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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!

May is here and the cold weather is finally behind us! I hope you are enjoying these 80-degree days and the return of sunny days as much as I am.

Oak Plains is seeing things pick up with the voting in of a new candidate at our last stated meeting and there is word of some other degrees being “In the Pipe.” I would like to thank Bro. Eric Parker for the excellent job he and his family did on our stated meeting dinner last month. I would also like to thank Gerry Jones and Susan Parker for the

great variety of desserts we had at our dinner, thank you one and all!

I would also like to note that if you are a member of our Lodge and have not been out to experience our new Masonic Education series “Setting the Craft to Work”, you are truly missing out on a great experience to learn more about Masonry, where we came from, and what we believe. Last month’s discussion was about some of the symbolism in our degrees and Bro. Perry and Bro. Pasos did an excellent job of presenting the lesson and those who were in attendance had quite a lively and deep discussion about it.

This month in keeping with the theme I have established over the past three months about the Four Cardinal Virtues from the first degree, I would like to briefly discuss the fourth and final Cardinal Virtue, Justice. Justice is a term we use quite often here in our American Culture. Courthouses are referred to as Justice Centers, Justice is used as a man’s name, the word is even found in the closing of our Pledge of Allegiance, “With liberty and JUSTICE for all!” But what is justice? According to the First-Degree lecture, justice is “That boundary of standard of right which enabled us to render unto every man his just due without distinction.” Justice to me is the proper application of our laws where all people are to be considered equal, regardless of race, class, wealth, religion, sexual orientation, or any other classification which we as men may want to create. Basically, justice is that standard by which all people are to be judged.

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,

As we near the midpoint of this Masonic Year, it feels incredibly good to realize how fortunate we are as a Lodge. Brotherhood is its own blessing, and for Masons, the opportunity to teach and guide new Brethren is its own reward.

“Setting the Craft at Work” has been a great success. Last month we had an excellent discussion in the first and third degrees of Masonry. It was invigorating to have two Past Masters shed light on our discussions. Thank you both for your wisdom and willingness to give back to the Craft. We look forward to the continuous growth of our discussions and the opportunities we will have for guest speakers to enlighten the Craft in the future. Setting the

Craft at Work meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday and starts promptly after Officers practice at 8:30 pm; All Masons are welcome to attend. We hold proficiency practice studies every Monday except our Stated Meetings for all degrees starting at 5:00 pm and continuing until the Officers start their practice at 7:00 pm. Come out and join your Brothers as they move forward to make themselves and your Lodge a better place.

We voted on a new applicant, Mr. Rafael Peralta, and his first degree will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Your Officers will be working diligently to prepare for the upcoming degrees. Our Entered Apprentices are working on their proficiencies which will allow conferrals of additional Fellowcraft degrees soon. Our Lodge will continue to have an active degree conferral schedule. Other outstanding men have expressed interest in our Lodge and our Fraternity, and we anticipate additional petitions for degrees in Freemasonry and for affiliation. Our new petitioners represent an exciting new development in the history of our Lodge. Our long-term success as a Lodge depends on the energy of our perspective new members. They represent a broad range of ages, professions and interests. We look forward to learning more about them and providing opportunities for them to participate in Lodge activities. We look forward to new members assuming leadership positions in our Lodge. While the officers are at Labor, any of the members willing to help the Lodge can do so by learning a charge for one or more of the degrees and are encouraged to do so. Members are always welcome to participate in the degrees.

We are still looking to identify Brethren who would like to join the officers in 2020 and take part in propelling our Lodge to the next level. If you would like to be a part of the success of your Lodge, please call or email me. Our next 2020 planning meeting will later in the month of May, we want to utilize the information provided at the Master and Wardens’ retreat. We will be using the Lodge App to communicate dates and times for future events. If you have not already downloaded the App and need help, please reach out to any officer for assistance.

On The Level

Mauricio Pasos

## From The South

Bro. Mike Perry-Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren!

Wow where did April go? I found that I was out of the state for most of the month. I traveled to Guthrie, OK to attend the Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion Class for three days, what a great experience. I also got a chance to look around the city and visited several of the Lodges in the area and took some pictures of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge. I then traveled to Topeka, KS to visit my dad. I also had the opportunity to visit King Solomon's Lodge, which holds its meeting within the Grand Lodge of Kansas. What an experience to break bread with Brethren from another state. This was the first time I had experienced AF & AM Lodge and it was a great experience.

