

The Trestleboard

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PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

Special messages from the Worshipful, Sr. Warden,
and Secretary the dues increase proposal

AND! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! UPCOMING
FAMILY EVENTS!

COVER: The winning trivia team from the Feast of St. John Festive Board.
You'll note Bro. Angel Sandoval, center with thumbs up, very happy about their victory.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

Masonry teaches us a great many things, among them, the proper management of our time.

I must admit, I have not used the twenty-four inch gauge very properly these past months. Masonry, however, also teaches us that all men are mortal, fallible, and in need of assistance every once in a while. We are imperfect ashlar, after all.

We must try our best to do our best.

I ask all of you to think about the beauty of those lessons taught to us by our Lodge, both through the ritual and also by the weight of its history - a lineage unbroken through 167 years.

It is our indispensable duty to continue passing on these lessons, but we cannot do it without a firm financial footing. This requires a dues increase and it requires an increase which brings us to par with the costs of our time.

Our dues are comparably lower than other lodges in our district, historically low when accounting for inflation, and our expenditures similarly frugal.

We cannot put a price upon Masonry; it is valuable beyond any monetary measure.

BUT, let me be foolhardy enough to put forward these comparisons!

Is the privilege of being a brother of Morning Star Lodge worth more than your monthly Netflix membership? Is it worth more than the price of your morning coffee every month? Is it worth more than the price of a small frivolity?

Undoubtedly - and without hesitation - yes!

I urge you to keep the future in mind when thinking about our dues increase vote. Will you be as courageous as your title of Brother of Morning Star Lodge implies and vote to preserve our heritage and ensure a similar future? I trust you will.

I look forward to seeing you at our special meeting to discuss the matter on July 25th and also the vote at our Stated Meeting in August.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Sonny A. Gotos, Jr., PM



From the West

Bro. James Linnerman, PM

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

"All work is as seed sown: it grows and spreads, and seeds itself anew." Thomas Carlyle's quote is as applicable today as it was in his day and most certainly is descriptive of Masonry. The seeds to be sown lay in our officers and our own deportment. As we give attention to efforts to help promote our ancient and venerable institution, both we and the Fraternity profit.



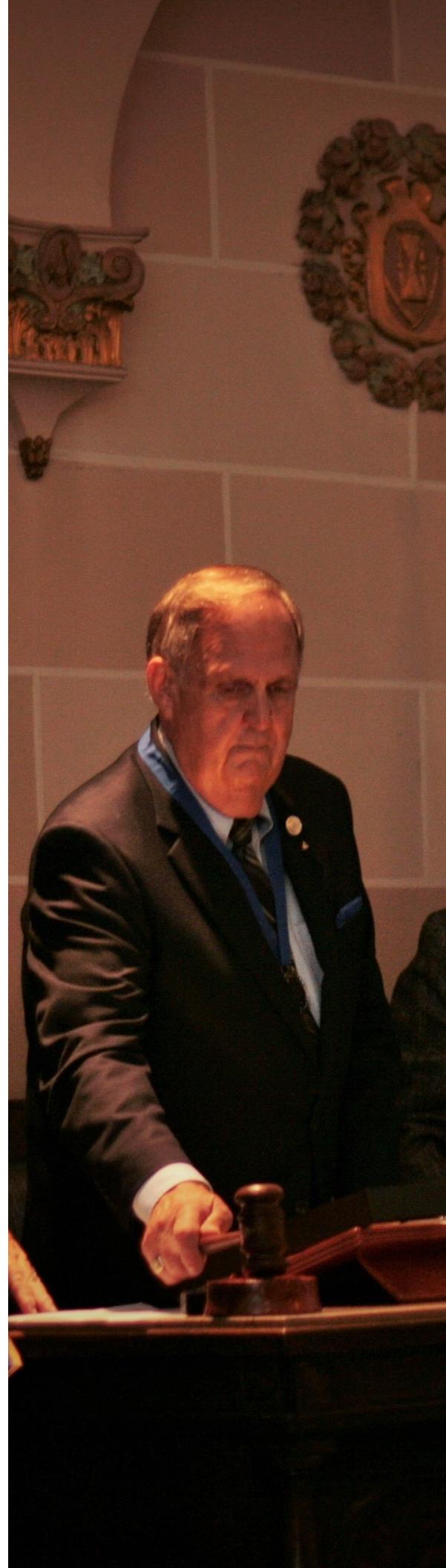
At the Stated Meeting for June, a resolution was introduced to raise the dues of Morning Star Lodge by \$50. As a member of the auditing committee, I can attest to the need for such an increase and would strongly advocate your favorable vote.

