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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!

October is here, time for fall, cooler weather, and pumpkin everything in the local stores and Starbucks! As we open this month at Oak Plains we are kicking things off with the passing of Bro. Jason Kowing on October 8th, hopefully you have plans to come out and support your officers' team as we advance Bro. Kowing to the 2nd degree of Masonry! After this we move on to one of the most important events of our Masonic year, Grand Lodge Annual Communication down in San Francisco on October 19-21. I am excited to get to go to this event representing our lodge for the third year in a row and my first as Master. This event is open to all Master Masons so if you have the time, feel free to come down and see your Grand Lodge in action. After Grand Lodge, we have another important evening coming up, our second annual Oktoberfest right here at Oak Plains on October 27th. I trust everybody has sold several tickets, I know I have been selling mine.

This month I would like to write about something all Masons should be familiar with, Masonic Charity. When one thinks about charity we tend to think about our many charitable causes like Masons for Mitts, Raising a Reader, the Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina, etc. Of course, all these great causes, but all feel like it pulls at our pocketbook. I am not saying that we should not give our money to charitable causes, but what about another resource that is a highly valued currency in today's world? I am talking about time. Going over and helping an elderly Brother work on his home is just as much and act of Masonic Charity as writing a check to Raising a Reader. Even going and visiting a Brother who is in the hospital or homebound and unable to go to lodge is an act of Masonic Charity. Charity comes in many forms other than cash, check or money order. In closing, keep your eyes open for ways to invest your time to help out a needy Brother, you never may know how greatly appreciated that hour spent helping a Brother out truly is!

As I close this article, I wanted to thank the officers of Oak Plains Lodge for keeping things running smooth in my absence during this past month. As many of you know, I work for the Department of Motor Vehicles and we have been in the news quite a bit lately and not in the best light. As part of the department's attempt to cut down the long lines and wait times they asked for volunteers from Headquarters to take on two-week assignments helping out at local field offices throughout the state. I volunteered to take an assignment after our August Stated Meeting. I was picked up two days after being put on the list and was sent to Corte Madera, about 15 minutes North of San Francisco on US 101. I did so well on my initial two-weeks that I was expanded out for an additional two-weeks, so I will be gone for four-weeks total when all is

said and done. My management, both at my home office and in Corte Madera, worked things out that I stayed in Sacramento to conduct the September Stated Meeting, it helps to have a manager who is a member of Eastern Star. Anyway, long story short, thank you everybody for keeping things running smooth in my absence. It is very likely that I may get sent out again and I am happy to know my officers' team, along with a couple of past masters, have things here under control and I can just check in by phone every now and then and focus on my job while I am gone. That about wraps it up for now, 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: Since last month we had a presentation on the Masonic Homes I thought it would be appropriate to write to you about the Masonic Homes available to our Brethren and Spouses.

These days, finding safe, affordable housing can be difficult in California. For older adults on a minimal income, it can be even tougher.

That's why Masonic Outreach Services has created the Shared Housing Program, an economical living option in Covina that supports our member's financial independence and well-being in a friendly, fraternal atmosphere.

Eligible members, wives, and widows aged 62 plus who are able to live independently, but who need affordable housing may apply for a private suite in these large homes. Each home has been renovated to

facilitate communal living while retaining private living quarters. Located on the campus of the Masonic Home at Covina, these lovely newly renovated homes include:

- Spacious private bedroom and bathroom suites
- Large shared living room with cable TV
- Common kitchens with new appliances and cooking utensils
- Furnished patio areas
- High-speed internet access
- On-site laundry and parking

The Shared Housing Program's homes can house up to 14 residents, each in private units with its own private bathroom. Shared spaces include kitchen, living areas and outdoor space, which encourages a more communal lifestyle and can fight feelings of isolation and depression.

Additionally, the safe, beautiful Covina campus offers opportunities to socialize with fellow Masonic family members and members of Destiny Lodge.

Single Masonic family members and married couples are encouraged to apply to this affordable community living program. Eligibility is need-based and limited to independent MOS clients, ages 62 plus.

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: Stated Dinner, Oktoberfest and Movie Night at Oak Plains.

Brother's Rafter and Pineo will be working in the kitchen this month! They will be preparing a Spaghetti Dinner, salad and dessert. Come out and have dinner with us! Cost is \$10, and RSVP is highly encouraged to ensure we have enough food on hand. You can RSVP to Bro. Mike Perry 916-622-7769 or Oakplains789@gmail.com and Brothers of the lodge can make reservations on the Lodge App.

