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LIVING UP TO OUR OBLIGATIONS

A message about "radical sense of kindness" from
Worshipful Gotos & finding ways to assist our
brethren from Bro. Secretary Moore

Cover: Esteemed Brother and Hiram Award Recipient
John C. Pozar, right, poses with grandson John P. Pozar
after the latter's initiation into the Craft.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to all the brethren and families who helped put on (and had fun at) our 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Party. In between corned beef and libations, I had a moment to look around the room and one word came to mind: home.



One of the things that will measure our success as a Lodge is whether or not we truly treat Morning Star as our second home - and ultimately - whether we treat each other as our second family. I think we do a good job at that.

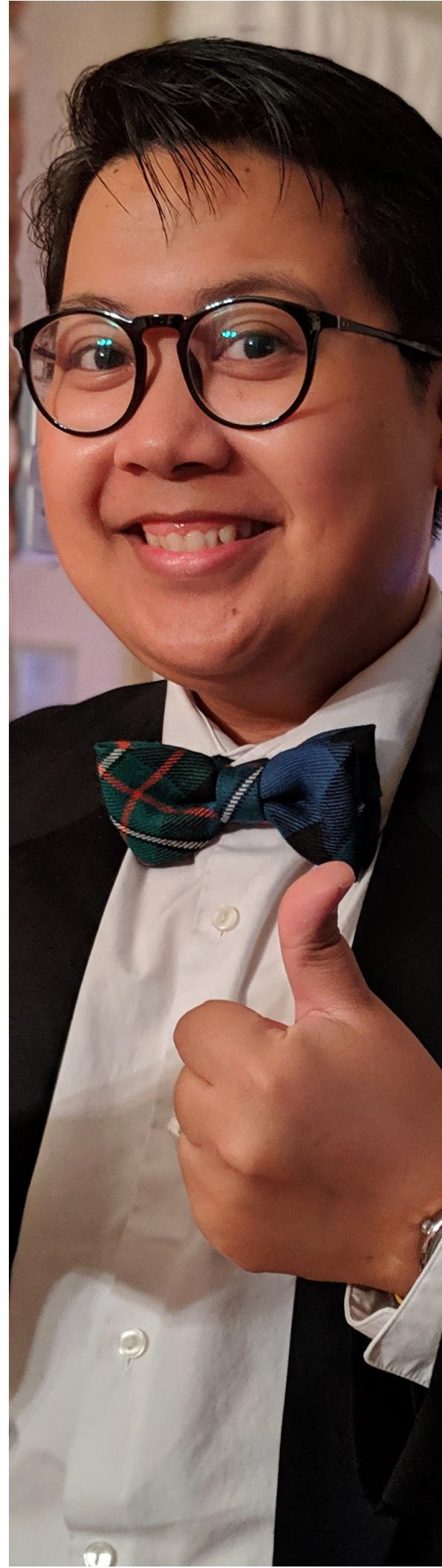
In fact, that welcoming attitude isn't just something we show to each other. Many visiting brethren are swept up in the feeling that they have known us for many years, even though it may be their first visit. Prospective brethren echo the same sentiment when they meet us for our Stated Meetings or at Stonecutters Club.

I am proud to be known as a member of Morning Star, a lodge that as one visiting brother remarked is "The friendliest lodge in the whole state." That visiting brother is now himself an affiliated member of Morning Star Lodge.

However, it is not enough for us to exhibit this kind care, love, and protection to those who attend our meetings. We must ever keep in mind our brethren who we haven't heard from in a while. For whatever reason, whether it be because they are getting up in years, don't have a ride to lodge, or are just anxious about returning, let us each and every one resolve to fulfill our oaths, find solutions, and welcome these brethren back HOME.

As a personal pledge, if you need a ride to Lodge, feel free to call me and I will drive you myself @ 209-210-2785. There are dozens of brethren who are ready to do the same.

With the approach of spring and the promise of renewal, let us approach our duties as Masons boldly and with a radical sense of kindness. Everyone else seems to think Morning Star's a little unusual - might as well make them right.



