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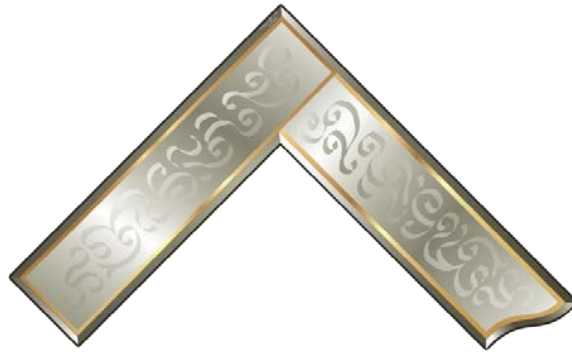
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Oak Plains Lodge F&AM #789 Vision Statement:

To create a strong and viable Lodge made up of men who have a strong desire to practice together the principles of Freemasonry, ensuring that 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.

2017 Committee Chairmen and Members

Audit	Rene Burghgrave, PM
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Communication Chairman	Mike Perry
Assistant Secretary	(Vacant)



From The East

Welcome all to 2017 and our new Trestle Board!

As I start my third year as Master of Oak Plains Lodge #789, I want to thank everyone for their continued support. I am very proud of the growth and positive changes I have seen take place over the last few years; none of which would have been possible without everyone's hard work and dedication. I am fortunate to be surrounded by some of the best officers in Masonry and they continue to exceed all expectations on a daily basis.

My goal for this year is to grow and foster the brotherhood by providing the tools and opportunities for everyone to exceed in their own personal Masonic journey. I and the officers of Oak Plains have many exciting things planned for this year and hope that you will join us in the adventure. I invite everyone to bring their family and friends to one of our outstanding masonic dinners held on the third Monday of every month. If at any time you find yourself unsure of what is going on in the lodge, be sure to check out our new Facebook page, or our new website. It is here! Our new smart phone app, so everything Oak Plains will fit in the palm of your hand! Please see the technology portion below for downloading instructions.

Finally, I want to give a big thank you to Brother Mike Perry for taking on the role of communications chair and helping to modernize the way we connect.

I look forward to seeing returning faces this year and hopefully many new one's as well.

Fraternally,

M. Scott Henry, WM



From The West

Greetings Brethren!

Spring is here, the days are getting longer, and our lodge has been buzzing with activity. Last Saturday, March 25th, was our 15th annual Crab Feed which was a huge success. The food was great as it always is thanks to our cooks, Dave Groza, Don Black, and Steve Brown. The Rainbow Girls out did themselves at the dessert table and serving alongside the Job's Daughters. I also would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all the brothers who pulled together to make this event happen. The biggest thanks should go to Carroll Dudley, Lodge Treasurer and event chairman. Carroll has spent many hours planning and prepping for the Crab Feed and all that effort paid off last Saturday night. Our dining room was packed to capacity with people having a great time. I got up and circulated around the room several times and got nothing but positive feedback. Well done one and all!

Right after our Crab Feed, on Monday March 27th, we had a double second degree for Bro Eric Parker and Bro Mike Perry. Our officers team worked hard practicing for this degree and they did an excellent job. This was the first multiple degree Oak Plains has performed in a couple of years. I would like to point out in particular the great job our Senior Deacon, Justin Rubsam, did conducting our new Fellowcrafts through the second section of the degree, keep up the great work Justin!

With these two events and how well they went, bring me to the next goal I would like to propose for 2018. I would like to see more brotherhood events at lodge. We do a good job at our big fundraiser and our degree nights, but how about getting together as a lodge to go to the movies, go out to eat somewhere, or go shooting at a local rifle range? I would like to see us as a lodge come up with some activities we can do outside of the lodge. Having some outside activities would also be a great way to introduce prospective masons to members of the lodge. If you have any ideas for an activity you would like to see us have, feel free to approach me at any meeting or degree nights. As I have said in previous articles, Oak Plains is your lodge all ideas are welcome here. Well, that is about all for now, take it easy and see you around the lodge!



From The South

My Brothers,

I was very pleased when Worshipful Scott Henry, PM asked me to serve this year as your Junior Warden. From the “meridian height” of my Station, in the South, it is very clear that this year is going to be a memorable one for the Lodge, and it should be for you as well.

