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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!

Well, the busy time of the year is now behind us and we now are in the cold days of mid-winter. Things at the lodge are going right along with new applications being received and our newest Masons are working on their memory work to advance in their degrees. I would like to encourage everyone, when we gather for our monthly dinner and stated meetings, that if you see an unfamiliar face, take the time to go over to them, introduce yourself, and get to know them. I want each Brother to, when you see a prospective member, try to learn 3 things about them when you first meet them. I want to see Oak Plains be a place where we welcome everyone, to be a place where the newcomer feels comfortable and is warmly received. I understand some of us, myself included, can be shy. We will have to try a little bit harder, but in the end, we will gain a friend and hopefully a new Brother.

Remember our lodge is only as good as we make it. Welcoming prospective members at our dinners and other events will only serve to make our lodge grow and thrive. The more new Brothers we gain, the stronger our lodge becomes.

On a separate thought, Oak Plains challenged the Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay to a bowling tournament. We are looking to have this tournament in March, so if you are a bowler and would like to come out and spend a day with our future Masonic leaders and Brothers we would love to have you. Contact myself or Bro. Perry to be added to the team!

A special note of thanks to Mr. Mohamed and his family for making the outstanding Iraqi dinner at the January stated dinner. The dinner consisted of an appetizer of hummus and chick peas with olive oil and Mediterranean Salad. The Main course was lamb chops, Biryani rice mixed with raisins and vegetables. Dolma which was made of grape leaves with mixed rice and ground meat. And to finish it all off was an eggroll stuffed with cream made of milk, pecans and sugar. Everyone was stuffed, and left overs were all taken home.

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

David Meneley

Worshipful Master



## From The West

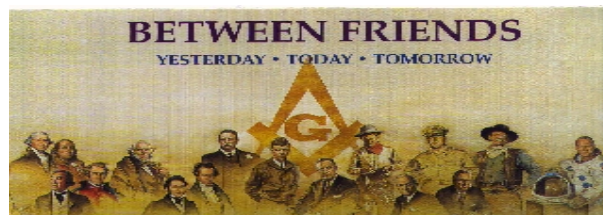
Wor. William Brewer, PM – Senior Warden

**From the West:** This article was taken from “The Better Angeles of Our Nature” By Michael A. Halleran. This book is a look at Brother Masons in the Civil War. Thought this was very fitting to take a look back in time 157 years and ponder the thought of being on “One Common Level” we have two new Entered Apprentices and Three perspective members who have submitted their application for membership and are working themselves through this very process.

“One Common Level, Freemasons characterized their fraternity as an organization that “brings men of all religions, of all politics, of all manners, and of all habits to one common level.” This was achieved by the standardized process of initiating all men alike and through identical rites; in theory a farrier was socially indistinguishable from a judge within the confines of the lodge, each free to call one another “Brother.” Through longstanding tradition, Freemasons did not recruit new members; a man was required-on his own volition-to

apply for membership. If, after his applications, two or more members would recommend him, he was considered for membership by the local lodge in a formal session. On approval by unanimous vote, he was said to have been “elected to receive the Mysteries od Freemasonry,” and was initiated as a first degree, or Entered Apprentice, Mason. This practice, centuries old in 1860, has continued more or less to the present day.

The first three degrees of Freemasonry, referred to as Blue Lodge Masonry, were (and remain) the bedrock Masonic experience; before becoming full members with all the rights and privileges thereof, all Masons had to first complete the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. Upon being deemed proficient in the customs and traditions of the fraternity relative to the first degree of Entered Apprentice, as proven by his knowledge of a catechism, the newly admitted man received the second degree and was “passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.” Following a similar test of his proficiency at that level, he received his last degree offered in the Blue Lodge-the “sublime degree of a Master Mason” which, once conferred, entitled him to full membership in the Order. Beyond the spiritual and moral significance of the ritual process, the act of initiation was also a homogenizing event bringing together and treating equally from all walks of life, who in ordinary circumstances might barely cross paths.” (M. Halleran, “The Better Angels of Our Nature”, pg. 46-47)





## From The South

Magnus Rubsam-Junior Warden

From The South: I'm deeply honored to have been elected to sit in the South for 2018. Brother's Perry, Pasos and Parker have been of nearly incalculable assistance in putting together Oak Plains board of fare for this year and together we have quite a production cooking up for you. Just recently we've taken some time to get into some of our storage areas to catalog what we have, along with what's needed and to get rid of a lot of the rubbish which has accumulated so that for future dinners we can keep our budget as tight as possible by eliminating most if not all of the guesswork. I will be working on keeping a good stock of our meal supplies

here so that Brother(s) in charge of cooking for the month won't worry about buying those extras. As a Lodge, I'm beginning to see the makings of a remarkable team.