There are a number of events scheduled for the summer months. Consider attending as many as you can. Your support makes a difference. The officers will be studying to move to a higher chair in the fall. As your support makes a difference in events, your support of the officers also is needed. They have undertaken a task that is very demanding and a congratulatory comment will be appreciated.

Fraternally,

Bro. James Linnerman, PM

Senior Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Greetings From the Secretary's Desk,

It's getting hot!!!! Temperatures are rising and so are plans for Morning Star!!

Traditionally Masonic Lodges go "dark" for July and August, and will not have any social events or other functions. However, we are not an ordinary lodge...We are Morning Star!!! We have a big slate of events including degrees, dinners, secret cinema and more. Watch the calendar and announcements for upcoming events.

On a serious note we have a resolution scheduled for the August Stated Meeting (August 1, 2019). It is being proposed to raise the dues \$50.00 per year or \$105.00 plus per capita beginning with the 2020 dues year.

If you recall Morning Star voted for a series of resolutions which would raise the dues on a gradual basis. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge By Laws do not allow for such a scheme so we were only able to implement a \$10.00 raise in dues. If you would like a full explanation E-Mail and I will be happy to provide an article that I wrote a few months ago explaining this issue. Of course, I am always available to discuss the issue if you would like.

With the audit submitted in February it became painfully obvious that Morning Star's dues were not adequately increased over the years to match cost of living and inflation.

With this information, Worshipful Gotos tasked the Senior Warden and his Audit Committee to audit the Lodge finances and determine what adjustments could be made to the budget to close this gap. Worshipful Linnerman and his committee worked on the problem for several months. Their results were announced at the May stated meeting. After discussion, it was determined that a \$50.00 increase in dues would resolve the shortfall. This resolution followed at the June stated meeting by motion.

There is a special meeting set for July 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this issue. I would ask each and every member of Morning Star to plan to come to this meeting and participate in this important discussion. You will soon receive a letter in the mail with this information, and it will also be published in the Trestleboard (see opposite page) and on-line.

Morning Star has a payment system in place, and I would encourage the membership to utilize it. We are also working to implement an electronic payment system, and once we work though some of the details we will present that to the membership as well. If anyone would like to discuss a payment system or know of a brother who needs assistance please contact me.

Remember in the very warm days to follow, please be sure to check with our elderly members.

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary of Morning Star



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

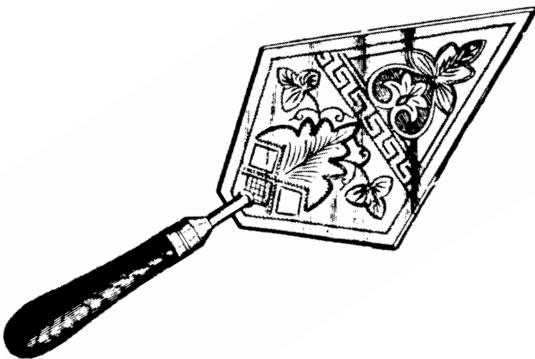
Good day, my brothers:

When we sold the old building and moved into the Stockton Masonic Temple, we moved into an office that was in pretty poor shape. We are correcting that with a major make-over.

New paint, new lighting, new floors, and a shiny bright attitude. Most of this is being done by volunteers. If you would like to be a part of the crew, just phone me on 209-482-5360 and I will provide you with something within your skill set. Give me a call.

