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KEEP COOL AND ATTEND LODGE!

Messages from the officers and other bodies on how you can participate as we open up!

Plus -a special message from Bro. Harris on the renovation of the Job's Daughters dressing room.

COVER: Worshipful Jairo Gomez with his son Gabriel after his initiation at Elk Grove Lodge.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated! In the heat of the summer, one of my favorite things to do is sit down with a good drink and even better friends - brothers you might call them! - and having deep conversations about everything and nothing in particular.

I sorely missed this during last summer, since we were all cooped inside our homes. Zoom was a good stand in, but no real substitute.

As masonic functions restart, I am pleased to have been able to be able to do this once again! One of the great joys of being a younger mason is the opportunity to pick the brains of our more seasoned brethren. I am consistently humbled to hear bits of hard earned wisdom and advice from those who have traveled farther in life than I have.

Recently, Bros. Isaac de Jesus, Dan Tao, and myself sat down with another brother, Art Cortez, who is approaching 80 years old. It was the first time in more than a year that he has seen us in person. He shared stories of his travels, about his home lodge on another shore, and how Morning Star was indeed one of the friendliest lodges he's ever been a part of.

On a recent Stonecutters evening, several brethren, a brother to be, and some past masters sat down and exchanged some thoughts on how generations pass the torch, how best to work and best agree, and how Masonry is a practice not just for the 3 hours we spend in the lodge room on Thursdays, but for every moment of our lives.

These moments to me are the real treasures of Masonry and the beautiful part of it all is that it didn't cost me a thing other than an attentive ear.

I hope to see you at one of our degrees, our stated meetings, our practices, and at Stonecutters, so I can learn from you, too!

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

Bro. Sonny Gotos, Jr.

Worshipful Master



From the West

Brother Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY,
Happy Summer Brethren and Family!

As I am writing this, I am praying that by the time you read this article we are having a successful reopening of the state and that our lives are returning back to normal with measured and purposeful steps. Summer is the time of activity, and I am sure that this summer the lodge will not be completely dark as we have many things to catch up on, and more prospects and candidates to welcome to our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Upon reflection of the various lectures that I have been studying as I continue my Masonic career, the reconciliation of various admonishments and directives seem to cross over with my Oriental studies quite easily. A few months ago, I mentioned the symbolism of the 4 seasons as the 4 qualities of a junzi, or the Confucian idea of a nobleman. It is a classical idea from Oriental philosophy that is exhibited often in art; especially in groupings of 4 that relates to the seasons, and stages of growth. It is notable that the symbols are of everyday animals and plants such as chickens, sparrows, bamboo, and common flowers such as chrysanthemum. It is to make a point that anybody with the moral fortitude can improve themselves to become an upright man. Or to say, that the lessons inculcated into the culture and philosophy is that any good man can be made better.

Particularly good words to live by.

Fraternally,
Daniel Tao,
Sr. Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Hello everyone and it looks like Summer is here!!!

It is awesome to meet in person once again and having two (2) meetings under my belt I am beginning to get the hang of meeting in person once again. I must admit that dressing up from the waist up is not such a bad thing, but I will forgo short pants on Zoom to be able to see everyone once again.

Now that we are beginning some sense of normalcy and the lodges and concordant bodies are getting events on calendar, it is time for us as Masons to step up. One of the things that I advise a new Mason when he is initiated is that Masonry is what you put into it. That of course means something different for every person. However, we have also sworn to support our lodge.

Supporting the lodge and getting something out of Masonry can be accomplished in many different ways. Monetarily of course, is one way but there are always people asking for money. You can also get something out of masonry by being involved. The lodges and concordant bodies have many ways to get involved that does not require a 365/24/7 commitment on your part.

All of the bodies have a philanthropy or try to get themselves in the community. If not how about suggesting one? However, you can also get involved in a fundraiser to help raise money for the

philanthropy of the body in question. Perhaps the lodge, your concordant body or youth group has an activity that can use a hand. Get involved and help the event become a success. There seem to be too few of us doing too much and having the flavor of many hands would make a great event!

