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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!

It is now February and we have made it past installation season. I am excited that we installed twelve officers for our Lodge a few weeks ago, I think that is the largest number of officers I have seen installed at one time since I have been a mason. The Monday before our installation we had a great 3rd° for Brother Jason Kowing, the degree was performed by the Scottish Rite Degree Team, congratulations again Brother Kowing!

This month I would like to briefly write about one of the four cardinal virtues that we learn our very first night in the Lodge room,

Temperance. Temperance, or restraint, is said to be that cardinal virtue that renders the body tame and governable and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. Temperance does not mean to necessarily abstain from something, like the temperance movement of the early 1900's resulting in prohibition, but to be careful in the practice of any activity that it might not become excessive. This applies to alcohol, gambling, playing video games, or any other activity in which we might find ourselves engaged.

Remember, moderation in all things will make one happy and keep one safe. Temperance is knowing where moderation lies, as it can vary from one individual to the next. As long as we remain in the middle of the road and do not deviate to one extreme or the other, we are practicing Temperance.

Well Brethren, that about wraps it up for now, I decided to keep my article short this time around as I am coming off a couple of long-winded articles. Take it easy and see you around the Lodge!

David Meneley

Worshipful Master

From The West

Bro. Mauricio Pasos— Senior Warden



My Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

I have been touched by all the well wishes I have received over the past few months. My dealings and conversations with you, in the dining hall, inside a tiled Lodge, in other Lodges, and on distant outposts are what have kept me inspired and kept me going. You help to make me a better Master Mason, and a better man, Thank you!

Every organization needs a business plan to operate by or it tends to drift about aimlessly like a ship without a rudder. We are now in process of putting together the plan for 2020, and as the Senior Warden, I am charged with heading up this process, since this is the plan under which we will govern the Lodge in 2020. While the Senior Warden is the point man in the process, the plan that is developed is the Lodge's plan, and every Brother in the Lodge is entitled to give his input. In the case of the line officers, there is an obligation to participate in this process to ensure the plan that is put in place is in the best interest of the Lodge. This year, I would encourage every member of the Lodge to attend the upcoming planning meetings and take part of this important process. Together, we need to evaluate how well we have performed in the past and plan where we want to go in the future. Are there programs or events that you would like to see implemented? Are there existing programs or events that you would like to see changed or dropped? This is the forum for presenting your ideas and helping to make Oak Plains Lodge a better Masonic Lodge. The first meeting will have been held by the time you read this article, but there will be a few more meetings in February and March and you will be informed by email, well ahead of time, as to the exact dates of these meetings. Please help us be an even better Lodge by being present and bringing your ideas.

From January 1st, 2018 and to date, Oak Plains Lodge No. 789 has initiated three (3) Entered Apprentices; passed two (2) Fellowcrafts; raised two (2) Master Masons and voted three (3) Master Masons for affiliation. Moving forward we will work to build on previous years and continue to initiate new members, as well as, build relationships with our existing Brethren.

As Masons we are taught that good deeds only happen when ordinary Master Masons get involved, get engaged, and come together to work with peace and harmony. They truly become "friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree."

Let us look to the future of Oak Plains Lodge No. 789 and continue to build relationships for a bigger and brighter future.

Fraternally,

Mauricio Pasos

Senior Warden

From The South

Bro. Mike Perry-Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren!

I'm extremely humbled to be chosen as your Jr. Warden for this Masonic Year! Like our Brother Senior Warden said in his article the out pouring of support both near and far has been extremely humbling and nice. It makes me proud to be a Mason in Our Craft. Our Stewards, Bro.'s Kowing and Parker, and I will work hard to support our Lodge in our duties for this Masonic Year!

Congratulations to Bro. Kowing for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! It has been very nice to see both Brother's Jed Parker and Jason Kowing progress through the degrees of Masonry! They both are working very hard on their Third-Degree Proficiency and they hope to share it with us in the very near future!

The January 21st, 2019 Stated Dinner was provided by Alana Ermev and Wor. Bro. Scott Henry, PM. The meal consisted of Ham and Cheese Sliders, Tomato Soup and Cupcakes for Dessert! Thank you so much for volunteering to host a meal, it was wonderful!

The meal for the month of February will be provided by Bro. Jed Parker and his family. The menu is Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Drink and Dessert. 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 oakplains789@gmail.com 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: <http://ourapp.link/oak-plains-789>

Do you want to cook for the Brothers? We currently have openings for April, and November. Please contact me to work out the details at 916-622-7769 or oakplains789@gmail.com.

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	Alex Vuckovich	Board Member
Bro. Mauricio Pasos	Treasurer / Secretary	Bro. Carroll O. Dudley, III	Board Member
Wor. Marvin Lien, PM	Board Member	Wor. Eugene Olson	Board Member

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

NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE The next Temple Board Meeting is February 13, 2018, please make note of the date change, to accommodate Valentine's Day which is on the 2nd Thursday. 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 a closed session starting at 7:00 pm.

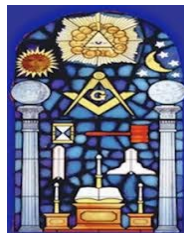
This last month we have seen several storms that produced quite a bit of rain. I am happy to report to you there have not been any leaks in the Lodge or Dining Rooms. The down side of all the rain is our security system installation has been delayed due to not being able to be up on the roof. We are hopeful to have the system up and running soon.

This last month, I proposed a budget to the board, that will be balanced. We will have to work very hard to minimize our expenses and maximize our rental income to make this budget work for the year. We have lost a couple of tenants due to a move and closure. This has an impact on all the tenants of the building. We will need to jointly work together to keep the building in a viable financial position for the future of our building.