How is that you may ask? Well by becoming involved in your Lodge and in its affairs. First ask the question, how can I serve? You may say, I really don’t have time to join the Officer’s Line; what else can I do? One of the most rewarding things I have done, since becoming a Master Mason, is coaching candidates in the ritual of our Degrees and assisting them with their Masonic journey. Being a candidate’s coach not only assists a Brother in becoming a “true Brother among us” but it strengthens our own personal Masonic values as well. Now there is the Temple Board. There is, as defined by the Board’s Board By-Laws, a fixed number of individuals who can actual sit as Board Members. But, that does not mean you cannot actively support their efforts. The Temple Board regularly schedules “Temple work days.” They are announced at our Stated Meetings and through other devices. Many hands can make the work load lighter, easier and move along faster. Contact our Chaplain, Worshipful Gene Olson, PM, or our Treasurer, Carroll Dudley, III, and ask how you can help. Volunteerism is an extremely self-actualizing and rewarding activity for one to engage one’s self in. Masonic Lodges cannot survive on the collection of Membership dues alone. How they survive is by various fund raising events and activities. Our annual crab feeds assist us in making our most serious financial obligations; most notably our annual Grand Lodge per capata fees and Lodge liability insurance. But, for some of the “nice things to have” we are always scrambling for the required funds.

Our Junior Deacon, Brother Mauricio Pasos, is in the planning stages for an October Fest fund raiser in the fall. Again, this event is in the planning stages right now, but when he is ready to implement his plan, I am sure extra assistance will be necessary. Contact Brother Mauricio and tell him that when things start to materialize you would like to help in any way you can.

I am on the email list for Placerville Lodge No. 26’s Trestleboard. This month their Junior Warden, Brother Mark McCusker, included the following in his submittal:

Challenges for the True Mason

by William Arthur Ward

I will do more than belong – I will *Participate*

I will do more than care – I will *Help*

I will do more than **believe** – I will *Practice*

I will do more than be **fair** – I will be *Kind*

I will do more than **forgive** – I will *Forget*

I will do more than **dream** – I will *Work*
I will do more than **teach** – I will *Inspire*
I will do more than **earn** – I will *Enrich*
I will do more than **give** – I will *Serve*
I will do more than **live** – I will *Grow*
I will do more than be **friendly** – I will be a *Friend*
I will do more than be a **citizen** – I will be a *Patriot*

I am sure you have heard many times: "Masonry makes good men better." Through service to our Brethren and to our Lodges we will indeed be enriched and made better Masons and men.

Junior Warden

Bill Brewer, PM



Sweetheart Corner

Once again to remind our Sweethearts: should you need assistance please give a call to the Lodge Master, Jeffrey or myself, Jeffrey's number is 916-208-1628.

Please come to a dinner we have such great food and at least one whole table of sweethearts shows for every dinner. YOU are always welcome.

Until next time,

Jeffrey Wiech

Warren Masonic Widows

Outreach 916-208-1628

In Memoriam

- Brother Robert L. Barta – March 6, 2017 – 95 Years, 2 Months and 17 Days.
- Brother Hollis D Brown – March 12, 2017 – 100 Years, 5 Months and 21 Days.
- Brother Stephen M. Sharp – March 18, 2017 – 82 Years, 4 Months and 26 Days.

"Let us be happy for our dear friend, because he is now with our Heavenly Father. We all know that he will always be here with us, shining on us, and looking over us forever. God bless." - Author Unknown.

Visitors

Oak Plains has had visitors over the last few months! It is nice to make new friends and share our lodge with other Brethren for different lodges. Thanks for coming and hope to see you in the future.

January	February	March
Richard Davis – Stockton	Joseph Julech, 404 th District Inspector	No Visitors
Charley McDonell - Ferndale	Richard Davis – Stockton	
James Jackson – Harding San Juan #579		
Kamyil Asse - Pomona #246		

ROBERT L. WADE - DEMOLAY BOYS:

Brothers! You are cordially invited (and encouraged) to attend the events our lodge's very own, Chapter of DeMolay. DeMolay typically meets for dinner every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, with 4th Wednesdays reserved for DeMolay Advisory Council meetings. 5th Wednesday evenings are typically held as DeMolay game nights. Masons are welcome to all events, and all events typically start at 7pm.

