



# Oak Plains Lodge No. 789, F&AM

3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821

## Trestle Board

(916) 485-6864

April, 2020

### Lodge Schedule of Events

**ONLINE GATHERING  
EVERY MONDAY  
STARTING AT 7:00 pm**

#### Stated Meeting

- Cancelled

#### OSI

- Cancelled

#### All In Person Masonic Meeting Cancelled

#### 1st Monday-Degree/Practice & Fellowship Night

- Cancelled

#### 2nd Monday-Degree/Practice & Fellowship Night

- Cancelled

#### 3rd Monday-Stated Meeting

- Cancelled

#### 4th Monday-Degree/Practice & Masonic Education Night

- Cancelled

#### 5th Monday - Fellowship/ Masonic Education

- Cancelled

## From the East

### To Our Masonic Family,

Hope you are all well and healthy.

COVID 19 has proven to be a disastrous event. It has affected us all in one way or another.

If you are in need of assistance in any form please reach out to any officer of the Lodge (next page has all contact information). We are here to assist. Please also visit our Grand Lodge website for updates and also to learn about the **Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund**. <http://californiafreemason.org/>

We postponed our stated meeting for the month of March until the last week of the month but due to the stay order it was cancelled. Your elected Officers held an email vote to pay our essential bills for the month.

All in person Masonic events are either cancelled or postponed until further notice . Your elected Officers will hold another online meeting to pay our April bills. We will ratify the essential bills at our next stated meeting.

During the stay order we will hold an online social event for the Brethren of Oak Plains Lodge #789 every Monday at 7:00pm. We will be starting Monday April 6th at 7:00 pm. Our Brother Secretary will be sending out instructions and a link to each member of the Lodge via e-mail no later April 5th at 5:00pm. If we do not have your current e-mail please send your current information to our Secretary.

We are continuing to Monitor news about the Covid-19 virus, we want to continue to assure our members that we also monitoring national and state health agencies, such as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and local authorities, to ensure that we align our practices with their guidelines.

As of March 19th, the California Department of Public Health has issued and order that "ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY TO STAY AT HOME OR AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE EXCEPT THAT THEY MAY LEAVE TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES; EXEMPTING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FROM THIS ORDER BUT URGING THEM TO FIND SHELTER AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IT; DIRECTING ALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGEN-

CIES TO CEASE NON-ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY; PROHIBITING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS OF ANY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS; AND ORDERING CESSATION OF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL". We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

### Precautions

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.

As the situation with the COVID-19 virus evolves, we will keep you informed of any new temporary procedures or changes to our calendar.

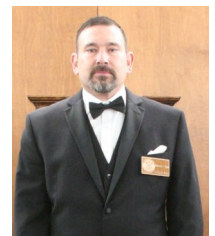
Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Stay Safe and Healthy.

"THRIVE IN 2020"

Fraternally,

*Mauricio Pasos*



# 2020 Officers & Committee Members

## Officers

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Mauricio J. Pasos .....Chairman

Mike A. Perry .....Member

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“Our ailing brothers would very much appreciate calls and visits. Let them know you care.” Let us know about any member who is ill.

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## From the West

My Brothers, Ladies and Friends,

As I sit down to write this, I think of a familiar saying in Masonry, and it goes: Happy to meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to meet again. I think we are in the second part of the phrase at this current time. While we may be physically apart, we can take the time to connect on the phone, on social media and we are talking about trying to do an online fraternal gathering (stay tuned).



I encourage you to stay informed on the current COVID-19 pandemic that is sweeping around the globe. Social Media and to some instances the news media have not put out the best information and are far from being the experts on this very important matter. There are a couple websites that I would like to share with you to help you stay informed.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – <https://cdc.gov>
- World Health Organization (WHO) – [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

Both of these sites are there to provide the best information possible on the spread of the virus and the most up-to-date instructions for prevention and what to do if you think you are sick.