Fraternally,

John L. Baker, 33°



SHRINE NEWS

Summer is here, and events at the Shrine are slowing down until September!!!

San Joaquin Shrine Club had a great Fizz Breakfast!! Thank you to everyone that came out and had a great time at the sprawling David and Mary Weese Estate.

On August 18, 2019 San Joaquin Shrine Club is hosting their annual Casino Bus Trip. This year we are traveling to Red Hawk Casino. We meet at John Jessup's Dream Rides and are able to use his fenced parking lot. Contact myself at (209) 601-1448, Matthew Harris (209) Eddie Echols (209) 751-6365 for reservations. This event fills up fast so don't dawdle!!!

The Shrine is looking for members!!! For those who think the Shrine is a bunch of grown men who dress like clowns, ride Go Karts, or put people in make believe jail. You're right!!! The Shrine is more of a social fraternity which is inclusive of family. The emphasis on Shrine events is fun!!! However, while the Shrine has fun there is serious work to do. The Ben Ali Shrine supports the Shriner's Hospital of Northern California. The hospital helps children who are the victims of severe burns and orthopedic issues. The individual cost to families is absolutely nothing!!! I would like to encourage all Master Masons to check out the Shrine. If you would like to be part of one of the greatest charities in the world contact me at (209) 601-1448 or Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com and I will get you an application.

The Shrine also has an amnesty program in place. If you were suspended for non payment of dues beginning in 2017 or before, or if you demitted from the shrine during the same time period we want you back!!! For \$35.00 you can be reinstated and check out the Shrine once again. See what has changed and get in on the fun. If you would like an application please contact me at (209) 601-1448 or Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com.

Remember it's all about the Kids!!!

Bro. Roger Moore

Proposal Resolution

RESOLUTION No. 19 - 01

It is proposed to amend the By Laws of Morning Star Lodge No. 19 to have dues Payable for the Year 2020 to be \$105 plus the Per Capita Assessment.

Notice given, per CMC, §802.020, Article IV.

Seen on Scene



Brethren gather around the altar and sign Bro. Dominic Weatherford's commemorative bible post-degree.

Bro. Weatherford is our newest Master Mason and a valued presence in our Lodge.

Also raised these past months was Bro. Miguel Blas.

Here he is posing with two of our distinguished brethren: Bro. Hardy Cabero (l) and Wor. Virgilio Ambida (r).

Bro. Blas attended Bro. Dominic's raising and was glad to see the degree from the sidelines.

We celebrated Worshipful James Linnerman's birthday (seated in blue shirt) at a recent Stonecutters evening.

He was non-the-wiser about our plans and thought it was just our regular weekly fellowship evening.

The cake was delicious and the fellowship just as sweet.

Seen on Scene Continued



Bro. Jr. Warden Edward Berbano (right of the Master) giving the customary toast to our beloved Morning Star Lodge at the recent St. John the Baptist Festive Board.

We are looking forward celebrating the Feast of St. John the Evangelist in the winter.



Worshipful Sonny Gotos conducting a trivia game about our members and the history of our Lodge at the St. John's Festive Board. Note the bell to ring in front.

The food was delicious and the entertainment and fellowship well valued.



A group picture of the brethren in attendance at Bro. Miguel Blas' (center) raising.

He is certainly a worthy Bro. Master Mason.



In Memoriam

Brother Ariel San Jose Millare, Sr.

Born September 9, 1960

Raised December 8, 2008

Died May 25, 2019

Soft and safe to thee, my brother...

