

The Trestleboard

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NEW OFFICERS - FAMILIAR FACES

Messages from the Worshipful Master, outgoing Senior Warden, and Junior Warden-elect

Plus, a flyer for our upcoming holiday party

COVER: The duly elected officers (and Consigliere Emeritus, Bro. Rich Garcia, PM) of Morning Star goof around after the November Stated Meeting.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I thank all of you once again for allowing me to serve this Lodge as Worshipful Master.

It is a privilege I do not take lightly. I promise to do my best to preserve and increase the wealth of brotherly love, relief, and truth that we have been blessed with over the course of our long history.



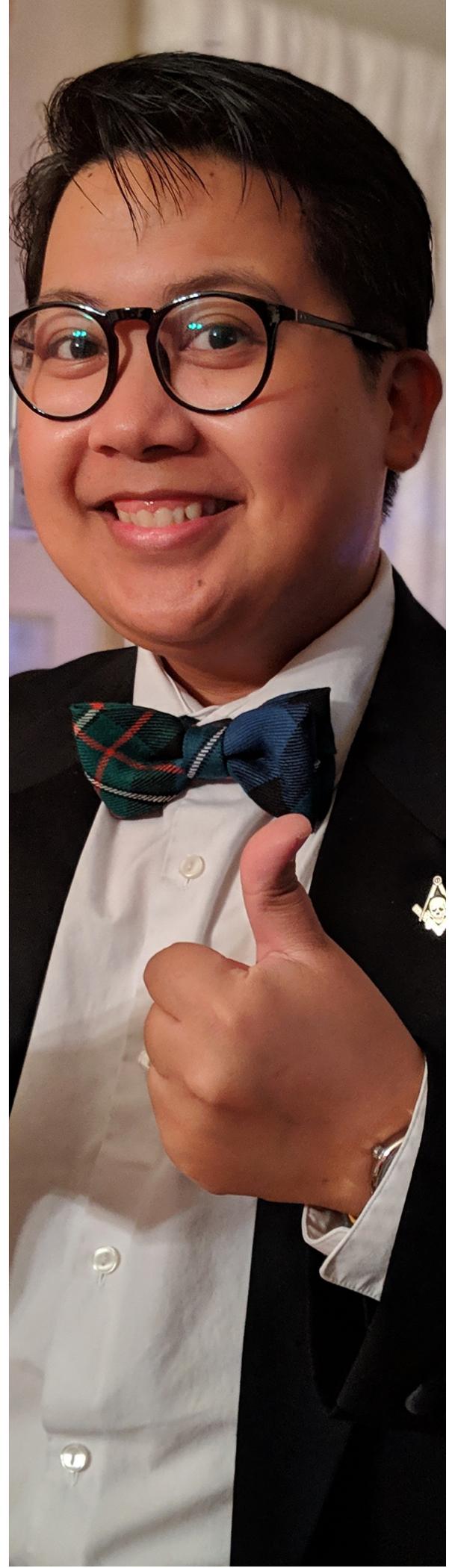
I extend my congratulations to Senior Warden-elect Bro. Edward Berbano, Junior Warden-elect Bro. Daniel Tao, Bro. Secretary Roger Moore, and Bro. Treasurer John Baker, PM. They have been elected to serve this Lodge alongside myself and we are truly blessed to have in them the right qualities of leadership and administration.

Speaking of congrats, I extend them to our newest Master Mason - Bro. Feliciano A. Garcia III - the last Master Mason to be raised to that sublime degree by Morning Star Lodge in this decade. He will certainly not be the last, but it's a nice historical distinction. Bro. Garcia was well deserving of the favor conferred.

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to our upcoming installation of officers. This is not just a celebration for the officers, but for each and every one of the members of our Masonic Family. Let us come together and rejoice in the presence of each other.