From the West

Bro. James Linnerman, PM

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

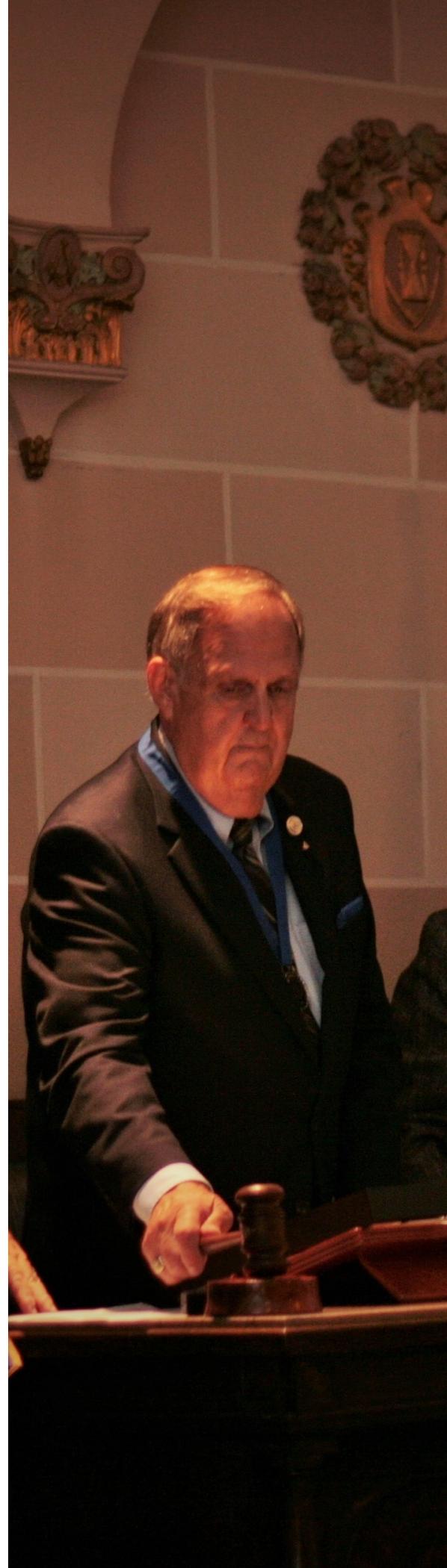
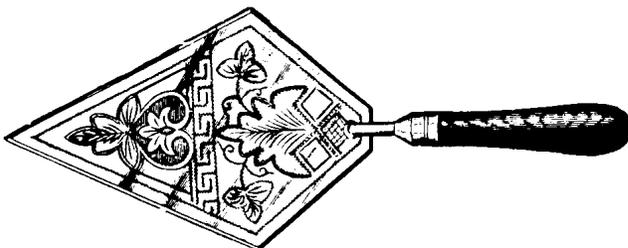
The spring is a time to reflect and express thanks and gratitude for the blessing we have received, as the fruits of our labors and encourage us to continue. The



generosity of the Great Architect is among us. Try to give relief to those less fortunate and unable to care for themselves.

The Daughters of Boaz is our “Widows” group. They meet the second Sunday of each month at U.J.’s Restaurant. February the Master and several Brothers visited and enjoyed the company of the ladies. The ladies inquired if there would be a return of the Brothers, as they enjoyed the mutual exchange of conversation.

Finally, the Rio Grande River, the Great Wall of China, and the 38th parallel are all borders that separate men from other men, yet, Masonry knows no such demarcation. On a Masonic level, we are able to interact with others around the world without regard of such transitory borders.





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Greetings From the Secretary's Desk,

Usually, I write something in this column about paying your dues or some other special event that is coming in the near future. I don't see the value in that this month.

This past month Morning Star has lost two brothers who were over 90 years old. Collectively, they had 135 years of Masonic experience. As I reflect on this fact, I was also stunned to learn that Morning Star has lost 13 brothers to the Great Architect during the period of July 1, 2018 to the present. Thirteen (13) brothers that we cannot learn from. Thirteen (13) Brothers who have taken their Masonic history with them. Quite honestly, I think that this is tragic.

What is even more tragic than losing our brothers? The fact that we did not know that we were losing our brothers. Prior to the loss of one brother the Lodge received notice that he was in a bad way and about to leave us. From the point that we learned of his imminent death to learning of his passing roughly an hour had passed. We learned of his extremely poor health not from a brother of our Lodge. From a Lodge in Southern California!! Let me repeat that in case you missed it...from a lodge in Southern California! That my brothers is a tragedy!

I'm not pointing this out to make us feel bad. I am pointing this out to have each one of us look in the mirror and ask ourselves. How can we fix this?

