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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!

Well we have made it to November, plans are now centered around Veteran's Day and the imminent arrival of Thanksgiving. In our Lodges we are at that point in the year where it is time to look at what leadership we are going to have for the future and to plan for our 2019 calendars. As many of you know, I am not at the end of my term as Master, just merely at the midpoint as I am set for two years. I am confident in the officer's line and I have carefully put together for the next year and I am sure Oak Plains will continue to do great things for Masonry and our community! I would like to thank Mauricio Pasos, his family, and all those who helped put on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest. It was a great event and all those who

attended had a great time, thank you all!

This month we also have our general elections for our representation here in Sacramento and in Washington D.C. I am not sure about the rest of you, but I have a couple of big headaches over the downright brutality that this political season has thrust upon the voting populous. This lack of decency in our political discourse brings me to what I would like to address this month, Civility. Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia, PGM, wrote an extensive paper about civility a couple of years ago. Civility in our lodge rooms is one of the key elements that enables us to work as Brothers, despite different religious and political viewpoints. As Masons, we should strive to practice that civility outside the lodge room as well, no matter where we find ourselves. I know as your Worshipful Master, I strive to maintain a sense of proper decorum and civility as I see myself as the primary representative of Oak Plains Lodge. I trust that you all do the same, but it never hurts to remind us of how we are to conduct ourselves as Masons out in the world. I know right now that living in as divided a society as we find ourselves, that remaining civil when discussing sensitive subjects can be very difficult. But, if we do not set the example, who will? My Brothers, civility is the antidote to the severe mudslinging we are seeing in our political arena, let us be the ones to start the practice of it!

Well, that about wraps it up for now. As a quick final note, I would like to remind and encourage all Brothers to come out to our November Stated Meeting, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have one, if not the best, stated meeting dinners of the entire year, prepared by Mike Perry, Mauricio Pasos, and supporting family and friends! After dinner, will be our stated meeting where we will be electing our 2019 Officers, one of the most important duties we perform all year. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm as usual, be there or be square! I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the approaching holiday season. Take it easy and see you around the lodge!

## From The West

Wor. William Brewer, PM – Senior Warden



**From the West:** The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest military honor for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is bestowed by the President of the United States in the name of the U.S. Congress to U.S. military personnel only. To date, 3,515 Medals of Honor have been presented to 3,495 service men and to one woman. Nineteen men received two Medals – 14 of them for two separate actions and five received both the Army and Navy Medals of Honor for the same action. The Veterans profiled below are only one among those who have received the medal.

### **William Kyle Carpenter (Born October 17, 1989)**

Kyle Carpenter is a retired Marine who has been the youngest living service member to receive the Medal of Honor thus far for his actions in Marjah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan in 2010. Carpenter was the

youngest living Medal of Honor recipient at the time he received it. After enlisting in 2009, Carpenter was assigned to Fox Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines, Regimental Combat Team One, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division (Forward), 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On November 21, 2010, while joining his team to fight off a Taliban attack in a small village the Marines had nicknamed Shadier between two villages nicknamed Shady and Shadiest, he suffered severe injuries to his face and right arm from the blast of an enemy grenade, including multiple shrapnel wounds and the loss of his right eye. According to the official Medal of Honor citation:

Lance Corporal Carpenter and a fellow Marine were maintaining a rooftop security position on the perimeter of Patrol Base Dakota when the enemy initiated a daylight attack with hard grenades, one of which landed inside their sandbagged position. Without hesitation and complete disregard for his own safety, Lance Corporal Carpenter moved toward the grenade in an attempt to shield his fellow Marine from the deadly blast. When the grenade detonated, his body absorbed the brunt of the blast, severely wounding him, but saving the life of his fellow Marine.

In March 2011, the South Carolina Legislature passed a resolution recognizing Carpenter's service, noting that he "suffered catastrophic wounds in the cause of freedom" and "has shown himself worthy of the name Marine." Corporal Carpenter received the Medal of Honor on June 19, 2014.

It is with eternal gratitude that we remember and honor these gallant soldiers with our recollections of their service, sacrifice, and dedication this Veteran's Day: Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>.



**From The South**

Vacant-Junior Warden

From The South: Greetings Brethren!

We would like to take the time to mention our next couple of special events: November Stated Dinner, Oktoberfest and Movie Night at Oak Plains.

