



# Oak Plains Lodge No. 789, F&AM

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## Trestle Board

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JANUARY 2021

**THIS MONTH  
EVERY MONDAY  
EXCEPT STATED  
MEETINGS**

**7:00 PM**

**ONLINE GATERING  
SEE PAGE #5**

**JANUARY 18 TH  
STATED MEETING**

**8:00 PM**

**SEE PAGE #4**

**NEW TIME  
HALL BOARD  
MEETS EVERY 2ND  
SUNDAY AT 4:00 PM  
SEE PAGE #8**

**EDUCATION**

**PAGE #7**

**All In Person Meetings  
Cancelled Until Further  
Notice.**

## From the East

Happy New Year My Brothers and Friends! I wanted to take the opportunity to first say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to sit in the Oriental Chair at Oak Plains Lodge! I look forward to helping our members have an outstanding membership experience in Masonry and I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. This year we have a very qualified group of officers consisting of Past Masters and Brothers to help guide the leadership of the Lodge.

I want to take a second to thank Worshipful Pasos and the Officers of 2020 for their year. It was dramatically different from what they had planned, but I think they did one heck of a nice job reacting quickly to the needs of the Lodge and got us meeting again online.

My thoughts on where the Lodge goes from here are to align Oak Plains Lodge with the Grand Lodge of California's 2020 Fraternity Plan. Focusing on four key component areas. 1) Rewarding Membership Experience 2) Memorable and Meaningful Degrees 3) Strong Lodge and Hall 4) Positive Impact on Society.

In the last year, the officers have begun conversations on how our Lodge can start putting these plans into place. We started by updating the paraphernalia with new clothing items and our setting maul. We have started to add officer collars and had our officer's aprons cleaned.

From a membership experience perspective, we have lots of dinners, education, and events planned for this year. For the first part of the year, we will be staying online in our weekly GoToMeetings and hopefully transitioning to in person meetings in the second or third quarter of 2021.

Our Lodge and Hall are a huge focus for the 2021 year. We are in the final stages of having the architectural drawing completed. Hopefully be-

ing able to start and complete the kitchen remodel process. There is still a long process to get through before the first board is erected or nail hammered in. I have challenged both the Lodge and Temple Board to be 100% on Intact System which will help us stay in compliance both state and federally.

From a positive impact on society the Lodge has already voted to donate \$1,000.00 to St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank which is just down the street from the Lodge. This money will supply 40 families with food in this time of need. The Lodge also voted to continue our relationship with Pasadena Elementary and donated \$550.00 from the 2020 Crab Feed proceeds. We have also set aside \$1,500.00 annually to start a Youth Scholarship to be awarded in 2022.

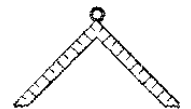
I want to thank the Officers of Oak Plains Lodge for agreeing to sit in their respective offices and the committee chairmen and their committeemen who will work on behalf of the Lodge to ensure all our members are included and part of our Lodge. If you would like to help, please let me know, as they say many hands make for quick work.

I would like to thank the Wor. Gary Macauley, Wor. David Allmuth and Wor. Mario Balbiani for an outstanding virtual installation, thank you!

Finally, thank you all for signing into our installation. I was super proud to share the day with you and my family!

Happy New Year,

"From Darkness to Light"



**Mike A. Perry**

**Master**





***Mauricio Pasos PM***

**Senior Warden**



## From the West

Brethren, Family and Friends,

As we move into a new year I am humbled to serve as your Senior Warden and be part of this growing Lodge.

Please join us for on our Monday online gatherings for fellowship, education and a toast. (please see page #4)

Currently all degrees are on hold until the Grand Master gives us the green light to move forward.

We have in waiting Brothers Engellenner to receive the 3rd degree or Masonry. Brother Belamy to give his Fellow Craft Proficiency and Brother Will to also give his Proficiency.

We also have a few prospects in waiting who have been knocking on our door and will in line to come before the Lodge.

Brother Villafan has been working to complete his Proficiency work.

Hope to see All of you soon.

## From the South

Greetings from the South !

Wishing you all a prosperous new year.

I an honored to serve as Junior Warden and look forward to a rewarding year.

