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Hello everyone, and welcome to the first edition of the Scottish Rite News and the Morning Star, No. 19 Trestle Board. We are trying something new and are hoping that it will catch on by including both newsletters. This will hopefully save costs, and room in your mailbox and/or inbox. Hopefully, it will also give you more information than what you get in a single publication. It is also hoped that other bodies will see this publication and want to get involved. Please give us your feedback and see if it works.

It is that time of year again!!! Time for the Blue Lodges in the area to select their nominee for Mason of the Year for the year 2023. In every Blue Lodge there is a Mason who is deserving of special recognition for their unwavering service to the craft throughout the year. This award is different from a Hiram Award in that it does not necessarily include service from a longtime Mason who has been there year in year out. Your Lodges Mason of the Year can include that long time member, but it can also include your newest Mason who has stepped in and showed outstanding support to the lodge. If you know of a brother in your lodge worthy of support let your selection committee know. The Mason of the Year celebration is scheduled for August 5, 2023. Come join us for this celebration to Masonry.

I would also like to congratulate "J" Santiago who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 23, 2023. I would also like to say welcome to the Craft to Brothers Jorge Noguera, Ryan Nino and Bill Schoenleber. Our newest brothers were initiated into the fraternity on April 1, 2023. It was a rare Saturday "triple header", but it was fun and refreshing. Thanks to everyone for their hard work. I would also like to Congratulate Kris Pesa who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 13, 2023.

I want to thank all of the officers and members of the degree teams for the hard work and support. It is through their diligence and unity that our degrees were performed successfully.

Our successful degrees is a testament to the phrase of "who best work and agree".

Fraternally,

Roger Moore, 32° KCCH Personal Representative Stockton Scottish Rite Worshipful Master Morning Star Lodge, No. 19



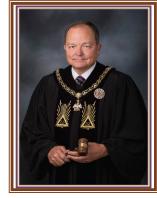


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General Secretary's Report

Greetings Brethren!

Stockton Rite Care Childhood Language Center

Chairman of the Board of Directors III. James Linnerman, 33°

Things in the office have been going great, and we are working on new and exciting ways to incorporate improvements everyday. We would love to see you all come for a Sunset Club Meeting, Knights of Saint Andrew, or come in for a cup of coffee and good conversation!

I want to thank everyone who attended the Shamrock Festival this year, and a big congratulations to all who made this event a reality! Because of your efforts, we have raised over \$3000 for our Language Center!

This month, we have reached out to local high school JROTC programs in our Valley. We will be preparing to give out awards to cadets, who stand out to their leadership as individuals who are deserving of recognition. This is a very important undertaking, and we need Brethren to go to these schools and represent the Stockton Scottish Rite. I have spoke to a couple Brothers, who are interested. This would be a good time to get involved!



Finally, MOTY is coming up and we are planning NOW! If you are interested in getting involved in making this night special for the men chosen as the Mason of the Year, our first meeting is May 1st, 11 AM at the Scottish Rite office. Hope to see some new faces!

209-647-2469

Fraternally, Steve Hauber, 32° General Secretary

Lodge of Perfection

Greetings to you all,

Spring is here and summer is right around the corner which means that your Stockton Scottish Rite will start to get busy as the year progresses. We are still looking for Scottish Rite Ambassadors for Lodi, Modesto and Patterson, just to name a few lodges. If you would like to help serve with the Ambassador program please feel free to reach out to me at 209-470-1459. The Shamrock Festival held on March 18th was a big success for Rite Care. Thank You to all who attended and helped with the event. So, now the planning starts for our 26th Annual Mason of the Year Event. The event will be held on August 5th, 2023. The exact time and more details regarding the event will be released shortly. This year, however, you may be called on to help with the event and if so, I am hopeful that you will answer the call.

Thank you all!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

III. D. Craig Santos, 33°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection



<u>Almoner</u>

Dear Brethren,

All is well at the Almoners Warehouse as far as the day to day operations are concerned. The only problem is we are running short of some items. Equipment we could use are hospital beds, shower chairs, bed pads, walking canes, knee scooters, and wheel chairs. If anybody knows anybody that may have some of these items we would love to put them to good use again.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to Jorge Noguera as well as Bob Westwood for finally getting the light switch moved to the proper place on the wall so that the motion detector works as designed to, on when people are there and off when not.

