



# Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

**Taking Good Men - Making Them Better**

## Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates



Hello everyone, I would like to thank everyone who showed up dressed in Star Wars regalia

for last month's Stated Meeting. You guys are awesome! This month we have several requests for a Harry Potter themed night, so bring out your black robes and wands. You guys have really stepped up and delivered with your ritual work these last few years. Both Earl and Braden are on track for their proficiencies to become Worshipful and Senior Warden respectively. Brian Conner is ready to do his proficiency to sit in the South once we get a new DDGM. Our own WB Bill Enloe is up for Mason of the Year at this years Grand Lodge and we are going to receive the Master Architect Award this year. Good job guys.

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6/6-6/8 Grand Lodge

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6/17 second degree fro Edward Lago 6:30pm

6/24 Stated Meeting 7pm dinner starts @5:30pm

6/24 Prospective members meet with JJ

Fraternally,

Gary Dates, Worshipful Master-

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**Upcoming Planned Activities**

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**(Master's updates via email)**

**The 2024 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 Hunter's Paradise Members, Family, and Friends,

The summer is upon us and in most capacities, we are considered Dark. However, for those of us in the know, we can show that a Masonic Body is never truly dark. We jokingly call it "Dim". The Grand Session is coming near, and your officers will be present representing your Lodge. We have been doing excellent work for the last 10 plus years and I'm excited to see what else we (as a Lodge) will come home with to show you how we are working for you.

Since Freemasonry is a collective family, we will also be attending the Imperial Session to support one of our own Lodge Brothers who will be completing his successful year as Imperial Potentate. Imperial Sir Ed Stolze has supported this Lodge and our Shrine Center for years, so many

of us will be jumping on a plane to support you and him in Reno during this next session. Also, some of us that are members of the York Rite will be attending the York Rite Grand Session. Lastly, a few of us chosen members will attend the AZ DeMolay Conclave representing our membership and our future membership advising our Freemasonic Youth. If we see you in passing, please say hello and show your HP85 colors at many of the appendant/concordant body events.

If you are lucky enough to enjoy your time off from the Lodge, then I'll see you on our return when we hit the ground running working on the fun events for the Lodge and work toward taking home another Master Architect Award.

Bill Enloe

Secretary Hunter's Paradise #85

### Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

--- Elected ---  
**Worshipful Master**

Gary F. Dates, Jr.  
520-568-6959

**Senior Warden**  
Earl Gould  
716-800-7658

**Junior Warden**  
Braden Gaines  
719-231-1433

**Treasurer**  
Leo R. Balthazor  
602-740-5635

**Secretary**  
Bill Enloe, PM  
480-861-2440

---- **Appointed** ----

**Senior Deacon**  
Brian Conner

**Junior Deacon**  
Phillip Lopez

**Senior Steward**  
Austin Nisbet

**Junior Steward**  
Allen Nichols

**Marshal**  
Christopher Guenther

**Tyler**  
David Lowry PM

**Chaplain**  
Richard Lange, Jr

---- **Trustees** ----  
James Jennings  
Keith Seplak  
Jim Thomas

-**Trial Commissioners**-

Scott Garzuzi  
Leo Balthazor  
Jim Thomas  
Jim Leppert  
Bruce Bouldin

### Lodge Spring Cleaning Day

Was Saturday April 13th 9:00 AM – come down and see what we did.

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## On the Level... Senior Warden, Earl Gould



Greeting Brothers, As we head into the summer months and we go dark, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a safe and happy summer season. Remember to be safe when out an about by drinking water and seeking shade. When we return to the lodge in the fall let's pick up from where we have left off. This past year we have seen a tremendous growth in the lodge, not only with the numbers of new MM which have been raised, but with old friends returning to the lodge. We have held events to get the lodge in shape, we had a lodge cleaning day, which was championed by Brother Leo, we hosted a Star Wars themed stated meeting which was the WM making the lodge fun. We continue to build relationships in the community and going forward would like to do a fundraiser for the lodge, not only for charity but hopefully we will be able to host a family event soon, where we encourage all brothers to invite family and friends so they can have an understanding of what Masons are all about.

As for me, I plan on attending the Grand Com-

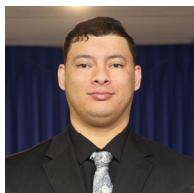
munication and working on new ways to bring our members back into attending, not only the stated meeting and degrees, but the events we will be putting on. As the year move forward, I would like to hear what each and everyone of you may like. I have some ideas myself, but I always welcome the input and advice of others. We need to make the lodge stronger, without a strong foundation the building can not last. This is a problem with many fraternities like ours, we need to appeal to young men who are looking for a place to join, not only to do charitable work but to also invest in oneself and become a better person for it. The WM has stated on many occasions Hunter's Paradise is all about family and the more people we have involved the stronger an organization we will be.

My pledge to each and everyone of you is to continue to move this lodge forward, building on the good work of the Past Masters of this lodge, to work with the Shrine as we move forward recruiting and retaining our most valuable resources - YOU!

Have a Blessed and Safe Summer,  
Earl Gould, Senior Warden



## The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Braden Gaines



Brothers, During the summer I would like to travel and attend more events around the state. Starting with Grand Communication. Meeting other brothers around the state has been an interest of mine and getting ideas to share not only with ourselves but with our families as well. With that being said I am planning a few events to end the year strong on starting with a Family event during the month of July with more details to come at the stated meeting

at the end of this month. If any brother has an idea, they wish to share or want to do with the lodge please feel free to let me know and let's work on sharing interest with each other. With that being said I look forward to seeing everyone for the second degree this month 6/17 and the Stated meeting on 6/24 with dinner announcement yet to come.

Braden Gaines, Junior Warden