The 2nd Annual Oak Plains Oktoberfest is just around the corner! The last one was a lot of fun with about thirty Brothers and friends celebrating! This year we are having a Corn Hole Tournament, Prizes, Food and our very own hand-crafted beer. Brother's Pasos & Perry are getting ready to start brewing in the next couple of weeks. Like last year there will be a new souvenir mug for you to take home! Mark October 27th on your calendars. RSVP's can be made to oakplains789@gmail.com, contact any Officer for tickets or Brothers of Oak Plains can RSVP and pay on the Lodge App. Tickets are \$30 each. Come on out and create memories with your Brothers!

Movie night at Oak Plains will be November 18th 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!

I am pleased to announce Oak Plains as reached a mile stone, for the first time we obtained 100% Officer Giving! Congratulations Officers!

Fraternally,

Brother's Pasos and 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

The next Temple Board Meeting is October 11th, 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.

Last month we conducted the Annual Tenants Meeting, we had over 30 people present and all Concordant Bodies present. We hope the meeting was informational regarding the state of the Temple and what we are doing to help sustain the temple on a long-term financial track. As a result, the Temple Board will raise the rates to tenants by 20% across the board to all tenants, except the youth groups, starting in January 2019. We are pleased to say, we have raised over \$120K that will go towards the kitchen remodel. We are working on having professional drawing and plans drawn up as I type this article. We are working to have several presentations by the architects and planners in the future.

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 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.

Brother's Rafter and Pineo are in the kitchen for October! The Menu for the month is a Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert & drink! Meal tickets are \$10, make your reservation today! 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!

October Stated Dinner

- Spaghetti Dinner

- Salad
- Bread
- Dessert
- Drink
- All for \$10!
- When: October 15th @ 6:30 pm
- Where: Oak Plains Lodge
- Stated Meeting to Follow

Thank you Brother's Rafter and Pineo!





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.

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 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 October, 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

October

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Timothy Beilby	01-October	Wilken Dannmeyer	01-October
Randall Beck	03-October	Robert Blohm	04-October
Carroll Dudley, III	04-October	John Nelson	07-October
Steven Rodriguez	11-October		

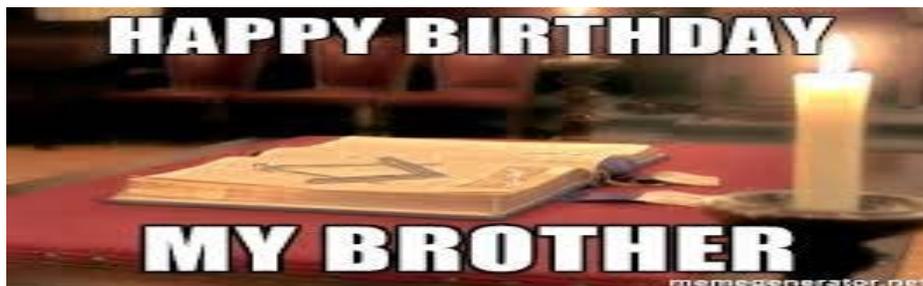


Master Mason Birthdays

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

October

Name	Date Raised	Years
Wilken Dannmeyer	10-22-1968	50
Brian Fourr	10-28-1985	33
Alan Manby	10-20-1948	70
Christopher Mumma	10-28-1991	27
Robert Schoenborn	10-05-1981	37
Jeffrey Tucker	10-01-1979	39
Kenneth White	10-27-1965	53
Richard White, PM	10-28-1996	22



