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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!

We have made it to October and one can find pumpkin spice everything everywhere. The weather is starting to cool down which is nice too. Things at Oak Plains are going right along. We are a few days from our 3rd annual Oktoberfest; this event will be Sunday, October 6 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$40.00. Feel free to contact any lodge officer to get yours if you still need them. Tickets can also be purchased online at EventBrite. This event is bound to be a great success as it has been for the last couple of years!

This month I would like to write about something I know I have written about before, but after 20 trestle board articles I am bound to repeat myself. This month I would like to write about Brotherly Love. We are taught to exercise brotherly love on the night we are initiated. I know some of you have expressed the idea that the brothers in the lodge are your “3 am friends”, that you would trust them with any of your possessions and around the most important people in your lives. That trust is brotherly love in action. Remember that by the practice of brotherly love, we are being truly Masonic in our lodges. Also, when that love is strong between the brothers, it shows to prospective candidates and visitors. I believe at Oak Plains we are definitely doing well in how we are practicing brotherly love. Keep up the good job brethren!

Well, that about does it or now. Take it easy and see you around the lodge!

Upon the Square,

Worshipful Meneley



From The West

Bro. Mauricio Pasos– Senior Warden



Brethren,

As we enter the last quarter of the 2019 Masonic year, I look back and could not help but feel proud and contented with the way our Lodge members have come together to work towards a common goal of moving forward and keeping our Lodge active and busy. Remember harmony is the strength of our Lodge.

October starts our catapult for our 2020 year with annual communications starting on the 18th -20th. Please contact our Master, Wardens and W.B. Joe Juelch P.M. to discuss your input for carrying the Oak Plains vote. Note that election of officers is around the corner at our November stated meeting; your presence is needed to nominate and elect your 2020 Officers. Installation of Officers will be December 8th

2019 starting at 3:00pm, so mark your calendars and come out and join in the festivities and ring in a new year as your lodge moves into a new decade.

We had a new face at our stated dinner. I hope all of you had the opportunity to meet Mr. Aram Pitakyan. Please make sure you make an effort to meet new faces at dinner, it could be your smile that can help them through their day. We have an applicant going through the investigation process and we hope to have all of his paperwork back by our October stated meeting.

“Setting The Craft at Work” continues to enlighten us. September’s discussion led us to discuss a section of an article by Brother Manly Hall 33% Mason “The Master Mason”. This was one of the most in depth conversation we have thus far. Look forward to other as such. Setting The Craft at Work meets every 4th Monday and starts promptly after Officers practice at 8:30 pm; all Masons are welcome to attend. We hold proficiency studies every Monday except our Stated Meetings for all degrees starting at 5:00pm and continuing until the Officers start practice at 7:00pm.

Harmony, as we all know, the strength of a lodge is dependent on it and which we all are striving for. Achieving it could be a challenge for everyone and most particularly the Master and the officers of their lodge. We all know that each individual member is different in many ways, features, dispositions and character. But in our craft we are taught to deal with indifferences by following certain rules, which when it is implemented and followed would lead us to the right path. By applying these, it will lead us to promote good fellowship among the brethren and that you will never hesitate to go a foot and out of your way to serve a brother. And when you are offering your adoration to the ever living God, you will remember the welfare of your brother as your own; that you will keep the secret of your brother as your own when given to you in charge as such. That you will be ever willing to stretch forth a helping hand to raise a fallen brother and lastly that you will whisper good council in his ear gently admonishing him of his errors and in the most friendly manner endeavor about to bring about a reformation.” Brethren, by adhering to these standards, good fellowship and Harmony we will continue to see and feel. May the GAOTU protect and guide us thru our endeavors to make us "As One."

On the Level,

Bro. Mauricio Pasos

From The South

Bro. Mike Perry-Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren!

It seems like yesterday I was putting together the September Article of the newsletter and now I'm writing to you about October. It has been good getting back into the swing of things and seeing My Brothers on a regular basis again! I would like to take a second and recognize Brother Eric Parker on his first successful Trestle Board Edition! Brother Parker updated and made the Trestle Board his own and I think he did an outstanding job! Thank you again My Brother for stepping up and helping with the Trestle Board and keeping our Brothers informed!

The September Stated Dinner was provided by Brother Mauricio Pasos, Brother Perry, thank you, the dinner was wonderful, and the dessert was even better! A note of thanks goes out to our Stewards Jason Kowing and Jed Parker! Thank you to the cleanup crew Mrs. Jerry Jones, Eric Parker, Alex Vuckovich, Jed Parker, Dave Finch and Jason Kowing. I'm sure I missed a few who helped so if I missed seeing your contribution, thank you.

