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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!

July is here, and we are halfway through 2018! As a Lodge we are doing well with several 1st degree proficiencies being planned. This means your officers have been working hard to and polish their work for the 2nd degrees that will be scheduled once the proficiencies are completed. I am very happy to say that things are looking good as we get ready to pass these new Brothers into further light in Masonry! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you we will be “Dark” when it comes to our stated meeting, we do have to pay the bills to keep the lights on and, more importantly, keep the air conditioner running! The meeting will start at 7 pm for our stated meeting for July and August! When we resume our lodge dinner in September, the cooks will be yours truly, my husband Ralph Rodriguez, and his/our mother, Susan Badial-Cox, which means the food will be very good. Our dinner program will be a presentation by Masonic Outreach Services, which I have made our set program for September. The presentation that was made last year was excellent and informative, I would highly encourage you to come out for this dinner and program in a couple of months.

This being July, Independence Day is the big subject of the month. As we all know, several of our founding fathers were members of our ancient and honorable fraternity. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin being the first two that come to mind. If you look at how this country was founded and set up, you can see the influence of Masonry woven into the fabric that is this great nation, we call home. First, we are governed by a Constitution, the concept of which is directly from Lodges and Grand Lodges the world over. Another phrase that is often cited from our founding documents, “That all men are created equal...” that also rings true of another Masonic concept: Meeting upon the level. For me this principle of Masonry indicates that to us all men are to be treated equally. These are just a couple of things that were rolling around in my head as I thought about the holiday coming up and what it means to us in the Masonic Family.

A quick final note as I close, as I am sure some of you remember, up until a couple of years ago, we would get together with Rio Linda Lodge every August for our 410th Masonic District Picnic out at Freedom Park at McClellan. Well, I was out visiting Rio Linda a couple of weeks ago and was informed by their Master, Worshipful Kevin Davis, that they had reserved a large gazebo over at Freedom Park for Saturday, August 18th, and invited us to join them to recreate the joint picnic. I told him I would get the word out and that we would love to come. So again, that will be Saturday, August 18th at Freedom Park at McClellan. Come out and bring your family, friends

and most importantly anyone you know that has an interest in joining Masonry, this is one of the best events to bring any prospective members to! I do not know the exact start time as of yet, once I find out, I will let everybody know! Well, that about does it for now, this article is getting kind of long anyhow. Take it easy, enjoy your summer and see you around the lodge!

David Meneley

Worshipful Master





From The West

Wor. William Brewer, PM – Senior Warden

From the West: Brethren -What a great time we had at the Festive Board!

The night was filled with fun and festivities! The night was chalked full of food! We had a six-course prime-rib dinner that came with homemade tomato bisque, salad, olive tapenade, shrimp and cocktail sauce served in a half of a lemon, candid nuts and for desert we had homemade cheesecake bites! Thank you to our caterer Tracy Ramos, Thom, LeAnn Farlow, Holly Cleveland and Marissa!

The ladies of Camellia Rainbow Assembly were out in force to serve this wonderful meal! Thank you goes out to Allison Kowing, Worth Advisor and Faith; Accalia Calmelat, Fidelity; Elizabeth DeMars, Drill Leader; Amanda Milam, Past Worthy Advisor and WAA; Megan Karg, Past

Worthy Advisor and Patriotism; Adult Advisor Julie Kowing. These ladies worked very hard and provided a great service and added ambiance to the night as they sang with us at the end of the evening! We sure enjoyed having you and look forward to seeing you more often around our lodge functions! Thank you!

Some special thanks go out to Bro. Eric Zepps, 32° for lending us all the great props for the Festive Board. The dining room has never looked so festive, there were squares and compasses, swords, globes, lights and candles! What a sight!

Another thank you goes out to the Sacramento Scottish Rite for the use of their curtain backdrop... this was a great addition to making the dining room seem small and intimate for the 31 Masons who attended this event!

Wor. Meneley, Bro. Pasos and Perry provided an entertaining evening with some humor and fun as we celebrated St. John the Baptist day in high fashion and fun! Thank you, Nicole Rabadew for the setup, tear down and for serving along side the ladies... your continued support of Oak Plains is much appreciated!

Thank you, Most Worshipful Copper, PGM for your outstanding presentation on St. John the Baptist Day and for providing more "Light" in Masonry!

This was a night to remember and we look forward to doing it again in the future!

Reminder – Oak Plains is DARK July and August- There is NO dinner planned during these months. Also, there will be NO Trestle Board in August.



