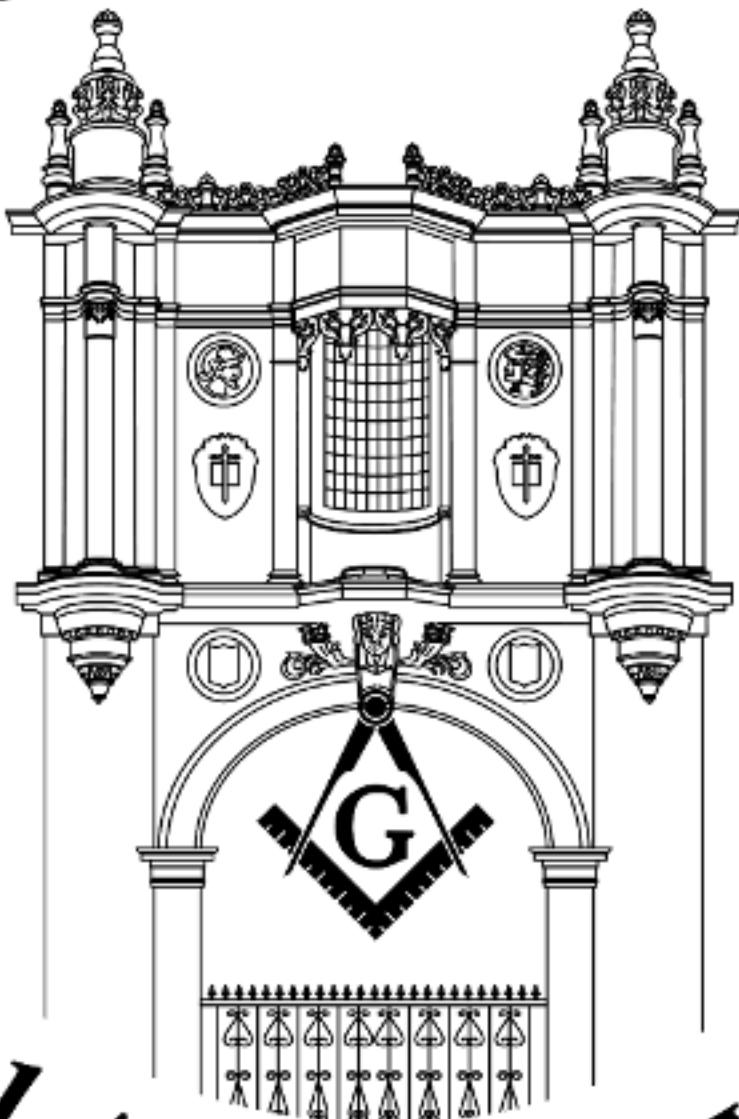


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Stockton Masonic Center



Centennial Anniversary 1922-2022

Save The Date!

May 28th, 2022

# From the East

Worshipful Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,  
Happy April Brethren and Family!

Spring is here with full momentum, especially after a blustery March. April is tightly identified with Spring and its agrarian traditions. It is a time of renewal and time to get back to work. This is seen all over the world, in Easter, and in East Asian cultures, in Qing Ming or Grave Sweeping holiday. They are markers in the durations and cycles of the seasons that we look both ways at the level of time; we look back to acknowledge and respect where we came from, and we look forward to plan for the year, as well as to acknowledge where our eventual final resting place will be, towards that undiscovered country whom bourn no traveler returns.

And with Spring, we are also gearing up and getting ready for the Masonic Center's Centennial Anniversary! It will be held on May 28th, 2022, and I am hoping to see everybody at the celebrations as we Rededicate the Cornerstone of the building, and also deposit the Time capsule! The building will be open to the Public at 5 pm, Ceremonies at 6, with Dinner to follow. Dinner tickets will be \$50 each. Please RSVP with John Baker, PM, or Roger Moore.

Fraternally,  
Daniel Tao



# From the South

Brother James "Ziggy" Striplin, Jr.

