



Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

Taking Good Men - Making Them Better



SEPTEMBER 2024



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Message from Worshipful Master - Gary Dates



Hello brethren, it seems like forever ago since we have written an article. We are to reflect on

brothers we haven't seen in quite a while. I don't see you in lodge, but I see you at Shrine functions. Time flies by and before you know it, more and more lodge activities go by soon we will be putting up Christmas trees and lights. Hunter's Paradise has seen a decline in numbers of members that show up and or participate. We lost some officers this summer and they rest of you have done a very good job of stepping up. I thank you. If you are interested in learning a part or participating in a degree please reach out to our lineup. Our officer lineup is a group of outstanding men who can best work and agree!

Please do not forget that we have a fundraiser going on. We are raffling off a Blackstone. \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20. Drawing is in December 2024.

- September 4th Zoom 6:30pm
- September 9th first degree practice 6:30pm
- September 16th First degree for Samuel 6:30pm
- September 23rd Stated Meeting 7pm
- September 28th Fall ceremonial breakfast
- September 30th out of lodge education 6:30pm

Gary Dates WM

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Upcoming Planned Activities

- 9/4 Zoom 6:30pm
- 9/9 first degree practice 6:30pm
- 9/16 First degree for Samuel 6:30pm
- 9/23 Stated Meeting 7pm
- 9/28 Fall ceremonial breakfast
- 9/30 out of lodge education 6:30pm

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 and family,

I just completed the worst part of my job and that is sus-

pending for non-payment of dues. No Lodge member or officer ever wants to suspend a member for not paying his dues, but it is a task that must be done.

If you are ever in a place where you feel you are unable to pay your dues, please do not let it get to the very end of the year before you reach out. Our Lodge is not just a factory of dues collecting members, we are a group of similar minded and loving individuals who truly care about his brothers. So, please don't let pride get in your way of a payment of a year's dues.

There are plenty of options that we can do for you and wouldn't you help out a brother if they asked you for assistance. Why wouldn't we do the same for you? Someday, I may be in need and I would hope you would come to my assistance. Also, if you are in a position of asking your Lodge for assistance, don't be a stranger.

We are here for you, so please don't forget about visiting when you can. We don't mind that we're helping you and don't want you to feel

bad for it and stop coming down to meetings. In fact, I think all your brothers would expect the opposite, come down and show us your pride and show us your face.

We always want to see you in Lodge, but know it may not always be possible. However, one meeting a month doesn't seem too extreme. If it is too much then try a meeting a quarter, a meeting a year, or twice a year. In either case, come on down and visit with your brothers.

On another note, if you do have the funds to pay your dues please don't let it go to the end of the term to pay. Please try to make every attempt to pay by December 31 of the current year to pay for the next year's dues.

Please remember that without a current dues card, you cannot sign a petition and are at risk for non-payment of dues. When you are suspended it removes you from all other Masonic Bodies, so keep in touch with me and let me know how I can help in keeping you current and active in your Lodge.

Bill Enloe
Secretary HP85

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



On the Level... Senior Warden, Earl Gould



Greetings from the West,

As we move into the fall months, I wanted to highlight some of the things which we have accomplished this past year.

As a lodge we have moved forward, making progress in our community to make a difference and to spread the word about Masonry and what we are about and the work we all do - Making Good Men Better. We came out of Grand Communication with the Master Architect award again this year, thanks to WM Gary Dates and our Secretary Bill Enloe keeping track of our many accomplishments and organizing and planning our activities.

In addition, we were asked by Grand Lodge to represent them in delivering a check to Sojourner Center, located only blocks away from our lodge. We presented them with a check, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Arizona for \$1,500 dollars. This meeting opened avenues where we as a lodge maybe able to assist them, not only in providing monetary grants but for projects and special events. We will be working and presenting ideas to the brethren in the upcoming months.

We also kicked off a raffle, to support programs in our community. Currently we have the Davy Crockett School, which we hope to still deliver supplies to, the Sojourner Center and the Boys and Girls club where we hope to establish a relationship. These are all worthy organizations, which need support and assistance.

I humbly ask each and everyone of you to help support these causes when we schedule an event. We can do so much good, when so many of us pull together in the same direction.

By way of background, we are raffling of a 28" Blackstone Griddle, with hard cover, weather protective cover and a 30-piece utensil set. You can help by not only purchasing a book of raffle tickets, but help selling them as well. Sell some to co-works, neighbors, friends, that relative at thanksgiving dinner who you never know what to say to. We need everyone to pitch in and help to make this successful. See any lodge officer for books to sell or if you would like to purchase tickets, they are \$5.00 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

[Link to the Raffle to Buy Tickets](#)

We have done several things to improve the lodge as well, we had a spring-cleaning day where we shampooed the carpets, polished the furniture, secured the seats in the lodge so they no longer rock when someone gets up.

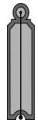
The lodge also sponsored the breakfast for El Zaribah Shrine Ceremony in the Spring and have been asked to do it again by the Potentate for the upcoming fall ceremony in September.

As we near the fall, we are well on track for achieving even more in 2025. I look forward to the journey with each and everyone of you along the way.

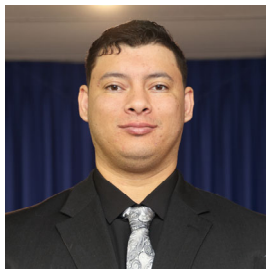
My thanks for your support and assistance this year, I look forward to the fall and the upcoming holiday months where we will be able to enjoy the season and all the joy it brings.

Respectfully

Earl Gould



The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Braden Gaines



Hello Brothers,

It feels so good to be back, being out of lodge has its pros and cons for me. For me the biggest con is not seeing everyone. This lodge really is a second home to me. A place where I can come have my spirits lifted by being around y'all. I'm very excited to get back in the swing of things and finishing the year out strong and spending time with the brothers.

I'm also looking forward to putting on another fun event like we did back in July, I know everyone who came out had a blast, as well as themed meeting to finish out the year. With that being said for the month on October I'm asking the brothers to wear their favorite sports jersey, we got Baseball playoff, NFL and College Football is back in full swing. Also switching up the dinners I'm asking the brothers to please share with us your favorite tailgate dish for the stated meeting on October 28th

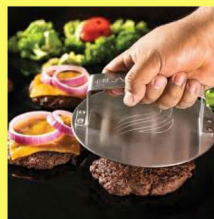
Braden Gaines, Junior Warden

HUNTER'S PARADISE #85 BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE RAFFLE

- SEE ANY HUNTER'S PARADISE LODGE MEMBER FOR DETAILS AND TICKETS!
- TICKET \$5.00 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20.00
- PRIZE 28" TWO BURNER BLACKSTONE GRILL W/HOOD
- BLACKSTONE GRILLING ACCESSORIES: GRILL COVER, BOOTLEG BURGER SEASONING, & SMASHBURGER KIT.

DRAWING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 2, 2024.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!



**** A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE TO BENEFIT THE HUNTER'S PARADISE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM. ****