Thank you Brother Enrique Pasos for your great presentation for Constitution's Month! We are working hard to bring back a monthly program and you my Brother set the bar very high! Thank you again for the time it took to research, write and present your paper! As I mentioned in the September Stated Meeting, communication is key. Please make your reservations for dinner. At the last stated dinner, we bought food for 30 people and had 18 shows up and only two Brothers make reservations. We had massive amounts of food left over, this not only wasteful, it is a waste of money. Please help make our dinners more successful by reserving your place at dinner. We have lots of ways of communicating our intentions of coming to dinner. The Lodge App, Facebook, email and a phone call. Please help the Lodge and the Junior Warden not waste food and save money. Thank you!

The October Stated Dinner will be provided by Wor. Meneley and his family. The dinner will be a spaghetti dinner with all the fixings. Dessert will be provided by Mrs. Susan Parker. The cost of the dinner is \$10. Please make your reservations today at Oakplains789@gmail.com, on the Phone App or on Facebook!

This last dinner we had one new perspective member and Brother Bill Gaede visited us from Drytown Lodge No. 174. It is so nice to see these men in our Lodge and at dinner! Don't forget Oktoberfest on October 6th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and you can buy them from one of the members, on the Lodge App, or on Eventbrite. The flyer is a few pages back in this month's Trestle Board.

By The Plumb,
Bro. Mike A. Perry

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	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 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM

The next Temple Board Meeting is October 10, 2019. There is an open forum for tenants starting at 6:30 p.m. The Temple Board will go into the Hall Association Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

September was the month of meetings and planning within the Temple Board. This is month where we look at the financials and compare the previous year to year to date. We looked at our projects that we have in progress and what we have completed. The Temple Board agreed by vote to increase the rental rate of the building to \$288 per meeting starting in January 2020 for tenants of the building or \$72 per hour for tenants. This will continue to bring our building closer to operating in the black. We have been operating at about ten thousand dollars in the red for several years. These increases in rental rates are making up for all these years. If projections are right, we will be close to a balanced year in 2020.

As many of you know, we have been working hard to make the dining room look very nice and clear the way for outside rentals. The overall goal is to rent the dining room to the public. The rates for non-masons are \$860 per day. This could be a significant increase in the income stream for the Hall, which in turn, means more money for the Lodge. Once we are in the black and we have consistent outside tenants, the plan is to be able to reduce the amount of rent from the Masonic Bodies. So how can you help? If you know of someone looking for a room to rent for a wedding, church services, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous; etc... please let one of the Temple Board Members know! This is our Lodge and we all have a vested interest in the success of our building and Lodge. Failure to do so could impact our dues as Blue Lodge Masons as the Temple Board adjusts to make the Lodge Profitable. The Temple Board needs your help!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

The Oak Plains Masonic Hall Association

Sweetheart Corner

Sweethearts,

Should you ever need assistance, please call the Master of the Lodge.

Dinner Reservations

The October Stated Dinner will be provided by Wor. Meneley and his family. The dinner will be an enchilada dinner with all the fixings. Dessert will be provided by Mrs. Susan Parker. The cost of the dinner is \$10.

Please make your reservations today at Oakplains789@gmail.com, on the Phone App or on Facebook!



Oktoberfest 2019



Come and Enjoy Food, Games, Fellowship, Drinks, Beer Tasting and Music. Souvenir beer glass comes with all adult tickets.

Sunday October 6th 2019

Starts at 3:00 pm

Ends at 7:30 pm

Contact Brother Pasos at 916-218-9224

or any Oak Plains Brother.

\$40.00 for Adults---Comes with a tasting glass

\$20.00 for those under 17---Sorry No glass



Concordant Bodies Meeting at Oak Plains Masonic Center



Camellia Chapter International Order 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.



Rising Star Chapter #36 Order of the Eastern Star

The Rising Star Chapter of Eastern Star meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821 on the 1st Friday of every month. 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.

Primrose Chapter #385 Order of the Eastern Star

The Primrose Chapter of Eastern Star meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center, 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento CA 95821 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. For information Contact the following officers: Worthy Matron Cathy Solem 916-205-1496, Worthy Patron Phil Solem 916-203-9930, Worthy Associate Patron Joseph Juelch 916-225-9486



Sacramento Court #85, Amaranth

The Sacramento Court #85, Amaranth, meets at the George A. Primrose Masonic center, located at 3010 Becerra Way, Sacramento, CA, 95821 on the 2nd Saturday of each month, starting at 2:00 pm.