From personal experience, there is nothing like the feeling a person gets when they are asking for help on a particular project or event and those that he is talking too simply look down at their shoes. It is a lonely felling. Most of us are busy, but the time commitment required to help is actually quite minimal. I realize that there may be a fear that if you get involved in one thing you are stuck forever. That is not necessarily the case. Pick and choose your events or projects.

In closing, I hope that everyone had a chance to see the June edition of Freemasonry Magazine which profiles Morning Star Lodge. The article emphasized one thing...we are the friendliest lodge in the state. Moreover, that was a great shot of Worshipful Sonny Gotos on the façade!

I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge and let's get involved and make it a great year!

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

Now that we are meeting again in person, what is **NORMAL** is the question. The new normal can be better than the old normal. Let's go to lodge!

Not a member of the Scottish Rite yet? That can be remedied very easily. We will be holding degrees this fall and all you need to do is ask any SR member for an application to join. Your Lodge Secretary is a good source. Why did you join Masonry in the first place? For most of us the answer is to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of those around us. The Scottish Rite can help you do just that.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33°
Venerable Master



SHRINE NEWS

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

What a June! Our Oakland A's are kicking ass and taking names. Our Stockton is off to a slow start but sitting in last place, we've got the rest of the league right where we want them!

June saw many more gatherings take place in person and it was wonderful to get to see my brethren all safe and health. We still have work to do, but a safe future is right in front of us.

Happy 4th of July! The San Joaquin Shrine Club shall be meeting at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant on the third Wednesday, July 21. Board meeting at 6pm general meeting at 7pm.

Brethren, as always, stay safe and health, get your vaccines, and wear your mask..

Fraternally,
Matthew Harris
President
San Joaquin Shrine Club

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

July 2021							Aug 2021 ▶
◀ Jun 2021	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	2 Stonecutters Club	3
4 Indep. Day	5		6 Temple Board Via Zoom @ 7 pm	7 MS #19 1st Degree Practice	8 MS #19 1st Degree - Schoenloeber & Jones - 7pm	9 Stonecutters Club	10
11	12 DeMolay		13 Jobs #83 Dark	14	15 MS #19 3rd Degree Practice	16 Stonecutters Club	17
18	19		20	21 Amaranth	22 MS #19 3rd Degree Practice	23 Stonecutters Club	24
25	26 DeMolay		27 Jobs #83 Dark Scottish Rite Dark	28	29 MS #19 3rd Degree - Isaac de Jesus	30 Stonecutters Club	31

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8	9 DeMolay	10 Jobs #83 Dark	11	12 MS #19 3rd Degree - Jackson Faylor	13 Stonecutters Club	14	
15	16	17 School of Inst. @ 7pm at Morning Star #19	18	19 MS #19 Practice or Degree	20 Stonecutters Club	21	
22	23 DeMolay	24 Jobs #83 Scottish Rite Stated	25	26 MS #19 Practice or Degree	27 Stonecutters Club	28	
29	30	31					



BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

Congratulation to all the Bethel Daughters on their new offices for the term! We installed all 6 of our active members. It was an enjoyable night being able to be in person and catch up with the Bethel Daughters and their families. By the time you read this issue, we will know what Grand Bethel Office (state level office) McKenzi will be, congratulations to her! In July we will attend our Association Picnic on the 18 th in Sacramento. In August will be assisting with the Mason of the Year dinner on the 14th. See you there!

We will also be having our first meeting of the term on Aug. 24 at 7pm. If you would like to attend our Bethel meetings, please contact the Bethel Guardian to get all the health and safety information.

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,

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth R. Evans, PM	- July 1, 1943
Julian W. Girouard Jr. PM	- July 5, 1973
Ernest McDonald, PM	- July 5, 1979
Ronald W. Coale	- July 6, 1956
Dominic C. Weatherford	- July 7, 1969
Hugo Flores-Moreno	- July 8, 1941
Jerrold J. Largin	- July 8, 1941
Thomas R. Kriss	- July 9, 1953
Virgilio U. Ambida, PM	- July 11, 1933
Max D. Vargas	- July 12, 1987
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
D. Brook Cunningham, PGM	- July 30, 1945
Albert Duncan	- July 30, 1971