Month	Theme	Menu	Cooks
February	Warm and Cozy	Chicken Noodle Soup & Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sliders	Bro. Perry & Pasos
March	St. Patrick's Day	Corn Beef and Cabbage	Bro. Perry and Bro. Pasos
April	Spring Training	Hot Dogs, Chips, and Salads	Bro. Parker
May	Cinco De Mayo	Taco Bar	Bro. Pasos
June	Father's Day	BBQ Beef and Chicken	Bro. Pasos, Perry & Parker
July	Dark	Dark	Dark
August	Dark	Dark	Dark
September	Wor. Master Dinner	Enchiladas?	Wor. Meneley and Family
October	Halloween	Spaghetti	Bro. Pineo and Bro. Rafter
November	Thanksgiving	Prime Rib Dinner (add. cost for dinner)	Bro. Perry, Rafter, Pineo, Bro. Jed Parker
December	Christmas Dinner	Tri-tip Dinner	Bro. Perry & Pasos
<b>Specialty Dinner's</b>			
February, 14th	Valentines Dinner	Tri-tip Dinner	Bro. Parker and Perry
March, 24th	Crab Feed	Crab, Spaghetti, Shrimp	Bro. Jr. Warden & Bro. Carroll Dudley
May, 6th	Pancake Breakfast	Pancakes & Eggs	Bro. Perry, Parker, Pasos
June, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Festive Board (St John the Baptist Day)	TBD (Catered)	Bro. Perry, Pasos and Parker
July, date TBD	Oak Plain's 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic	BBQ	Wor. Meneley
October, 27 <sup>th</sup>	Oktoberfest	TBD	Bro. Pasos



### **404<sup>th</sup> Masonic District – Stated Meeting Schedule**

<b>Oak Plains #789</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	<b>Bicentennial Daylight #830</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	<b>Natoma #64</b> -1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Fellowship – 6:00 PM	Fellowship – 11:00 AM	Fellowship – 6:00 PM
Dinner – 6:30 PM	Lunch – 11:30 AM	Dinner – 6:30 PM
Meeting – 8:00 PM	Meeting – 1:00 PM	Meeting – 8:00 PM

### **Inspector of the 404<sup>th</sup> Masonic District: Worshipful Joseph Juelch, PM**

#### **Temple Board**

Carroll O. Dudley, III	President	WM David Meneley	Board Member
Wor. Gene Olson, PM	Secretary	Magnus Rubsam	Board Member
Wor. Marvin Lean, PM	Treasurer / Building Mgt	Alex Vuckovich	Board Member
Bro. Mauricio Pasos	Board Member	Bro. Mike Perry	Board Member
Bro. Eric Parker	Board Member		

**The Temple Board Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM**

#### **Sweetheart Corner**

Sweethearts,

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

#### **Youth Groups**

My Brothers,

You are cordially invited (and encouraged) to attend the events of our very own Chapter of DeMolay, DeMolay meets for dinner every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. The 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday is reserved for advisory council and the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday is game nights. All Masons are welcome to attend all events. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m..

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month, these young men show up to help our Temple Board and Oak Plains #789 perform the monthly clean up. They help mow, pull weeds, paint and any other duties that need to be completed. A huge thank you goes out to these boys!

#### **Stated Dinner Menu**

Bro. Perry and Pasos are in the kitchen for February! We've had some hardy meals the past couple of months thought we would dial it back just a bit and cook Chicken Noodle Soup with Ham and Cheese Sliders, salad and dessert! Donation is \$10, make your reservation today, email Bro. Perry at [oakplains789@gmail.com](mailto:oakplains789@gmail.com) or call 916-622-7769. To save cost we are only making enough food for reservations, so don't delay, make your reservations today!

### Notes from the Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Brothers, it is the month of February, if you have not paid your dues, please do so! The second notices are being sent out this week. As a reminder, dues are due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Bro. Secretary Brown for arrangements if needed.

