



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



DECEMBER 2025



From the Worshipful Master
Bill Enloe

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Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85
2026 officers
elected and appointed

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From the Secretary's Desk
James Miller

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From the West, Senior Warden
Braden Gaines

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From the South, Junior Warden
Earl Gould

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Message from Worshipful Master - Bill Enloe PM



Greeting
Brothers,

With the introduction of the New Year, there is always a chance for new beginnings. So, why is a fourth term as Worshipful Master a chance for new beginnings?

Well, it may not be obvious, but to me it is because it is a chance to introduce members to new opportunities for learning ritual and/or to become an officer of our Lodge. I feel my job as Worshipful Master should be one of mentor. I feel I should be a mentor to those joining our Lodge, newer officers in becoming more involved and qualified to progress higher, and to mentor the remaining members on how to be successful contributors of Hunter's Paradise.

Our Lodge is filled with 112 members and only a dozen or so have been in a journey to the East. So, why is it that

we've had a few members that have been through more than once. Could it mean that the few really want to be Worshipful Master to the point that we repeat ourselves? Personally, I don't think this is true. I think that we see a need to keep our Lodge with certified members to become pedestal officers.

So, should this mean that 10 or less members are the only ones to be able to complete this task? The obvious answer is no, but how can one take on such an incredibly difficult task? This can only be completed by starting now and learning that repetition is the key to your success. The Masonic Ritual is a wonderful piece of literature and can be studied to learn lessons about yourself.

This is your journey and the officers of Hunter's Paradise are here to help you to make the most of that journey.

Worshipful Master
Bill Enloe PM

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Upcoming Planned Activities

December is a quiet for the Lodge.

There are no formal meetings

Dec. 19 – Holiday visit to The Sojourners - share with the children

Dec. 29 – Practice for those working on their proficiency 6:30 PM

2026

Jan. 5 - Officer's Meeting 6:30 Zoom

Jan 12 - ritual practice 6:30 lodge Rm

Jan 19: - Confer ritual 6:30 lodge Rm

Jan 26 – Stated meeting Dinner at 6 pm
menu – not stated yet
Gavel drops at 7pm

The 2026 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... Jim Miller



Brethren:

I know that I have a reputation for being a bit long winded when public speaking and that my writing isn't much better, but in turning a new leaf I'm going to try to be more concise moving forward. I will strive to pass pertinent information on to you from both our Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Secretary for 2026. My goal is to serve you, so if any issues arise, please contact me and I will do my best to help.

One of the first issues that always hits us at the end of the year is dues. We are very grateful to all of you who have already paid for your 2026 dues to the Lodge. For those who haven't paid yet, you

can pay online on the HP85.org website, you can send payment to the Lodge post office box, or best of all, come to Lodge and pay in person. We're always happy to see all of you. If anyone needs some assistance, we are standing by, please contact us so we can help. 2026 dues are \$124.00.

Lastly, I would like to invite all of you to Lodge. We have just finished a very successful year under the leadership of WB Earl, and we are all looking forward to 2026 under the leadership of WB Bill. Lots of fellowship and comradeship, and a little bit of fun thrown in, to be had by all.

Fraternally,

Jim Miller Secretary
Hunter's Paradise #85

Hunter's Paradise #85 2026 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---

Worshipful Master

Bill Enloe, PM
480-861-2440

Senior Warden

Braden Gaines
719-231-1433

Junior Warden

Earl Gould PM
716-800-7658

Treasurer

Leo Balthazor
602-740-5635

Secretary

James Miller
480-636-0821

---- Appointed ----

Senior Deacon

Gary Dates PM

Junior Deacon

Shawn Strohmman

Senior Steward

Brian Gay

Junior Steward

Jim Leppert

Marshal

Bruce Bouldin

Tyler

James Hoover PM

Chaplain

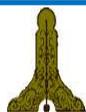
Darrell Mandrell PM

--- 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



Hello Brothers,

As the holidays are behind us and we are spending time with family, coworkers, and attend various events that allow us to gather, celebrate, and strengthen the bonds within our community and among ourselves.

I am reminded of the deeper meaning this season holds. Through activities such as the Sal-

vation Army Bell Ringing and our work with the Sojourner Center, it becomes clear that Freemasonry places special emphasis on charity, fellowship, and reflection during this time of the year. Many Masonic groups engage in seasonal acts of service—supporting local families, organizing toy or food drives, and visiting those in need—truly embodying the principles of brotherly love and benevolence at the heart

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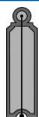
of our fraternity.

Beyond these charitable efforts, the season encourages us to come together, celebrate unity, and reaffirm our commitment to personal growth and moral integrity. In this way, the holi-

days become not only a time of joy and giving, but also an opportunity for Freemasons to further strengthen the bonds of our brotherhood.

Fraternally,

Braden Gaines, Senior Warden



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Earl Gould PM



Greeting from the south.

To quote Yogi Berra: "Its *Déjà vu* all over again."

With WB Bill Enloe in the East, Brother Braden Gains in the West and myself in the South, our officer line is a complete repeat, however the good news is we have a strong line behind us of young, motivated brothers who will move up and replace us.

It is always important for any organization to have people willing to step up and take a leadership role in the organization. I would encourage anyone, especially our new members to get involved in the lodge early. It is a great way to get to know your brothers, and to maintain your interest in masonry.

If you don't know how to start, or if your want to understand better the workings of the lodge, come to the established practices which are held on Monday's. We can work on whatever you like or just go over any questions you may have.

Since this is December, I would like to take this time to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever holiday you celebrate. Take this time to enjoy the season, relax and reflect on what the new year may bring. I wish you all health and happiness in the new year.

I am sure as we move into 2026 WM Bill will

have several events scheduled for the lodge as always, he will make it fun and enjoyable. I personally look forward to once again being able to help WM Bill in carrying out the vision he has for the upcoming year. This is WB Enloe's fourth time as WM of Hunter's Paradise. His love and commitment to this lodge is truly amazing and I would like to thank him for his dedication and enthusiasm he demonstrates as WM.

As we move into 2026, we will continue to have light dinners on our stated meeting nights. As in previous years I will ask for an RSVP to ensure we have enough food. This is also a good time to invite prospects to our lodge, to have them see what we are about. This is their time to ask questions, if you see someone who is new, please feel free to offer a kind hand and introduce yourself.

Looks forward to seeing you all in the upcoming year.

Earl Gould PM, Junior Warden

