



Oak Plains Lodge F&AM #789's Vision Statement:

To create a strong and viable Lodge made up of men who have a strong desire to practice together the principles of Freemasonry, ensuring it becomes relevant to today's society while maintaining its high moral, social and charitable standards, thus making a positive difference in the quality of life in our community.

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From The East

David Meneley – Worshipful Master



Greetings Brethren!

April is here and trees are budding, and flowers are blooming! Our last month at Oak Plains Lodge has been busy, one with the initiation of our newest Brother, Jim Moore.

We also had an excellent Corned Beef and cabbage dinner accompanied with Irish Stew prepared by Mauricio Pasos, Rosa Pasos, Mike Perry and Mike's "Number 1" Nicole Rabedew. Jason Kowing and Jim Moore served the dinner and did an outstanding job!

Just a few days after the Stated Meeting and Dinner, we had our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Oak Plains Crab Feed! This year was as successful as all years have been, but we had a new activity added to the mix. This year, for the first time in quite a while, we had a silent auction in our Lodge Room. I am pleased to say that we had some great items donated including sports memorabilia, a pistol, some high-end cookware, and several other items. Thank you all who worked so hard to make the both the Crab Feed and accompanying Silent Auction a success!

At our last practice night, this last month we also started a new venture in Masonic Education called "Setting the Craft to Work" and is being led by our Senior Warden, Mauricio Pasos. Thank you Bro. Pasos in your being willing to start this new venture.

This month in keeping with the series I have started about the four cardinal virtues from the First Degree, I would like to briefly discuss Prudence. Prudence is the faculty by which we wisely judge and determine relative to our present, as well as our future happiness. Prudence guides us as to how best we can be happy. Prudence could even be seen as another word for caution. By exercising Prudence, we should safely avoid the pitfalls that prevent one from living a happy and productive life as well as being of service to his fellow creatures.

Well, that about wraps it up for now, take it easy and see you around the Lodge!

David Meneley Worshipful Master

From The West

Bro. Mauricio Pasos- Senior Warden



Spring is here and nature begins to awaken from the winter slumber. All forms of life seem to be renewed and awakened. This time of year gives all the opportunity to look inward and start our new beginnings. With this in mind, I encourage the Brethren to challenge themselves to become better Masons whether it's attending practice nights, further light, the degrees, supporting our candidates or reflecting within your own spiritual, Masonic and civil lives, to become better men and better Masons.

Congratulations to our newly obligated Brother Jim Moore into our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. May your journey be full of many joyful and learning experiences. There is much to learn, and I know you will make the best of your

time in the Lodge. We have an applicant awaiting investigation and our Entered Apprentices are working hard towards their next degree. While the officers are at labor, any of the members willing to help the Lodge can do so be learning a charge for one or more degrees and are encouraged to do so. Members are always welcome to participate in the degrees.

On March 25th we had our monthly education session to assist the Craft in the pursuit of further light called "Setting the Craft at Work". We had a great discussions and fellowship. Our next education night will be April 22nd and will start promptly after the Officer's practice at 8:30 pm; all Masons are welcomed to attend. We also hold proficiency studies every Monday except Stated Meetings for all degrees starting at 5:00 pm and continuing until the Officers start practice at 7:00 pm.

Thank you to all the Brothers, Sisters and Friends that made our Annual Crab Feed a success. Brother Carroll Dudley for orchestrating this great event, Worshipful Don Black, Worshipful Dave Groza and their families for their countless years of servitude. Worshipful Dave Meneley, Worshipful Scott Henry, Worshipful Jeff Askins, Brothers Mike Perry, Chris Engellenner, Jason Kowing, Steve Brown, Maury Hicks, Jim Moore, Eric Parker and Jed Parker for their hard work. Thank you to the Rainbow Girls for the outstanding service and delicious deserts. Once again, thank you all for your commitment to our Lodge, the Crab Feed would not have been a success without your support.

