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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!

It is now September and another Sacramento Summer is winding down. I hope that everyone has had a fun, productive summer. I know I have been very busy over the last couple of months. For those of you who didn't know, my husband and I are at the very end of the process of buying our first home together. As a result, my weekends have been filled with sorting and packing for the big move which, as of the time I am writing this, is only a couple of weeks away.

Of course, I have been busy doing my duties as Master of the lodge as well. Back at the end of July, we had a double 2nd degree for Bro Engellener and Bro Bellamy. Both brothers are now hard at work on their proficiencies and will hopefully be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason before the year is over. Also this summer as a change from being totally dark for dinners at July and August stated meetings; we have had an informal potluck meal each month. I would like to thank everyone who participated in making these meals a great success!

This month I would like to touch on something that both the double degree and the potlucks got me thinking about; being present. As we all have heard you get out of Masonry what you put in it. Being present for lodge events is investing yourself in the life and activity of your lodge. I personally try to make it to every event that the lodge has, not out of a sense of obligation, but because I know that I am going to have fun with a group of men that I call my brothers. I look forward to every practice, degree, meeting, and meal because I know I get to spend time with many of you reading this. If you do not make it out to many of our events, you are truly missing out. I would encourage all of you to try harder to make it to our events we plan as a lodge. As you all know, I am big on fellowship and we are trying to incorporate more of that into our time together. We have had a few brothers come back to us after being gone for quite a while. If you are reading this and you are not sure about coming back to active status, remember our doors are always open to you.

Well, that about wraps it up for now, besides I still have boxes to pack, ha ha. Take it easy and look forward to seeing more of you around the lodge!

Upon the Square,

Worshipful Meneley

From The West

Bro. Mauricio Pasos– Senior Warden



Brethren,

I hope this finds you enjoying the end of your summer and looking forward to the fall and a return to labor. That's not to say that Friendship hasn't been at labor this summer, but there has definitely been a sense of summer relaxation about all of our assemblies, from the 2 stated potlucks we had, to the summer barbeque at my place, and the double 2nd degree we held for Brother 's Engellener and Bellamy just weeks ago. There have been many opportunities to enjoy fellowship with our brethren, and I thank everyone for everything they have done to make all of that happen.

As we wind down 2019, it is amazing to see how different our lodge has become. Anytime you lose a brother and gain new Masons it changes the dynamic ever so slightly. Let's welcome back Worshipful Brother Gene Olson and Brother David Finch. I would also like to thank Brother Eric Parker for becoming our Trestle Board Editor and Brother James Moore for taking on our Social Media Apps. A BIG Thank You to the Officers, Past Masters and Brethren who help make our Lodge function. It is good to see Brothers coming together for the better good of Masonry.

We currently have multiple new prospects attending our stated dinners. Please make sure you make an effort to meet each new person as one day you may be voting them into your lodge. It is imperative that he is first a friend before he becomes your Brother. We had 1 new application read at our September Stated Meeting and there are a several Brothers working towards their next degree. Keep up the good fight.

"Setting The Craft at Work" continues to enlighten us. Our last topics came from our Table Lodge in June and lead us into discussions about the Saint Johns. 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. 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. Come out and join your brothers as they move forward to make themselves and your lodge a better place.

And now, the focus is on getting back to work! As this year is coming to an end and my sights are on the East. I'm looking forward to working with our current Worshipful Master, our Past Masters and next year's Officers to plan a successful year! It is a long and at times difficult journey, but I would not trade my experiences for anything. So, with this summer almost behind us, let's get back to work and meet ...

On the Level,

Bro. Mauricio Pasos

From The South

Bro. Mike Perry-Junior Warden



Greetings Brethren!

We have been busy! As I reflect on the summer and how fast time flew by! I realized while on vacation how much I missed seeing the Brethren of my Lodge. I have become accustomed to seeing the Officers every week and some of them a couple of times during the week. I missed the coaching sessions with my candidates and the coaching I receive from my different mentors. I missed being in the quarries with everyone! We have been busy over the summer! We have passed two Brothers onto their Fellowcraft Degree and the officers had fun working to put on this degree! We have a couple of Brethren working hard to be passed and raised and we look forward being part of this huge step!

In June we had our second annual St. John the Baptist Festive Board! If you missed this event you missed a great time! The dining room was decorated to the hilt! We had some smoke and lighting effects, some great decorations and great food! But most of all we had a great time with some great men and their ladies! All the smoke, lights and production are great but our members and their guests are what made the event so much fun! We got a little silly and had some fun poking fun! Our guest speaker, Most Worshipful Sorsabal, PGM, delivered a great speech that hit home to our Brethren! We also got to say farewell to Fred and Marlene as they prepared to move to Idaho. Thank you again for supporting our Festive Board!

The June Stated Dinner was provided by Brother Mauricio Pasos and 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, along with Brother Moore for serving the dinner and huge thanks goes out to Mrs. Rosa Pasos, Mrs. Ana Peralta and Mrs. Perry for helping with the clean up after the meal, thank you!

