



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



SEPTEMBER 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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Our Mailing Address

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P.O. Box 1545
Mesa, AZ 85211-1545

Upcoming Planned Activities

October 2026

Oct 5th - Officer's Meeting 6:30 Zoom
Oct 12th - 3rd Degree 6:30 lodge Rm
Oct 19th - Bowling at Tempe Bowling lanes
Oct 26th - Stated meeting: Dinner at 5:30pm
and Gavel drops at 7pm

Election of Lodge Officers

November 2026

Nov 2nd - Officer's Meeting 6:30 Zoom
Nov 9th - Practice 6:30 lodge Rm
Nov 16th - Confer ritual 6:30pm lodge Rm
Nov 23th - Stated meeting: Dinner at 5:30pm
and Gavel drops at 7pm
Nov 30rd - No meeting, unless the Master
advises as to an activity to be done.

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 ad-
vise as to the activity to be done.
4th Monday - Stated meeting
5th Monday - If it exists - NO meetings

Message from Worshipful Master - Bill Enloe PM



Hello HP Mem-
bers, Officers,
and Family,

On paper
Hunter's Para-
dise looks to be
doing well and is a strong
lodge. We have 115 Master Ma-
sons 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. Person-
ally, the problem with this mod-
el is that often the few will be-
come 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 be-
come 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 it 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 calen-
dar 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.

Worshipful Master HP85 2015,
2019, 2021, and 2026



From the Secretary's Desk...

Jim Miller



Brethren:

Several of us traveled to Prescott this past weekend for the Fain Ranch Outdoor Third Degree hosted by Aztlan Lodge #1. This was an incredible weekend which started on Friday night with a tribute to the 9/11 25th Anniversary. WB Moises Gomez, who worked for the New York Port Authority during both attacks on the twin towers, gave an incredible presentation on the history of not only the 1993 and the 9/11 attacks, but also a lot of history about New York Port Authority in general. Did you know that the Secret Service had limousines in the parking garages under the towers that had to be removed after the attacks? Great story!

I was completely mesmerized. Then on Saturday morning, we attended the Outdoor Third Degree. Again, a wonderful experience. Aztlan Lodge did a great job. We also had the privilege of witnessing the second section put on by numerous Grand Officers to include our MW Grand Master Roger Biede.

Attending an Outdoor Degree is something that every Master Mason should experience. There is something very special about them. Please attempt to attend one. There are numerous Outdoor Degrees put on around the state throughout the year.

See you in Lodge!

Jim Miller Secretary, 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



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.

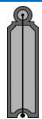
One thing I have noticed over the past month which has been inspiring to watch is the amount of brotherly love that goes in the lodge. Of the past couple of months we have had

a few brothers 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.

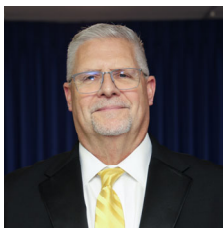
Fraternally,

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 shining 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

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Fire Pit Raffle

- See any Hunter's Paradise Lodge Member for Details and Tickets!
- Ticket \$5.00 Each or 5 for \$20.00

- Prize 30" Propane Fire Pit with Ceramic Tabletop

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