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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!

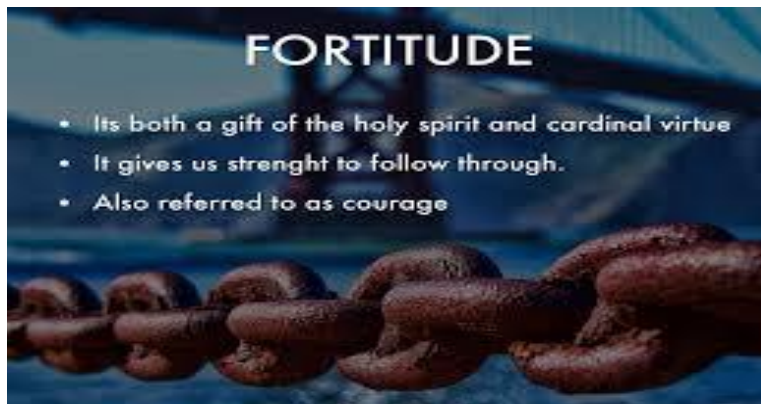
It is March and Spring has arrived! At Oak Plains Lodge we have a busy month ahead. To start we have a first degree for Mr. James Moore scheduled for March 11th at 7:00 p.m., please come out and support our newest Brother as he starts his Masonic journey! A week later we have one of our biggest events of the year, our annual Crab Feed! I trust everybody is working hard to sell their tickets, I know I am working on selling mine.

Over the past year and change I have discussed or touched upon many different topics in my article as Worshipful Master. For me the challenge is finding something new every month, of course with how much we learn and discover in Masonry, it is not very hard to find something to talk about. This month I would like to write about another of our cardinal virtues that of Fortitude. As we say Fortitude is that virtue which enables us to undergo any pain, peril, or danger when prudentially deemed expedient. Similar to what I discussed last month, which was Temperance, Fortitude is an inner strength that we draw upon to persevere when times get tough. Fortitude is used when dealing with most any unpleasant situation: a bad job, the loss of a loved one, being in the military and being sent to combat, or most any other tough situation. As Masons we realize, or acknowledge, that our inner strength does not come only from ourselves, but from the Supreme Being that pervades all nature. The next time you are faced with a difficult situation, remember that strength that will enable your to endure the difficulty at hand and will help you move past it.

Well, that about wraps it up for now, 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,

Successful Lodges share one characteristic: They have programs that people want to attend! Every month, your Lodge must have a stated meeting, and every month, you should try to confer a degree.

Congratulations to Brother's Kowing and Parker for their 3° Proficiency. We are all very proud of you; you both did excellent work in the 3°. On Monday, March 11, 2019 we will be conferring the First Degree of Masonry on Mr. James Moore at 7:00 pm at Oak Plains Lodge. Come out and support our new candidate as he starts his journey into the Light. Applications have begun to knock on our doors, and I see a bright future for the Lodge. Let's all work

together in making our new candidates and prospective members welcomed by greeting the new faces and taking time to talk with them.

On March 25th we will be starting our monthly education session to assist the Craft in the pursuit of further light. Setting the Craft at Work will start promptly after Officers practice at 8:30 pm; all Masons are welcomed to attend. We are also holding proficiency studies every Monday except our Stated Meetings for all degree starting at 5:00 pm and continuing until the Officers start practice at 7:00 pm. Come out and join your Brothers as they move forward to make themselves and our Lodge a better place.

Our second 2020 Planning meeting was held at the Sacramento Gun Club. Our goal was met... We brought Brethren together to discuss the possibility of adding events. The meeting brought good discussions and aided in seeing where our Lodge needs to focus. Although the meeting went a little longer than anticipated it was still a success. We will work to keep future meetings shorter. Our next Planning session will be at Oak Plains on March 31st at 6:00 pm. We will be discussing the vision for our Lodge in the year 2020 and beyond.

As we each strive to improve ourselves in Masonry, I'd like to ask you to ponder the decisions and experiences that have led you to this moment. Consider what brought you to the Craft and, more importantly, what keeps you here. I also ask that you share these memories with each other at every opportunity. I believe that it is in the shared experience that we perpetuate the Craft. Our new Brothers will appreciate the knowledge passed on by the more experienced and those veterans could rediscover a light that may have grown a little dim over the years from a newly raised Brother seeing that light for the first time.

I sincerely look forward to hearing about these experiences and sharing my own either within the Lodge or without. I appreciate the Fraternity more each day and would simply like to say, "Thank you all for being my Brothers".

Mauricio Pasos

On The Level

From The South

Bro. Mike Perry-Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren!

I'm very excited to say that we have been very busy at the Lodge! Our Stewards, Bro.'s Kowing and Parker, finished their 3^o Proficiency at the February Stated Meeting. It has been an honor and privilege to work and coach these fine men, Congratulations Brethren!