July and August we tried something new, we had food during the dark months of July and August! We put on a potluck style dinner at each meeting! This was a lot of fun and it was nice to continue to eat together as a group! Thank you all for bringing in the dishes, they were yummy!

We also had Lodge BBQ at the Paso's house in July! We BBQ'd hot dogs and hamburgers, played games, told some great stories and went swimming! The best part of the event was coming closer together as a Masonic Family! Thank you, Brother Mauricio and his Lady Rosa, for opening up your home to us and being excellent hosts!

It sure has been nice to see so many perspective candidates at our dinners in the past months. We had five 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.

Having these new perspective members brings me to question our 1st Degree... Met at the Door as Friends, and later became a Brother. Like the Senior Warden says, it is important that we know the men who are applying to our Lodge. There is nothing more discerning than hearing a person's name read in the Lodge and looking around and watching the faces of the Brethren, all having the inquisitive look and silently asking themselves "who is Mr. ABC?".

This is a two-sided opportunity, as Masons, we have the duty to introduce and become familiar with Mr. ABC. We can take them to coffee, dinner, lunch, or simply a walk in the park. The goal is to find out if this person fits our lodge, our group of men, our vision, our goals and most of all do they fit into our ancient and honorable fraternity. The other side lies with the perspective member. It relies on them to also take the initiative to get to know us, our lodge, our families, and friends. It also teaches them to wait a time with patience and not be in a hurry.

One of the three key objectives of Masonry is having true lifelong friends. True friends are more than just a person who a person meets once or sees them casually at the one stated dinner. They are 3:00 a.m. friends; the friends you call every day, a couple of times a day or several times a week, the friend who is there for you and you for them. It is the missing practice or a meeting and feeling like something was missing from your day or week. There is nothing like getting a huge smile and a brotherly hug! Friendship is what makes Masonry great and special.

As we are taught very early in Masonry, "Wait a time with patience..." We must not be in a hurry and we need let the friendships form in and out of the Lodge. Then, and only then, we should bring our friend into our Fraternity. We should all be excited for the day of an Entered Apprentice Degree, because we are initiating our friend. We are passing our friend and we are raising our friend whom after became a Brother!

I share this because I have experienced this with my Brothers in the Lodge. I was so excited to see Brother's Parker and Kowing be initiated, passed and raised. I was so excited to see Brother's Moore and Peralta on their initiation day! I have gotten to know these men on a personal level and consider them my 3:00 a.m. friends. These friendships have formed over many conversations over lunch, dinner, and coffee, coaching sessions or parking lot conversations. I encourage you to become 3:00 a.m. friends with the prospective candidates and share in the excitement of seeing these men go through the degrees in Masonry! I know for me, it is easy not to attend a degree of a person I don't know, but is really hard to miss a degree of a friend; to be present on his special day, and share with him the beauty of our Ancient Craft!

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 September 12, 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.

The June and July Temple Board meetings were very busy, and we have several more projects starting in the coming months. First, the exterior of the lodge building has been repainted, along with the interior of the dining room. Have you seen the new flooring in the dining room yet? We believe it and the new paint greatly enhances our dining area. Also, you will notice many church pews in the dining room. These are the replacements for the chairs in the lodge room. We will need to have them recovered and cut to fit in the lodge room. We are shooting to have these installed by the end of the summer.

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 & 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 Reservations

Brother RJ and Ana Peralta will be in the kitchen this month! The meal is a taco dinner with barbacoa beef and chicken tacos, rice and beans. The cost of the dinner is \$10. Reservations are necessary to ensure we have enough food on hand to feed everyone.

Kindly RSVP by Thursday, September 12th. Please contact 916-622-7769 or 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>



Prince Hall Freemasonry



"The Prince Hall Story" & Research Presentation



Saturday, September 28, 2019

From 5pm until 8:30 pm

1000 Duchow Way, Folsom, CA 95630

Hosted by GOLDEN COMPASSES RESEARCH LODGE

<https://princehallfestiveboard.eventbrite.com>

September 28th is quickly approaching and we need to get a head count for this important event. Can you please respond to me or Brother Frank Udvarhely (copied on this email) with your RSVP as soon as possible?

If you would like to pay by check you can send it to me directly, made out to GCRL, at 1980n Driftwood Circle El Dorado Hills, 95762. Brother Frank can also provide you a link to Eventbrite if you prefer to RSVP and pay in that manner.

This will be an interesting event so please share with your brothers at Blue Lodge and encourage attendance. If you haven't seen the flyer I have attached it along with a letter.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

David Lagala, Master
GCRL

Oktoberfest 2019



Come and Enjoy Food, Games, Fellowship, Drinks, Beer Tasting and Music. Comemoprative 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



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 3rd 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 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.



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.