I want to close with the value of work. From work we derive a product, we crate something of value, even if it is merely an idea that we work in our mind. It has a value and as Masons, we regularly talk about the work that we do, metaphorically training ourselves to become better men. Often not mentioned is our obligations as Masons, to daily contemplate the opportunities in our lives, to improve upon ourselves, to become better men and contribute to improving the quality of live for all. Constantly the "builders of the temple", The Unfinished Temple, is the duty of all Masons and break off the rough corners off our Brothers through the lessons and allegories of our ritual. Refining who we are contributes to gains in personal development and growth of new skills. We become more valuable to the world and ourselves. It leads to improved wealth, better relationships and a greater peace of mind. Working on one's self requires a commitment and discipline, so take fifteen minutes out of your day to work on your Temple.

Mauricio Pasos, Senior Warden

From The South

Bro. Mike Perry-Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren!

I'm very excited to say we have been very busy at the Lodge in March! We welcomed Bro. Jim Moore in the Fraternity on March 11th. Welcome to our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity My Brother.... It sure feels good to type that! There is nothing more satisfying to me than saying My Brother, welcome to our Fraternity and seeing our Lodge grow! It was a pleasure to sit in the Oriental Chair for the first time and initiate Bro. Moore. Jim is a great addition to our Lodge, and I look forward to coaching him through his Degrees in Masonry!

The Oak Plains Crab Feed and Silent Auction was a huge success! We had an estimated 180 people attend this years Crab Feed. Bro. Carroll O. Dudley, III took the helm again this year and led the way! His organization of the event was second to none! Bro.'s Pasos and Perry headed up the Silent Auction portion of the event and raised a little over \$1,600 in additional revenue for the Lodge. Al Fischer provided some great Sports Memorabilia... He had signed autographed items from Michael Jordan, Willie Mays, Buster Posey, Bret Favre, Joe Montane and Jerry Rice just to name a few.

I would like to thank Eric and Susan Parker, Jason Kowing, Carroll Dudley, Nicole and Mike Perry, Mauricio and Rosa Pasos, Noel Lucas (Natoma Lodge 64), Jeff Askins and David and Ralph Meneley for their great donations and helping to make this event a success. We would like to thank Camellia Assembly for the wonderful bake sale and for serving the dinner! It was nice to see all these ladies in their new Green Rainbow Uniforms! I am told Mrs. Dobson has been working on these shirts for quite some time! The Camellia Assembly has been growing and it was nice to see so many young ladies this year! The set up and cleanup crew, thank you so much! Bro.'s Jason Kowing and Chris Engellenner you guys worked for hours setting up the dining room, thank you for all the balloons! Bro. Kowing and Bro. Moore worked the bar and check-in from the time the event opened until it closed – thank you Brethren! Bro. Jed and Eric Parker helped out in the Silent Auction thank you for sitting in the Lodge Room and answering any questions our guest had! Wor. Bro. Scott Henry broke down the tables and help reset the dining room, thank you! Finally, our Kitchen Crew – Thank you all for the hours you put into this! Wor. Bro. Groza and Black another great year! Thank you! Bro. Brown – your continued expertise in being the go-to guy in the kitchen helped everyone stay on time! I'm sure I missed someone in thanking them, please know you were appreciated and thank you!

The March Stated Dinner was provided by Bro. Mike and Nicole Perry and Bro. Mauricio and Rosa Pasos; The Dessert was provided by Wor. Bro. Scott Henry and his Lady Alana! Thank you, the dinner was wonderful, and the dessert was even better! A big thanks goes out to Ms. Amanda Milam from Camellia Assembly for providing us with an update from Camellia Assembly. Thank you!

Bro. Eric Parker and Susan Parker will be in the kitchen this month! The meal is an Easter Dinner consisting of Ham, Potatoes, salad, and a roll. The Dessert will be provided by Ms. Jerry Jones. April is Public Schools month and this month we will have a guest speaker from Pasadena Elementary present to us an update from our adopted school! We will also be presenting them with a check, which is 10% of

our proceeds from the Crab Feed, again thank you for supporting our Lodge and our Adopted School. The cost of the dinner is \$10. Reservations are necessary to ensure we have enough food on hand to feed everyone.