Technology

The lodge has been working hard to develop a couple of new technologies and update the Facebook Page.

Website:

The new lodge website is www.lodge789.wpfreemason.net, this website is powered by Wordpress and was developed by Grand Lodge of California web development team. This website is first class all the way. It serves two different purposes. The first being new and perspective members, the first couple pages explains what Masonry is about and who we are and some of the rewards of being a Mason, to include friendship, brotherly love, self-improvement and the way we have an impact in the community.

The second purpose, serves us the members and guests of Oak Plains Lodge #789. This website is updated all the time with pictures of events, a social calendar, and Masonic News feeds from The Grand Lodge of California and Oak Plains Lodge #789. This also has pictures of the 2017 Officers, the Trestle Board and any pertinent information of upcoming events. We are adding a Paypal link that will allow you to pay your yearly dues, set up a dues payment plan and to be able to pay for dinners and special events right from your computer or tablet.

Facebook / Instagram:

Did you know that Oak Plains has a photo album on Facebook where you can find pictures taken

at many of our events? You can view the album online at any time by visiting:

<https://www.facebook.com/OakPlains789/>. Facebook is Oak Plains' primary mode of social interaction. We invite you to become a friend and follow us at: [@OakPlains789](https://www.facebook.com/OakPlains789/) this website has been a buzz lately with photos, updates on the crab feed, initiations, installation of officers, and special award presentations to members of the lodge. This technology also allows us to create events of the lodge. Recently this is the spot to find out what's for dinner at the stated meeting, you can even send us a note or RSVP for the dinner. This will allow us to make sure we are buying the correct amount of food for stated dinners.

Instagram is a new addition for the lodge. You can follow us at oakplainslodge789, this is a brand-new venture for us and is sure to be a cool way to see photos and short videos of the different functions of the lodge. This is truly an exciting time to be part of the lodge as we continue to grow these technologies and membership.

Lodge Phone APP:

Talk about something cool, Oak Plains is getting their very own app for your smart phone. Grand Lodge and in partnership with Grouphead, have made it possible to have our very own phone application. I have been working very hard to get the information to them by the end of March and hopefully will be available to everyone by the time this trestle board is being read by you all. I will send out the instructions to you all via an email and mailing once I have the finished product. This application will mirror the website, but wait there is more! We are adding a Paypal link that will allow you to pay your yearly dues, set up a dues payment plan and to be able to pay for dinners and special events right from your phone!

Installation instructions:

- Step 1: From your smartphone or tablet, click this link to install the personalized app:
<http://ourapp.link/oak-plains-789>
- Step 2: Allow installation. For iOS devices: Open Settings > General > Device Management > Grand Lodge of California. Tap Trust on the next screen. For Android devices: Open Settings, select Security or Applications (depending on device), and check the Unknown Sources box. Install the package by exposing your notifications (swipe down from your status bar), and tapping to install the package.
- Step 3: The app will send you an email with a link that you must click on to confirm that your address is valid.
- Step 4: Once you have confirmed your email address, open the app again, and it will prompt you to complete your profile, by adding a photo and other information, if you wish. From then on, the app will open up directly – no log-in required.

This is awesome, I for one, never carry cash, but I always have my phone!

WIFI in the Lodge:

We have WIFI in the lodge! Brother Justin Rubsam worked very hard to help us bring the lodge to a more moderate state. Thank you, Brother Rubsam!

EMAIL ADDRESS:

All brothers are welcome (and encouraged) to send articles for publication in the Trestle Board! Please send any and all suggestions or articles to Bro. Mike Perry at pmike2351@gmail.com. The previous issue of our Trestle Board was sent out via e-mail and is available on the Internet through Oak Plains Lodge's website <http://lodge789.wpfreemason.net>. A paper copy was mailed.

to those who requested it.

NOT RECEIVING THE TRESTLE BOARD?

If you (or a brother you know) are not receiving the Trestle Board and should be, please let me know at my email address: pmike2351@gmail.com and we will correct that. Also, if you have a spam filter, please allow e-mail from oakplains789@gmail.com. If you have a chance to look us up on the Internet, you can find us Online at <http://lodge789.wpfreemason.net>

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES:

Please join us in congratulating each of the Brothers who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this month:

HAPPY MASONIC BIRTHDAY!!!!