Oak Plains Oktoberfest 2018



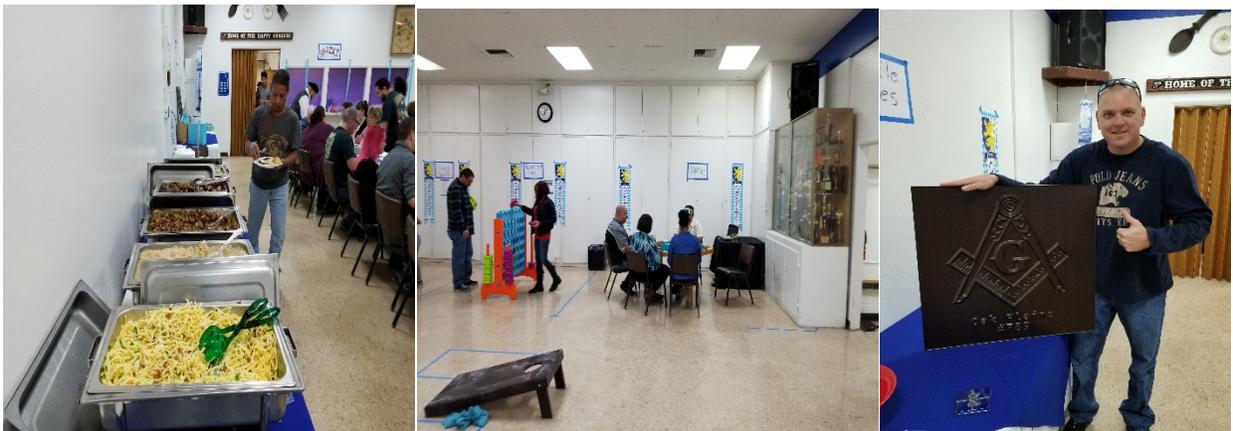
October 27th, 2018 3:30pm to 8:30pm

\$ 30 per person

Come enjoy great music, fellowship, food and beverages!

For tickets call Bro. Mauricio Pasos 916-218-9224 or Purchase your tickets on the Lodge App.

Come join us, All are welcome...





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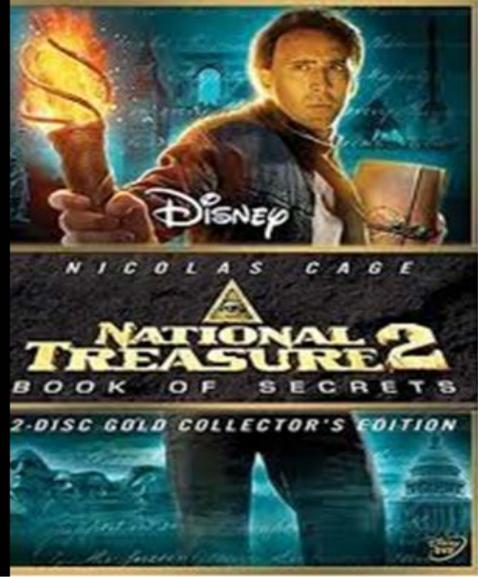


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Movie Night at Oak Plains!

- "National Treasure 2 Book of Secrets" rated "G"
 - Bring the whole family
- When: November 18th 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.



Key Dates

October

- Jason Kowing's Raising to the Degree of Fellowcraft – October 8 at 7:00 pm
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Dinner – October 3rd at 7:00 pm
- Natoma #64 Stated Meeting & Dinner – October 4th at 6:00 pm
- Columbus Day – October 8th – All Day
- Oak Plains Masonic Building Association Tenant Meeting – October 11th at 6:30 pm
- Camellia Assembly of Rainbow Girls Stated Meeting –October 12th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, Menu is Spaghetti, dessert and drink, \$10 please make reservations – October 15th at 6:30 pm
- Widows Luncheon with Bicentennial – October 16th at 11:30 am
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Stated Meeting – October 17th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officers Practice – October 22nd at 7:00 pm
- Officer's School of Instruction – October 24th at 7:00 pm at Natoma
- Oak Plains Oktoberfest – October 27th 3-8 pm RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST COST \$30
- Oak Plains Officers Practice – October 29th at 7:00 pm
- Halloween – October 31st – All Day

November

- Natoma #64 Stated Meeting and Dinner – November 1st at 6:00 pm
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – November 5th at 7:00 pm
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Stated Meeting – November 7th at 7:00 pm
- Oak Plains Work Day – November 8th 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 11th – all day
- Veterans Day observed – November 12th – all day
- Oak Plains Stated Dinner and Meeting, Menu is prime rib dinner, dessert and drink, \$25 please make reservations – November 19th at 6:30 pm – RESERVATION REQUIRED
- Robert L. Wade Chapter of DeMolay Stated Meeting – November 21st at 7:00 pm
- Thanksgiving
- Oak Plains Officer's Practice – November 26th at 7:00 pm
- Officer's School of Instruction – November 28th at 7:00 pm at Oak Plains