Please be careful of websites that are fraudulent and online scammers. This is a prime opportunity for criminals to try and take advantage of us, while we are vulnerable. Be careful of anyone asking for money or wanting you to pay to join websites for information.

One last thing before I close, if you need help with anything please reach out to me or our Master. If you need help with groceries, an errand, you need someone to pick up your medication, or if you just need someone to listen. Please reach out to us, we are Brothers and are here to support each other in this time of need.

The Happy to meet again is coming... just in the future. I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

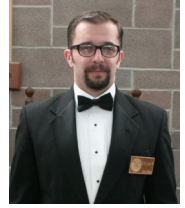
On the Level

*Mike Perry*

Senior Warden

## From the South

Dark in the South



### Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are: 60 years old and older. People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems. People who are pregnant or were pregnant in the last two weeks.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings (of 10 people or more) unless it is essential. If you can telecommute, you should. Avoid people who are sick.

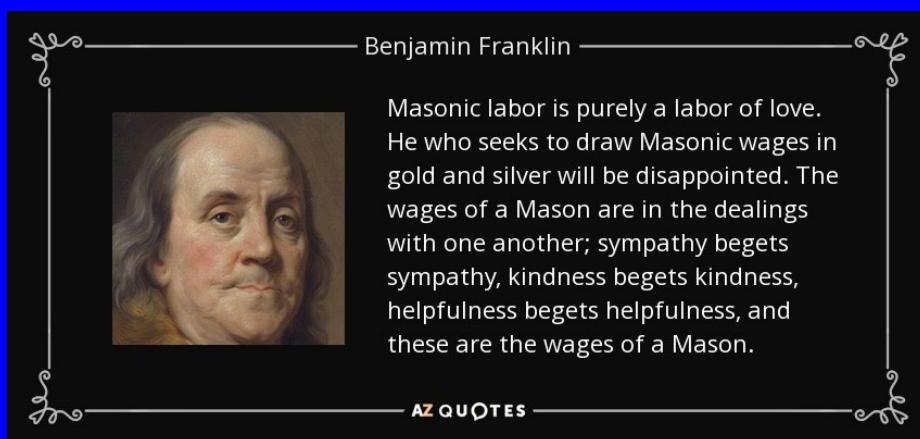
### Everyone: Be responsible and do your part

The best way for all to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- You have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor
- Your health and follow the instructions of public health officials.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.
- You can also prepare for the possible disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:
- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a care giver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage a school closure.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others

# Masonic Online Gathering Every Monday at 7:00 pm.

Join your  
Brethren  
of Oak



Plains Lodge No. 789 Mondays to  
have social time and discussions.  
There will be no Masonic business  
only a time for us to get together  
and enjoy Brotherhood and have  
Masonic discussions.

## Concordant Bodies

### Meeting at Oak Plains Masonic Center

#### From The Hall Board

Hall Board Meeting is Cancelled until further notice.

We continue to conduct clean up and essential services to the Hall.

Fraternally,

The Oak Plains Masonic Hall Association

#### Board Members

David Finch.....President  
Eric Parker.....Vice President  
Jason Kowing.....Treasurer/Secretary  
Mauricio Pasos.....Board Member  
Mike Perry.....Board Member  
Marvin Lien.....Board Member  
Alex Vuckovich.....Board Member  
Carroll O. Dudley.....Board Member

The Hall Board normally meets on the 1st day of the month.



#### Camellia #108 California 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 have them join our amazing group of young ladies.

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#### #106 Order of the Eastern Star

The #106 Order of Eastern Star meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

For information Contact :

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#### Primrose Chapter #385 Order of the Eastern Star

The Primrose Chapter of Eastern Star meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

For information Contact:

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#### Menzaleh No.16 Daughters of the Nile

The local chapter of The Daughters of the Nile meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center located at 3010 Becerra way, Sacramento, CA, 95821 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, from 10am - 4pm (except for July and August).