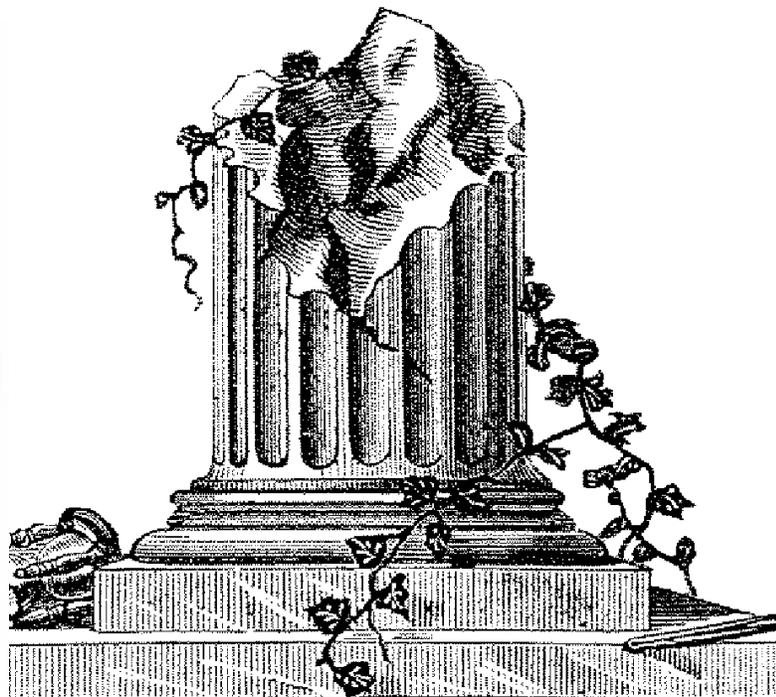
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRETHERN!



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
Bryan 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRETHREN!



IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ROBERT SHENEFELT

Born April 18, 1931

Raised May 31, 1956

Died June 8, 2021

Aged 90 Years, 1 Month, and 20 Days

Soft and safe to thee, our brother...

WITH GRATITUDE!

A MESSAGE FROM BRO. MATTHEW HARRIS

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

I have a somewhat of a long but special article for this month's Trestle Board. The Job's Daughters, Bethel 83 dressing room is complete. This project began in November 2020 with a request by Miss Ashely Eberhard, Bethel Guardian to the Stockton Masonic Temple Board to have new carpet placed in the Dressing Room as the old one was old and smelly. Without debate the Board agreed, and Leland Rout, Temple Board President asked what color of carpet Ashley would like. Royal Purple was the answer, and Worshipful Rout set out on his mission to locate Royal Purple Carpet.

A request was made for volunteers to help clean out the room, patch some holes and install the new carpet. Once the old stuff was taken out of the room an assessment was done and it was determined that the girls deserved a nice room to change clothes in. A plan was laid to improve and upgrade the changing room.

A big part of the plan was to give the room a fresh coat of paint before the new carpet was put in. There were four (4) major holes in the walls to patch, an old cabinet was removed that was not functional, and an end shelf was converted into a desk. A new electrical outlet was installed, and the lights were upgraded to LED's.

The carpet in the room was the original. The matting on the floor was original woven fibers and was stuck to the floor. The fibers had to be scraped off the floor and it was just like giving it a haircut. Once the fibers were scraped off the floor needed to be sanded. My wife (Victoria) and daughter Leah helped me hand wash all of the surfaces of the room which was a day long project in and of itself. The doors were removed, sanded and painted and once they were re-hung the whole room received a fresh coat of

paint. Once the paint the hardware was put on the cabinet doors and fixtures were attached.

Worshipful Rout was successful in finding Royal Purple carpet, and Bethel Guardian Ashley Eberhard showed her strength and resilience and helped drag the carpet up three flights of stairs to the Mezzanine. To keep the job professional an experienced carpet layer was found by Isaac DeJesus, and the job was nearly complete. The final touch was to add something new. An old picture frame was found and restored to life by Victoria Harris. The picture frame was painted purple, and a nameplate was installed on it with the name of: Donald "Uncle Don" Devonshire the grandfather of Bethel Guardian Ashley Eberhard. He was also a very distinguished Mason and spent a lot of time in that room fixing it for the girls. His handwriting is also encased within the frame. Finally, an open call was placed to the masonic bodies for a furniture donation. The Stockton Scottish Rite responded by donating funds to buy new furniture. The upgrade took a total of 140 hours, a lot of sweat, breathing of dust and You Tube watching to complete.