Please contact 916-622-7769 or <u>oakplains789@gmail.com</u> for reservations. The Lodge App can also be used to pay for your dinner and RSVP as well. If you haven't downloaded the Lodge App yet, the link is: <u>http://ourapp.link/oak-plains-789</u>

It sure has been nice to see so many perspective candidates at our dinners in the past months. We had two perspective members at the last dinner. We have another new perspective candidate planning to attend the April dinner. If you happen to see a new face at our dinner, please stop and say hello, they are probably a little nervous and could use a friendly handshake and conversation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Sr. Warden for starting the "Setting the Craft to Work" Masonic Education. Bro. Pasos led a group discussion on the First-Degree symbols and the 3rd section of the 1st degree. Wor. Bro. Bill Brewer and Wor. Bro. Jeff Askins also helped to guide our discussion. This will be a monthly event that we hold after an Officer Practice. We will hold the discussions to the lowest degree member in attendance. So, if we have first degree brothers in attendance, we will keep our discussion to that degree. This is a result of the feedback Bro. Sr. Warden received from the planning meeting last month. Please come out and attend one of these events, they are a lot of fun! The next one will be April 22nd at 8:30 pm. Thank you Bro. Pasos for bringing us more "light" to our work as we improve ourselves in Masonry! Well done Brother!

Fraternally Your Humble Servant, Bro. Mike A. Perry

Junior Warden



404th Masonic District – Stated Meeting Schedule

Oak Plains #789 – 3rd Monday Fellowship – 6:00 PM Dinner – 6:30 PM Meeting – 8:00 PM Natoma #64 -1st Thursday Fellowship – 6:00 PM Dinner – 6:30 PM Meeting – 8:00 PM

Inspector of the 404th Masonic District: Worshipful Joseph Juelch, PM

Temple Board

Bro. Mike Perry	President	WM David Meneley	Board Member
Bro. Eric Parker	Vice President	Bro. Alex Vuckovich	Board Member
Bro. Mauricio Pasos	Treasurer / Secretary	Bro. Carroll O. Dudley, III	Board Member
Wor. Marvin Lien, PM	Board Member	Bro. Jason Kowing	Board Member

The Temple Board Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM

The next Temple Board Meeting is April 11, 2019. There is an open forum for tenants starting at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all tenants. The Temple Board will go into the Hall Association Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

The storms are still holding us back from putting in the security system, hopefully April will be a little dryer and we can get this system in. This last Big Storm we had a leak on the south wall. You will notice the ceiling tiles have been removed and we are airing out the area to prevent mold. This issue was a seal had failed around the drain. We have applied a sealer during one of the breaks in the rain. At present time the leak has stopped.

The Temple Board and Oak Plains Lodge voted to replace all the movable chairs in the Lodge room at their respective March Meetings. The Chairs are here and will be available for use in April. These will replace the aging furniture that has been breaking on almost a weekly occurrence.

As with all projects timing is always a huge concern. There are many moving parts to this project like planning, blue prints, permits, funding, and Grand Lodge coordination. We are in the very early parts of planning this project. This project may seem like nothing of measurable action is being done. These next processes are done behind the scenes and could take several months. I would not expect much in the way of visible progress for 6-9 months. We will do our best to make sure we do not have an impact on the installation season in the Fall and Winter of 2019. Please stay tuned for more updates.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

The Oak Plains Masonic Hall Association



Sweetheart Corner

Sweethearts,

Should you ever need assistance, please call the Master of the Lodge, or Bro. Jeffrey Winch-Warren at 916-208-1628.

DINNER RESERVATION

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Meal tickets are \$10, make your reservation today, they are a <u>must</u>! You can email Bro. Perry at <u>oakplains789@gmail.com</u> or call 916-622-7769 or pay on the Lodge App. To save cost we are only making enough food for reservations, so don't delay, make your reservations today!



Camellia Chapter of Rainbow for Girls



The girls are actively supporting this year's State Service Project, Family's Forward. You can support this project by donating spare change at their stated meetings.