> Thank you for your Support! In your Service, III. Richard Garica, 33° Almoner



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"May your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you wherever you go." This Irish blessing was most certainly in effect on March 18th, when the Stockton Scottish Rite hosted the Shamrock Festival for the benefit of the "Language Center of Stockton". Through their efforts, over \$3,0000 for the "Center" was raised. It certainly will help augment the most contributions made by the Scottish Rite members donations during the year. On average, 48 students receive services each month.

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valuable insights into their child's needs and into effective strategies that they will utilize between classroom sessions. We also advise parents in navigating the IEP process and advocating for their child's needs in school. The services provided by the "Center" are many.

June is Aphasia Awareness Month

Aphasia is a disorder that affects how you communicate. It can impact your speech, as well as the way you write and understand both spoken and written language.



III. James Linnerman, 33° Chairman, Board of Directors RiteCare of Stockton

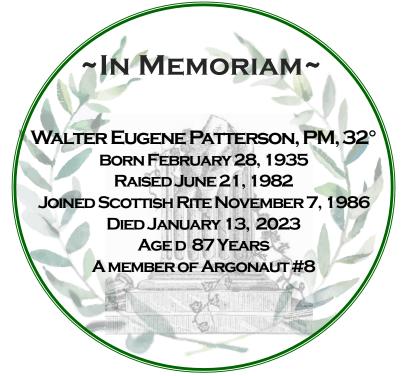






Stockton Chapter DeMolay has been enjoying a lovely start to 2023 and looks forward to even more upcoming fun! They're very excited to be welcoming new prospects for their chapter and have been having a blast with the Squires as they host Nerf Wars, Broomball games, D&D Nights, and attend NorCal DeMolay Jurisdictional events! If you want to support or visit, Stockton Squires and Stockton DeMolay, we meet on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 6:30pm. They are currently holding their "Dimes-in-a-Bottle" fundraiser throughout the month of April, and plan on holding more in the future. We hope to see you all soon!

Stockton Chapter Order of DeMolay



SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE, MY BROTHER...



Greetings!

The Bethel Daughters held a successful Taco Dinner Fundraiser and honored the Bethel's Past Honored Queens and Majority Members in March. A portion of the funds raised from the evening will go to our statewide educational and promotional fund that provides scholarships to our members.

On May 4th, 2023, the members will be preparing the monthly Stated Meeting Lodge Dinner. This will be a Grand Bethel Fundraiser and will help the members with their travels to our annual convention in June. Donations are greatly appreciated! We have 5 members attending Grand Bethel this year. The convention will be held in Ontario, CA from June 29th to July 1st and the members are extremely excited to connect with other Job's Daughters across the state and country!

On May 9th, we will be having a non-regalia meeting and craft night. We are planning a fun event on May 20th.

Our next regalia meeting will be on May 23rd and will start at 7:00pm.

For more information on any of the Bethel's activities please contact the Bethel Guardian.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	MS #19 Officers Mtg @ 7pm	Z Temple Board Via Zoom @ 7 pm	3	4 MS #19 Stated Dinner @6:00 Mtg @ 7:00	5 Stonecutters Club	6
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

To the members of Morning Star Lodge #19,

My time has been flying by. Here it is May. I guess that is what happens when you're having fun. This past month was a busy month for Morning Star. On April 1st, we initiated three new members into Morning Star #19, Mr. Jorge Noguera, Mr. Ryan Nino, and Mr. William Schoenleber. We also raised Brother Kristofer-Ian Pesa to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Busy, Busy. Let's not stop there, we need to continue to grow



our Lodge. Congratulations to Mr. Ryan Nino, Mr. Jorge Noguera and William Schoenleber on becoming new members of Morning Star Lodge #19. and to our newly raised Master Mason, Brother Pesa. We look forward to seeing everyone in Lodge on a regular basis. Again, congratulations to all.

Fraternally,
Jim Eichbaum, PM
Secretary

FROM THE SOUTH

BROTHER ANGEL SANDOVAL

While sitting down to write this month I came across an old tale that you will find below. I'm sure most have read or heard it, but it made me think and reflect on myself, so I thought I would share it with you all, at this time.

