



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



APRIL 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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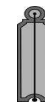
From the Secretary's Desk
James Miller

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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 all Hunter's
Paradise
Members, officers
and family,

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the familiar reminder that warmer days are already on the horizon here in Arizona. What may feel like early summer is simply our version of March. While our landscape may only hint at change—shifting from brown to brown with a touch of green—Spring still brings a powerful message of renewal. Even those small signs of growth remind us that new beginnings are always possible.

Spring has long been a symbol of hope. It represents new growth, new life, and fresh opportunities. It encourages us to look forward with optimism and to believe in what can be built together. This season invites us not only to care for our surroundings, but also to nurture the future of our Lodge.

Now is the perfect time to think about bringing in new members—individuals who can share in our

values and become part of our story. New members represent the hope and direction of our Lodge, our Grand Lodge, and our Shrine Center. They bring fresh perspectives, renewed energy, and the promise of continuity for generations to come.

Take a moment to look around and consider who you know that might be a good fit for our fraternity. Invite them to attend a Stated Meeting and spend time with our Lodge brothers. Invite them to a 4th Friday at the Shrine so they can experience the camaraderie and fellowship that make our organization special. Let them see firsthand that we are committed not only to our traditions, but also to building a strong and meaningful future together.

As we welcome Spring, let us embrace its message of hope. By opening our doors, extending invitations, and strengthening our bonds, we ensure that our Lodge continues to grow and thrive.

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Mesa, AZ 85211-1545

Upcoming Planned Activities

May 2026

May 4th - Officer's Meeting 6:30pm Zoom
May 11th - Degree practice in lodge
May 18th - *Confer a Degree or practice
6:30pm lodge room
May 25th - **Memorial Day - NO MEETING**

June 2026

June 1st - **May Stated meeting:**
Dinner at 5:30pm and
Gavel drops at 7pm
June 8th - Officer's Meeting 6:30pm Zoom
June 15th - Degree practice
6:30pm lodge room
June 22nd - *Confer a Degree or practice
6:30pm lodge room
June 29th - Stated meeting:
Dinner at 5:30pm and
Gavel drops at 7pm

The 2026 Monthly Meeting Plan

1st Monday - Officers meeting (ZOOM)
2nd Monday - Ritual practice meeting
3rd Monday - Degree special meeting,
4th Monday - Stated meeting
5th Monday - If it exists - NO meetings

*if no degree, then the Master will
advise as to the activity to be done.



From the Secretary's Desk...

Jim Miller



Worshipful Brother Bill and I had the opportunity to attend the 8th Annual Lost Dutchman Outdoor Degree hosted by

White Mountain Lodge #3 on Saturday, March 7, 2026. It has been a while since I have had the opportunity to attend one and what a wonderful experience! White Mountain Lodge #3 did an excellent job and the hospitality was incredible. We all had an opportunity for great fellowship and to see our brothers from around the state. If you have not been to an Outdoor Degree recently, I encourage you to do so.

We will have another opportunity to attend one at Fain Ranch near Prescott in the fall. Be on the lookout for it.

Dues keep coming in, but we still have a little over thirty brothers who need to get their dues paid for 2026, so please do so as soon as you can. If you have any questions, please contact me.

See you in Lodge!

Jim Miller
Secretary, HP #85



On the Level...

Senior Warden, Braden Gaines

Dear Brothers, This is Leo, while Braden goes through some tough times, I will be filling in for him.

Our officers are working hard to make sure we are meeting our objectives in the way of support for our local community. This is a photo of them handing off a check to support the Sojourn Center

Another objective take care of our lodge. There will be a Saturday work party to get the lodge ship shape. Many hands really make this a fast project. So come-out and help. We will be doing a general cleaning and finish the installation of the wiring for our television.

Another objective is Security.. This has become a big issue around the Shrine building. It is more than once they had found people who



were just wandering around both inside and outside of our building. To this concern, we have purchased a video door bell that we have installed. We will be locking the south doors, but you can still get in by just using the Video Doorbell and we will come down and let you in.

See you in lodge.
Leo Balthazor
Treasurer, HP #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 Strohman

Senior Steward
Brian Gay

Junior Steward
Jim Leppert

Marshal
Bruce Bouldin

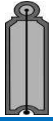
Tyler
James Hoover PM

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



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



Greetings from the South,

Every month I try to write an article you all will be able to relate to, maybe something to think about or something which will give you a laugh. As I struggled to find a message for this month, something different, something where I was not asking for help, or brothers to come back to the lodge. I found it, it is a simple message and short, I simply wanted to thank you all for your friendship and brotherhood, for your support and acceptance.

This time of year, we are constantly reminded of the glory of God. The warm weather pushes out the colder sometimes gloomy days of winter, flowers are in bloom, and the birds sing louder. It is a great time of year. Take time to share this joyous time, be with family and friends and make memories of your time together.

Please remember we have dinner at every stated meeting starting at 6pm, the gavel drops at 7pm. I

try to get a variety and not have the same thing, but it is truly difficult to find a place which does take out and remain within our budget. If anyone has a suggestion or would like to pick meals up from a special place they know (the lodge will reimburse you, our budget is \$150) please let me know.

I would like to remind you all we are planning a social event away from the lodge, just something where we can meet out and enjoy an evening or afternoon of relaxation and fun, with out concerning ourselves with I will be sending out fliers and information on that as our plans are finalized.

Looking forward to a great summer and I wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Earl Gould PM
Junior Warden



ON THE SQUARE

My Brother, in the Courtyard
Each one of us have stood
Outside the tiled Lodge door
Awaiting as we should.
Take heed, thou young Apprentices
The Word emblazoned there:
To meet upon the level
And part upon the square.
My Brother, at the Altar
Each one of us has knelt
With solemn Oath and Brotherhood
The Mystic Tie we've felt.

Take heed, my Brother Fellowcraft
The Word emblazoned there:
To act upon the plumb
And part upon the Square.
My Brother, in the Temple
Each one of us were Raised
And on receiving further light
Into the Light we gazed.
Take heed, my Brothers, Masters all
The Word emblazoned there:
To Live within the compass
And part upon the Square.