of action. If the Shrine does move, would they have a room we could rent? If not, could we rent from another lodge in the area? We should also consider if we are not co-located with the Shrine, have we lost our original identity? Hunter's Paradise was founded, to my understanding, so there would be a blue lodge conveniently located within the confines of the shrine. If we no longer are associated with the Shrine, does it make

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- November 10-** second degree practice
- November 17-** Second degree practice/
prep for installation of new officers
- November 20-** Jim Miller his 50-year
apron at Scottsdale Lodge.
- November 24-** Stated meeting-
Thanksgiving potluck, we will also be
recognizing 3 of our Brothers with their
new 50-year apron. Dinner starts at
6pm, Gavel Drops 7pm SHARP!!
- November 30th-** Installation of your
2026 Lodge Officers. 2 PM

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 ad-
vise 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 and Family of Hunter’s Paradise,

At the time of this writing, we are in the short stretch

for the 2025 Masonic term. You must ask yourself “What have you done with your time?”. Some may say that they have attended meetings, others might say that they have served at “Feed My Starving Children”, and yet others may say that they have traveled and provided well wishes from the Great State of Arizona. Sadly, however, there are still some who have not made the most of their Masonic Year. The good news is that there is still time serve your fellow men and women. There is still time to help the community, your friends, your family, or your Lodge. We will be asking many of you to join us ringing the bells, another Feed my Starving Children, Lodge visits, our own member’s degrees, or even Stated Meetings. You can make the trek to the Lodge and socialize with your fellow Lodge Brothers. The best part of service is when we do it together. Service is our purpose, but enjoying your time is something only you can control. If there are service opportunities we have not considered, tell the officers and maybe we can do that event and bring joy to others.

Now for a bit more serious of a topic, your dues payment. Please understand that dues are an important function of Lodge operations. We are charged, as a Lodge, per capita fees in February and when your dues are not covered early in the year there is the potential of the Lodge to lose money for covering a per capita payment that has not been paid by the member. We typically send out initial dues’ payment requests in October or November of the current year for the payment of next year’s dues. If you are receiving emails or letters at any time after January, then you are in arrears. You are at risk of being suspended for non-payment of dues when you are receiving notices in July and August. Often, we suspend these members after July, but before the October month again. Please do not confuse a request to pay your dues in arrears for next year’s dues payment. If you are ever confused if you are current, you can log into Grand View and browse to your portal view. Your Lodge dues status will be there, and you will know if you are current or have payment pending. I’m here to help, so if you need assistance figuring out if you are paid or not, please contact me and I will let you know.

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

Shawn Strohmman

Junior Steward

Ben Carrillo

Marshal

Christopher Guenther

Tyler

James Hoover PM

Chaplain

Darrell Mandrell PM

--- Trustees ---

James Jennings PM
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



Dear Brothers,
It was such a pleasure seeing everyone at Corn Fest at the end of August, as well as those who were able to attend the stated meeting. It's always refreshing to reconnect after a long break and get back into the swing of things.

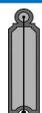
I'm happy to report that our fundraiser is off to a strong start. With the continued support of the brothers of the lodge, I'm confident we'll be able to provide meaningful assistance to those in need. Just a reminder – griddle raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. The drawing will take place on December 1st at the December

officers meeting. If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to begin planning for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas, events, or areas where you'd like to get involved, please let me know. I'd love to work together to build a calendar that reflects the interests and strengths of our lodge.

Also, please remember that the Feed My Starving Children event is scheduled for September 18th. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone who can participate in this great cause.

Fraternally,
Braden Gaines, Senior Warden



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Brian Conner



Greeting from the south.

What's next?

I have struggled with this question as long as I have been a master mason. My Grandfather as well as my great uncle were masons as well as both being Shriners, York rite and Scottish rite. I ask myself how can I do it all. I am proud to be an "El Zaribah" Shriner but then I think to myself what is next and how do I do it all? I am a father to a young child and am building my own business so how can I do it all? This should be easy as I was a DeMolay state master councilor and Region 7 MC at the same time, I can do this right? I then realized that it the pressure I was feeling to do it all at once was unfounded. If I did everything at once could I really be the best I could be at each one?

I am sure there are brothers that have found a way to do it all and be good at each but you

don't have to be. The best thing about masonry and the brotherhood that we have is that you only have to do as much as you want and can do. There is no pressure to do it all at once or things that will take you away from other priorities in your life. A lesson I learned from great friends and brothers from Hunters Paradise #85 and which I am eternally grateful for. I wanted to do it all and be everything in every order since I knew the benefits from each but I also needed to realize that my responsibilities when I was younger were much less than I have now, and gratefully so. The brotherhood understands this and allows all of us to go at our own pace while keeping the teachings of our order in place. In my case as I do that I may not be active in as many orders as my predecessors but I am acting as a true mason for future generations to come so I can act as WM when he asks to become an EA mason.

From the South
Brian Conner, Junior Warden

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sense to continue? Or do we merge with another lodge?

These are all things we should consider, research and make an informed decision. In the upcoming month I will be sending out additional emails and having discussion in the lodge to help better prepare for what may occur. For those who think this maybe a bit

premature at this time without knowing what is happening with the Shrine, all I can say is you maybe right, but I tend to assess a situation, prepare for the worst and hope for the best. I am asking each and everyone of you to become more activate in the lodge in the up-

coming months, the new Master will need sound advice and consul, and differing opinions are healthy if they are presented in a manner which upholds our values of

brotherly love, relief and truth.

I know we as a lodge will come up with several alternatives which will prepare us for any event. I also encourage every Shriner who is a member of Hunter's Paradise to support the Potentate while he and his staff navigate this journey.

As always, thank you all for your support this past year. It has truly been my pleasure to serve as WM for Hunter's Paradise.

Earl Gould, Master

HUNTER'S HAPPENINGS (PAGE 1)

ON OCTOBER 13 MEMBERS OF HUNTER'S PRESENTED A GRANT FROM THE MASONIC CHARITIES OF ARIZONA TO THE SOJOURN CENTER.



HUNTER'S HAPPENINGS (PAGE 2)

**SEPTEMBER 16 - MEMBERS OF HP#95 VISITED
CHANDLER THUNDERBIRD LODGE FOR
A SECOND DEGREE**



**SEPTEMBER 18- MEMBERS OF HP#85 ATTENDING FEED
MY STARVING CHILDREN VOLUNTEER EVENT**



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, Burger Seasoning, & Smashburger Kit.

Drawing to be Held December 1, 2025.

Perfect time for the Holiday Season!



**** A Portion of the Proceeds will be to Benefit the Hunter's Paradise Charities****