

The Trestleboard

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GIVE PIECE (OF PIZZA) A CHANCE

Messages from Bro. Secretary Roger Moore on upcoming lodge events.

Plus, a flyer for our upcoming Morning Star Meet & Greet!

COVER: Our Most Excellent Morning Star Sec. Bro. Roger Moore and Worshipful Baker pose with Worshipful Bro. Romeo Damiles and Worshipful Bro. David Simpson III after a visit to Modesto Lodge 206.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I hope each and every one of you has had a blessed and fruitful start to the new year and to the new decade.

The new year presents new opportunities to challenge ourselves to become better. And when we are better, certainly, our Lodge is better. After all, it's each of us as individuals that makes up Morning Star.



This is especially evident in how our Lodge runs. Whether officer, committeeman, or sideliner, we all bring to the table a desire to be better, a hope for the future, and respect for shared history, in proportion unique to each man.

One of the things that makes Morning Star one of the shining examples of Freemasonry is our hospitality. We have often been called by visiting brethren "the friendliest Lodge in the State!", or some manner of the like. In the interest of being better at that (can you get any better than friendliest?), we will be holding our Morning Star Meet & Greet on the last Friday of January, the 31st.

Everyone is invited! I especially encourage all of our appendant and concordant bodies to attend! This is a chance for you to tell me what we could do better and how we can be the best Lodge as much as we are the friendliest Lodge. YOUR 2020 corps of officers will prepare you authentic Neapolitan-style pizza out of our stone oven. Feel free to bring your own toppings!

In a way, pizza is a metaphor for each of us as individuals. Some people like pineapple on their pizza, some like anchovies, others like ol' reliable pepperoni. It's great that we all like different things on our pizza, but what brings us together is that we all love pizza! Like how we all love Morning Star!

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,
Worshipful Sonny Gotos, PM



A Message From the Junior Warden-elect

Bro. Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

My Brethren, another set of holidays have come and past, and we again have started a new year. I hoped everybody was able to enjoy the holidays and was able to reconnect and recollect. As winter is in full swing, this seems to be the season of looking forward to the year ahead, and making new goals and commitments. I, for one, have a laundry list of goals that I need to achieve and commitments that I need to stand by; having a fantastic Masonic year is one of them.



And faster than we would like, Spring is looking at us right around the corner. Spring marks a huge event in my family: the Lunar New Year, which is a little early this year, landing on January 25th, 2020. The Lunar New Year is the formal Spring Festival for East Asia, and it marks the period of time to start agricultural activities after winter. It was also the start of the tax year in Ancient China.

There was a saying: He who manages the Calendar also manages the Taxes. So with the festivities of the Spring Festival, also comes the responsibilities of planning the year and anticipating the trials and tribulations that comes along with it. The Ancient Chinese observed the skies and created the Chinese astrology in an attempt to organize their observations to predict the weather in a Farmer's Almanac; the better to anticipate tax revenue so they could plan their budget properly. 2020 will be the Lunar year of the Metal Rat.

The application of the Working Tools of Masonry helps us measure and track our growth, becoming better men, but we need to keep in mind our environment and by having foresight, we can plan accordingly to the amount of time that we are allotted. Having better time management and planning is one of my goals for 2020.

What are some of your New Year resolutions?

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 gone!!! While it is great to see friends and family you have to admit it's not such a bad thing to see them walk out the door after a great visit. I don't know about you, but the holidays wear me out. We are also at the time of year where we install new officers. An installation always energizes the lodge as it brings new people with new ideas and new energy to carry the torch forward. Throw your hat in with these new officers, and help them carry out their ideas (and maybe some of your own). Running the lodge is not solely the responsibility of the officers, but it is all our responsibility. It is after all OUR lodge.

If you have not paid your dues on January 1, 2020 they are officially late, and you are no longer in good standing. What does that mean? It simply means that you are not eligible to vote, travel to other lodges, or if you are an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft you cannot advance to the next level. Moreover, if you are an officer you cannot be installed if you are not current with your dues. The easy way to avoid all of this confusion is to pay your dues by the beginning of the year.

If you or someone you know is having a difficult time with either financially or with their help that they may need assistance. Please let me know and we can extend a helping hand. It is confidential, and

it is how we follow our obligation that we made to our brother when he took his obligation.

The new year brings new things to do for Morning Star Lodge. The big event comes in September with Reuel Gridley Day. Reuel Gridley was a Mason who travelled the country selling and reselling the same sack of flour. He raised over \$275,000.00 which he gave to the Union Sanitary Fund (now the Red Cross) which assisted wounded Union soldiers. Brother Gridley was a member of Morning Star and is buried in the Stockton Rural Cemetery. His grave is marked by the tallest monument in the cemetery, and at the time was erected by the American Legion to commemorate his stupendous feat. The monument at the time was the tallest structure in Stockton.