When I speak to new brothers, I often remind them that

when they took their obligation we did too by and through the Worshipful Master who was kneeling at the altar with them. How far does the obligation go? Does it go to a social setting? Perhaps small talk at the Lodge Bar B Que? My Brothers it goes deeper than that. It means that we take care of our brothers in good times and bad, and that includes their widows and orphans.

Currently, Morning Star has a total of 284 Members, and 148 widows. The average age of the member of Morning Star is a little under 63 years of age. That means that roughly half of the members of Morning Star are above the age of 63 years old. Our widows are probably within the same age range. These are our Brothers who are perhaps living on a fixed income, no longer moving around like they used to, and certainly shouldn't be on ladders. They need our assistance.

Now that this tragedy is before us and not lurking in the shadows it is time to mobilize. How do we resolve this issue? We each must look within ourselves and ask. Is this way I want my parents treated? Where is Masonry that my father or mother swore to me was so special and good? Where are they? Let us contact our most vulnerable Brothers and their widows and offer to change their vent filters, or smoke alarm batteries. Check in on them so that we can take care of them. Now is the time.

Finally, in conclusion. Pay your dues!!!

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary of Morning Star



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

The Chapter Rose Croix has several events throughout the year that it is responsible for. One of the most important is the observation of The Remembrance and Renewal ceremony, also known as the Extinguishing and Re-Lighting of the lights. It is in its simplest terms, a celebration of the gift of life. Quoting from the Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite, "The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, including the Mystic Banquet, is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates the spirit of both days."

The evening begins with the Mystic Banquet and then is followed by the ceremonial team extinguishing the candles, followed by the officers of Rose Croix remembering the Brethren we've lost this past year. The team then reappears, expressing their hope in the future as the lights are re-lit. It is truly an impressive event.

I hope you can join us this year. The ceremony is observed on Maundy Thursday which this year is April 18th. Dinner reservations are required. Reservations are not required for the ceremony.

The officers and members are proud to share this special day with each other, and in spirit, with thousands of Masons and their families throughout the world.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33°



SHRINE NEWS

March signals the beginning of spring. The days get a little longer, a little warmer, the grass gets greener, the flowers start to bloom and hay fever kicks into high gear.....maybe I should stop.

This month's meeting for the Ben Ali Shrine is Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.. The theme is "Service Animal Night". Participants will get the opportunity to meet many service animals that they use at the Children's Hospital. They will also get the opportunity to learn about the program.

The next scheduled meeting for San Joaquin Shrine Club is Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant, 7555 Pacific Avenue in Stockton. If you are interested in the Shrine this is a great place to get started. Come to dinner, have a beverage and meet the members of the San Joaquin Shrine Club. If you would like to attend I would suggest that you arrive around 6:00 p.m. so that you have a good chance to visit.

March 24, 2019 is Shrine Night with the Stockton Heat. Come out to the Stockton Arena and enjoy a Hockey game and enjoy fellowship with Shriners who are also fellow Masons. Anyone is welcome. Contact the Shrine office at (916) 920-4107 for tickets.

This year the emphasis for my term of office is membership. I would like to encourage all Master Masons to check out the Shrine. If you are interested contact me for an application. If you are a Shriner who has perhaps demitted or have been suspended for non payment of dues the Shrine has a great amnesty program where the payment of \$35.00 will get you reinstated. Interested? Have questions? Give me a call at (209) 601-1448

Remember It's All About the Kids!!!!

Roger A. Moore
San Joaquin Shrine Club President



In Memoriam

Brother Alva Richard Van Camp

Born March 22, 1922

Raised January 27, 1944

Died February 27, 2019

Aged 96 Years, 11 Months, 5 Days

A 75 Year Member

Brother George Harvey Nimmo

Born September 11, 1927

Raised July 28, 1959

Died March 8, 2019

Aged 91 Years, 6 Months, 25 Days

Served as Master of Keystone #161 in 2001

Walton Windel Jones

Born August 13, 1922

Raised May 25, 1964

Died February 13, 2019

Aged 96 Years, 6 Months

Soft and safe to thee, my brothers...



BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

What a month March was! We had a successful Grand Guardian's Official Visit. Thank you to everyone who came out for that and showed support of the Bethel Daughters.

We had another successful Gourmet Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to Jim Sanborn and Matt Harris for cooking and for everyone who came and ate or donated. Looking forward to April, we have our Bethel meetings on April 9th and 23rd.