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
► Jun 2019					Aug 2019 ▶	
	1 MS #19 Officer's meeting @ 7 pm	2 DeMolay Temple Board	3 Scottish Rite Dark	4 Indep. Day Temple Closed	5 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	6 MS #19 Secret Cinema @ 6 pm
7	8	9 Jobs #83 Dark	10 Stockton Oaks #50 OES	11 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	12 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	13 Queen of the West OES
14 Daughters of Boaz	15 MS #19 Officers Practice in 1° @ 7 pm	16 DeMolay	17 Amaranth SJ Shrine Club	18 MS #19 1st Degree - Mr. Paul Ordaz @ 7:00pm	19 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	20
21	22	23 Jobs #83 Dark	24 Knights of St. Andrew @ 6 pm	25 MS #19 Special Meeting re: Dues Increase @ 7 pm	26 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	27 Keystone #14 York Rite
28	29 MS #19 Officer's meeting @ 7 pm	30	31			

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
◀ Jul 2019					► Sep 2019 ▶	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		DeMolay Temple Board	Scottish Rite Dark	MS #19 Dark	Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	Mason of the Year
						Queen of the West
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Daughters of Boaz	Jobs #83	Stockton Oaks #50 OES	MS #19 Dark	Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		DeMolay	Amaranth School of Instruction @ 7 PM Stockton 3° SJ Shrine Club	MS #19 Dark	Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	Keystone #14 York Rite
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Jobs #83	Knights of St. Andrew @ 6 pm	MS #19 Dark	Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	



BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

Thank you to all of you who have supported our fundraisers, either by buying a ticket or giving donations. Your generosity is amazing and much appreciated!

The Bethel will be dark during the month of July and will resume our Bethel meetings on August 27, 2019. All Master Masons and their spouses are able to attend Bethel meetings. Please come and support these lovely ladies. On August 10, we will be helping with the Mason of the Year dinner, we look forward to seeing many of 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,

Ashley Eberhard	Jim Sanborn
Bethel Guardian	Associate Bethel Guardian
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Bethel83stockton@gmail.com	
jamesmacysanborn@gmail.com	



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth R. Evans, PM	July 1,	1943
Julian W. Girouard Jr. PM	July 5,	1973
Ernest McDonald, WM	July 5,	1979
Ronald W. Coale	July 6,	1956
Dominic C. Weatherford	July 7,	1969
Hugo Flores-Moreno	July 8,	1941
Jerrol J. Largin	July 8,	1941
Thomas R. Kriss	July 9,	1953
Virgilio U. Ambida, PM	July 11,	1933
Roger V. Bustos	July 15,	1952
Robert C. Irwin	July 15,	1951
Doyle A. King	July 20,	1933
M. Fred Priebe	July 20,	1936
James M. Morris	July 21,	1943
Corey M. Shaw	July 23,	1987
Mabini C. Francisco	July 23,	1961
Albert L. Palmer	July 23,	1930
Milton Yarbrough	July 23,	1925
Sean P. Johansen	July 26,	1972
Matthew C. Baker	July 29,	1971
Daniel M. Tao	July 29,	1984
Brook Cunningham, PGM	July 30,	1945
Albert Duncan	July 30,	1971



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Albert F. Stokes, PM	August 1,	1945
Franco de Leonardis	August 2,	1939
Anthony T. Linnerman-Smith	August 2,	1991
Thomas H. Morrison	August 3,	1931
David E. Duley	August 7,	1943
Raymond H. Huey Jr.	August 7,	1952
Patrick O'Hern	August 7,	1953
Robert W. Hong	August 8,	1924
Darryl L. Collins	August 9,	1948
James R. Freshour	August 9,	1935
James L. Jensen	August 9,	1944
Darren K. Hill	August 10,	1960
Jeff Lennox	August 13,	1942
Steven R. Astorino	August 14,	1949
Wayne J. Moore	August 14,	1940
E. Darryl Knak, PM	August 16,	1931
Brian Frymire, PM	August 16,	1946
Toshiaki D. Saruwatari	August 16,	1947
Ralph M. Womack	August 17,	1948
Wes C. Martin	August 22,	1977
Kevin R. Kennedy	August 23,	1964
Harlow M. (Hal) Church	August 24,	1974
Gregory A. Louis, PM	August 26,	1952
R. Carter Warmke	August 27,	1947
Dax F. Martin	August 28,	1975
Gary R. Carrera	August 29,	1972
James E. Striplin Sr.	August 29,	1971
Howard F. Turner	August 29,	1948
Ezio A. Aicardi	August 30,	1953



The
Stockton Scottish Rite Valley
cordially invites you to

The 22nd Annual MASON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Saturday, August 10th, 2019

STOCKTON MASONIC TEMPLE
340 E. MARKET ST.