I am blessed to have all of you in my life and sincerely hope the blessings of this season bring you and your family peace, love, and prosperity.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,
Worshipful Sonny Gotos, PM



From the West

Bro. James Linnerman, PM

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

This is my final Trestleboard article and I take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected officers of Morning Star Lodge. Although I broke my leg before assuming this office, I truly have enjoyed the experience of again being Senior Warden. As I have



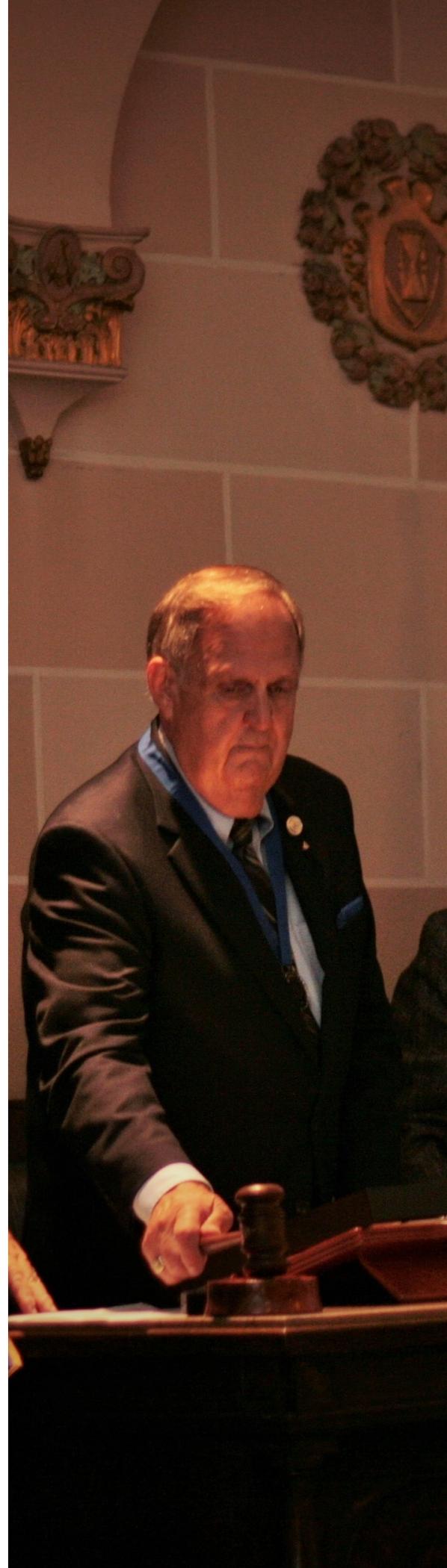
seen the officers advance in the chairs, I rest well knowing that the lodge is in able hands. I know that I may, on very few occasions, hear ritual not exactly as I learned, but the candidate is getting the meaning. This is the important part of the ritual: the candidate and his understanding of the lessons being taught. Perhaps, if he is listening and digesting, he also will get some of the great Masonic spirit of this Lodge.

In Masonry, we travel on a never-ending journey in search of light. This is symbolically represented by the “Lost Word.” Also, this is symbolic of the search for ultimate truth. Not during earthly existence will we achieve these goals. Living by the teachings of this great Fraternity, hope abounds to receive the “Lost Word”, in that vast cosmos of the infinite which we enter on departing this “vale of tears.”

A few fail to recognize the importance of that gift which membership in the Fraternity confers upon them. A few receive the working tools of the Masonic symbolism and let them rust, abused, and unused. The fraternal purpose is more than vindicated by those who grasp the basic meaning of the ritualistic forms and begin to make use of the working tools to build “that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

Best wishes to all during this Christmas and New Years and, especially, during the coming year.

Fraternally,
Bro. James Linnerman, PM
Senior Warden



A Message From the Junior Warden-elect

Bro. Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

Happy Holidays Brethren; I am honored that the Lodge has elected me to be the Junior Warden for 2020, and I am proud to be part of Morning Star No. 19, the best lodge around. Over the past few years, the Brothers have become family to me, and many of you know my story, as well as some of my struggles, of how Masonry has shaped me into who I am today.



My Masonic journey started with a charge from my Daoist Master during a retreat with him in the North Eastern corner of China, who charged me with the fact that a man's character needs guidance and positive influence as he travels through that level of time that we call life. He told me to find a group, be it whatever, who can help me level up and give me the environment that'll allow me to better myself both in action, and spiritually.

This led me down a rabbit hole; finding a picture of my maternal great great grandfather in what looks like a Knight Templar dress uniform, which led me to believe that he was possibly a Mason (he was definitely an Odd Fellow of Mill Valley who rented the Masonic Hall in Mill Valley for their meetings), and interested me to seek out who the Masons are.