The April Stated Dinner was provided by Bro. Eric Parker and his family; The dessert was provided by Gerry Jones and Susan Parker! Thank you, the dinner was wonderful, and the dessert was even better! Thank you to Pasadena Elementary for attending our stated dinner and presenting about what makes your school different than a traditional school, Thank you!

Bro. Mike Perry and Mauricio Pasos will be in the kitchen this month! The meal is a Taco Bar and the dessert will be provided by Ms. Jada Pasos. June is Masonic Homes month and this month we will have Wor. Bro. David Anderson, 33° who is a Board Member at Acacia Creek Retirement Community and will be speaking about the community. 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](mailto: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>

It sure has been nice to see so many perspective candidates at our dinners in the past months. We had one perspective members at the last dinner. If you happen to see a new face at our dinner, please stop and say hello, they are probably a little nervous and could use a friendly handshake and conversation.

By The Plumb,

Bro. Mike A. Perry



**404<sup>th</sup> Masonic District – Stated Meeting Schedule**

**Oak Plains #789 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**  
Fellowship – 6:00 PM  
Dinner – 6:30 PM  
Meeting – 8:00 PM

**Natoma #64 -1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
Fellowship – 6:00 PM  
Dinner – 6:30 PM  
Meeting – 8:00 PM

**Inspector of the 404<sup>th</sup> Masonic District: Worshipful Joseph Juelch, PM**

**Temple Board**

Bro. Mike Perry	President	WM David Meneley	Board Member
Bro. Eric Parker	Vice President	Bro. Alex Vuckovich	Board Member
Bro. Mauricio Pasos	Treasurer / Secretary	Bro. Carroll O. Dudley, III	Board Member
Wor. Marvin Lien, PM	Board Member	Bro. Jason Kowing	Board Member

**The Temple Board Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM**

The next Temple Board Meeting is May 9, 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.

As many of you have noticed the new chairs are here and in place. They look great and have brought a much-needed face lift to the Lodge room. As with all new things we must take care of our investment. This means please do not slide them on the carpet and take care not to bang them around. We want to make sure our Lodge Room stays looking nice for all our organizations. We have noticed that the chairs are being left in the wrong places and the is often not put back in the proper order. Please make sure you leave the Lodge Room put together according to the diagram on the bulletin board. If you bring extra chairs into the Lodge Room, please remove them and put them away properly. If you add extra tables in the dining room for an event, please make sure there are 10 tables and no more set up according to the diagrams on the bulletin board and as posted by the kitchen door. The storage room is another place to pay attention to. Bro. Carroll Dudley spent considerable time arranging and straightening the storage area. Please make sure to leave that room as you found it.

There was not a Temple Board meeting in May due to the primary officers not being in town or sick. We will have to catch up in the May meeting.

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 Fraternaly,

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

Bro. Mike Perry and Mauricio Pasos will be in the kitchen this month! The meal is a taco bar to celebrate Cinco De Mayo. The Dessert will be provided by Ms. Jada Pasos. June is Masonic Homes month and to prepare for June, Wor. Bro. David Anderson, 33°, who is a Board Member from Acacia Creek Retirement Community in Union City, will be our guest speaker this month.

Meal tickets are \$10, make your reservation today, they are a **must!** You can email Bro. Perry at [oakplains789@gmail.com](mailto: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!



### **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 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. Please contact Wor. Jeff Askins [labdad2014@gmail.com](mailto:labdad2014@gmail.com) or Mother Advisor, Gloria Dobson, at (916) 208-1300 or [gdobson49@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 12:00 pm. If January 1<sup>st</sup> falls on the first Wednesday, then they will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. They are dark July and August. Contact Wor. Joe Juelch at (916) 225-9486 or email [joejuelch@yahoo.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## Birthdays

### May

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Michael Barta	05-13-1985	34
John Doolittle	05-25-1981	38
Francis Frates	05-05-1960	59
David Hake	05-18-1970	49
Bruce Huttly	05-11-1981	38
Julius Morace, Jr.	05-18-1965	54
George Peterson	05-10-1976	43
J.R. Potter	05-04-1981	38
Edwin Weidner, III	05-03-1999	20





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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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STUART A. WRIGHT