Thank you, Brother's Rafter and Palmyra, for helping in the kitchen last month, the meal was wonderful! I would like to recognize Brother Eric Parker's wife Susan and their son Jonathan Parker. Mrs. Parker and Jonathan cleaned up the dinning room, did the dishes, swept and mopped. Thank you so much, you saved me a lot of cleaning! I would also like to thank Mrs. Parker for baking the October, November and December desserts! Last month we had an epic Halloween Cake and table decorations! We can't wait to see what you have instore for us in the coming months.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oak Plains Oktoberfest was a huge success! We had over 60 people in attendance, thank you for your support! We played games, visited, and of course sampled the Four Craft Brews, with our custom mugs, that our own Brew Master's Bro. Enrique and Mauricio Pasos prepared for us! The mystery brew was a huge hit with the pilsner in a quick second! We have a few extra mugs for sale for \$15 each and we have a few 2017 mugs for \$10 each. If you would like a mug please contact [oakplains789@gmail.com](mailto:oakplains789@gmail.com).

The celebration time of year is upon us, this month is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prime Rib Dinner we will be whipping up a feast to celebrate the year we have had! This event is going to have all the fixings and trimmings to include another wonderful dessert prepared by Mrs. Susan Parker. The cost is \$25 per person, and reservations are **REQUIRED** to ensure we have enough food on hand. You can RSVP to Bro. Mike Perry 916-622-7769 or [Oakplains789@gmail.com](mailto:oakplains789@gmail.com) and Brothers of the lodge can make reservations on the Lodge App.

Movie night at Oak Plains will be November 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 pm and we will be showing National Treasure II, starring Nicolas Cage the rating of the movie is "G". The first movie night had 24 people in attendance, we sure would like to see more in attendance. There will be a donation jar set out to help us off set the cost of the food. We will be having pizza and drinks for this event. Bring the whole family and watch a movie with us on a 200" screen! This is sure to be a great time!

All these events are for you, the Brethren. This is your Lodge and we need your support for us to be able to continue to have these events. If you would like to suggest a movie, a dinner or event, please let us know. We are trying to create an environment which Brethren and their Family want to come to their Lodge and have some fun with each other. We look forward to seeing you at these events and you are missed!

Fraternally,

Brother Perry

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

<b>Oak Plains #789</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	<b>Bicentennial Daylight #830</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	<b>Natoma #64</b> -1 <sup>st</sup> 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 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	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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM**

The next Temple Board Meeting is November 8th, 2018. 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 a closed session starting at 7:00 pm.

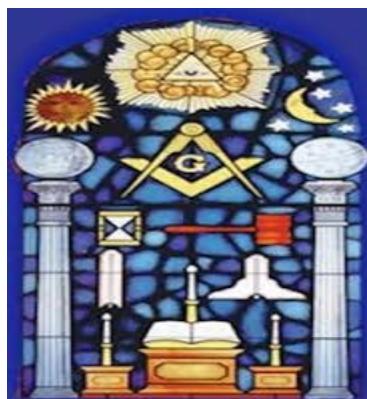
Phase 1 of the new security system has now been completed by ADT Alarms systems. There are new security procedures for getting into the building. If you have a key, but did not receive an email from me, please contact me immediately, [pmike2351@gmail.com](mailto:pmike2351@gmail.com) or 916-622-7769.

Phase 2 of the new security system will be installed in the coming months. This will consist of a new monitoring system and cloud-based building security. This system will be able to be accessed and monitored by the board members in the event of an alarm at the building.

Thank you all for your support and coming out to the Annual Tenants Meeting.

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 Perry and Pasos are in the kitchen for November! The Menu for the month is a Prime Rib Dinner, salad, bread & butter, dessert & drink! Meal tickets are \$25, 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!

## November Stated Dinner



- Prime Rib Dinner
  - Salad, Bread and Butter, Green Beans and Drink
  - Dessert –Provided by Mrs. Susan Parker
- Cost \$25
- Where Oak Plains starting at 6:30 pm
- State Meeting to Follow at 8:00 pm
- RSVP IS A MUST
  - [oakplains789@gmail.com](mailto:oakplains789@gmail.com)
  - Pay on the App
  - 916-622-7769

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. The 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday is reserved for advisory council and the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday is game nights. All Masons are welcome to attend all events. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m..

On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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 and August. Contact Jackie Bozeman at 916-200-8191 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, it is the month of November, if you have not paid your dues, please do so immediately! As a reminder, dues were due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

### **November**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Kenneth Mumma	03-November	Michael Barta	07-November
Jason Kowing	15-November	Kevin Sorbello	15-November
Eugene Bond	18-November	Michael Will	18-November
David Kerr	26-November		



### 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 November, Congratulations Brothers!

### **November**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Raised</b>	<b>Years</b>
Billy Bergan	11-02-1996	22
Eugene Bond	11-08-1965	53
Vincent Guarna	11-13-1989	29
Donald Hause	11-13-1995	23
Marshal "Scott" Henry, PM	11-14-2005	14
Marvin Lien, PM	11-07-1977	41
Billy Malone	11-29-1997	21
George Medlicott	11-26-1984	34
George Myers	11-18-1964	54
Howard Nielsen	11-23-1960	58
Alfred Patterson	11-11-1974	44
Scott Plotkin	11-28-2011	7
Charles Pratt	11-02-1966	52
Erwin Zacharias	11-09-1981	37