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

You may ask is this app secure? The answer is yes. The app is not available to the public in any app store or online. The security lies within the ability to only allow members access by a predetermined roster to have access, this roster is controlled by the App Administrator and a Brother has to be approved access.

### New Candidates!

We would like to take a minute to introduce:



**Mr. Jason Kowing:** Jason grew up in Northwest Oklahoma. Jason went into the United States Navy at the ripe young age of seventeen and served for years in the Navy and volunteered for Navy Submarine Duty. Mr. Kowing moved to California after his military service and met his future wife and best friend Julie! They have two wonderful children. Jason has worked for Amerigas Propane Company for eighteen years as a printer technician. His hobbies include ghost hunting, photography, reading, research, writing, wood burning, gardening and coffee. Mr. Kowing's wife Julie is active in Eastern Star and their children are involved in Rainbow Girls. Welcome, Mr. Kowing and family, we look forward to initiating you as an Entered Apprentice and are here to help guide you in your Masonic journey!



**Mr. Mark Bellamy:** Mark was born in Illinois and moved to California when he ten, when Mark's father retired from the Air Force. Mark has lived in and around Sacramento ever since. Mark graduated from Sacramento State and went to law school. After law school, Mark worked at a small mortgage company, the company started to loose money so Mark looked elsewhere. Mark eventually got a job with the United States Postal Service, where he has worked ever since. Mark's father passed away while he was in law school and his mother has recently passed away. This event prompted Mark to consider joining Free Masonry. Our condolences on the passing of your mother. Welcome, Mr. Bellamy, we look forward to initiating you as an Entered Apprentice and are here to help guide you in your Masonic journey!

**Birthdays**

**February**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Kenneth White	04-Feb
Johnathan Stanley	07-Feb
Christopher Mumma	08-Feb
Magnus Rubsam	10-Feb
Brian Fourr	18-Feb
Karl Houtman	21-Feb
Eric Parker	22-Feb
Erwin Zacharias	22-Feb