March

		Date Raised	Years
Michael	Barnes	3/23/1998	19
Karl	Houtman	3/25/1992	25
Joseph	Juelch, PM	3/26/1984	33
Robert	Lyons	3/28/1988	29
Richard	Plehn, PM	3/23/1970	47
William	Reed	3/3/1975	42
Kevin	Sorbello	3/18/1986	31

April

		Date Raised	Years
Edward	Alvarez	4/30/1973	44
David	Comstock	4/29/1985	32
Carroll	Dudley, III	4/3/1972	45
Maury	Hicks	4/25/2012	5
David	Jenks	4/26/2004	13
George	Koch	4/1/1968	49
Barry	Lloyd	4/2/2001	16
Aaron	Miller	4/10/2006	11
Jason	Rafter	4/8/2013	4
Steven	Rodriquez	4/2/1996	21
William	Stoner, Jr.	4/14/1969	48
Alvin	Swanson, Jr.	4/17/1951	66
Earl	Wynn	4/22/2013	4

May

		Date Raised	Years
Michael	Barta	5/13/1985	32
George	Bliss	5/24/1971	46
John	Doolittle	5/25/1981	36
Francis	Frates	5/5/1960	57
David	Hake	5/18/1970	47
Bruce	Hutty	5/11/1981	36
John	Klacking	5/1/1967	50
Eric	Kultti, Jr.	5/11/2015	2
Julius	Morace, Jr.	5/18/1965	52
John	Pefley	5/21/1954	63
George	Peterson	5/10/1976	41
J.	Potter	5/4/1981	36
Edwin	Weidner, III	5/3/1999	18

June

		Date Raised	Years
William	Brewer, PM	06/12/1968	49
Ronald	Britt	06/29/1971	46
Randall	Burghgrave	06/27/2005	12
Richard	Davis	06/02/1997	20
Richard	Fiechtner, PM	06/26/1975	42
Harry	Fong	06/07/1982	35
Richard	Maffi	06/27/1959	58
David	Mc Nabb	06/14/2004	13
Robert	Monge	06/07/1971	46
Kenneth	Mumma	06/22/1979	38
Johnathan	Stanley	06/06/1994	23
Alexander	Vuckovich	06/26/1978	39



Brethren! Please save the date and celebrate our fraternity's commitment to public schools and literacy.

[Friday April 28, from 8:30-9:15a.m. at Jefferson Elementary School, 2001 Pebblewood Drive, Sacramento, 95833.](#)

Grand Master John Heisner will be here to celebrate our successes in promoting our philanthropy and recognizing our support of Raising a Reader. Bring a couple of brothers with you and let's make this a grand show for the community.



Common questions about **Masonic Senior Outreach**

888/466-3642 | masonichome.org

What is Masonic Senior Outreach?

We offer **free** assistance to senior's age 60 and older, connecting you with the services and resources you need to stay healthy and safe at home or in your home community.

What kind of services do you provide?

We tailor services to each client's needs and preferences.

- Information and referrals to community-based senior services and resources
- Financial assistance and care plan, for those who need financial support
- Ongoing care management, including regular visits and telephone contact, to assess financial situation and health or medical condition

What services am I eligible for?

For all services, you must be age 60 or older.

- **Even if you don't have a Masonic affiliation:** You can receive information and referrals by calling 888/466-3642.
- **If you are a California Master Mason in good standing, or his wife, widow or mother:** You may also apply for case management.
- **If you are a California Master Mason in good standing for five consecutive years or more, or his wife or widow (or in extraordinary circumstances, mother):** In addition to the services above, you may be eligible for financial support.

If I receive financial assistance, do I have to repay it?

Only if you have the financial means to do so.

I have more questions. Where can I find answers?

Call Masonic Assistance at 888/466-3642 or visit masonichome.org

Masonic Assistance | We support and serve the whole family

Call 888/466-3642 for information about all our support services.

YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS:

An important reminder:

You're entitled to the following support services no matter where you reside – whether in California or out of state.

Member 60 years or older and in good standing for five consecutive years, or his wife or widow:

1. referrals to senior care providers, financial assistance, and/or care management in your home community, provided by Masonic Senior Outreach
2. admission to a Masonic Homes of California continuing care retirement community, located in Covina and Union City

Member of any age and degree level:

3. help dealing with family issues, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, and other challenges, provided by Masonic Family Outreach

Contact Masonic Assistance at (888) 466-3642 or **masonicassistance@mhcuc.org** for information and support.