There once was a traveling salesman who broke down in the middle of nowhere, and eventually was picked up by a man in a pick up. The man towed the salesman's car into the next town, where the mechanic told him, it would be fixed "tomorrow."

The man took the salesman home, and told him his wife would have plenty to eat for dinner. He told the salesman to take his truck and make his sales the next day, and then he could return for dinner once again and be on his way once his car is fixed.

The next morning the salesman noticed in the man's living room, several pictures of the man and others in aprons, along with Masonic regalia. The salesman then noticed "his" Masonic ring, and went to the breakfast where the man of the house was already eating.

"I realized just now, why you've been so nice to me. You helped me because you saw I'm a Mason." The man says, "I didn't help you because you're a Mason. I helped you, because I'm a Mason."

Masonic brotherhood is not about being the same, it is about accepting and respecting each other's differences.

Masonic brotherhood is not about being perfect, it is about forgiving each other's mistakes.

Masonic brotherhood is not about being strong all the time, it is about being there for each other when we are weak.

Masonic brotherhood is a gift that should be cherished. It is a bond that can last a lifetime.

As always, be good humans.

Angel Sandoval Junior Warden

The 10 Degrees of York Rite Freemasonry (Explained)

This will be a 3 part article so look for the rest in the next newsletter.

York Rite is one of the several appendant bodies of Freemasonry.

Today, it refers commonly to the three cooperative groups that confer 10 degrees in the United States after the 3 degrees conferred in the Blue lodge. It is also often referred to as the American Rite as the degree structure is slightly different in the English York Rite.

There are four primary bodies of the York Rite:

- The Blue Lodge (A Lodge of Master Masons)
- The Royal Arch Masons. (A Chapter)
- The Cryptic Masons. (A Council)
- The Commandery of Knights Templar. (A Commandery)

The York Rite, is one of several Rites of Freemasonry. It is named for, but not practiced in York, Yorkshire, England. A Rite is a series of progressive degrees that are conferred by various Masonic organizations or bodies, each of which operates under the control of its own central authority. The York Rite specifically is a collection of separate Masonic Bodies and associated Degrees that would otherwise operate independently. The three primary bodies in the York Rite are the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal & Select Masters or Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar, each of which are governed independently but are all considered to be part of the York Rite.

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Royal arch masonry is a continuation of craft masonry whose members are called companions. In this the Hiramic Legend (the rest of the story).

They meet in chapters that are ruled over by the three principles. The royal arch in England has four ceremonies, where the exaltation ceremony is conducted to bring in the new members.

The royal arch degree is considered very important during the early years of Freemasonry.

Royal arch masonry is the first part of the York rite system that confers to four degrees, namely – Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master, Past Master, and Royal Arch Mason.

Mark Master Mason

The master mason degree can be said as the extension of the Fellow Crafts second degree. It is the second degree of the Blue Lodge and is conferred in a Fellow Craft.

Past Master degree

The past master degree is achieved by those who wish to be admitted to the <u>Royal Arch Masonry</u>. The virtual past master has to qualify them, as there are many applicants for this degree.

Most Excellent Master

The building of King Solomon's Temple has been completed in this degree.

The Royal Arch Degree

The royal arch degree is considered the most beautiful degree in the freemasonry. The masons who attain this degree can go straight to Knights Templar although in some jurisdictions such as California the cryptic masonry degrees are required to continue.

Although each body of the organization operates with relative autonomy, they are referred to as one rite. You need to be a master mason to join the royal arch chapter. You need a proposer who is a royal arch mason to join the royal arch chapter.

The royal arch Masons wear a red jacket and apron with a red border. The other regalia is the same as the Blue Lodge with breast jewels, aprons, masonic cufflinks, and gloves.

Shrine News

What is going on at the Shrine!

Spring has sprung and there are parades on the horizon!

Unfortunately Ben Ali Shrine's participation in the Dixon Mayfair Parade scheduled for May 13, 2023 has been canceled due to rules and policy handed down by the Dixon Chamber of Commerce. The Divan voted unanimously to cancel our appearance on April 10, 2023.

Our next Command Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2023 in Sutter Creek. This is part of the Italian American Picnic celebration and the event provides a fun day for us.