Daughters of the Nile

The local chapter of The Daughters of the Nile meet at the George A. Primrose Masonic Center located at 3010 Becerra way, Sacramento, CA, 95821 on the 1st Saturday of each month, from 10am until 4pm.



Name

Timothy Beilby
 Wilken Dannmeyer
 Randall Beck
 Robert Blohm
 Carroll Dudley, III
 John Nelson
 Steven Rodriguez

Birthdays

October 1
 October 1
 October 3
 October 4
 October 4
 October 7
 October 11



Master Mason Anniversary

Name	Date Raised	Number of Years
Wilken Karl Dannmeyer	October 22, 1968	51
Brian Fourn	October 28, 1985	34
Alan Manby	October 20, 1948	70
Christopher Mumma	October 28, 1991	28
Robert Schoenborn	October 5, 1981	38
Jeffrey Tucker	October 1, 1979	40
Kenneth White	October 27, 1965	54
Richard White, PM	October 28, 1966	23

The Pledge Of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

I - "Me, an individual, a committee of one."

Pledge - "Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity."

Allegiance - "*My love and my devotion.*"

To the flag - "Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!"

of the United - "That means that we have all come together."

States - "Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country."

And to the Republic - "*Republic. A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people*"

For which it stands, One Nation under God - "One Nation, meaning 'so blessed by God'"

Indivisible - "*Incapable of being divided.*"

With liberty - "*Which is freedom -- the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.*"

And Justice - "The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others."

For all. - "For All. Which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine."

Notes from the Secretary

Brothers, your dues are severely past due, please take care of your 2019 Dues ASAP, they are \$145.00!

2020 Notices will be going out after Annual Communication!

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.





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Important Message from the Grand Master

Grand Master Wright has a number of important announcements to communicate with your lodge this month. Please read his message aloud at your stated meeting and encourage brothers to participate in upcoming events and initiatives.

Dear Brothers:

Mid-summer is upon us, and for many of us, that means taking a break and enjoying the sunshine. As always, traveling around the state and meeting brothers and families keeps us busy, and Julie and I are always impressed by how vibrant our fraternity is. Here are a few items coming up that I wanted you to know about.

- September's **Lodge Open House month** is fast approaching. Please reach out to the Grand Lodge Communications team for help marketing your event. They will support lodges committed to having an Open House in September with an online ad campaign, designing ads for you to place, copy for your website, and signage for your hall, if needed.
- For those of you in the North, save the date for the Masonic Home's "End-of-Summer-Fest" on Saturday, September 21. This free, fun event is family-friendly and is a great way to enjoy our Masonic Home.
- The **Communications Awards** have launched! I encourage lodges to enter their exceptional communications efforts. This year, we have a new category – Public Relations. Please enter your good work! Lodges will be recognized at this year's Annual Communication on October 18-20. I hope to see many of you there.
- September 2019 is Constitutional Observance Month. Please read my **proclamation** on Freemason.org and consider how you can champion the U.S. Constitution in your lodge.

Thank you for all that you do. Remember, the difference truly is you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master

CC: Masters, wardens, secretaries, treasurers, inspectors



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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



Upcoming Events

Oct. 2 nd	Oak Plains Executive Planning Meeting		Becerra Way 7:00 pm til 8:30
Oct. 5th	Daughters of the Nile Stated Meeting		Becerra Way 10am til 4pm
Oct. 7th	Oak Plains Lodge	Proficiency & Practice	Becerra Way 5pm til 9pm
Oct. 8th	Primrose, OES	Stated Meeting	Becerra Way 7pm til 9pm
Oct. 10th	Temple Board	Tennant's Q&A	Becerra Way 6:30pm
Oct. 14th	Oak Plains Lodge	Proficiency & Practice	Becerra Way 5pm til 9pm
Oct. 15th	Scottish Rite	Stated Meeting	6151 H. St. 6pm til 9pm
Oct. 21st	Oak Plains Lodge	Stated Mtg & Dinner	Becerra Way 6pm til 9pm
Oct. 25th	Camellia Ass. IORG	Stated Meeting	Becerra Way 7pm til 9pm
Oct. 128th	Oak Plains Lodge	Proficiency & Practice	Becerra Way 5pm til 9pm



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