We are having our Mystery Trip on Saturday, April 27. Where are we going you ask? It's a mystery! Come and join us to find out! If you know of any girls between the ages of 8 and 19 that would be interested in joining in on any of the Bethel's fun activities please let us know.

If you would like more information on any Bethel activities or about Job's Daughters, please contact the Bethel Guardian or the Associate Bethel Guardian.

Job's Daughters Love,

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Gregory Beal	-	April 3,	1951
Eric M Johnson	-	April 4,	1979
Larry N. Gilliland	-	April 6,	1967
Craig Santos PM	-	April 6,	1955
Ronald C. Allison	-	April 8,	1941
Henry J. Weaver, III	-	April 11,	1977
David M. Anderson	-	April 12,	1947
Scott Romine	-	April 12,	1978
Andrew E. Altes, PM	-	April 15,	1947
Daniel D. Hansen	-	April 17,	1981
James R. Shenefelt	-	April 18,	1931
Andrew David	-	April 19,	1980
Zacarias N. Biagtan	-	April 20,	1971
Eliseo Paniagua Jr.	-	April 20,	1991
Scott P. McAlister	-	April 23,	1965
Lawrence L. Luttrell	-	April 23,	1938
Patrick J. Baker	-	April 23,	1968
Rolando A. Buenaventura	-	April 24,	1957
Marc J. Castillo Sr.	-	April 24,	1954
Elliot R. Bashelier	-	April 26,	1944
William D. Coates	-	April 28,	1925
Raziel A. Pelaez	-	April 28	1988

Happy birthday, brethren!

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

April 2019							May 2019 ▶
◀ Mar 2019	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 MS #19 Executive Meeting @ 6:00 Officers Meeting @ 7:00	2 DeMolay Temple Board	3 Scottish Rite Stated	4 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	5 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	6 DeMolay Install @ 7 PM
7		8 MS #19 2° Practice @ 7pm	9 Jobs #83	10 Stockton Oaks #50 OES	11 MS #19 2° Bro. Miguel Blas	12 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	13 Queen of the West OES
14 Daughters of Boaz		15 Tax Day School of Instruction @ 7 PM In Linden	16 DeMolay	17 Amaranth SJ Shrine Club	18 MS #19 Dark Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday Dinner @ 6 pm Ceremony @ 7 pm	19 Good Friday Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	20
21 Easter		22 Earth Day	23 Jobs #83	24 Knights of St. Andrew @ 6 pm	25 MS #19 1° If elected	26 Arbor Day Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	27 Keystone #14 York Rite
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Seen on Scene



Junior Warden Edward Berbano (center with potato) celebrates his winning of the 1st annual Morning Star St. Pat's Day Hot Potato Contest (that's a mouthful!).

Standing beside him, from left to right, are Bros. Jackson Faylor, Angel Martinez, and Mike Serna. Can you tell they lost?

Worshipful Ernest McDonald, Junior Past Master, poses with Bro. Melvyn Escara on the night of his Raising.

Bro. Escara was very moved by his degree. Allegedly, Worshipful McDonald could be heard whispering from the sidelines, "That's not how we used to do it!"

The brethren congregate after the March Stated Meeting. Worshipful Virgil Ambida, bottom right, can be seen kindly reminding Bro. Jackson Faylor that he should brush up on his EA proficiency.

Can you name everyone in this photo?

You and your family are cordially invited to

Maundy Thursday

A Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal... and of the gift of life.

April 18th, 2019 @ The Stockton Masonic Temple

5pm social - 6pm dinner - 7pm ceremony

\$10 for dinner (ceremony is free to attend)
RSVP w/ John Baker, 33°

jlbaker@pacbell.net or 209-482-5360

Masonic Postcards

Bro. Ralph B. Duncan, PM
John Hancock Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Methuen, Massachusetts
excerpted from The Masonic Trowel @ www.masonictrowel.com

For over one hundred years the collecting of postcards has been a hobby pursued by many in this country. Few members of the Craft however realize the Masonic aspects of such collecting and these cards have long been neglected by general collectors of Masonic memorabilia.

Although government issued postals were used by Masons in the 1870's and 1880's for printed meeting notices, death announcements, and mutual benefit society assessments, the use of view cards, as we know them today, did not begin in this country until the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

The newly erected Masonic Temple on the northeast corner of State and Randolph Streets in Chicago became one of the show places in that city during the Columbian Exposition. The visitors to this first "skyscraper" were able to ride the elevator to the top and view the fair grounds on the far south side of the city on a clear day.