Like many of the newer members, I found a phone number that lead to the voice of a Mr. Baker, and received an invitation to the then new Stonecutters, and knocked on a door. It has been a few years, lots of long Friday nights, a trip up to Bodie, a wedding, and two kids.

I am pleased to say that Masonry has integrated itself into my life, and that I am fulfilling the charge that was given to me, to be a good man, and be better. Here's to a bright 2020.

Fraternally,
Bro. Daniel Tao,
Junior Warden-elect





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Happy Holidays from the Secretary's Desk,

That magical time of year is here!! It is a great time to reflect on the good will to all of our fellow men, and especially our fellow Masons and their families. I look back at the past year in our lodge, and I am very happy with the progress that we have made. We have initiated several new quality brothers, and elevated several others to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The new quality of brothers has energized the lodge, and given us all a new attitude. For the better.

The Lodge has brought about a few social functions such as the Day of the Dead Celebration, Christmas Party, St. John's Feast and the combined Morning Star/Scottish Rite Picnic. I would like to see these continue, and to add a few more this year. Look out for our Worshipful Master's unveiling of Ruel Gridley. He'll tell you all about it!!!

Congratulations to our newest slate of officers. Serving again as Worshipful Master is Sonny Gotos, and followed by Senior Warden Edward Berbano, Junior Warden Daniel Tao. Serving as Treasurer is the John Baker, PM and as Secretary yours truly. I am proud to serve as your Secretary again this year,

and I appreciate the faith that you, my Brothers have given me.

Installation of Officers will be on January 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stockton Masonic Temple.

This is also the time of year to be mindful of our elderly and less fortunate brothers, their widows and their families. Take a few moments and stop by a brother's house. Is it cold inside (by choice I am known to be an Eskimo), are there tripping hazards around the house, or are there some minor repairs or yardwork that can be done? Be proactive and let's do something about it!

In closing I would like to wish each and every one Happy Holidays. May you enjoy this time with your families and friends and cherish the peace that season brings.

Merry Christmas. I hope to see everyone in Lodge real soon.

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary of Morning Star



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day, my brothers:

You may be aware that this is now November and elections have taken place to choose who will run the four bodies of the Stockton Scottish Rite for the year 2020. Did we choose those leaders without consulting you? Only those who show up get to vote. I was honored to be elected to serve as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. That means that I have the gavel during the meetings. Remember, the Bodies are run by those who show up.

Next year is already in the planning stages and it looks like an exciting and active year.

I invite all of the SR members who have caps stored in the old cabinets to come on down soon and be assigned a locking drawer for your cap in the new cabinet . Each drawer holds two caps, or one cap and whatever else you wish to keep at the building. (Name tags, Knights of St. Andrews paraphernalia, etc.)

You will each have your own private storage without having to take your cap home every month.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33°



SHRINE NEWS

Merry Christmas from the Shrine!!!

It is that magical time of year, and the Shrine is gearing for a visit from the Jolly Old Elf dressed in Red like everyone else. Be sure to visit the hospital on the morning of December 25, 2019 and watch Santa Clause make a special appearance to surprise the children with goodies.

December also brings elections to the Ben Ali Shrine. Rumor has it that Morning Star's own Jairo Gomez is to be nominated as Potentate. Make your reservations now for December 10, 2019 for the Stated Meeting to show Jairo your support. The San Joaquin Shrine Club has had their elections already. President for 2020 will be Roger Moore. Matthew Harris will be First Vice President and Brian Kass will be Second Vice President. Be sure to join us for Installation on December 28, 2019 in the Banquet Room at Pacific Bowl. Contact myself or Jim Eichbaum for RSVP.

December 14, 2019 is the Annual Woodland Santa Claus Parade. Come watch the Shrine take over Main Street, Woodland, California and have the time of their lives. The fun is infectious and everyone on the parade route has a blast. Once you're done with the parade the San Joaquin/Tokay Shrine Christmas Party will be ready to go! We are celebrating at the Stockton Masonic Temple this year and on the menu is Chicken parmesan, Pasta with Marinara sauce, green beans a salad and French bread. Of course there is always dessert. Contact me if you would to RSVP.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and enjoys the peace and harmony this time of year brings. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in what the Shrine does, or on our many activities.