From The South

Vacant-Junior Warden

From The South: Greetings Brethren!

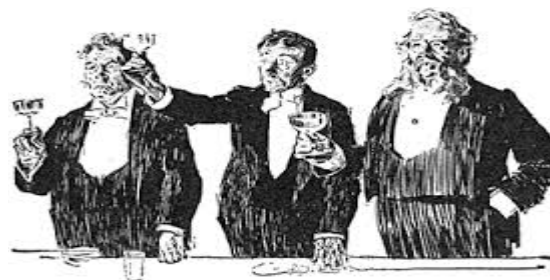
Have you ever thought about the history of eating before Lodge? The history for eating and Masonry goes back as far as time immemorial. Wherever the ancient lodges of Masons met, whether in the lean-to lodges attached to the buildings they were erecting, in the homes of patrons of the buildings they had come to build, or many other places, its seems by the 16 & 1700's, the tavern or ale house became a favorite gathering place for lodge brothers to assemble, and there to have their meetings.

In England, prior to 1717, there were several lodges which met within the City of London and surrounds. Four of these, known as The Old Lodges, or Lodges of Time Immemorial, met in taverns for their regular communications: The Goose and Gridiron Ale House; The Crown Ale House, The Apple Tree Tavern, apparently on December 27, a decision was made to organize and constitute a Grand Lodge which would govern and stabilize the practice of speculative freemasonry in England, and would call the brethren back to the old practice of a quarterly conference and twice yearly observance of "The Feasts of the Craft." Such a gathering was held on June 24, 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House, and The English Grand Lodge of Freemasonry was constituted that day.

What was the draw of the tavern and alehouse for the Mason of the day? While gentlemen of the day had their clubs and fine townhouses and estates to find solace from poverty and squalor, the public houses, inns, taverns and ale houses provided an opportunity for the common man to meet. There they could hear the latest news, shop-talk or gossip; eat a sumptuous meal of cheap meat, cheese and bread; and lift a beverage which would muddle the head and delight the heart. Here they would be provided a moment of gathered friendship and insulation from the ravages of the 16th and 17th century England's daily grind. At the tavern, the publican could offer beyond the tasty food and frothy tankard, a relatively private room in which friends could gather to meet and discuss fraternal business of the day.

Lance Dermott, the well-known Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients in England, and author of Ahiman Rezon, the Constitutions of Masonry according to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons, stated this in the mid 1700's about the Table Lodge"

"It was expedient to abolish the old customs of studying geometry in the Lodge, and some younger Brethren made it appear that a good knife and fork, in the hands of a dexterous Brother, over the proper Materials (food), would give great satisfaction and add more to the conviviality of the Lodge than the best Scale and Compasses in Europe"



Clearly, this was an early introduction to the terms “Knife and Fork Mason” or the “Knife and Fork Degree” which we jokingly use today.

I do not attend the meetings
For I’ve not the time to spare.
But every time they have a feast
you will surely find me there.

I cannot help with the degrees
for I do not know the work.
But I can applaud the speakers,
and handle a knife and fork.

I’m so rusty in the ritual,
it seems like Greek to me.
But practice has made me perfect
in the Knife and Fork Degree!

By Brother Richard L. Kurtz

Brethren, I sure hope you had a great time at the 1st St. John the Baptist Day celebration, I know I enjoyed being there! Thank you, Most Worshipful John L. Cooper, III, PGM for your enlightenment on the history of St. John the Baptist and the role he played in Masonry, Tracy Ramos for the outstanding meal and Bro. Eric Zepps for the outstanding decorations for the lodge, Camellia Rainbow for helping to serve! –
Fraternally, Bro. Perry



404th Masonic District – Stated Meeting Schedule

Oak Plains #789 – 3rd Monday	Bicentennial Daylight #830 – 3rd Tuesday	Natoma #64 -1st 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 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

Please take note of the permanent change of time of the Temple Board Meeting, the next meeting is June 12th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a work party starting at 3:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday that will flow into the Temple Board meeting.

There will be a Tenant Meeting September 13th at 6:30 pm. for all tenants of the George Primrose Masonic Temple.

I'm pleased to announce that we had a very sizable donation made to the Building Association to help us with the Kitchen Remodel, we are well over 90% of the way to having our project 100% funded. Thank you for the donation! If anyone else would like to help by donating, please contact a Temple Board Officer any little bit helps... We are so close!

