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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!

2019 is here and with it a new year and new officers for Oak Plains Lodge! I hope everyone can make it out to our installation on Sunday, January 13, 2019 it starts at 3:00 pm at the Lodge with a dinner to follow. Reservations for the dinner are REQUIRED, please contact Bro. Mike Perry by noon on January 11 if you plan to attend, his number is 916-622-7769.

We also have a 3rd Degree coming up right before the installation for Bro. Jason Kowing. The degree will be on Monday, January 7, 2019 starting at 7:00 pm. Officers are required to be present by 6:30 pm so we can open the Lodge in the 3rd Degree prior to 7:00

pm. This degree will be performed by the Scottish Rite Degree Team and they always do an excellent job!

I would also like to take a moment and thank the Lodge for electing me to serve as the Worshipful Master for a second term. I believe that being elected to remain in the chair is a true sign that things are going well, and I have done a good job of honoring the trust the Lodge has placed in me last year to lead. Thank you again, My Brothers, I am both honored and humbled to continue to lead and serve you!

This month I would like to briefly touch upon something that we are told about during our very first time in a Lodge room. That would be Brotherly Love. I am not sure about everyone reading this, but I personally did not have any brothers growing up. I first got the idea of what a brotherhood of men could be like when I was deployed to Iraq in the Army 10 years ago. I came to Freemasonry hoping to regain that sense of family I had among other men while I was so far from home. I must admit, I sure have found it at Oak Plains, complete with the never-ending stream of shorty jokes! To me Brotherly Love is to love another man as if he were your family, blood related or not. I am pleased to say that we are good at this here at Oak Plains, but I think we can do better. I want us to all feel included in whatever the Lodge has going on. This is part of why we have been rearranging our tables at stated dinners, in order to get us all to sit and converse with one another as family and not a bunch of individual cliques. By practicing Brotherly Love, we will grow in numbers and grow closer as a Lodge.

Well, that about covers it for now, take it easy, Happy New Year, and see you around the Lodge!

David Meneley

Worshipful Master

From The West

Bro. Mauricio Pasos– Senior Warden (elect)

My Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

As we begin a new year at Oak Plains Lodge No. 789, I am humbled to have been elected to serve as Senior Warden of our great Lodge. In this newly elected position, I will stand by our Worshipful Master as he presides over our Lodge and will assist him in the performance as he discharges his duties, which ancient usage has assigned to his position. We will look to the future of our Lodge and insure all candidates are assigned Masonic education mentors, so they may continue the Masonic journey and someday join the officer's ranks of the Lodge.

We have many ideas for the upcoming Masonic year and I look forward to their execution. With your incoming Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary we have a great year planned for you. Just the other day we were talking about dinners, trips, special events, fund raising and getting more involved with our community. Last year we had the Crab Feed, Oktoberfest, a Table Lodge or Festive Board, a Lodge Picnic and two Movie Nights. I am excited for the new programs coming and hope all of you will attend.

I am looking forward to some great degree work this year, as well as doing my part to open the lines of communication to the Craft. Some of our membership continues to support the Lodge from out of town, and we haven't seen you in years. It will be nice to hear from, so please drop us a line. Also, if any Brother needs a ride to Lodge, please call me! We will get you there and home again.

One last thought; Masonry has a formal etiquette of its own. A certain level of decorum is always required, and the Master is always in charge. Unlike most other organizations, the Master has a great deal of latitude in the way he conducts his Lodge, and his decisions can be appealed only to Grand Lodge. The gavel, in the hands of the Master of the Lodge, is one of the symbols of authority by which he governs. When the gavel is sounded in the East, at the beginning of Lodge, the Brethren must come to order. Two raps calls the Officers to their feet, and three raps means all Brethren must stand. One rap seats anyone in the Lodge who is standing. If the Master addresses you by name, arise, face the East, give the due guard and sign of the appropriate degree, and listen to his instruction. If you wish to speak, arise, face the East and wait until the Master recognizes you; give the due guard and sign of the appropriate degree, then address your remarks to him. When entering or retiring from an open Lodge, you must always approach the Altar and salute the Master by giving the due guard and sign. When all prayers are given, all Masons stand and bow their heads. No Lodge can be opened, stay open, or be closed, without prayer which is offered by the Master or Chaplain. The prayer should avoid offense or sectarianism in the Lodge. At the end of the prayer, each member responds with the words "So Mote It Be," which means "So May It Be."