**Grand Master's Proclamation:**

**JUNE 2019 IS MASONIC HOMES MONTH**

***Freemasonry: The Difference Is You***

**Whereas**, since our fraternity's founding, Masons have pledged to support our brothers and their wives, widows, and children in their hour of need with food, shelter, a compassionate hand, an empathetic ear, and an open door; and

**Whereas**, for more than 100 years, our Masonic Homes has been a testament to fraternal devotion, providing compassionate, relevant, and critical services to Masonic families; and

**Whereas** that support endures through residential campuses in Union City and Covina, community relief from Masonic Outreach Services, Pr and mental health services from the Masonic Center for Youth and Families; now,

**Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim June 2019 as Masonic Homes Month in California.** I ask all California Masons to contemplate how each of you can make a difference for our Masonic Homes and its residents. I call upon all lodges to recognize the Masonic Homes at the June stated meeting by celebrating our impact and ensuring brothers know how to access these critical resources. Please share the Masonic Assistance line [(888) 466-3642] and consider visiting the Masonic Homes campuses or sending greetings from your lodge to the brothers, wives, and widows who reside there. Most importantly, please make a gift to the California Masonic Foundation to ensure that our legacy of fraternal relief will endure.

Our Masonic Homes were built upon the efforts of our forefathers who, like us, recognized the supreme importance of caring for the most vulnerable among us. Let us join together today to make a difference within our Masonic family by continuing their legacy of dignity and compassion.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright  
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou  
Grand Secretary

The 2019 Rod Crawford Memorial Youth Auction



# An Evening for the Senses

## Youth Auction

Benefitting four local youth groups, each focused on providing positive environments for today's youth.

**Saturday**  
May 11th

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**Masonic Hall**

1000 Duchow St.

Folsom, CA

*Information:*

916.798.0869

<https://tinyurl.com/y9dx983n>

Enjoy an evening of  
Art, Wine, Beer, Music and more

Chocolate tasting  
Hors d'Oeuvres  
Hand and Chair Massage  
Aromatherapy  
Live & Silent auctions  
Jazz entertainment

### Door Prizes

Tickets  
\$45

\$50  
At the door



# California Masonic Symposium 2019

## DeMolay: A History, Journey, and Legacy

**Saturday,  
June 1, 2019  
San Francisco  
Scottish Rite**

**Sunday,  
June 2, 2019  
Long Beach  
Scottish Rite**

In 1919 – 100 years ago – Bro. Frank S. Land created a Masonic club for young men. Its inaugural members named their newly minted organization after Jacques DeMolay, the last leader of the mysterious Knights Templar. Since then, DeMolay has grown into an international organization with more than 3 million alumni spread throughout the world and has inspired many great civic and Masonic leaders.

- Celebrate DeMolay's centennial anniversary
- Explore the fascinating history of our youth order for young men
- Witness a 1919 DeMolay degree exemplification



**Register today: [freemason.org/Symposium](http://freemason.org/Symposium)**

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## Key Dates

### May

- Natoma #64 Stated meeting and Dinner – May 2nd at 6:00 pm
- Rising Star (OES) Stated Meeting – May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Daughters of the Nile- Stated Meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
- Cinco de Mayo – May 5th
- Oak Plains Candidate Study Session – May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting – May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- An Evening For the Senses – Natoma 64 – May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
- Mother's Day – May 12th
- Oak Plains Candidate Study Session – May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer Practice – May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- "Setting the Craft to Work" – Masonic Education May 13th 8:30-9:30 pm
- Primrose #385 (OES) – Stated Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Ben Ali Shrine – Stated Meeting – May 14<sup>th</sup> at doors open at 5:00 pm
- Pasadena Elementary Buck-a-roo BBQ – May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Pasadena Elementary
- Natoma #64 Picnic at Folsom City Lyons Park - 11:30 – 3:00 pm
- Trestle Board Articles are due to the Trestle Board Editor – May 20<sup>th</sup> by end of Stated Meeting
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, Taco Bar – Masonic Homes Presentation, Cost \$10, please make reservations – May 20th – Dinner at 6:30; Meeting at 8:00
- 404<sup>th</sup> District Officers School of Instruction will be at Oak Plains- Working in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section– April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- No Officers Practice – May 27<sup>th</sup> – Happy Memorial Day!