Sweetheart Corner

Sweethearts,

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

Stated Dinner Menu

Oak Plains will be "Dark" for July and August. No meals will be served... See you all in September for dinner! Stated meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay

You are cordially invited (and encouraged) to attend the events of our very own Chapter of DeMolay, DeMolay meets for dinner every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. The 4th Wednesday is reserved for advisory council and the 5th Wednesday is game nights. All Masons are welcome to attend all events. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.. A huge thank you goes out to these boys! Please contact Bro. Vuckovich at (916) 215-1117 or articsophia@yahoo.com.



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.

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, it is the month of July, if you have not paid your dues, please do so immediately! As a reminder, dues were due on January 1st. 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 must be approved to access.



Birthdays

July

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Mike Perry	09-July	Alan Manby	12-July
Coleman Dukes	17-July	Maury Hicks	18-July
Mauricio Pasos	22-July		

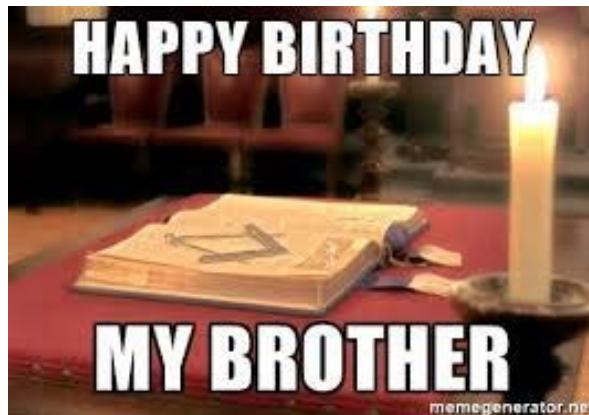


Master Mason Birthdays

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

July

Name	Date Raised	Years
Abelardo Alvarado	07-28-2003	15
James Comestock	07-22-2002	16
Gary Erickson	07-07-1969	49
David Groza, PM	07-11-2005	13
William Huttly	07-01-2002	16



Congratulations to Eric Parker on becoming Scottish Rite Mason! Bro. Parker was raised to the 32° in Oakland California at the state-wide California Reunion! Congratulations Brother! This was the first time in over 40 years all 29 degrees were performed in California! Brothers Perry, Hicks and Brown were on hand to witness Bro. Parker take these degrees. Brother Parker was the exemplar in the 15th!

Brothers Hicks and Brown also were in the 29th as actors displaying their Knights of St. Andrews regalia, it was quite a site to see!

Bro. Perry was portrayed Adolph the Saxon in the 21st and had the honor of developing a state-wide passport program to encourage Brothers to travel to see the degrees in person on a state and national level!






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Rite Nite 2018

FURTHER LIGHT PROGRAM



Mark Master Degree



Valley of Sacramento Scottish Rite Temple

6151 H Street

Sacramento, CA 95819-2604

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Social 5:30pm – Dinner 6:00pm

Mark Master Degree 7:00pm

Menu

Pulled Pork

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Rolls

Desert

Cost: \$20.00 Includes Dinner, Degree and Event Coin



RSVP: Scottish Rite Office, (916) 452-5881 (Specify “Rite Night”)

For further information contact:

Robert Morrison

(530) 345-5958 or bpmorrison@sbcglobal.net

Candidates must fill out a Royal Arch Application to view the degree.

Applications will be available at the door or can be submitted to any Royal Arch Chapter

Calendar of Events

July

- 2nd – Oak Plains Officers Practice 7:00 pm
- 9th – Oak Plains Officers Practice 7:00 pm
- 12th – Oak Plains Work Day 3:00 pm
- 12th - Temple Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16th - Oak Plains Stated meeting (NO DINNER) 7:00 pm
- 23rd - Officers Practice 7:00 pm
- 26th - Oak Plains Work Day 3:00 pm
- 28th - DeMolay Lodge Clean Up 9:00 am
- 30th - Officers Practice 7:00 pm

August

- 6th – Oak Plains Officers Practice 7:00 pm
- 9th – Oak Plains Work Day 3:00 pm
- 9th – Temple Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13th – Oak Plains Officers Practice 7:00 pm
- 18th – Rio Linda Lodge Picnic 11:00 am @ Freedom Park, North Highlands
- 20th – Oak Plains Stated Meeting (NO DINNER) 7:00 pm
- 23rd – Oak Plains Work Day 3:00 pm
- 25th – DeMolay Lodge Clean Up 9:00 am
- 27th – Oak Plains Officers Practice 7:00 pm