The drive through meal in December was a great success, we had numerous Brothers and their families pass by and get a hot meal and a hearty hello.

Stay safe and well.



***M. Scott Henry PM***

**Junior Warden**



# From the Secretary



Dear Brethren,

Hope you are all well ,

Dues notices have gone out and this year they will come directly from Grand Lodge. Our dues this year are \$150.00. If you have any questions or have not received your notice please contact me.

The Trestle Board 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 <https://lodge789.freemason.com>.

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.

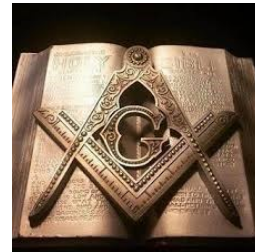
Please note that no motion at our stated meeting will be entertained unless it is first given to the executive board 2 weeks prior to the upcoming business meeting. Please forward all motions to me at least 2 weeks before our next stated meeting.

***Bro. Enrique Pasos***

Secretary

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mark Bellamy	2
Rafael Peralta	3
Francis Frates	11
John Taylor	16
David Hake	20
Daryle Mc Clusky	24
Matthew Arnold	28
Enrique Pasos	28
John Fitzpatrick	30

## MASTER MASON BIRTHDAY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>
Matthew Arnold	01/09/2012	8
Timothy Beilby	01/24/1983	37
John Belongie	01/16/1997	23
Charles Carmody	01/26/1998	22
Matthew DeVilbiss	01/02/2017	3
Coleman Dukes	01/27/1997	23
Stephen Jelten	01/30/178	42
Jason Kowing	01/07/2019	1
Gary Reynolds	01/16/1990	30
Philip[ Richey	01/25/1982	38



# STATED MEETING

## **The Worship Master Invites You To A Virtual Seat In The Lodge Room**

**JANUARY 18 TH**

**8:00 pm**



**Join our Stated meeting from your computer, tablet  
or smartphone.**

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# Monday Online Gathering

*Fellowship*

*Education*



*Discussions*

*Toasts*

**Oak Plains Lodge #789  
Monday Online Gathering**

**Every Monday @ 7:00 pm Except the third Monday**

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smartphone.**

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# Masonic Relief During Covid-19

COVID-19 outbreaks continue to affect California and the world, we know that many members may find themselves in need. Masonic Outreach Services is here to support Masons throughout California who need relief. Public programs may help with unemployment and some financial assistance; Masonic Outreach Services is here to help fill the gaps.

[Submit a request for information](#) or call us at (888) 466-3642 and read about the services and eligibility requirements below.

## Services



Masons and their families can access a variety of resources to address their particular needs:

**Information and referral services** Masonic Family Outreach Services can recommend helpful services and resources right in your own community, including legal aid, employment support, programs for children with special needs, food stamps and other public assistance, and support for economic issues such as foreclosure.

**Care management** For Masons and their families who require additional support, Masonic Family Outreach Services care managers can provide ongoing care management for as long as needed. We work with you to develop a care plan that is flexible and specific to your situation, including home visits and hands-on help connecting to local resources.

**Financial assistance** Masonic Family Outreach Services can provide one-time financial

support for eligible Masons and their wife or widow. This support is offered to help fill financial gaps that may have occurred due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

## Eligibility for Emergency Funds

These emergency funds are available to all eligible Masons and their widows who find themselves in need as a result of COVID-19. This one-time emergency financial assistance can be applied for when other options have been exhausted.

### To qualify, you must:

Demonstrate immediate financial need, and be willing to apply for all eligible public benefits and resources

Be willing to seek support from your lodge (with the help of Masonic Outreach Services)

Be willing to complete an application for emergency funds and provide the requested supporting documentation

If you qualify for ongoing financial assistance through our Masonic Senior Outreach Services, you may receive funds through that program instead. We will help you navigate our programs as needed.

## Getting Started

Questions or ready to apply? [Submit a request for information](#) or call us at (888) 466-3642. Masonic Outreach Services staff will get back to you as soon as possible.