In the Stated Meeting we voted on Mr. James (Jim) Moore to take the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge. His First Degree will be March 11th at 7:00 pm. There will be light refreshments following the degree. Please come out and support Mr. Moore as he sees the light by which Masons work.

The February Stated Dinner was provided by Bro. Jed Parker, Bro. Eric Parker, Eric's wife Susan and their son Jonathan. The meal was spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and a homemade cake! Thank you so much for volunteering to host a meal, it was wonderful! A big thanks goes out to Ms. Nicole Rabadew (aka #1) for providing us with some tax advice for the 2019 year. Thank you!

The meal for the month of March will be provided by Bro. Mike Perry and Mauricio Pasos. The menu is Corn Beef and Cabbage, 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>

I am pleased to say, all the openings to cook for the year have been taken! Thank you, Brethren, for stepping up and volunteering to cook for your Brethren and our guests!

The 2019 Crab Feed is coming up very rapidly on March 23rd at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person. We will be adding a silent auction. We will be auctioning off several very nice items, please come out and support your Lodge. If you would like to donate items to the silent auction, please let me know.

Oakplains789@gmail.com or 916-622-7769.

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

The next Temple Board Meeting is March 14, 2019. 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 the Hall Association Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

The storms are still holding us back from putting in the security system, hopefully March will be a little dryer and we can get this system in. A big thank you goes out to Camellia Assembly for stepping up and volunteering to help keep the front of the building clean, thank you!

The Kitchen Remodel Committee, the Oak Plains Building Association and Oak Plains Masonic Lodge have all voted to approve a set of Floor Plans from JH Designs. What does this mean? It means the Hall Association and Oak Plains Lodge (building owners) have agreed on the layout of the new kitchen. There is a floor plan for all to see on the wall by the kitchen. The next step is to work with Cresco to make sure we have all the right equipment and the layout is in the proper position. We will also be working with the design to start working on all the architectural drawings as well.

As with all projects timing is always a huge concern. There are many moving parts to this project like planning, blue prints, permits, funding, and Grand Lodge coordination. We are in the very early parts of planning this project. This project may seem like nothing of measurable action is being done. These next processes are done behind the scenes and could take several months. I would not expect much in the way of visible progress for 6-9 months. We will do our best to make sure we do not have an impact on the installation season in the Fall and Winter of 2019. Please stay tuned for more updates.

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's Mike Perry and Mauricio Pasos are in the kitchen for March! The Menu for the month is Corned Beef and Cabbage 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!

March Stated Dinner

- Corned Beef and Cabbage
 - Bread and butter and drink
 - Dessert
 - Cost \$10
- Where: Oak Plains starting at 6:30 pm
- Stated Meeting to follow at 8:00 pm
- RSVP is a Must
 - oakplains789@gmail.com
 - Pay on the app
 - 916-622-7769



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

March

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Alfred Patterson	01-March	Warren "Ben" Clothier	02-March
Richard Maffi	02-March	John Belongie	04-March
Christopher Engellenner	04-March	Jason Rafter	04-March
Jeffery Tucker	04-March	David Groza	08-March
Richard Fiechtner	11-March	Marin Lien	12-March
Karl Pineo	12-March	Julius Morace, Jr.	15-March
Robert Schoenborn	17-March	William Hutty	19-March
George Medlicott	19-March	Gary Reynolds	22-March
Michael Brown	24-March	Brian Thorogood	24-March
Jake Palmyra	30-March		



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 March, Congratulations Brothers!

March

Name	Date Raised	Years
Michael Barnes	03-23-1998	23
Karl Houtman	03-25-1992	27
Joseph Juelch, PM	03-26-1984	35
Robert Lyons	03-28-1988	31
Richard Plehn, PM	03-23-1970	49
William Reed	03-03-1975	44
Kevin Sorbello	03-18-1986	33



From the Tyler's Desk:

Bro. Eric O. Parker

As Freemasons, we've made the decision that we want to live our lives a different way, by a higher set of standards than other men. We consider ourselves a fraternity of freethinkers – a society of thoughtful men who ponder the great questions in life. We believe in many things including equality, brotherly love, relief, truth, charity, toleration, etc. And we talk about these concepts and tenants at great length within our Fraternity.

Yesterday, on a Grand Lodge Facebook page, a Brother expressed an opinion. It wasn't very eloquently expressed, but he simply pointed out he didn't like being called "bro." The traditional way Masons address each other is "Brother" not "Bro." it was a pet peeve. It wasn't something I'd probably share on that venue, but I didn't think much about it because I understood exactly where he was coming from. We are a fraternity steeped in tradition, and those titles we use in addressing each other are a form of showing respect for our traditions and ritual. Like Masons that show up for a Masonic Funeral in jeans, or don't bother to turn off their phones prior to a Masonic meeting (and then answer a call during the meeting). So, I got what he was complaining about – a lack of decorum, respect, and reverence for the Fraternity and what it represents. And in truth, I don't like being called "bro." either and I'm not some stodgy old curmudgeon – as far as I'm concerned it's the same as being called "dude". What surprised me was a number of comments on that benign post – so I decided to read them.