GREETINGS BROTHERS OF MORNING STAR LODGE

Greetings Brethren! April is here and it's been beautiful here in Stockton, at the point I am writing this. Watching the flowers in bloom, I had a thought about the grandeur of spring. And the unity of the creation. But at a closer glance I could also see the beauty as well as the uniqueness of each bloom. I got a deeper understanding of how we as a Lodge function. Our unique personalities and skills performing a dance to the glory of the universe. All equal in our value to this fraternity of brothers/sisters.

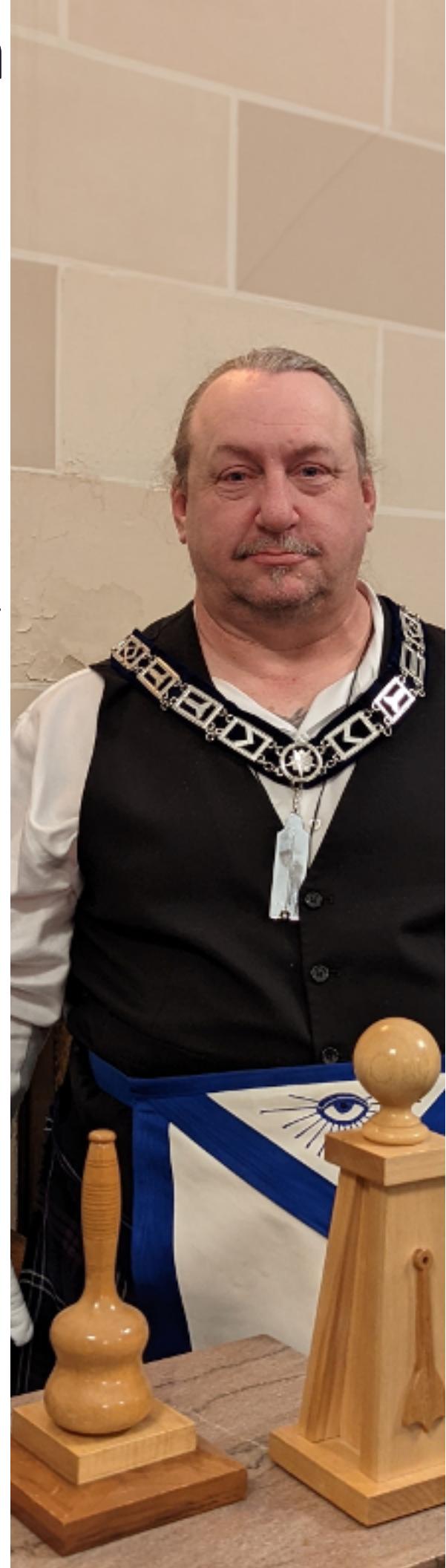
This is nature reminding us of our significance to the world and in kind our fraternity. Let us dance the dance of freemasonry together as was intended and contribute our uniqueness to the unending dance we call creation.

How do we do this? Lodge is a great uniter of individuals. But lodge isn't the end of the journey of brotherhood. Fellowship, celebrations, and simply hanging out is also part of the dance. Let's make it a point to spend time together in whatever way opportunity suggests and let our glory shine on each other that we may continue to brighten paths and enrich lives.

Fraternally,

James Striplin, Jr.

Junior Warden





## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Hello everyone.

Now that we are “springing forward” with the time change I hope everyone is enjoying the extra hour of daylight.

As April approaches and arrives Notice of Suspension Notices will be going out in the mail. Remember that if you have not paid your dues for the year 2022 you are no longer in good standing and cannot vote or enjoy other benefits of belonging to the Lodge. This includes participation in concordant bodies such as Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the Shrine. Moreover, you are in danger of suspension if you fail to pay your dues for two successive years.

This year as always, I like to give the brothers every possible moment to get their dues paid. However, if you do not have them paid by the June Stated Meeting (June 2, 2022) and you have received a Notice of Suspension I will recommend to the Lodge that you be suspended. This is not my favorite activity, but it is my duty as part of the requirements of my office. If you are having trouble with your dues for any reason, please contact me and we can have a private conversation to help resolve your resolve your problem.

I am also going to be changing my data base from antiquated Google to Mail Chimp. I anticipate this occurring in the next couple of weeks. There are lots of benefits to Mail Chimp. One is that I can tell what E-Mail addresses are bad and who is or is not receiving my E-Mails. I will be making to further announcements so that you are aware of what is

happening.