Alright My Brothers, it is time to get started and make this and even better year.

Fraternally,

Mauricio Pasos

Senior Warden (elect)

From The South

Bro. Mike Perry-Junior Warden (elect)

Greetings Brethren!

I also would like to say that I am very humbled to be your Junior Warden (elect) for the ensuing 2019 Masonic year. As Junior Warden (elect) I serve at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master for the time we are at refreshment. We have worked to provide you all with a list of dinners and events for the year, that we think you will enjoy. We also plan to have food and snacks available at every event or meeting. The one thing about Masonry, food is never very far away, food brings people together. It provides us with a bond, that helps us grow together as a stronger Brotherhood. We invite your families and friends to come and have dinner with us.

January is starting off with a Bang! We will be raising Brother Kowing on January 7th, the Scottish Rite Degree Team will be putting on this degree. We will have pizza available before the degree at 6:00 pm. Worshipful Meneley wants to open the lodge at 6:45 pm so everyone should be done eating and ready to go at 6:45.

Oak Plain's Installation of Officers will be January 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm. There will be a complimentary Tri-tip dinner served for dinner, this dinner is going to be a catered event so reservations are **required**, and **no extra food will be available**. Make your reservation **no later than January 11, 2019 by noon (12:00 pm)**. No reservations will be taken after this cut-off. Call Mike Perry (916) 622-7769 or email oakplains789@gmail.com for reservations.

Thank you, everyone who helped cooking, preparing and serving the Tri-tip Dinner. The event was a great success and I think everyone went home full and happy. We had 36 people in attendance for the dinner, thank you again for supporting your lodge!

The New Year is upon us, if you are like Nicole and I, we have eaten very heavy meals for the last few weeks. We are going to lighten it up a bit and have Ham and Cheese Sliders with Chicken Noodle Soup. Wor. Scott Henry and his lady Alana have graciously offered to make dinner for us in January! The cost is \$10 per person, and reservations are **REQUIRED** to ensure we have enough food on hand. You can RSVP to Bro. Mike Perry 916-622-7769 or Oakplains789@gmail.com and Brothers of the lodge can make reservations on the Lodge App.

All these events are for you, the Brethren of Oak Plains Lodge, and your families. This is your Lodge and we need your support for us to be able to continue to have these events. If you would like to suggest a movie, host a dinner or event, please let us know. We are trying to create an environment which Brethren and their Families want to come to their Lodge and have some fun with each other. We look forward to seeing you at these events and you are missed!

Fraternally,

Brother Perry

Junior Warden (Elect)

The stated dinners this year are as follows:

2019 Stated Dinner Menu			
Month	Dinners	POC	Theme
Jan	Ham and Cheese Sliders	Scott Henry & Alana	Pledge to Make a Difference Every Month
Feb	Spaghetti / Meat Sauce/ Salad / Rolls	Jed Parker	Masonic Widows Month
Mar	Corn Beef and Cabbage	Mike & Mauricio	Youth Orders Month
Apr	Ham / Sweet potatoes / salad roll		Public Schools Month
May	Fajita Bar	Mauricio & Mike	Cinco De Mayo
Jun	BBQ	Matt DeVilbiss	Masonic Homes Month
Jul	Pot Luck	Everyone	
Aug	Pot Luck	Everyone	
Sep	Enchilda Dinner	Dave	Master's Dinner
Oct	Spaghetti / Meat Sauce/ Salad / Rolls	Rafter & Pineo	Constitutional Observance Month
Nov	Roast Beef / veggies / Salad / Roll		Support Our Masonic Veterans Month
Dec	Tri-tip / Veggies / salad and roll	Mike & Mauricio	Christmas Dinner

The lodge has several special functions and get togethers planned for the year. We hope you are as excited about these extra events as we are.

