



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



Message from Worshipful Master - Bill Enloe PM



Hello HP members,
Officers, and
Family,

On paper Hunter's Paradise looks to be doing well and is a strong lodge. We have 115 Master Masons with a few in the pipeline to continue our growth. We have many members that could potentially help with growth, community service and the like. However, what I see now and have seen for many years is that we have a few members that do a majority of the work.

Personally, the problem with this model is that often the few will become burnt out and then what might happen is we close our doors because no one is willing to be a leader in the Lodge and perform the needed ritual to become that leader. I constantly hear how hard it is and how "I'm too old", but when you have a few that are repeating the job that can be completed by a good 75% of our members it becomes a bit discouraging.

We all agree the work is hard, but having an attitude of someone else will do it scares me because when that one person doesn't want to do any more then, what happens to the Lodge? In personal experience, the Lodge will either dissolve or merge. So, the one take away from this article is "please, please, please, please Volunteer for ritual parts, volunteer to take on roles from the officers to give them a better opportunity to focus on ritual, volunteer at the different events that we put on the calendar for you and just show up". We can only do this together, so if you are not willing to take on leadership roles then please come down to remove some of the responsibilities of those that are on the leadership path. This is just as much your Lodge as mine, so please come visit and get to know those that are working hard to keep your Lodge active and functioning.

Bill Enloe
Worshipful Master HP85 2015,
2019, 2021, and 2026

AUGUST 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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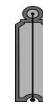
From the Secretary's Desk
James Miller

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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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Upcoming Planned Activities

September 2026

Sept. 5th - Officer's Meeting 6:30pm Zoom
Sept. 14th - Degree practice
6:30pm lodge room
Sept. 21st - Confer a Degree or practice
6:30pm lodge room
Sept. 28th - Stated meeting:
Dinner at 5:30pm and
Gavel drops at 7pm

October 2026

Oct. 5th - Officer's Meeting 6:30pm Zoom
Oct. 12th - Degree practice
6:30pm lodge room
Oct. 19th - Confer a Degree or practice
6:30pm lodge room
Oct. 26th - 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



Brethren:

I had the opportunity to attend the Grand Master's Class in honor of MW Leigh

Creighton put on by the Arizona DeMolay State Association. These young men of DeMolay did an outstanding job performing their degrees. I encourage you to take the opportunity to attend a DeMolay function and see these young men in action. It has been a wonderful experience throughout the years to watch them grow and develop into fine young men. Many become Masons and become great additions to our fraternity.

The DeMolay held their Grand Mas-

ter's Class at the Tucson Scottish Rite Temple. What a magnificent facility and a perfect backdrop for the DeMolay Play. I am amazed at the improvements that have been made every time I attend an event at the Tucson Scottish Rite Temple. It is a true jewel in the desert.

Dues keep coming in. We now have only eight brothers who still need to get their dues paid for 2026. You can easily process your dues at www.HP85.org. Please ensure that your dues for 2026 are paid ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact me.

See you in Lodge!

Jim Miller

Secretary, HP #85



On the Level...

Senior Warden, Braden Gaines

Brothers,

work done.

This Leo, the Webmaster reporting for Braden. As we return, we encourage anyone with ideas or events they'd like to see added to our schedule to reach out – your input is always welcome and valued.

Let's continue working together to ensure we meet our goals for the rest of the year. Bill expressed he does not want to be Master again in 2027, so Braden continues to work hard and get his proficiency

Braden has lined up our next raffle, an outdoor fie pit. He has got the flyer done will be ready to hand out at our August Meeting and will be again at the Shrine CornFez the end of the month. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again soon and making the most of the months ahead.

Fraternally,
Leo Balthazor
The Lodge's Webmaster

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

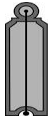
Marshal
Bruce Bouldin

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



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



Greetings from the South:

I just wanted to welcome everyone back from the dark, even though in true HP#85 fashion we never really go totally dark. Many

members of HP#85 have continued to work to make us a strong and thriving lodge. We have welcomed new brothers to the fraternity and we have recently completed our annual community service day at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). If you have not participated in one of our community service events recently I encourage you to do so. Not only do we help feed children throughout the world from a little office park in Tempe, but we do exactly what we joined this fraternity to do. To become a better man and citizen. FMSC is a simple way of practicing those tenants which every good Mason should aspire to brotherly love, relief and truth. The benefits for me in attending this function are many.

First, we gather as a group outside the lodge. This gives us a chance to visit with each other, tell stories and just enjoy each others company. When we are outside of lodge we feel less pressure to make sure task are done. We don't have to set up the lodge, bring out plates for dinner, set up dinners, clean up after etc. we can just meet and visit without the pressure of lodge responsibilities.

Second, we are doing good for the community. FMSC feeds thousands of children who are in need throughout the world. The staff are dedicated and passionate about their mission. They are truly thankful for the help we provide and look forward to having us every year.

Third, it is a great way to show the other volunteers what Masons are all about. Each person we meet while attending the event is a potential member. We show them how we give back to the community all while enjoying each others company. This year we presented a check to FMSC for \$250, thus further solidifying the good work they do. In addition to the sweat equity we provide, the donation will allow them to feed hundreds more children in the upcoming year.

Lastly, thank you all for being a part of this event. If you have not participated recently keep in mind we will have other opportunities before the end of the year. For all who could not make it, thank you for your generous support. Please be assured the money we donated will be put to good, feeding other children in need throughout the world.

With gratitude for all you do to make this world a better place,

Earl P. Gould PM
Junior Warden, HP#85