



# Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85

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## Message from Worshipful Master - Earl Gould



Brothers: As 2025 kicks off, I wanted to note a few of the things we have accomplished so far.

We are off to a great start. The lodge participated in a very successful event at the Sojourn center. We were able to donate toys so the children there may have a little bit brighter of a Christmas. We sponsored a Christmas event for them in which we provided snacks, entertainment and visited with the families. The lodge, through our connections able to get Santa Clause to come and make it extra special for the little ones. I especially want to thank everyone who came out, I realize the holidays are busy for everyone, but all of you who came out really did live your masonic values of brotherly love. We made a lot of people forget about their problems and just enjoy the holiday season. In the few hours we spent with them we relieved them of some of the burdens they carried.

We also had an opportunity to attend the Chandler Chapter DeMolay installation. Our very own WB Bill Enloe's son, John, was installed as the Master Councilor. I was happy to attend, but I was proud so many of us from Hunters Paradise attended. It was truly a great showing with over 10 members coming together to celebrate these young men and their achievements.

As we look deeper into the year, I look forward to work with the Sojourn Center, we have a lot to accomplish this year, but I know it will be fun and enjoyable. Whatever little we can do, be it, community service, bettering of our lodge, spending time and sharing a laugh with a brother, we make Hunters Paradise a stronger lodge. I thank you all for what you do, and I am very proud and blessed to be part of this organization.

Yours in the faith,

Earl

### FEBRUARY 2025



From the Worshipful Master  
Earl Gould

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The Hunter Happening  
Earl Gould

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Hunter's Paradise Lodge #85  
2025 officers  
elected and appointed

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From the Secretary's Desk  
Bill Enloe, PM

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From the West, Senior Warden  
Braden Gaines

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From the South Junior Warden  
Brian Conner

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### Upcoming Planned Activities

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(Master's updates via email)

### The 2025 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

## Hunters Paradise Happenings

- Thank you all for buying and selling tickets for our December Blackstone grill raffle we turned a profit of over \$600 dollars. This money will help support our community outreach and educational efforts.
- We will begin to utilize a texting service to better communicate with our brethren, we hope this will be yet another way of keeping everyone informed as to the events and happenings of the lodge.

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## From the Secretary's Desk...

### By William Enloe, PM

Hello HP85 family, The new year brings us hope for prosperity and hope for change.



Often, we make resolutions that are forgotten in a few days, weeks, months, etc. So, the best resolution that you can make is one that makes you feel good.

I know you are looking at yourself and wondering what I mean. Could it be a change in diet, workout, or daily activity. No, the best resolution that you can make is for yourself and that is a resolution to be a better person.

I know you are a great person now, but that doesn't mean we can't continue that search to be better. Does this new resolution need to be a drastic change? Not really, it is something that we are taught to do every day since we were in grade school. It is the lesson of loving our neighbor as ourselves. It is the lesson of helping others who cannot help themselves. It is the lesson of

being tolerant in our opinions and to give others the benefit of doubt.

Since these are already being performed by you daily, the resolution to make this change should just be to maintain that resolution. If you are not as tolerant to others, if you do not help your fellow person, if you do not love your neighbor as yourself then we can reflect small changes now grow the changes and become the better men we promised we would become.

Listen to the person arguing with you about politics on the street and say "I see your point" rather than "You're crazy". Open your heart and mind to something new just to try it. Or, maybe just ask some how their day was and listen to them when they tell you.

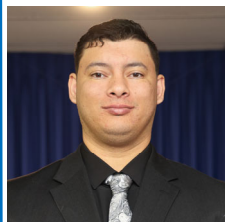
All of these are small in the grand scheme of things and can be done in short-term then long-term commitments. I, for one, will do my part and I hope you will join me.

Thank you,  
Bill Enloe  
Secretary HP85



## On the Level...

### Senior Warden, Braden Gaines



Hello Brethren,  
I just wanted to say, within lodges around the valley and the shrine it's just getting

back into the swing of things, however seeing everyone and having a great time is always a blast.

Braden

### Hunter's Paradise #85 Lodge Officers

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

Earl Gould  
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**Senior Warden**  
Braden Gaines  
719-231-1433

**Junior Warden**  
Brian Conner  
719-231-1433

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

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

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

**Senior Deacon**  
Felix Cwynar IV

**Junior Deacon**  
James Miller

**Senior Steward**  
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**Junior Steward**  
Shawn Strohman

**Marshal**  
Christopher Guenther

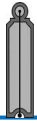
**Tyler**  
James Hoover PM

**Chaplain**  
Darrell Mandrell PM

--- **Trustees** ---  
James Jennings  
Keith Seplak  
Gary Dates, Jr PM

**-Trial Commissioners-**

George Mather PM  
Leo Balthazor  
James Miller  
Jim Leppert  
Bruce Bouldin



## The Plumb Line... Junior Warden, Brian Conner



Greeting from the south.

I was very lucky to have the opportunity to come from a masonic family and became a member of the Order of DeMolay as a young man. For those who do not know or are unfamiliar with DeMolay it is the masonic organization for young men to learn about life skills, family values and many more things. I joined Glendale chapter inside Glendale Lodge as soon as I could at the age of 13 and poured my heart into it while my sisters were active in Bethel #19 of the girls' organization of Jobs Daughters. As I look back now as a Master Mason, I appreciate more of what I was actually learning at the time. No 13-year-old is looking for a place to go and learn things but that is exactly what I did.

I joined DeMolay to have fun, go too "lock-ins" and of course meet the girls but what it did for me was so much more than I expected. I found that I loved ritual and learning how to repeat it with certain inflections and delivery. I just didn't realize that it was learning. The ability to memorize things, terms and verbiage long term has helped me throughout my life in both educational terms as well as in my business. School came easy as I just studied like I was trying to learn the "flower talk" or the "ceremony of light". In my business life I started leading people at a young age and remember being worried about my first big meeting. When I "crushed" it I remember coming home that night and asking myself how I was able to do it? I racked my brain as I had never taken any kind of public speaking course but then my time as international committee chair in DeMolay crossed my mind. I stood in front of other young men looking for information and

discussion and that taught me how to not only speak in public but also allow the group to feel as though they were involved.

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I thought that I could never repay DeMolay for the man they helped me grow in to but know I know I was wrong. I can help by paying back the time and effort that the masons gave me as advisors and friends when I was looking for advice. Now don't get me wrong, as state master counselor I was able to see behind the curtain and the business side of the organization and I am not just flowing poetic. Each organization has some things that it needs to continue to work on and improve. I think we are all familiar with that.

DeMolay allowed me the chance to learn and grow without me knowing because I was having so much fun. That is the key and I am a better man than I would have been without it. That being said, DeMolay doesn't run on its own. As I alluded to earlier in this article it is a "masonic sponsored" youth group. Without brother masons, DeMolay and for that matter Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls could never exist. I know we all have things that we are doing and life keeps us busy but I also know firsthand, that without the masons support at the Glendale Lodge I would not have been able to achieve what I have today. For that and the ability for them to keep working with us through the unapologetic assumption of youth where I just thought people would always help me, I am very grateful and now excited to know how I can be part of the team helping our youth.

From the South  
Brian Conner  
Junior Warden