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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!

May has arrived and things are buzzing right along here at Oak Plains! Brotherhood is on the rise and plans and ideas are being shared on a weekly basis at our pre-practice dinners and at our “Further Libations” gatherings afterwards. These events are informal, and all are welcome. I would strongly encourage anyone who is interested in participating in the discussions or has an idea to share to come out one week and join us!

As I thought about what to write this month, several things came to mind. The one theme that keeps coming to the front of my mind is the three principles of Masonry; Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Each are explained in our ritual, but how often do we examine our lives and see if we are truly practicing these things?

Brotherly Love is the cement that binds our Lodge and Fraternity together. Without the practice of this principle, Freemasonry would cease to exist. We should be ever mindful of how we treat each other in and out of the Lodge if we want to be seen and known as Brothers.

We have been instructed to relieve the distressed all through our time and involvement with the Fraternity. We receive various request for charity donations, both by mail and email, asking to help the less fortunate. When these requests arrive, see them as a chance to put your Masonic teachings about relief into action.

Truth is where we should be basing ourselves, both in word and deed. Truth should guide us as we navigate life and its many challenges. It also, along with the other two tenets, Brotherly Love and Relief, form the very foundation of Freemasonry. Being guided by the truth leads one to an upright and honorable life, something truly rare to find today.

Well Brethren, that about wraps it up for this month. I hope this article finds you well and enjoying another beautiful Sacramento Spring! Take it easy and see you around the Lodge!

David Meneley

Worshipful Master



From The West

Wor. William Brewer, PM – Senior Warden

From the West: As we in my last month's submittal, this year as in years previous, the Grand Master has issued a proclamation declaring the month of April, Public Education Month, Each Lodge within the state was encouraged to participate in some fashion with a public school.

At our March Stated Meeting we learned that two schools, local to our lodge, needed assistance: The Pasadena Avenue School and Whitney Elementary School. As a result, motions were made and passed to assist both schools with donations.

A proposal letter was received from Pasadena Elementary and the two petitioning teachers, along with the School Principle, attended our Stated Meeting Dinner, on April 16th for the presentation of our donation and explained their program(s). Ms. Lisa Criss and Ms. Karen Jackson (the Fourth and Fifth grade teachers). Along with the School Principal, Ms. Mirna Pelayo, were in attendance and accepted our donation.

Their proposal/request was in support of a field trip, planned for May 1st that would enable their Fourth and Fifth grade classes to visit the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. Our donation was to assist with transportation and other nuances surrounding the trip.

According to their proposal, this trip not only met all the state science standards but coincides with the schools focus on the sciences. Pasadena Avenue Elementary is one of the first schools in the Sacramento Area to adopt and implement the "Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)".

Each teacher made a short presentation that not only further explained the intended trip but discussed several additional ways the Lodge could assist the school on a more ongoing basis. (Note: At our stated meeting in March, the Lodge discussed the fact that we should consider additional ways in which we could assist Pasadena Avenue Elementary).

Our speakers for the evening discussed the possibility of our (either a Brother, their lady or other family member) assisting in: after school tutoring; in-class course assistance (depending on the volunteer's expertise); buddy reading; assistance with the construction booths for their Fall 2018 Harvest Festival; art docent; a robotics program (in development); and student preparation in the 2018-2019 Science Olympiad (Pasadena Elementary won this year's event).

I have already received a promise of assistance re the setting up of the booths for the Fall Harvest Festival. Our Senior Deacon, Brother Mauricio Pasos, has volunteered to put his construction talents to work and assist in the construction and or setting up, of said booths. If anyone would be interested in assisting Bro. Mauricio, in this endeavor, please contact me, or contact Bro. Mauricio directly, to make yourselves available.

As of yet, I have not received any other volunteers to assist the School with any of their other needs, so please if anyone is interested, or knows of anyone who can assist, contact me at 916-715-6427 or retired830pc@comcast.net. Since it is so far into the current school year, the request for assistance would be for the 2018-2019 school year.



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From The South

Magnus Rubsam-Junior Warden

From The South: Greetings Brethren!

I would like to take the time to mention St. John the Baptist Day coming this June 24th. You may ask why would I be talking about June already? Oak Plains is planning to celebrate St. John the Baptist day with a Festive Board or Table Lodge on Sunday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. Most Worshipful John Cooper will our guest speaker!

John Cooper is a Past Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of California, having served for almost eighteen years when he retired in 2008, and in 2013 / 2014 he served as the Grand Master of Masons in California. His primary interest in Freemasonry has been the history and philosophy of the Craft.

John is the immediate past president of the Philalethes Society – the oldest and largest Masonic Research society in the United States. He also has served as Master of both Northern California Research Lodge and Southern California Research Lodge and is currently the Senior Warden of Golden Compasses Research Lodge, which meets in Folsom.