Finally, a note as to why Freemasonry is the greatest fraternity in the world. I had the good fortune recently to take a weeklong cruise (my wife certainly deserved a vacation). While on the cruise people from all over the country were on the ship. I proudly wore my masonic ring everywhere I went and met brothers seemingly at every turn. There were instant friends and great conversation with just the starter of wearing the square and compass.

When the cruise concluded I met a brother from the Lodge in Nassau in the Bahamas. He was our porter. He was polite when we first met, but once he saw the square and compass, he brightened, and the conversation flowed. He made sure we were taken care of, and in one or two cases pulled a couple of strings for us. He earned my thanks and perhaps a little larger tip than he normally would have received.

I also encountered a brother on the flight home from Arizona. As on the ship great conversation came about. We were travelling with friends, and he (a non-mason) remarked “you guys really are everywhere”. I smiled and told him that of course...”we are the greatest fraternity in the world”. The moral of this somewhat long-winded tale is that with Masonry you do not only have friends and brothers in your local lodge, but all over the world.

Roger Moore  
Secretary



## SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

The Valley of Stockton has again installed a new corps of officers. With a new group of brothers to guide and direct the four bodies to new and greater things, how can we fail to succeed? Dumb question isn't it? We can fail to succeed by the simple action of not taking action. Leadership depends on members willing to get involved. Without men being present to share the load, nothing good will happen. I am asking each member of the Scottish Rite to not only show up to the next meeting, but to invite someone to ride with you.....

I expect to see you at our next Stated meeting.

Fraternally,

John L. Baker, 33°

Greetings from the Shrine!

I hope everyone is doing well, and you and your family are staying safe.

Ben Ali had a chance to celebrate our Sweethearts at the last Stated Meeting. As always it is a moving experience as we celebrate the brothers we lost and our treasured widows who remain.

The next Stated Meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the theme is "Let's Make a Deal". So, dress in your zany costumes and be prepared to have fun.

The Shrine has implemented a new policy in regard to an RSVP for Stated Dinners. The purveyors purchase food a day or two in advance of the meeting. They want to try and feed everyone and so will anticipate those who just walk up so they purchase enough for approximately twenty more. Attendees not RSVP'ing has become a real problem and people just walking up is becoming more of the norm than the exception. So, beginning with the April Stated Meeting an RSVP is an absolute must. If you do not RSVP who can still walk up and if you are one of the first twenty persons who did not RSVP, you will receive a red ticket. Once the twenty red tickets are given out there are no more meals to sell. So remember to RSVP at (916) 920-4107. Remember RSVPs are mandatory!

San Joaquin Shrine Club meets on April 20, 2022, at Chuck's located at Pacific Bowl. The Board meets at 5:30 p.m. and the General Meeting and dinner are at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us and see what the shrine is all about.

Are you interested in the Shrine, and what it is about? Talk to any Shriner and they will tell you about one of the greatest philanthropies in the world. Our main purpose is to have fun and take care of the Children by giving them treatment for burns, orthopedic issues, cleft palate and spinal issues all at no charge to the families. The next ceremonial (initiation) is June 11, 2022, and that date is coming up fast. If you would like to get involved contact me at (209) 601-1448 or [Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com](mailto:Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com) and I can get you an application.

For now, everyone be safe and keep your families healthy, and we will see you at Chucks.

Fraternally,

Roger A. Moore

Member of the Board of Directors

San Joaquin Shrine Club

## SHRINE NEWS

April 2022						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
◀ Mar 2022						► May 2022
<b>4</b> MS #19 Officers Mtg. @ 7 pm	<b>5</b> Temple Board Via Zoom @ 7 pm	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b> MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	<b>8</b> Stonecutters Club 6 pm to ??	<b>9</b> Queen of the West OES	<b>10</b> Daughters of Boaz
<b>11</b> DeMolay	<b>12</b> Jobs #63	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b> MS #19 to be announced	<b>15</b> Stonecutters Club 6 pm to ??	<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b>  
<b>18</b> School of Instruction In Linden 7 pm	<b>19</b>  	<b>20</b> Amaranth SJ Shrine Club 6 pm	<b>21</b> MS #19 to be announced	<b>22</b> Stonecutters Club 6 pm to ??	<b>23</b> Keystone #14 Stated York Rite	<b>24</b>  
<b>25</b> DeMolay	<b>26</b> Scottish Rite Stated Jobs #63	<b>27</b>  	<b>28</b> MS #19 to be announced	<b>29</b> Stonecutters Club 6 pm to ??	<b>30</b>  	