Also coming up is a Taco Truck Fund Raiser in May, the Morning Star/Scottish Rite Picnic in late summer and many more activities. Keep an eye on the calendar and the Trestleboard as these events come closer.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and may this coming year be filled with happiness, good fortune and brotherly love.

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary of Morning Star

From the West

Bro. James Linnerman, PM

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

The Ten Commandments contain 297 words; the Declaration of Independence 300; the Gettysburg Address, 266 words; and a government order to reduce the price of cabbage, 26,911 words.



Each of us takes pride in members of our family, who have made contributions to the world. The Masonic fraternity is no different. We want others to know that men like the father of our country, George Washington, was a beloved member of our Fraternity. There have been fourteen Presidents of the United States, who have called themselves Masons; eighteen Vice Presidents and five Chief Justices of the United States Supreme Court.

There are others who called themselves Masons: Will Rogers, Simon Bolivar, Robert Burns, several Kings of England, Rudyard Kipling, Voltaire and nine astronauts are a few of the well-known men with the common bond of Freemasonry.

Masons strive to achieve a quality of life that reflects the highest moral standards. A Mason believes in a God and practices a philosophy of brotherhood, justice, personal responsibility and love of country.

An observation made by another: "True knowledge of Freemasonry is when we realize that Masonry is a way of life to be lived, not a formality of rituals which only the gifted can comprehend."

"Masonry has survived because it is a continuing unfinished story of builders seeking through cardinal virtues to make life a nobler expression of the brotherhood of man." This quote is from T. Harry White, Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina - 1984

Fraternally,
Bro. James Linnerman, PM
Senior Warden





SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day, my brothers:

New year, New Officers, New Personal Representative. About the only thing that is not new at the Stockton Scottish Rite is our commitment to serve the children of our area. Our Language Center is the best in the State of California.

Also not new is our commitment to bring more light to area Masons. I invite each of you who are not already members of Scottish Rite to check us out.

Give me a call or track me down at Lodge. I think I can convince you of our value. 209/465-3711 or 209/482-5360.

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°
Venerable Master



SHRINE NEWS

Happy New from the Shrine!!!

January starts off with the Installation of new officers to the Shrine. Join us for Stated Meeting on January 14, 2020 when the Shrine welcomes Morning Star's own Jairo Gomez as the Potentate for 2020.

The San Joaquin Shrine Club meets on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Pacific Bowl. Chuck's Hamburgers provides the menu, and a good time is had by all. Feel free to contact me if you would like to check it out.

January 17, 2020 is the Annual San Joaquin Shrine Club Crab Feed at the Stockton Ball Room on Thornton Road. The Crab Feed is our largest fund raiser and takes place this time every year. The money we raise goes to benefit the hospital, the transportation fund and other projects that the hospital has a need for. Tickets are \$50.00 and are available from virtually every member of the San Joaquin Shrine Club. So, if you would like a ticket please get in touch with me.

I would like to thank everyone who helped or shopped at the Shrine Ladies Christmas Craft Fair. The Fair raised over \$19k which will go to update our aging vans to transport children to and from the hospital for treatment. Thank you to all who participate for the San Joaquin Shrine Club, particularly my lovely lady Lynn who with help organized San Joaquin's portion of the Craft Faire.

Join us on January 18, 2020 at the East West Shrine Game Watch Party taking place at Buffalo Wild Wings in Folsom. If you are a Shriner or not a Shriner come to Buffalo Wild Wings in Folsom and watch one of the jewels of the Shrine charity.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and 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!!!

SAVE THE DATE!

2020 Morning Star Meet & Greet!



Friday, January 31st, 2020

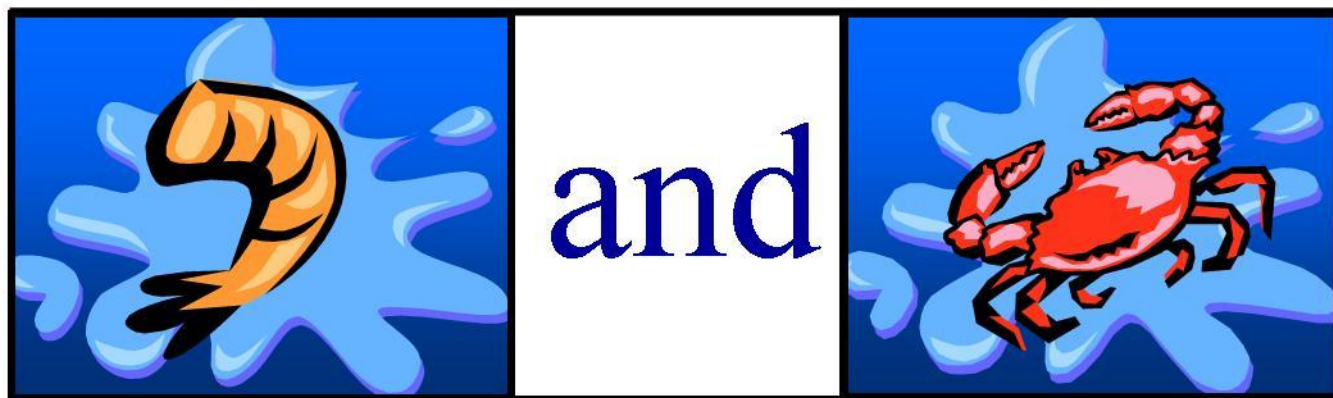
Put a name to face or a face to a name
and get the year off to a great start at the
Morning Star Lodge Meet & Greet!

