



# Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

**Taking Good Men - Making Them Better**



## NOVEMBER 2025

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### Message from Worshipful Master - Earl Gould



Greeting  
Brothers,

Since this is my final article as the WM of Hunters Paradise, I would like to start out by thanking each one of you for your support this past year.

I hope I was able to move this lodge a bit further into some areas, while improving not only our standing in the community and among other lodges, but by creating a place where each of you enjoy being a part of. We have continued to host dinners every stated meeting, which hopefully brings us closer together. By breaking bread with each other and sharing in stories and a unique personality for our lodge. Each of you are the architects in making

Hunter's Paradise unique and special and I thank you

for that. I also would be remised if I did not mention all the good work we did this past year, we hosted two Hunter's Paradise -Feed my Starving Children events, hosted the El Zaribah Shrine breakfast in the Spring and Fall, this year we invited the DeMolay youth to help us serve and clean up. We teamed up with the Shrine to utilize a texting platform to inform members of upcoming meeting

In addition, I hoped I sent the proper number of emails out to keep you all informed without overloading your in box. We attended three or four lodge visits and several of you came out to show our brethren throughout the state, Hunter's Paradise is an active Masonic lodge. We did the natural and logical things as a

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**Our Mailing Address**  
**Hunters Paradise Lodge No. 85**  
**P.O. Box 1545**  
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### **Upcoming Planned Activities**

- Sept 8: ritual practice @ 6:30 lodge Rm
- Sept 15: ritual practice @6:30 lodge Rm
- Sept 16: We visit Chandler lodge – FC degree , See page 3 for details
- Sept 18 Feed my Starving Children. See page 3 for details.
- Sept 20 Shrine Fall ceremony breakfast. See Page 5 for details
- Sept 22 Stated meeting Dinner at 6 pm menu – pulled pork with sides Gavel drops at 7pm

### **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 Brothers, Friends, and Family of Hunter's Paradise,



As you recall from Worshipful Brother Earl Gould, the Installation of officers for the 2026 term is expected to be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This date just so happens to be the same date as the WinterFest (Festival of Trees) for El Zari-bah. Many of us have been tasked with working the event and there is a tad bit of a conflict.

Well, looking at the calendar there really isn't another date that is good either, so I feel we will stick with the November 30<sup>th</sup> and work around the Festival of Trees. In fact, it may be a good opportunity for you and your family to bid on some of the items that they have at the event. I, for one, will be playing Santa for the event and may have to wear my suit during our Installation (not really joking).

The best time to have the event will be at 2:00 PM, in the upstairs Lodge room and if you are an officer I'm asking that you throw on a sports coat, polo (or button down shirt with no tie), nice pants, nice shoes. All other visitors please show up and wear what ever you feel comfortable wearing.

Below are your list of officers for the 2026 term and we wish every-one a safe and happy holiday sea-son.

Let's give a special thank you to Earl for having a wonderful term and for many successful years in Masonry.

### 2026 Officers

**Worshipful Master** - Bill Enloe PM

**Senior Warden** - Braden Gaines

**Junior Warden** - Earl Gould PM

**Treasurer** - Leo Balthazor PP

**Secretary** - Jim Miller PP

**Senior Deacon** - Gary Dates PM

**Junior Deacon** - Shawn Strohman

**Senior Steward** - Brian Gay

**Junior Steward** - Jim Leppert

**Marshal** - Bruce Bouldin

**Tyler** - Jim Hoover PM, PP

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 Strohman

#### **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



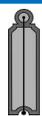
Dear Brothers,  
I took the opportunity over the past month to study, spend time with family, and prepare for the year ahead.

As we return, I encourage anyone with ideas or events they I'd like to see added to our schedule to reach out—your input is always welcome and valued. Let's continue working to-

gether to ensure we meet our goals for the rest of the year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon and making the most of the months ahead.

Fraternally,  
Braden Gaines  
Senior Warden



### The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Brian Conner



Greeting from the south.  
Old and New

I am a new mason comparatively and am still learning the trade as it has been handed down from generation to generation. I wear my grandfathers ring each day as a reminder of what he stood for even when I didn't understand what that meant when I was a boy. I learned what it meant to be a mason from him as well as the masons who helped me through DeMolay to become the start of the man I should be. I'm sure if I asked a hundred of my brothers they would say something similar to this. We watched and saw our predecessors act and learned without knowing it how to be a mason. Some one who helps others but still making himself better at the same time.

I was lucky as I was one of those one hundred who saw how to act as a mason but there will still be some that have not had that opportunity. The best part of it all is that you didn't have to see it performed to be a good mason. Masonry has changed in the recent future on how we communicate to how we meet for our officers meet-

ings and that is why I think we will continue to thrive. If you asked my grandfather how he led his lodge as WM I guarantee it would be worlds different from how our current WM works with us. Neither better than the other but important to know that just because it has been "done that way in the past" doesn't mean that is the way we need to do it in the future. We all need to realize things are changing and be ok, not scared, with things that may change as it could be for the better.

I say let us learn from the old and keep the good traditions alive while looking for the best way to get new brothers and move into the next generations of masons to keep the brotherhood alive. I know that I could speak to my grandfather, who passed 30 years ago now, he would say something very similar as it is not about the technology but rather the brotherhood continuing to grow each year.

From the South  
Brian Conner, Junior Warden

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Mason, never worrying about the Master architect award and it wrote itself. Because of your efforts and your involvement in the lodge, Hunter's Paradise was again awarded the MA award at Grand lodge. I would encourage each and everyone of you to continue the growth we have made this year, be active in lodge, activities, and our community work. Take a chance when coming to lodge, pitch in where you can, learn a lecture or brush up on what you already know, help set up the lodge, visit with old friends or introduce yourself to newer masons.

I wish I would have been able to meet each of you this year, but as life goes, I understand how things come up. As we enter a new Masonic year, with a "new" master make it your resolve to attend a meeting this upcoming year or a social or community service event. If we

have never met, please don't let me get away with out introducing myself. I would love to see our attendance numbers grow from within our ranks. We have added several new masons, and we actively are working on bringing other, well qualified men into the fraternity, but we need each and everyone of our more established master masons to come and make our lodge stronger, smarter and something which will not only make us better men but make the world a better place.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as the WM for Hunter's Paradise in 2025, it was my honor, and I hope I served you well.

With respect and admiration for you all,

God Bless

Earl

WM Hunter Paradise #85 - 2025

## HUNTER'S HAPPENINGS

**ON OCTOBER 13**  
**MEMBERS OF HUNTER'S**  
**PRESENTED A GRANT**  
**FROM THE MASONIC CHAR-**  
**ITIES OF ARIZONA TO THE**  
**SOJOURN CENTER.**



## HUNTER'S HAPPENINGS

### **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\*\***