The Kitchen Remodel Committee met and worked to solidify our requirements for the Remodel Project and have submitted the corrections to the initial drawing back to the designer. We are supposed to have these drawing back in the next few days. The next step is to then implore the help of CrestCo Designs to help us put the right equipment in the proper positions and create drawings of what the kitchen and dining room will look like.

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

Brother Junior Steward Jed Parker and his family are in the kitchen for February! The Menu for the month is Spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert & drink! Meal tickets are \$10, make your reservation today, they are a **must**! You can email Bro. Perry at oakplains789@gmail.com 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!

Oak Plain Lodge No. 789 Stated Dinner and Meeting

- Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Drink
- Cost: \$10
- Where: Oak Plains Lodge
- When: February 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm
- Stated Meeting to immediately follow
- RSVP to 916-622-7769 or
Oakplains789@gmail.com or Oak Plains
Members can RSVP on Lodge App.
- To down load the Lodge App the link is:
<http://ourapp.link/oak-plains-789>



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 labdad2014@gmail.com or Mother Advisor, Gloria Dobson, at (916) 208-1300 or gdobson49@gmail.com.

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 <https://www.sacramentoscottishrite.org/>

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 <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 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.



**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
DUES**

Birthdays

February

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Kenneth White	04-February	Luis Sanchez, Jr.	07-February
Johnathan Stanley	07-February	Christopher Mumma	08-February
Brian Fourr	18-February	Karl Houtman	21-February
Eric Parker	22-February		

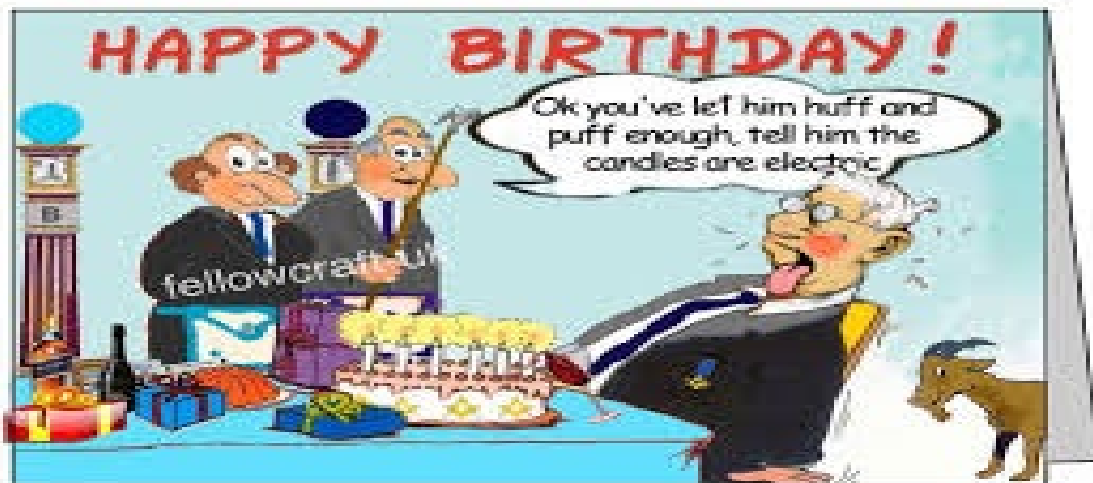


Master Mason Birthdays

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!

February

Name	Date Raised	Years
Jeffrey, Askins, PM	02-10-2003	16
Robert Blohm	02-02-1957	62
Steven Brown	02-25-2013	6
Jack Gephart	02-06-2006	13
David Kerr	02-12-2007	12
Jon Leineke	02-15-1977	42
Eugene Olson, PM	02-26-1977	42
John Taylor	02-22-1993	26





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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 <u>&</u> Masonic Lodge Open House Month





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GRAND MASTER
STUART A. WRIGHT

Grand Master's Proclamation:

FEBRUARY 2019 IS MASONIC WIDOWS MONTH

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You

Whereas, upon our obligation to each other, we pledge to keep our brothers' families close to our hearts, treating their loved ones with the same respect we would afford to our own; and

Whereas, the partners and spouses of our lodges hold a vital and esteemed role in our Masonic family; and

Whereas, we endear that Masonic widows' connection to their husband's lodges will be a lifelong source of friendship, comfort, and support; now,

Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim February 2019 as Masonic Widows Month in California. I urge all California Masons to pledge to recognize the widows in our Masonic family throughout the month of February 2019. Reach out to those widows in your lodge whom you have not heard from in some time to pledge your friendship and extend an invitation to lodge. Organize a service project to give back to the widows in your lodge through grocery delivery, home improvements, or rides to medical appointments. Organize a special program in honor of sweethearts at your lodge, and arrange transportation for widows who live alone. Write or call members of your lodge who reside at our Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina.

Remember your pledge to your brothers, and to their families in kind. Treat their widows with the respect, devotion, and care you would bestow on the honored women in your life.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

Key Dates

February

- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – February 4th at 7:00 pm
- Natoma #64 Stated meeting and Dinner – February 7th at 6:00 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting – February 8th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – February 11th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Meeting – February 13th 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Trestle Board Articles are due to the Trestle Board Editor – February 18th by end of Stated Meeting
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, menu is Spaghetti, salad, dinner rolls, dessert and drink, \$10, please make reservations – February 18th – Dinner at 6:30; Meeting at 8:00
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting February 22 at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – February 25th at 7:00 pm
- 404th District Officers School of Instruction will be at Natoma Lodge in Folsom- Working in 3rd Degree 2nd Section – February 27th at 7:00 pm