Most Worshipful Cooper is planning a speech centered around St. John the Baptist and how he became a prominent figure in Masonry. The feast will be a tri-tip dinner with all the fixings. This will be a catered event and tickets will go on sale soon.

Hope to see you on June 24th at the Festive Board! Tickets are \$35 please RSVP to oakplains789@gmail.com or on the Lodge App!



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY 2018

Festive Board



PRESENTED BY OAK PLAINS LODGE #789

Sunday, June 24th 2018 @ 7PM
3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA

Special Guest Lecturer: John L. Cooper III

- Past Grand Master of California Masons 2013 /2014
- Past Grand Secretary of California for 18 years
- Past President of the Philalethes Society – The oldest & Largest Masonic research society in the United States

6 Course Catered
Prime Rib Dinner
&
Souvenir Cannon
\$35

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404th Masonic District – Stated Meeting Schedule

Oak Plains #789 – 3rd Monday

Fellowship – 6:00 PM
Dinner – 6:30 PM
Meeting – 8:00 PM

Bicentennial Daylight #830 – 3rd Tuesday

Fellowship – 11:00 AM
Lunch – 11:30 AM
Meeting – 1:00 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

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Wor. Marvin Lean, PM	Board Member	Bro. Carroll O. Dudley, III	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 May 10th, 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.

The board voted to remove the lower cabinets and install stainless steel tables. This part of the demolition will be some time in the next few weeks. This is being done to comply with health-code regulations as we continue to work towards a kitchen remodel. Thank you, Bro. Carroll O. Dudley, III for donating the tables that we are installing!

Brothers' Pasos, Parker, Rubsam and Perry have been working hard at making some changes around the lodge and dining room. The last work day we successfully hooked up and tested the projector, cleaned the glass above the Master, Sr. and Jr. Wardens signs in the lodge room, removed busted sound equipment, removed a battery from the emergency lights and retested the light. Thank you Bro. Rubsam for picking up the battery! We could always use more help, as Masons we know the benefit of many hands make light work, we could use your extra hands as we have lots of jobs to do! Thanks Again Brothers for all your work!

The new cleaning service is already making a big difference! The building is feeling much cleaner and is very noticeable in the restrooms! With that being said... these janitors are not there to clean up our messes, they are there for the general cleaning of the lodge. What does this mean? If you see a mess, clean it up, don't leave it for someone else to clean up. This after all is our lodge and we need to take pride in keeping it looking nice. It is not the Oak Plains Masonic Temple Association's responsibility to clean up after the tenants who are using coffee, sugar, creamer, etc... Please clean up after yourselves.

We are in the process of rewriting the rules for the kitchen, until then the stove will remain off and unusable until we get these rules published and out to the tenants.

The May 6th, Pancake Breakfast has been cancelled and will be scheduled to another day.

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

Bro. Pasos is in the kitchen for May! It is May and that means Cinco De Mayo! The Menu for the month is a Taco Bar and dessert! Meal tickets are \$10, make your reservation today! You can email Bro. Perry at oakplains789@gmail.com or call 916-622-7769. To save cost we are only making enough food for reservations, so don't delay, make your reservations today!



The May 6th Pancake Breakfast has been CANCELLED

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..



On the 4th Saturday of every month, these young men show up to help our Temple Board and Oak Plains #789 perform the monthly clean up. They help mow, pull weeds, paint and any other duties that need to be completed. 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 May, 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

May

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Howard Nielsen	11-May
Wor. David Meneley	12-May
Harry Fong	13-May
Earl Wynn	17-May
Michael Barnes	19-May
George Myers	28-May