It was disappointing. Instead of letting this Mason share his opinion, and give a moments thought to where he might be coming from, what the vast majority of more than fifty Masons did was ridicule him. They made fun of him and his petty little pet peeve. It was the equivalent of a 21st century stoning. Several of those Masons that participated in humiliating that Mason I know quite well. It was disappointing to see, and something I see far too often amongst Freemasons in these groups. This is something I expect to see on a political page, not on venues hosted by enlightened freethinkers.

I'm sure everyone that participated in that exchange thought they were absolutely hilarious, making jokes at his expense. But how do you think that made that Mason feel?

It's easy to talk the talk, but not so easy to walk the walk. Being a Freemason means more than giving lip service to a bunch of old outdated ideas, concepts, tenets and morals. It means we should be applying them to our lives on a daily basis because those ideas are the gateways to a far superior way of life, and a much more civilized manner of interacting with our fellow mankind. We even talk about interactions we have with each other in our rituals. They're not just words, they're meant to be instructive.

How should Masons meet? How should Mason act? How should Masons part?

One of the insults that were hurled towards the Mason who shared his opinion on that post was "and we wonder why Freemasonry is dying."

Let me tell you something, Brother. It's not him. If Freemasonry is dying (which is a belief I don't share), it's because too many Freemasons don't practice what they preach.

~ Todd E. Creason 33° - Founder of the Midnight Freemasons blog.

Crab Feed!



Silent Auction

Oak Plains Masonic Lodge Crab Feed

by Oak Plains Masonic Lodge No. 789



Date And Time

Sat, March 23, 2019
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM PDT



Location

3010 Becerra Way
3010 Becerra Way
Sacramento, CA 95821

The Oak Plains Crab Feed will be March 23rd at 6:00 pm, tickets are \$50 per person. This year we will be having a silent auction that will include sports memorabilia to include:

- Dual Signed Buster Posey & Madison Bumgarner framed with 3 replica World Series Rings
- Raiders Super Bowl MVPs photo signed by Bilentikoff, Plunkett, and Marcus Allen w/ replica Super Bowl Rings
- Packers Super Bowl QBs Bart Starr, Brett Farve & Arron Rodgers signed by all 3 and framed with Super Bowl Rings
- Joe Montana signed photo and framed with his 4 Super Bowl Rings
- Jerry Rice signed photo framed with his e replica Super Bowl Rings
- Montana Rice dual signed photo framed with engraved stats plates for each of them
- Arnold Palmer signed photo grouping
- Stephen Curry signed phot grouping
- Willie Mays signed photo framed with 4 of his baseball cards





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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 & Masonic Lodge Open House Month





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GRAND MASTER
STUART A. WRIGHT

Grand Master's Proclamation:

MARCH 2019 IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You

Whereas, as we strive to make a difference in the world, it is natural to consider the generations that follow us as a source of inspiration that guides and inspires us; and

Whereas, the Masonic youth who participate in DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls hold an integral role in the future of our Masonic family, acting as a catalyst for great ideas, new possibilities, and future leadership; and

Whereas, since these youth share the treasured values of Freemasonry, they are strengthened alongside us as we exemplify these values in our own lives; and

Whereas, our 2020 Fraternity Plan calls upon us to make a *positive impact in society*; now,

Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim March 2019 to be Youth Orders Month in California. I call upon all California Masons to make a difference for the future of our fraternity by supporting the incredible young people who have turned to Masonic values for guidance. Reach out to the local youth orders in your community to learn how your lodge may provide supporting roles as mentors, chaperones, or ritual coaches. Offer to host meetings or events at your lodges. Plan events at your lodges for youth order members and their families to enjoy.

Our Masonic youth are the leaders of tomorrow. Imagine what they may achieve with the full support of our brotherhood!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attest:

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary

Key Dates

March

- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – March 4th at 7:00 pm
- Natoma #64 Stated meeting and Dinner – March 7th at 6:00 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting – March 8th at 7:00 pm
- 1st ° for Mr. James Moore – March 11th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Meeting – March 14th 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Trestle Board Articles are due to the Trestle Board Editor – March 18th by end of Stated Meeting
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, Corn Beef and Cabbage, dessert and drink, \$10, please make reservations – March 18th – Dinner at 6:30; Meeting at 8:00
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting March 22nd at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Crab Feed – March 23rd at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$50
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – March 25th at 7:00 pm
- 404th District Officers School of Instruction will be at Natoma Lodge in Folsom- Working in the 2nd Degree– March 27th at 7:00 pm