5PM SOCIAL - 6PM BANQUET

7PM AWARDS PRESENTATION

RSVPs strictly required by August 3rd

Contact:
jlbacon@pacbell.net
209-465-3711

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
2019 MASON OF THE YEAR!

MORNING STAR AWARDEE: JOHN L. BAKER, PM

AUGUST 10, 2019

The Stockton Scottish Rite is again hosting the annual Mason of the Year Program honoring the Brothers chosen by their various Lodges and exemplary Masons. Those chosen Mason of the Year stand tall in the eyes of their brothers for their contributions to the Lodge, to the Craft and to the community in which they live.

The evening begins with a time to visit and take refreshment at 5:00 pm, followed by a festive meal at 6:00 pm. Once dinner concludes, we will begin the presentation program.

For dinner reservations please call John or Karen Baker at 209/465-3711 or jlbacon@pacbell.net no later than August 3rd.. Seating is limited so please call early and often.



From the Archives

Below is a scan of the records of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California 1852 and is a notation, highlighted, of San Joaquin Lodge (now Morning Star Lodge) receiving our charter.

Note that we also were chartered the same year as Hawaiian Lodge in Honolulu, HI.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,
Wednesday, May 5th, A. L. 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that the records of the following Lodges under Dispensation had been examined and found satisfactory, viz. :—

Parfaite Union Lodge, at San Francisco ;
Mountain Shade " " Downieville ;
San Joaquin " " Stockton ;
Washington " " Sacramento ;
Hawaiian " " Honolulu, S. I. ;

and recommended that Charters be issued to the said Lodges ; which report was received and concurred in, and Charters were ordered in accordance with the recommendation.

The special committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Master, presented a report, recommending that so much thereof as refers to the length of time which should elapse between the conferring of the several degrees, be referred to the Committee on By-Laws ; so much thereof as refers to uniformity of work, to a special committee of three ; and so much thereof as relates to Education and the taxation of non-affiliated Masons for that purpose, to a special committee of three ; which report was received and concurred in, and the Grand Master appointed the following special committees, as recommended :—

<i>On Uniformity of Work</i> :.....	{ Bro. John Cook, " Reuben Clark, " R. F. Knott.
<i>On Education and Taxation</i> :.....	{ Bro. Robert Hopkins, " J. R. McConnell, " L. B. Mizner.

The Committee on the Returns of Lodges reported a few that were correct, several out of form, with the amount of dues incorrect and dates omitted, etc., all of which they had corrected as far as practicable ; and they called the attention of the Secretaries to the necessity of being more particular in making out their reports.

SAVE THE DATE!

Don't forget about Morning Star & Scottish Rite Joint Picnic!



Saturday, September 28nd, 2019

Buckley Cove Park

6044 Buckley Cove Way in Stockton

*Directions: Head west on March Ln. until
you reach the end of the road*

11am to ???

Games for the kids & kids at heart! Fun for the whole family!

Potluck Menu w/ Burgers & Brats

courtesy of the Lodge & Stockton Scottish Rite Valley.

RSVP w/ John Baker at 209-465-3711 or

Roger Moore at 209-601-1448

by September 16th

Be there AND be SQUARE!



July / August 2019

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Return Service Requested

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.

JULY STATED

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Prepared by Stockton Chapter OES
(this is a fund raiser for OES)

Donation of \$10 would be appreciated

RESERVATIONS BY

Tuesday, July 9th

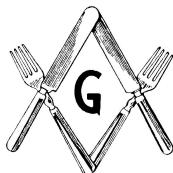
AUGUST STATED

Build your own Sandwich Bar

Donation of \$10 would be appreciated

RESERVATIONS BY

Tuesday, July 30th



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

Remember! Reservation are MANDITORY