Remember it's all about the Kids!!!

Roger Moore

Winter Wishes Holiday Party

*Presented by the Stonecutters Club
Join us for good food and good cheer!*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH @ 6PM

STOCKTON MASONIC TEMPLE

340 E. MARKET ST.

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

RSVP: 209-465-3711 or

JLBAKER@PACBELL.NET or ROGER.RAMLAW007@GMAIL.COM

*-Proceeds to benefit the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless-
-Donate a new unwrapped toy for the Shriner's Hospital-
-Bring a wrapped gift valued under \$20 to participate in our
White Elephant gift exchange!-*

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

December 2019							Jan 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 MS #19 Officer's meeting @ 7 pm	3 DeMolay Temple Board	4 Scottish Rite Stated	5 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	6 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	7 MS #19 Secret Cinema @ 6 pm	
8 Daughters of Boaz	9	10 Jobs #83	11 Stockton Oaks #50 OES	12 MS #19 Officers Practice	13 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	14 Queen of the West OES	
15	16	17 DeMolay	18 Amaranth SJ Shrine Club	19 MS #19 Officers Practice & Planning	20 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	21 Winter Solstice	
22	23	24 Jobs #83	25 Christmas Temple Closed	26 MS #19 Dark	27 Stonecutters Club Holiday Party @ 6pm - See flyer on opposite page	28 Keystone #14 York Rite	
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In Memoriam

Gerald Alexander Steele

Born November 1, 1936

Raised December 16, 1977

Died October 26, 2019

Aged 82 Years, 11 Months, 25 Days

Soft and safe to thee, our
brother...





BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

For our Mystery Trip on November 9, the girls went to the Underground Mini Golf in Old Sacramento. Fun was had by all!

On December 1st, the Bethel will be having a French Toast Breakfast and Boutique. Thank you to all who supported by purchasing tickets or making a donation already. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Our Semi-Annual Installation of Officers will be on December 7th at 2pm on the second floor. Please come out, fill the sidelines, and support our Bethel Daughters as they take on their new offices. We will have one meeting in December on the 10th and then be back in January.

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. All Master Masons are welcomed to attend all Bethel Meetings.

Job's Daughters Love,

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Chad D. Dammarell	-	Dec. 1, 1986
Christopher L. Gamble	-	Dec. 2, 1960
Bryan J. Culp	-	Dec. 3, 1963
Johnnie L. Hughes	-	Dec. 4, 1965
Robert H. Weaver, II	-	Dec. 6, 1946
Brian G. Kenney	-	Dec. 6, 1955
Dennis R. Jackson	-	Dec. 12, 1956
John F. Rice	-	Dec. 12, 1941
Duane L. Steward	-	Dec. 13, 1943
John Paul Pozar	-	Dec. 14, 1996
Jake R. Steele	-	Dec. 15, 1992
Melvyn P. Escara	-	Dec. 16, 1942
Stanley E. Jacobs, PM	-	Dec. 16, 1930
Jon E. Sump	-	Dec. 16, 1969
Steve Parker	-	Dec. 19, 1970
Noel L. Turner	-	Dec. 20, 1938
Richard Garcia, PM	-	Dec. 23, 1951
Vijendra Govind	-	Dec. 24, 1941
Richard L. Turner	-	Dec. 25, 1935
Erik Funfar	-	Dec. 26, 1978
John Marquis	-	Dec. 26, 1941
Douglas M. Martin	-	Dec. 27, 1939
Richard T. Orr	-	Dec. 28, 1929
Phillip J. Herechski	-	Dec. 29, 1976
Gary M. Martin	-	Dec. 29, 1946
Richard W. Ariff	-	Dec. 30, 1951

Happy Birthday, Brethren!



December 2019

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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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STOCKTON, CALIF.
PERMIT NO. 38

DECEMBER STATED

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad,

Yummy dessert

Prepared by Linden Chapter OES

Donation of \$10 would be appreciated

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

PLEASE CALL JOHN OR KAREN BAKER @ 465-3711 FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS BY

Tuesday Before the Stated Meeting (December 3rd)

Remember! Reservation are MANDATORY