2019 Special Dinners & Functions			
Month	Events	POC	COST
Jan	Installation Dinner	Mike & Mauricio	\$0.00
Feb	Sweet Heart Dinner / Movie	Mike & Mauricio	\$15.00
Mar	Crab Feed	Mike & Mauricio	\$50.00
Apr	Ball Game (Sacramento River Cats)	Mike & Mauricio	\$25.00
May	Picnic/Potluck at the Pasos / Movie	Mike & Mauricio	\$5.00
Jun	Festive Board	Mike & Mauricio	\$35.00
Jul	No activities		
Aug	Movie Night / snacks	Mike & Mauricio	\$5.00
Sep	Pancake Breakfast	Mike & Mauricio	\$7.00
Oct	Oktoberfest	Mauricio & Mike	\$35.00
Nov	Thanksgiving Prime Rib Dinner	Mike & Mauricio	\$25.00
Dec	Christmas Party / Movie	Mike & Mauricio	\$15.00



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

The next Temple Board Meeting is January 10, 2018. 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.

We hope everyone had a great holiday and it is time to start looking ahead to 2019. This year will start a little different for the Building, for the first time in almost 60 years, Bicentennial Daylight Lodge #830 will not be meeting in our building, we wish them all the best and they will be missed.

The Temple Board has formed a committee to work to put together the plans for the kitchen remodel with JH Designs. We will keep the members of Oak Plains up to date on the workings of this project.

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

Wor. Scott Henry, PM and his Lady, Alana are in the kitchen for January! The Menu for the month is a Ham and Cheese Sliders and Chicken Noodle Soup 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 "Pledge to make a difference Month" Stated Dinner and Meeting

- Ham / Cheese Sliders and Chicken Noodle Soup
 - Dessert and drink
- Cost: \$10
- Where: Oak Plains Lodge
- When: January 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm
- Stated Meeting to immediately follow
- RSVP to Oakplains789@gmail.com or Oak Plains Members can RSVP on Lodge App.

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 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.



**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
DUES**

Birthdays

January

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Mark Bellamy	02-January	Francis Frates	11-January
John Taylor	16-January	David Hake	20-January
Daryl Mc Clusky	24-January	Matthew Arnold	28-January
Enrique Pasos	29-January	John Fitzpatrick	30-January



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 January, Congratulations Brothers!

January

Name	Date Raised	Years
Matthew Arnold	01-09-2012	6
Timothy Beilby	01-24-1983	35
John Belongie	01-16-1997	21
Charles Carmody	01-26-1998	20
Matthew DeVilbiss	01-02-2017	1
Coleman Dukes	01-27-1997	21
Stephen Jelten	01-30-1978	40
Gary Reynolds	01-26-1990	28
Philip Richey	01-25-1982	36
Albert Skaggs	01-25-1961	57
Russell Thompson, PM	01-11-1960	58





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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:

WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You

Whereas, the Masonic tenets of brotherly love and relief inspire us to continuously make a difference in our lodges, in our communities, and across the world; and

Whereas, for more than 300 years, our brothers have committed themselves to bettering the world around them; and

Whereas, we continue to give back to our families, our communities, and our society, therefore our ongoing mission to become better, wiser, more honorable men; and

Whereas, when Masons work side by side with our brothers, there is no end to the good work that can be achieved together; now,

Therefore, as grand master, I call upon all California Masons to pledge to make a difference in our communities and fraternity this year. Reach out to elder brothers and widows who are in need of support. Give to our fraternal charities. Seek opportunities to improve the lives of those around you. Act in a manner that allows others to be inspired by the values and actions of our beloved brotherhood.

Let us be a force of positive change in the world. Let us remember that each of us can, and should, make a difference.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attest:

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

Key Dates

January

- Natoma #64 Stated meeting and Dinner – January 3rd at 6:00 pm
- Jason Kowing's Third Degree – January 7th at 7:00 pm
- Officers Installation Practice – January 9th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Work Day – January 10th – Contact Bro. Perry if you are attending
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Meeting – January 10th at 6:30 – 8:30
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting – January 11th at 7:00 pm
- Installation of Officers – January 13th – 12:45 pm for Officers (open in 3rd Degree) 3:00 pm for public; dinner to immediately follow.
- Oak Plains Officers Practice – January 14th at 7:00 pm
- Trestle Board Articles are due to the Trestle Board Editor – January 21st by end of Stated Meeting
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, menu is Tri-tip dinner, dessert and drink, \$15, please make reservations – January 21st – Dinner at 6:30; Meeting at 8:00
- 404th District Officers School of Instruction at Oak Plains- Working in 3rd Degree 1st Section – January 23rd at 7:00 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting January 25th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – January 28th at 7:00 pm