# Morning Star 19 Corps of Officers

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## BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

Our Bethel Meetings for April will be on the 12th and 26th. California Job's Daughters has updated our COVID guidelines and who we can interact with. Please check with the Bethel Guardian for more information.

On Saturday, April 2nd at 10am, we will be hosting our Grand guardian's Official Visit in

Stockton with Bethel No. 110 Tracy and Bethel No. 276 Lodi. We will be initiating our prospect

Lily that morning. All Master Masons are welcome to attend and see the Bethel Daughters recite

the story of Job to welcome our newest member.

If you know of any girls between the ages of 7 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,

Ashley Eberhard

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Eric M Johnson April 4, 1979

Larry N. Gilliland April 6, 1967

Craig Santos, PM April 6, 1955

Joseph W. Simard, PM April 9, 1940

Henry J. Weaver, III April 11, 1977

David M. Anderson April 12, 1947

Andrew E. Altes, PM April 15, 1947

Daniel D. Hansen April 17, 1981

Andrew W. David April 19, 1980

Zacarias N. Biagtan April 20, 1971

Vernon E. Louis April 21, 1987

Scott P. McAlister April 23, 1965

Lawrence L. Luttrell April 23, 1938

Patrick J. Baker April 23, 1968

James M. Paige April 23, 1946

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 Brothers!

# In Memoriam

## Tom John Kosta

Born: November 18, 1929

Raised: May 24, 1961

Died: February 9, 2022

Aged 92 Years, 2 Months, 22 Days

Served as Master of Stockton Lodge

#498

in 1966

## JERRY EDWARD NOWLIN

Born: November 5, 1936

Raised: October 27, 1975

Died: March 17, 2022

Aged: 85 Years 3 Months 28 Days

Soft and safe to thee, our  
brother...





You're

Invited!

The Stockton Masonic  
Center's Centennial  
Anniversary!

May 28th, 2022

Doors Open at 5 PM

Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony at 6 pm

Dinner to Follow

Dinner cost \$50

RSVP with John Baker or Roger Moore

## **A Note to All Readers**

When you move, please notify Morning Star's Secretary!

When you change your e-mail address, please notify Morning Star's  
Secretary!

When you change your home phone, please notify Morning Star's Secretary!

When you change your cell number, please notify Morning Star's Secretary!

Letting Morning Star know is the only way we get changes!

Thanks in advance,

Roger

## **Comments on Coaching**

One of the greatest joys of being a Mason is coaching a candidate. It is so deeply satisfying for a number of reasons.

First, it opens up a level of learning that has long been forgotten in today's world. That is, learning intimately a lesson by memorizing it to the point of making it your own that goes beyond just intellectually getting its meaning.

Secondly, by sharing and teaching a brother something, we ourselves get the lesson even more than before.

The beauty of it is that it is very much open to how to work with someone in memorizing the work, then beginning to understand it and share real life experiences. It is very individual in that way. The benefit for both the candidate and the coach is the depth of friendship that results. It makes for a healthy foundation for a thriving lodge and makes qualifying for a proficiency seem less of a burden.

I encourage each of you to consider taking on this responsibility and stepping forward to become a coach. You will not regret the decision.

John L. Baker, PM



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Request to the family of the member whose name appears below: Please notify the above address if our member is in the hospital or nursing home or is deceased.

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## APRIL STATED MEETING MENU

April Stated Meeting

Lasagna, (both Meat and Veggie)

Salad and Dessert

The meal is being provided by Richard and Penny Garcia

Donation of \$10 would be appreciated

A reservation made is a reservation paid (no shows will be billed)

PLEASE CALL JOHN OR KAREN BAKER FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS BY

Tuesday Before the Stated Meeting

Remember! Reservation are MANDATORY

