



# Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

**Taking Good Men - Making Them Better**



## FEBRUARY 2026



From the Worshipful Master  
Bill Enloe PM

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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

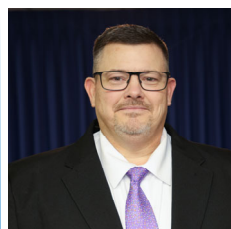
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From the South, Junior Warden  
Earl Gould PM

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## Message from Worshipful Master - Bill Enloe PM



To the members of Hunter's Paradise,

I'm often asked, "What are you going to offer training to officers, members, candidates, or prospects?" Well, in a simple explanation, we offer ritual practice for the officers to come to every 2nd Monday and have for many years.

Some chose to come and join in our fun and fellowship, while others elect to practice on their own. For the candidates, we offer the same day mentioned earlier and we'd provide a break-off session to get them ready for the next degree. This is rarely accepted, but it has been fruitful for those who have joined us at the Lodge.

The prospects have a friend-to-friend conversation offered by WB JJ Jennings and that was moved to the same night as our stated to allow the prospects the ability to visit with the brethren. Like many things in life, offering something for others is only half

the equation. We can offer the best solutions to every problem known to man, but if we don't (or if others don't accept that offer) then it is as useless as not offering the option.

So, I'd like to ask the question "What can we do to make it better for those mentioned above?" or "How can we get more people to use the programs we are offering?". If we can get the 110 plus Master Masons working together to improve the Lodge then it doesn't have to be what I've done, but what we are doing to make things better for those future Masons joining our Lodge. So, get involved and see what you can do to improve our Lodge because it is just as much your Lodge as mine.

Together, we can move mountains, but alone we just look like we're digging a hole with our feet.

Bill Enloe  
Worshipful Master 2026

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### Upcoming Planned Activities

- Feb 2 - Officer's Meeting 6:30 Zoom
- Feb 9 - Ritual practice 6:30 lodge Rm
- Feb 16 - Confer 3rd ritual of Thomas Cooper 6:30 lodge Rm
- Feb 23 - Stated meeting Dinner at 5:30 pm – Gavel drops at 7pm

### **MARCH 2026**

- Mar 2 - Officer's Meeting 6:30 Zoom
- Mar 9 - 2nd Degree practice 6:30 lodge Rm
- Mar 16 - Confer ritual 6:30pm lodge Rm
- Mar 23 - Stated meeting: Dinner at 5:30pm and Gavel drops at 7pm
- Mar 30th - TBD, but NO meetings

Note: If no degree, then the Master will advise as to the activity to be done.

### 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: Grandview for both events.

If you haven't visited Grandview recently, I encourage you to do so, particularly if you were unable to attend our February Stated Meeting. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master sent a letter to the Craft that all should heed. It is an excellent letter that addresses how we as Masons should conduct ourselves in this stressful time of social discord.

Finally, our own lodge is busy at work. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, we conducted a third degree for Brother Thomas Hooper. Congratulations Brother Thomas. And rumor has it that we will be conducting a second degree on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Come out and support your brothers. See you in Lodge!

Also, in Grandview you will find two upcoming events in March that should perk your interest. On March 7 is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lost Dutchman Outdoor Degree and on March 27 Masonicon 2026 starts. Registration information can be found in

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,

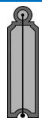
It has been really great watching everyone so willing to help out. While sitting in the west, I have passed off my role to keep food coming to the meetings. MW Earl Gould has taken on that task. If there is anything that anyone would like to see please feel free to reach out to Brother Earl or me, we are open to all suggestions.

a few bothers who have needed a hand and watching everyone come together to support them has truly been an amazing act to watch and makes me proud that I joined a lodge where everyone supports one and another without question.

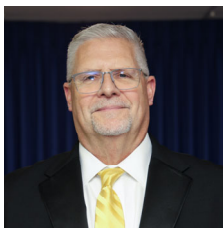
I continue to work on my proficiency to be eligible for the east. It is coming along, I am just not quite ready.

One thing I have noticed over the past month which has been inspiring to watch is the amount of brotherly love that goes in the lodge. Of the past couple of months we have a had

Fraternally,  
Braden Gaines, Senior Warden  
Hunter's Paradise #85



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



Greetings from the South:

Springtime is just around the corner. This was always the time of year when traditionally we would start to get everything cleaned and ready for summer.

My mother would always do a spring cleaning, clearing out the winters accumulation of junk that was just too much of a Hassel to deal with in all the cold and snow of Buffalo, NY. I loved this time of year, on the first nice day, when the sun was shinning and the skies were blue, she would open up all the windows in the house. This would "air out" the house, giving the house a fresh smell that pushed out the winters recycled air from the furnace.

I still look forward to nice days when you leave the windows open and enjoy the breeze. Of course, here in Arizona or time table is a bit different, but I still get that same feeling. Our lodge is no different, we come in, have meals, clean up as best we can, but every once in awhile we need to open up the windows and doors.

We have some areas in the lodge that are cluttered and could use a little clean up. I will be organizing a little spring clean up in the next few weeks (look for emails with the details). I would like to get us back in shape as the spring and summer roll around. Spruce up our lodge so visitors and our members see a well care for lodge.

It is the first impression anyone gets of our lodge, we all take pride in being a member of HP#85, let's clean up the lodge and let the pride we have in our living area show as well.

I thank you all in advance for helping with this project, I will be sending out an email with details. Until then, please consider coming to this month stated meeting. Dinner will be at 6pm, with sandwich platter from Fry's. Look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless,

Earl Gould PM,  
Junior Warden

### Very Selective Lodge

Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ball room of the local hotel while its building was undergoing renovations? One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were. The desk clerk replied "Oh, those are the Masons." The salesman said, Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in?" "Oh, no," said the clerk. "They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!!!!"