Ben Ali's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Ben Ali Activity Center. **Do Not Go to the Dante Club!!** Be sure to phone in your RSVP to Julie at the Shrine Office at (916) 920-4107 prior to May 5, 2023.

The next San Joaquin Shrine Club monthly meeting will

be at the Scottish Rite Business Office, 336 E. Market Street (next to the Stockton Masonic Temple). The meeting will be catered, with an excellent menu and without the excess noise and without waitresses darting in and out. Your RSVP is important so please be sure to RSVP to Randy Gonzales at (209) 471-9967.

May 27, 2023, is the Spring Ceremonial for Ben Ali Shrine. This is the time to get those Master Masons who are not members of the Shrine involved. As an added bonus (as if you needed one) this will be the first class to participate in the much anticipated "No El Segundo" degree. It is a totally voluntary degree open to new initiates and Nobles alike. If you need an application contact me at (209) 601-1448 or Rog-er.ramlaw007@gmail.com. You can also call the Shrine

er.ramlaw007@gmail.com. You can also call the Shrine Office at (916) 920-4107.

We will see y'all soon.

Roger A. Moore



MAY

Laurence E. Drivon • May 1, 1941
Feliciano A. Garcia • May 2, 1980
Matthew A. Stammerjohan • May 3, 1968
Robert J. Clark • May 4, 1943
Donald D. Murchison May 4, 1955
Robert G. Reed • May 4, 1939

Ray L. Gowdy • May 5, 1945 Shawn A. McCarty • May 6, 1985

John L. Deryck • May 6, 1937

Harold D. Rubin-Smith • May 7, 1948

Paul A. Bestolarides • May 7, 1954

Miguel G. Blas • May 8, 1964

Bruce Stuart Hill • May 9, 1946 Ronald T. Stockwell • May 10, 1943

Richard L. Mano Jr. • May 10, 1988

Robert L. Westwood • May 11, 1933

Robert S. Coats • May 13, 1950

Thomas J. Kellogg • May 16, 1941

Ralph T. Klopping • May 18, 1962

Steven Mitchell Hall • May 22,1963

David Okamoto • May 22, 1967

Robert W. Church • May 23, 1949

James A. Linnerman, PM • May 24, 1945

Patrick D. Mullin • May 24, 1955

Edward A. Simas • 26, 1944

Balbir Singh Johl • May 26, 1951

David Simpson • May 26, 1979

James D. Barnes • May 27, 1946

Randolph C. Cook • May 27, 1958

Michael J. Stern, PM • May 28, 1975

Darrel S. James • May 30, 1963

Leonard J. Krajkiewcz • May 30, 1946

Jess C. Taylor • May 30, 1928

E. Victor Quattrin • May 31, 1942

Gregory A. Niskanen • May 31, 1963

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Brad G. Hogarth • June 2, 1982 Sammy S. Bartlett • June 4, 1948 Vernon J. Gaylord • June 5, 1933 Artemio C. Cortez • June 6, 1942 Peter H. Sust June • 8, 1949 Gerald L. Fish • June 10, 1951 Jack E. Helsby • June 10, 1940 Laurence E. Cowell • June 11, 1934 Jerry C. Combs • June 11, 1938 Harold D. Glenn • June 11, 1938 H. Fayne Wolford • June 13, 1933 Brian Presley French • June 13, 1946 Anthony A. Napoli • June 14, 1994 Tomas Barela • June 14, 1949 Daniel R. Maas • June 14, 1953 Daniel R. Ogden • June 17, 1961 William J. Fox • June 17, 1950 Kirk J. Stangeland • June 18, 1954 Robert D. Conger • June 19, 1944 Jeremy J. Ledbetter • June 20, 1988 Robert J. Watson • June 20, 1962 William B. Gifford • June 20, 1941 William Gaylen Jay • June 20, 1950 Craig Gardina • June 22, 1969 Thomas G. Cantrell • June 23, 1944 James W. Andersen • June 24, 1958 Eugene R. Cripe • June 24, 1937 Danny N. Zamora • June 28, 1978 Douglas B. Woods • June 29, 1956 Thomas W. Mason • June 29, 1936 Joel G. Greenberg • June 30, 1955 Mark P. West • June 30, 1953

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