Your 2020 corps of officers will be cooking you fresh out of our Neapolitan-style oven pizza! This is your chance to say hello, drop a helpful hint, or just shoot the breeze. BYO Toppings, if you so prefer! Lodge will provide the rest!

RSVP w/ John Baker at 209-465-3711 or
Roger Moore at 209-601-1448
by January 21st

Be there AND be SQUARE!

San Joaquin Shrine Club's Shrimp and Crab Feed Friday, January 17, 2020



*Time ----- No Host Cocktails 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM*

*Place ----- Stockton Ball Room
9650 Thornton Road
Stockton, CA 95209*

Cost ----- \$50.00 per Person

*Contact David Weese @ 209/334-0915 for tickets and information
send me a check, to 25335 Eunice Ave., Acampo, CA 95220, & I'll
mail your tickets. You may also contact any San Joaquin Shrine
Club member for tickets and information. Thank YOU!*

No outside Alcohol except Wine - MUST Buy a \$10.00 Corkage Fee Stamp

“Opportunity Drawing” and “Auction” after dinner.

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

January 2020							Feb 2020 ▶
◀ Dec 2019	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day Temple Closed	2 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	3 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	4 MS #19 Installation @ 3 PM
5	6		7 Temple Board Jobs #83	8 Scottish Rite Install Stockton Oaks #50 OES	9 MS #19 Officer's Practice in 3° @ 7 pm	10 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	11 Queen of the West OES
12		13 Daughters of Boaz MS #19 Officer's Practice in 3° Second Section @ 7 pm	14 DeMolay	15 Amaranth SJ Shrine Club @ Pacific Bowl 6 PM	16 MS #19 3° Bro. Jackson Faylor	17 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	18 Knights of St. Andrews @ 11 AM
19		20 Martin Luther King Temple Closed	21 Jobs #83 Officers School in Elk Grove @ 7 PM	22	23 MS #19 Officer's Practice or Degree	24 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	25 Keystone #14 Stated York Rite
26	27		28 DeMolay	29	30 MS #19 Officer's Meeting	31 Stonecutters Club Meet and Greet See Flyer for Details	



BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

Welcome to 2020!! We hope everyone had a wonderful New Years celebration and the Bethel wishes you a happy and prosperous year. In December we had a successful French Toast Breakfast and Boutique. Complements to the cooks Matt Harris and his mother! We held our installation of officers and decorated cookies and delivered them to the Stockton Police.

This month also marks one year since the Bethel returned to the Masonic Temple. Thank you to all for all you have done in this past year for the Bethel. For January, we have our Bethel meetings on the 14th and 28th . We will be serving at the Shrine Crab Feed. Hope to see you there!

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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Bethel Guardian	Associate Bethel Guardian
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Roger A. Moore	-	Jan. 1, 1961
Hardy C. Cabero	-	Jan. 3, 1954
Richard M. Fisher	-	Jan. 3, 1947
Toby J. Aquino	-	Jan. 6, 1975
Rex L. Villarin	-	Jan. 6, 1978
Michael Serna	-	Jan. 9, 1984
John L. Baker PM	-	Jan. 12, 1943
Melvin H. Corren	-	Jan. 12, 1924
Robert L. Gnekow	-	Jan. 15, 1942
Jake Trieu	-	Jan. 15, 1976
Billy R. Somers	-	Jan. 16, 1942
Robert L. Boswell	-	Jan. 20, 1958
V. John Sharpe, PM	-	Jan. 20, 1948
Jesse R. Walter	-	Jan. 21, 1972
Edward A. Berbano	-	Jan. 22, 1985
Jason R. Mills	-	Jan. 23, 1972
Joshua M. Yared	-	Jan. 24, 1990
Harry Hudson, PM	-	Jan. 28, 1946
Lesley E. Schmid	-	Jan. 30, 1929

Happy Birthday, Brethren!



January 2020

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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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JANUARY STATED

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, and a Veggie

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 31st)

Remember! Reservation are MANDATORY