Stated meetings on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7pm and the girls always like to see visitors on the sidelines. If you know a young lady between the ages of 11 and 20, we would love to see them join our amazing group of young ladies. Please contact Wor. Jeff Askins <u>labdad2014@gmail.com</u> or Mother Advisor, Gloria Dobson, at (916) 208-1300 or <u>gdobson49@gmail.com</u>.

Primrose Chapter of Eastern Star



The Primrose Chapter of Eastern Star meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821 on the 1st Wednesday at 12:00 pm. If January 1st falls on the first Wednesday, then they will meet on the 3rd Wednesday. They are dark July and August. Contact Wor. Joe Juelch at (916) 225-9486 or email joejuelch@yahoo.com.

Rising Star Chapter #36 Order of the Eastern Star

Meets the first Friday of every month at Oak Plains Lodge at 7:30 pm except July. For information Contact the following officers: Jackie Bozeman, Worthy Matron at 916-200-8191, Rich Wilson, Worthy Patron, 916-704-6908 or Janice Nielsen, Secretary, 916-366-6488 for information.

Sacramento Scottish Rite



The Sacramento Scottish Rite meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6151 H Street, Sacramento. Social Hour starts at 5:30 with the meeting at 6:00 pm followed by a dinner and program at 7:00. Reservations can be made at <u>https://www.sacramentoscottishrite.org/</u>

Ben Ali Shrine



The Ben Ali Shrine meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3262 Marysville Blvd., Sacramento. Social @ 5 and dinner at 6:30. Make reservations at (916) 920-4107. Ben Ali is dark July and August.

Notes from the Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Brothers, dues notices have been mailed out. Dues for 2019 are \$145.00.

The Oak Plains Lodge app is up and running! Brothers, please install the app using this link <u>http://ourapp.link/oak-plains-789</u>.

You may ask yourself why do I need another app on my phone? The answer is it is all the Oak Plains information at your fingertips! The calendar, with the ability to RSVP for dinner and the ability to pay for dinner, your dues, donate to the lodge or charity instantly; instant communication with the Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer; Online address book to be able to be instantly able to call a Brother, to check on them or coordinate with them.



Birthdays

<u>Name</u> George Peterson Gary Erickson Richard White Billy Malone

<u>Birthdate</u>
03-April
06-April
16-April
28-April

April	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
William Cheesebrough	04-April
Robert Trathen	15-April
Alvin Swanson, Jr.	27-April



Master Mason Birthdays

Please join us in congratulating each of the Brothers who are celebrating being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in April, Congratulations Brothers!

April			
Name	Date Raised	Years	
Ed Alvarez	04-30-1973	46	
David Comstock	04-29-1985	34	
Carroll O. Dudley, III	04-03-1972	47	
Maury Hicks	04-25-2012	7	
Barry Loyd	04-02-2001	18	
Jason Rafter	04-08-2013	6	
Steven Rodriguez	04-02-1996	23	
Alvin Swanson, Jr.	04-17-1951	68	
Earl Wynn	04-22-2013	6	





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2019 Grand Master's Proclamations

January	Pledge to Make a Difference Every Month
February	Masonic Widows Month
March	Youth Orders Month
April	Public Schools Month
June	Masonic Homes Month
July	Support Our Masonic Veterans Month
September	Constitutional Observance Month & Masonic Lodge
-	Open House Month



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Key Dates

<u>April</u>

- Natoma #64 Stated meeting and Dinner April 4th at 6:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice April 8th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Meeting April 11th 6:30 8:30 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting April 12th at 7:00 pm
- Tax Day April 15th
- Trestle Board Articles are due to the Trestle Board Editor April 15th by end of Stated Meeting
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, Easter Dinner, Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Salad, Roll, dessert and drink, \$10, please make reservations April 15th Dinner at 6:30; Meeting at 8:00
- Easter Sunday April 21st
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice April 22nd at 7:00 pm
- "Setting the Craft to Work" Masonic Education April 22th 8:30-9:30 pm 1st Degree Perambulation
- 404th District Officers School of Instruction will be at Natoma Lodge in Folsom- Working in the 2nd Degree, 2nd Section– April 24th at 7:00 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting April 26th at 7:00 pm