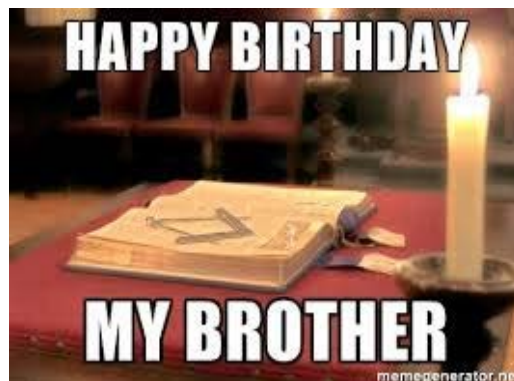


Master Mason Birthdays

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

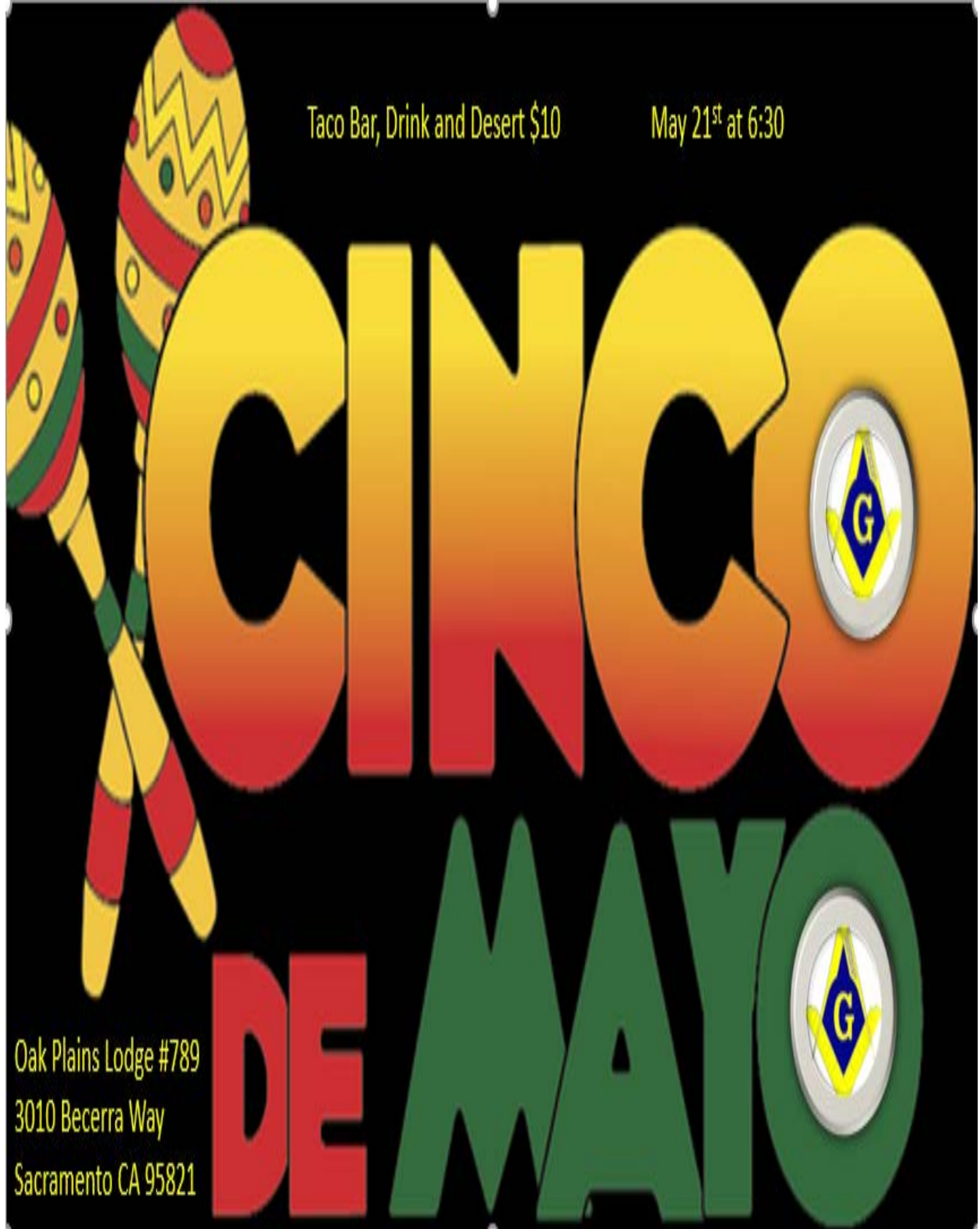
May

Name	Date Raised	Years
Michael Barta	05-13-1985	33
John Doolittle	05-25-1981	37
Francis Frates	05-05-1960	58
David Hake	05-18-1970	48
Bruce Huty	05-11-1981	37
Julius Morace	05-18-1965	53
John Pefley	05-21-1954	64
George Peterson	05-10-1976	42
J. Potter	05-04-1981	37
Edwin Widner	05-03-1999	19



Taco Bar, Drink and Desert \$10

May 21st at 6:30



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California's Masonic Pioneers

Saturday, June 9: San Francisco
Sunday, June 10: Long Beach - NEW LOCATION!

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John L. Cooper III, PGM
Brian Bezner, PM
R. Stephen Doan, PGM
Adam G. Kendall, PM



1863
Thomas Starr King Serves as Grand Orator of the State of California



1852
Benjamin D. Hyam Becomes Third Grand Master of California



1850
Grand Lodge of California Is Formed



1849
California Constitutional Convention Takes Place



Register today:
freemason.org/Symposium

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Oak Plains Lodge 789, **Dinners and Programs**, **Masonic Bithday**, Holidays in United States

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June

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