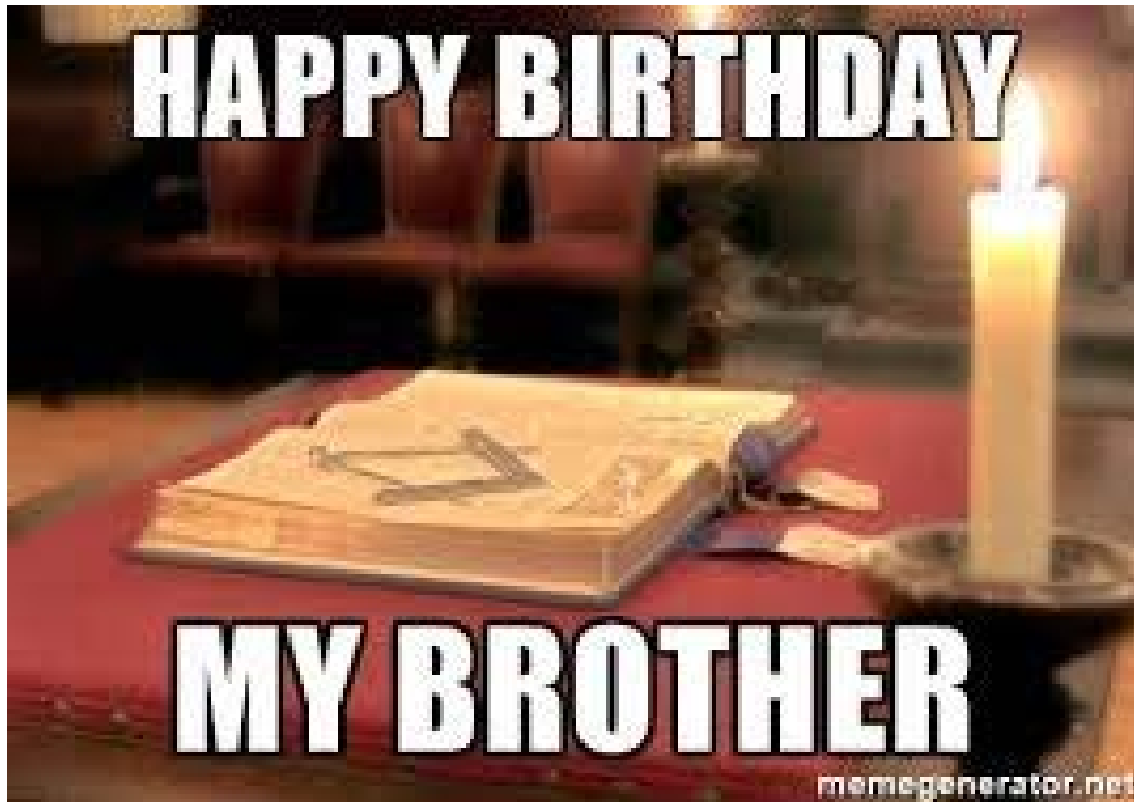




**Master Mason Birthdays**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>February Date Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Jeffrey Askins, PM	02-10-2003	15
Robert Blohm	02-02-1957	61
Steven Brown	02-25-2013	6
Jack Gephart	02-06-2006	12
David Kerr	02-12-2007	11
John Leinke	02-15-1977	41
Eugene Olson, PM	02-26-1962	56
John Taylor	02-22-1993	25



# **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER & DANCE**



**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30pm to 10pm**

***\$ 40 per couple***

***Attire: Suit and Tie for men and Dresses or pant suits for ladies***

***Grab your Sweetheart and come on down to George Primrose Temple,  
3010 Becerra Way, we are having a tri-tip dinner and then dance the  
night away!***

***Contact Bro. Eric Parker at (916) 583-1766 or [ericoparker@gmail.com](mailto:ericoparker@gmail.com)  
for reservations!***

***All monies raised will be used to fund the remodel of the Temple's  
Kitchen!***

***This event is being put on by Oak Plains No. 789, OES Primrose No.  
385, Rising Star No. 36, Temple No. 513 and Robert L. Wade Chapter  
of DeMolay***

# ***Oak Plains #789 Crab Feed 2018!***



***March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018***

***6:00 pm***

***George Primrose Masonic Temple***

***3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821***

***\$50.00 per person, NO Ticket sales at the door***

***Children under 6 Free 6-12 \$20.00 each***

***Contact an Oak Plains Mason for tickets***

# SPECIAL NOTICE!



TO ALL TENANTS OF:  
GEORGE PRIMROSE MASONIC TEMPLE  
TENANTS WHO HAVE KITCHEN SUPPLIES  
STORED IN THE KITCHEN CABINETS  
MUST **REMOVE** THEIR SUPPLIES FROM  
THE KITCHEN CABINETS BY:

NO LATER THAN

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

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
***Acacia Creek residents are social.*** More than 80% rarely feel lonely and more than 70% socialize with friends every day. In addition to mental health benefits, regular social contact can lengthen lifespan.

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February

Oak Plains Lodge 789, Dinners and Programs, Masonic Bithday, Officers, Holidays in United States

Feb 2018 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	7pm - Officers	Stephen Jelten -		6pm - Natoma #64	Corner Stone Robert Blohm -	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7pm - Officers	Jack Gephart -	7pm - DeMolay			Jeffery Askins, PM -
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bryan Rhodes -	David Kerr - Masonic 7pm - Officers	6:30pm - Temple	Valentine's Day 6:30pm - Valentine's	Jon Leineke -		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Presidents' Day 6:30pm - Dinner - 8pm - Stated 8pm - Trestle Board	11:30am - Bicentenn	7pm - DeMolay	John Taylor -		9am - Lodge Clean
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
Steven Brown -	Eugene Olson, PM - 7pm - Officers		7pm - Officer's	6pm - Natoma #64		William Reed -

## March

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
Steven Brown -	Eugene Olson, PM - 7pm - Officers		7pm - Officer's	6pm - Natoma #64		William Reed -
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	7pm - Officers		7pm - DeMolay			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Saving	7pm - Officers	6:30pm - Temple				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Kevin Sorbello -	6:30pm - Dinner and 8pm - Stated 8pm - Trestle Board	11:30am - Bicentenn	7pm - DeMolay		Michael Barnes - Richard Plehn, PM -	8am - Crab feed 9am - Lodge Clean
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Karl Houtman -	Joseph Juelch, PM - 7pm - Officers		Robert Lyons - 7pm - Officer's			