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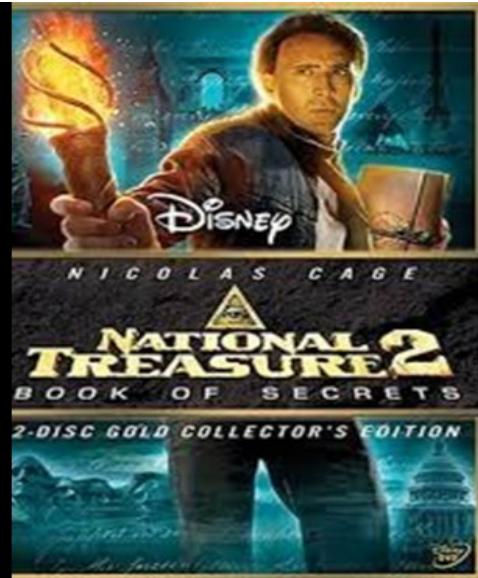


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## Movie Night at Oak Plains!

- "National Treasure 2 Book of Secrets" rated "G"
  - Bring the whole family
- When: November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.
- Where: 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento
- Cost: Donations accepted to offset the cost of the food.
- Food: Pizza and Lemonade, Iced Tea or Coffee.





Most Worshipful Brother Stuart A. Wright was installed as grand master of Masons in California on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to a year of growth and prosperity under his leadership, inspired by his theme: "Freemasonry... the difference is you."

#### **Grand Master's Biography**

A third-generation Freemason, Most Worshipful Brother Stuart Alexander Wright was raised a Master Mason in Henry Know-Westlake Lodge No. 392 (now Wisdom Lodge No. 202) on October 22, 1986. He served as master of the lodge in 1990 and in 1998 was presented with the Hiram Award.

Brother Wright has served the Grand Lodge of California in several capacities over the last 25 years. He served on the Insurance Committee from 1990-2014 and was the chairman for a total of 10 years. In 2011, he was appointed to Masonic Homes of California Board of Trustees and elected vice president in 2014. Brother Wright served as grand sword bearer from 2004 to 2005 for Most Worshipful Brother David R. Doan. He has served on each of the constitutional boards.

In addition to his service to his lodge and our Grand Lodge, Brother Wright has been very active in the concordant and appendant bodies. In 1988, he joined Al Malaikah Shriners in Los Angeles, where he served as potente in 2000. His service extended to the Imperial Shrine. He served on the Imperial Athletic Committee; as director general of the Imperial Shrine Convention, held in Anaheim, California in 2007; and as the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Shrine Hospital in Los Angeles for three years.

Brother Wright is a 33° inspector general honorary in the Pasadena Scottish Rite Bodies. He is a member of Signet Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons; Omega Council No. 11, Cryptic Masons; and Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 Knights Templar. He also belongs to Dr. Rob Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; St. Gabriel Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; the National Sojourners; and the Heroes of '76.

After a long career with the Insurance Company of North America, Brother Wright is the owner and president of Stuart A. Wright Associates Insurance Service. Brother Wright is an avid golfer and has enjoyed playing hockey for a number of years, including five years with the L.A. Senior Kings. He and his wife, Julie, live in Woodland Hills. They have five adult children and seven grandchildren.



## **Key Dates**

### **November**

- Natoma #64 Stated Meeting and Dinner – November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Stated Meeting – November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Work Day – November 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm – Contact Bro. Perry if you are coming
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Tenant Meeting – November 8th at 6:30 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting –November 9th at 7:00 pm
- Veterans Day – November 11<sup>th</sup> – all day
- Veterans Day observed – November 12<sup>th</sup> – all day
- Oak Plains Movie Night – National Treasure – November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, Menu is prime rib dinner, dessert and drink, \$25 please make reservations – November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – **RESERVATION REQUIRED**
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Stated Meeting – November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Officer's School of Instruction – November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Oak Plains

### **December**

- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Stated Meeting – December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Natoma #64 Stated meeting and Dinner – December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Jason Kowing's Third Degree (tentative) – December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Work Day – December 13<sup>th</sup> – Contact Bro. Perry if you are attending
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Meeting – December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – 8:30
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting – December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Trestel Board Articles are due to the Trestle Board Editor
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, menu is Tri-tip dinner, dessert and drink, \$10, please make reservations – December 17<sup>th</sup> – Dinner at 6:30; Meeting at 8:00
- Bicentennial Daylight Lodge #830 – Stated Lunch and Dinner at 11:30 am
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Stated Dinner and Meeting – December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>
- Officer's School of Instruction – December 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (tentative)
- Camellia Assemby of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (tentative)
- New Year's Eve – December 31<sup>st</sup>