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master

Masonic Lodge of Saint John, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September Events

Sept. 7 th	Dry Town Lodge	50 year pin celebration	Plymouth, CA	10am til 2pm
Sept. 7 th	Daughters of the Nile	Stated Meeting & dinner	Becerra Way	10am til 4pm
Sept. 9 th	Oak Plains Lodge	Proficiency & Practice	Becerra Way	5pm til 9pm
Sept. 10 th	Primrose, OES	Stated Meeting	Becerra Way	7pm til 9pm
Sept. 12 th	Temple Board	Tennant's Q&A	Becerra Way	12pm til 4pm
Sept. 16 th	Oak Plains Lodge	Dinner & Stated Meeting	Becerra Way	6pm til 9pm
Sept. 17 th	Scottish Rite	Stated Meeting & Dinner	6151 H. St.	6pm til 9pm
Sept. 23 rd	Oak Plains Lodge	Proficiency & Practice	Becerra Way	5pm til 9pm
Sept. 27 th	Camellia Ass. IORG	Stated Meeting	Becerra Way	7pm til 9pm
Sept. 28 th	Camellia Ass. IORG	Installation of Officers	Becerra Way	2pm til 10pm
Sept. 29 th	ROSALYN LITZZA	CELEBRATION OF LIFE	Becerra Way	10am til 6pm

"Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic."

Theodore Roosevelt, MMM

26th President of the United States of America

Notes from the Secretary & 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 & Raising Anniversaries

July

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdates</u>	<u>Raised Date</u>
Mike Allen Perry	9 th	06/12/2017
Alan Bruce Manby	12 th	10/12/1948
Coleman Hill Dukes	17 th	01/27/1997
Mauricio Jose Pasos	22 nd	08/24/2015

August

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdates</u>	<u>Raised Date</u>
David Oliver Mc Reynolds	8 th	09/12/1983
Bruce Charles Huty	10 th	05/11/1981
Joseph Lee Juelch, PM	10 th	03/26/1984
Edward Alvarez	12 th	04/30/1973
Abelardo Cervantes Alvarado	14 th	07/28/2003
William Teasdale Reed	16 th	03/03/1975
Jack Kuihelani Gephart	21 st	02/06/2006
Philip Glen Richey	23 rd	01/25/1982
David Lawrence Comstock	31 st	04/29/1985
Richard Law Plehn, PM	31 st	03/23/1970

September

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdates</u>	<u>Raised Date</u>
David W. Mc Nabb	4 th	06/24/2004
Scott Phillip Plotkin	5 th	11/28/2011
Jeffrey Wayne Askins, PM	8 th	02/10/2003
James Benny Grier	8 th	08/09/1982
Charles William Carmody	10 th	01/26/1998
Matthew Wayne DeVilbiss	12 th	01/26/2017
Jedediah Lee parker	18 th	12/10/2018
Gerald Francis Hoff	20 th	09/13/1982
Donald Williams Hause	25 th	11/13/1995



Brethren, thank you for your continued support of the Masons4Mitts Program. On August 26th, I had the pleasure of joining the Grand Lodge of California and the team captains of Masons 4 Mitts at a San Francisco Giants Game. Northern California raised \$84,612 or 4,230 mitts for kids in the Jr. Giants Little League. The Sacramento Cyclones raised \$13,280 or 664 gloves for kids. My travels took me to 29 lodges from Elk Grove to Red Bluff and Union-Tehama 3 to Penryn Gold Hill and also included five Prince Hall Lodges. You all helped me more than quadruple the amount of money raised in the Sacramento Region from last year and we raised three times the amount of money than the last three years combined. Way to go Sacramento Cyclones!

Bro. Mike Perry
Sacramento Cyclones Team Captain





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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

Enrich your understanding of Masonic history. Develop a new skill to help your lodge excel. Learn from seasoned Masonic leaders - or share your expertise with a new generation. Lifelong learning is the mark of a great leader - and a great Mason.

- **Annual Communication:** Our largest annual membership event unites brothers from throughout California for statewide business and fellowship.
- **Leadership Retreats:** Annual retreats for lodge officers and inspectors provide targeted training for each office.
- **Lodge Management Certification Program:** Held each summer, these helpful courses address the unique management and administrative responsibilities of today's lodges.
- **Public Schools Month:** Each April, lodges throughout California celebrate and raise awareness for the importance of public education.
- **SummerFest and HarvestFest:** The Masonic Homes hosts two annual events to celebrate Masonic fellowship: SummerFest, in Covina, and HarvestFest, in Union City.
- **California Masonic Symposium:** Each year, the California Masonic Symposium addresses a topic of historical and philosophical relevance to Masonry.
- **UCLA Annual International Conference:** The Grand Lodge of California co-hosts an annual conference with the Freemasonry and Civil Society Program at the University of California, Los Angeles. The events are always open to the public.

"Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more."

Mark Twain, M M

St. Louis Polar Star Lodge #79