Some other member and widow benefits:

- Monthly lodge Trestle Board
- Inclusion on lodge phone tree and mailings
- Bimonthly California Freemason magazine
- Access to the Member Center on freemason.org (members only)
- Masonic funeral or memorial service (members only, at the request of family)

Contact the Secretary of your lodge with any specific questions or concerns.

For general information, contact Grand Lodge at 415/292-9180 or memberservices@freemason.org.

Visit masonichome.org for information about all of these support services.

TEMPLE BOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP:

Every fourth Saturday, brothers of our lodge come together at 9am to work on keeping up the temple building. It's a lot of work keeping things clean and in working condition, but many hands make for light work and your hands are needed to take some of the weight off those that have cleaned, repaired and improved the building we all use for Masonic meetings. Clean Up Days are held only once per month, so please do consider coming and donating just a few hours of your time toward keeping our building presentable and worthy of our meetings.

The Temple Board, chaired by Bro. Carroll Dudley, meets on a monthly basis, and welcomes input from the Brethren on the status of the Temple. Feel free to contact Brother Dudley (his contact information is on the Roster of Officers on page 2 of the Trestle Board) should you have any questions or concerns, or if you wish to attend a meeting of the Temple Board or assist in the maintenance of the grounds or the building. Thank you!

CONSTRUCTION IN FRONT OF LODGE:

There will be construction of a sidewalk in front of the lodge starting sometime between April 6th, 2017 and December 2017. A huge kudos to Gene Olson, PM & Chaplin, Brother Olson has worked tirelessly for several years with the county to have a sidewalk put in on Becerra Way, Gene searched through the county plans and drawings of Becerra Way and found a foot note dating back to the early 1900's stating the county was going to indeed install a sidewalk on Becerra. Gene's tenacity saved the lodge an estimated thirty-thousand dollars in out of pocket construction costs. Way to go, Sir! Thank you!

APRIL

26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Alvin Swanson - George Koch - Jeffrey Tucker - Trestle Board Article
2 Barry Lloyd - Steven Rodriquez -	3 Carroll Dudley III - 7pm - Officers	4	5	6	7	8 Jason Rafter -
9	10 Aaron Miller - 7pm - Officers	11	12	13 Thomas Jefferson's	14 William Stoner -	15
16 Easter Sunday	17 6:30pm - Stated	18	19	20	21	22 Earl Wynn - Masonic 9am - Lodge Clean
23	24 7pm - Officers	25 Maury Hicks -	26 David Jenks -	27	28	29 David Comstock -
30 Edward Alvarez -	1 Jeffrey Tucker - John Klacking - 7pm - Officers	2	3 Edwin Weidner III - Stephen Sharp -	4 J. Ptter - Masonic	5 Francis Frates -	6

MAY

Oak Plains Lodge 789, Contacts, Dinners and Programs, Masonic Bithday, Officers,
Holidays in United States

May 2017 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Jeffrey Tucker - John Klacking - 7pm - Officers		Edwin Weldner III - Stephen Sharp -	J. Ptter - Masonic	Francis Frates -	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	7pm - Officers		George Peterson -	Bruce Hutty - Eric Kultti, Jr. -		Michael Barta -
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day	6:30pm - Dinner and 7pm - Officers 8pm - Stated		Earl Wynn's	David Hake - Julius Morace, Jr. -		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
John Pefley -	7pm - Officers		George Bliss -	John Doolittle -		9am - Lodge Clean
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Memorial Day 7pm - Officers					

JUNE

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Jun 2017 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Jeffrey Tucker - Richard Flechtner, Trestle Board Article	Richard Davis -	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7pm - Officers	Johnathan Stanley -	Harry Fong - Robert Monge -				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
William Brewer, PM 7pm - Officers		David Mc Nabb -				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day	6:30pm - Dinner and 7pm - Officers 8pm - Stated			Kenneth Mumma -		9am - Lodge Clean
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Alexander 7pm - Officers	Randall Burghgrave Richard Maffi -		Ronald Britt -		Jeffrey Tucker - William Huty -