This building became the first known Masonic Temple to appear on postcards. Through the years it has appeared on the largest number of different printings of any Masonic Building.

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Private printers were granted permission by an act of Congress to print and sell postcards which could be mailed at the same cost as government postals on May 19, 1898. These cards were known as "Private Mailing Cards." The short period from 1898 to 1901 produced several cards of a Masonic nature.

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Among the most collectible Masonic postcards are those entitled, "Are You A Mason?" The first set of six cards were

copyrighted by Irvin M. Kline in 1907. They were published by the Anglo-American Card Company and the Macoy Publishing Company of New York City.

The titles of these six cards are: 1 The Grand Lodge in Session, 2 The Masons at Work / The Masonical Harmony, 3 Receiving the Password, 4 The Initiation, 5 Riding the Goat, 6 The Mason's Wife Giving Away the Secret

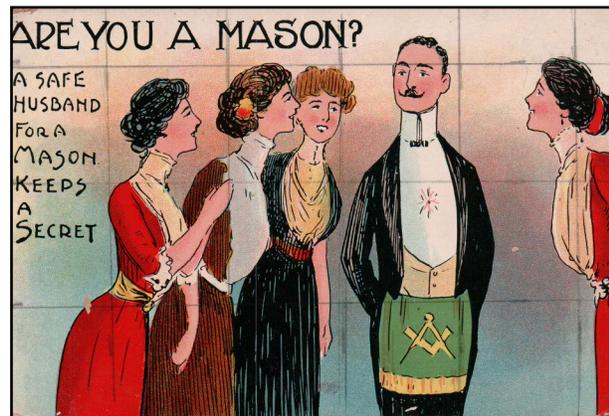
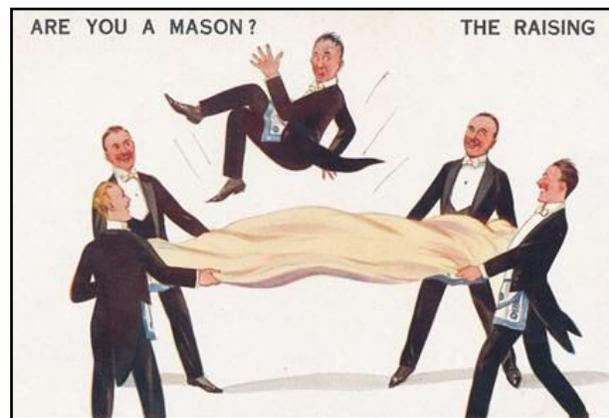
The influence for the titles on these cards may well have been a farcical comedy by the same name, "Are You A Mason?" which appeared on Broadway in New York City in 1901. The three act play by Leo Dietrichstein was playing in England as late as 1911. This play was adapted and translated from an original German farce, "Logen Bruder" by Laufs and Kratz.

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The Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Company, while in New York City, produced and sold many Masonic postcards, both of a comic and serious nature. In later years, the Curt Teich Company of Chicago became the largest producer of postcards of Masonic Temples. Today, thousands of such Masonic cards are in the company archives at the Lake County Museum in Wauconda, Illinois.

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In recent years, interest has increased in cards which show interior views of Lodge rooms, and those of a real photographic attire. Real photograph cards at one time were among the lowest priority among postcard collectors. Today we realize that these cards not only give the most accurate pictures of buildings, people and their surroundings, but they also may have been a "one of a kind" item which was produced for the individual depicted in the photo.



...One way to assist in preserving information about your own Lodge is to produce a postcard of your Masonic Temple. As Lodges consolidate and buildings are sold, or new buildings erected, postcards may be the only picture of some of our buildings.

As in most specialized collecting, items are not easily found. Most of the Masonic postcards are bought and sold through specialized antique dealers and at postcard shows where these dealers are present. Rarely do they appear for sale at flea markets and at antique dealers within local communities unless it is of a local view.

As a renewed interest in collecting of postcards in general has occurred during the past decade, so has the search for Masonic related material flourished.

In the collecting of Masonic postcards not only are you increasing your knowledge about the Craft, but you are assisting in preserving our heritage.



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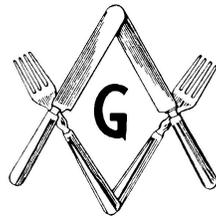
Morning Star Lodge No. 19,
F&AM P. O. Box 956
Stockton, CA. 95201-0956

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