# The Top Hat

Masonic hats worn by the Master of the Lodge signify his authority of his rank and status...the origins of which go back over many centuries. The wearing of a hat by the Worshipful Master alludes to the crown that adorned the head of King Solomon.

**In the United States, a Stetson Homburg or Fedora style hat is quite popular and is often chosen by the Master of the lodge. Other hat brands and styles are also worn.**

Albert Mackey, Masonic researcher and historian had this to say about Masonic hats in his Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929: To uncover the head in the presence of their superiors has been, among Christian nations, held as a dutiful obligation. Among Eastern nations, it is their custom to uncover their feet when they enter a place of worship.

## Kings:

Historically, Kings wore crowns to denote their rank, while the courtiers standing around him removed their hats in deference to his superior status.

## Ancient Romans

We are told that the ancient Romans prayed with their head covered or veiled. The woolen cap, called a pileus, was allowed to be worn only by the free-by-birth or manumission (papers with which one is formally released from slav-

ery), but it was forbidden for Roman slaves to wear this cap.

## House of Commons - London

Historically, it was customary that a member of the English Parliament, London's House of Commons, wear a hat when he addressed the membership of the House. If he were to have risen to speak without his hat, other members would greet him with cries of "Order, Order"!

## France

In France, it was the custom of monks at the Sorbonne, (previously called the University of Paris which was founded in 1257 by Robert de Sorbon) to remove their cap when a member did not wish to speak or was in token of agreement with the others. (End of Mackey quote from Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929)

## Masonic Hats: United States:

Today, Masonic hats are worn, ceremonially, in the United States during the time when the lodge is in session. Some Grand Lodges require that the hat be constructed with a brim. Others simply decree that the Worshipful Master remains covered at all times.

## Internationally:

In different jurisdictions around the world, it is also common to see many different styles of Masonic hats.

## Does the Worshipful Master have to wear a Masonic hat?

Masonic hats are the privilege of the Master of the Lodge, and only his. To remain with his head cov-

ered to signify that his is the position to which the greatest respect should be paid. If in doubt, however, contact your Grand Lodge for more information about your specific jurisdiction. The Worshipful Master of a Lodge holds the most honored, prestigious and sacredly held chair of office during his term. The Worshipful Master's **position** (not the man, himself) is one of the 3 Lesser Lights. The 3 Lesser Lights of a Lodge are the Sun, the Moon and the Worshipful Master. As the highest ranking officer within the lodge, it is the duty of the man holding this office to preserve the solemnity and respect of this ancient and historic position, symbolic of his duties as one of the Lesser Lights. While Masonic hats differ within jurisdictions around the world, Masonic hats are a visible symbol of the Master's authority, and as such, should reflect a respectful, classic or traditional style.

## Masonic Hat Styles

There are numerous styles of Masonic hats are worn by the Worshipful Masters in different areas of the United States and in various jurisdictions around the world. There are satin top hats, the satin collapsible folding top hat, felt top hats, men's fedora hats, derbies, bowlers, and many more. Other jurisdictions around the world wear different varieties of Masonic hats, caps and tams. While most Freemasons are aware that ritual and a few officer duties and Masonic symbols vary somewhat around the world;..."From many, one;...and from one, many." ...A brotherhood of many, ...who speak different languages, who reside possibly half a world away...who each wear different hats...come together as one....within the brotherhood of Freemasonry.

## From The Hall Board

### Note Our New Meeting Time Below

#### Board Members

Alex Vuckovich.....Vice President  
 Jason Kowing.....Treasurer/Secretary  
 Mauricio Pasos.....Board Member  
 Mike Perry.....Board Member  
 Marvin Lien.....Board Member  
 Joseph Juelch.....Board Member  
 Carroll O. Dudley.....Board Member

**The Hall Board normally meets  
 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at  
 4:00 PM**

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## Concordant Bodies

### Meeting at Oak Plains Masonic Center



#### 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 see them join our amazing group of young ladies.

For information Contact :

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#### Rising Star Chapter #36 Order of the Eastern Star

The Rising Star Chapter of Eastern Star meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 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.

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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).

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## Charity Committee

Mike A. Perry .....Chairman

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M. Scott Henry P.M. ....Member

## Sunshine Committee

“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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