For information Contact:

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**ALL MEETINGS CANCELLED IN APRIL**

## From the Secretary

Dear Brethren,

The Trestleboard is only mailed out to persons who make their request through me. All others will receive the electronic copy via e-mail. You may also view it on our website at [www.lodge789.freemason.com](http://www.lodge789.freemason.com). Dues are now due. If you had a problem with mailing the payments, please bring payment to the stated meeting. The dues are \$145.00 per year.

If you or you know of a Brother or Masonic sweetheart that needs assistance please reach out to me or any Officer of your Lodge.

*Bro. Enrique Pasos*

Secretary

## I See You've Traveled Some

Masonic Poem  
Author Unknown



### I SEE YOU'VE TRAVELED SOME

Wherever you may chance to be  
Wherever you may roam,

Far away in foreign lands;  
Or just at Home Sweet Home;

It always gives you pleasure,  
it makes your heart strings hum

Just to hear the words of cheer,  
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting,  
And he takes you by the hand,

It thrills you with a feeling  
that you cannot understand,

You feel that bond of brotherhood  
that tie that's sure to come

When you hear him say in a friendly way  
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,  
In strange lands all alone

If fate has left you stranded  
Dead broke and far from home,

It thrills you--makes you numb,  
When he says with a grip of fellowship,  
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,  
To take a last long trip,

Adorned with Lambskins Apron White  
and gems of fellowship

The tiler at the Golden Gate,  
With square and rule and plumb

Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",  
"I see you've traveled some"

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Date</u>
George Peterson	3
Bill Cheesebrough	4
Gary Erickson	6
Robert Trathen	15
Richard White	16
Alvin Swanson	27
Billy Malone	28



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## Masonic Events During COVID-19 Gathering Restrictions

March 18, 2020

### Masonic Events During COVID-19 Gathering Restrictions

On March 16, the California Department of Public Health released new guidance on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission. The Department has found that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further guidance is provided. **All Masonic gatherings are non-essential in the context of this guidance.**

In addition, a growing number of counties are issuing "shelter in place" orders, directing everyone in those counties to stay inside their homes and away from others as much as possible while the order is in effect. They may leave their homes only to provide or receive certain essential goods or services, engage in certain essential activities or work for essential business and government services. **All Masonic gatherings are also non-essential in the context of these shelter in place orders.**

**Based on the foregoing, it is my direction that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me.**

This includes all Masonic organizations and Masonic Youth Orders. None of our Masonic organizations or Masonic Youth Orders may hold a gathering of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me.

#### Masonic Funeral and Burial Services

While there is some authority to the effect that a funeral is an essential activity, you should contact the licensed funeral director for the service about your participation. If the licensed funeral director believes that the conduct of the funeral will qualify as an essential activity which you may attend, then members of lodges, Masonic organizations, and Masonic Youth Orders may attend and participate, but only in such numbers and with such social distancing as the licensed funeral director for the service shall determine.

#### Payment of Lodge Essential Bills Including Charity

As a result of these actions, no lodge can hold a stated meeting to pay its bills, and there is no clear remedy in our law to solve this problem. I do note CMC §403.095 which allows the elected officers of Grand Lodge to conduct the essential business of the Grand Lodge if a competent state or national authority prohibits an Annual Communication. While this provision is not available for use by constituent lodges, I believe that the extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances we are now experiencing allow me to exercise my powers as follows:

#### Special Procedure for Lodges

**Effective today, a majority of the elected officers of the lodge may order the advancement of lodge funds to pay those essential lodge bills whose payment cannot reasonably be deferred.**

- The elected lodge officers may confer by telephone, video conference, or email in making this determination.
- Expenditures by the lodge charity committee are an essential lodge bill for which payment should not be deferred.
- The lodge must ratify these payments at the next stated meeting held by the lodge.

The lodge master should inform the inspector of any other circumstances that may need to be addressed while this special procedure is in effect.

This special procedure is available only during the pendency of any applicable inhibition or prohibition on non-essential gatherings. In any event, it will have no further force or effect after my term as Grand Master ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN E. TRAUNER  
Grand Master  
Grand Lodge F&AM of California