Many thanks and appreciation go to The Stockton Masonic Temple Board, Morning Star, # 19 F.&A.M., The Stockton Scottish Rite, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Rout, Ashley Eberhard, Kathy Devonshire, my wife and daughter Victoria Harris and Leah Harris, Dominic Weatherford, Isaac DeJesus and Michael Hickison for all their help and knowledge. It was truly a team effort!

Cheers,
Matthew Harris
Chairmen of Fraternal Relations
Bethel 83 Stockton JDI





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ARTHUR H. WEISS
GRAND MASTER

Reopening Directive **Permission to Hold In-Person Meetings and Events, Subject to Limitations**

April 13, 2021

Dear Brethren,

On April 2, 2021, the California Department of Public Health issued new guidance on gatherings, private events and meetings. This guidance updates California's COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy, also known as the state's reopening plan. The reopening plan assigns each county in California to a risk tier based upon the level of COVID-19 spread in that county. As part of these updates to the state's reopening plan, indoor private events and meetings will be allowed, with limitations, beginning on April 15 in counties assigned to the red, orange and yellow tiers, but not to the purple tier. (A description of the reopening plan's limitations on private events and meetings can be found in *Exhibit A* of this directive.)

At a high level, the applicable limitations are:

1. Indoor private events and meetings are not permitted in counties assigned to the purple tier.
2. There must be a guest list and a seating chart for any meeting or event.
3. Attendees must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative test within the last 72 hours.
4. The facility must create and implement a COVID-19 site prevention plan.
5. Under the California mask mandate, attendees must wear a face mask unless they are specifically exempted under the mandate.

Therefore, effective April 15, 2021, my October 2020 directives regarding in-person meetings are amended as follows:

(1) Masonic lodges may, but are not required to, resume holding in-person meetings and events, provided that all of the following requirements are satisfied:

Prior to the lodge resuming in-person, indoor meetings and events:

- The county in which the lodge holds its meetings is *not* in the purple tier of the state's reopening plan.
- The master of the lodge determines that the county in which the lodge holds its meeting permits in-person private meetings and events. Individual counties may issue limitations that are stricter than state restrictions, in which case the county limitations supersede the state regulations.

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- The master of the lodge concludes that resuming in-person meetings and events can be done safely and in compliance with this directive.
- The hall association (in consultation with the lodge) conducts a risk assessment of the meeting site; prepares a written COVID-19 site prevention plan that includes on-site guidelines to be followed by lodges; and takes steps necessary to effectuate the prevention plan. *(A template for risk assessment and prevention plans will be provided by the grand secretary for reference.)*
- At each in-person meeting and event, the master must ensure that the event adheres to the limitations for private events contained in the state's reopening plan *(see Exhibit A attached to this directive)*, the applicable county's orders and guidance, and the site's COVID-19 prevention plan.

Lodges may also conduct outdoor events provided that the event complies with the state's limits *(see Exhibit A attached)* and applicable county orders and guidance for outdoor events.

- (2) Masonic Organizations may conduct in-person meetings and events under the same limitations and conditions set out above for lodge meetings *(as applicable)*.**
- (3) Masonic Youth Orders may conduct in-person meetings and events provided that such meetings and events are permitted by the state and the applicable county and the Youth Order follows state and county restrictions and guidance.**
- (4) Pursuant to my October 2020 directives:**
- Lodges may continue, at their discretion, to hold virtual stated meetings.
 - Masonic funeral and burial services may be conducted consistent with the directions of a licensed funeral director.
 - Masons and members of Masonic Organizations and Youth Orders may continue to attend events that are not sponsored by a lodge, hall, Masonic Organization or Youth Order.

Today's reopening directive is the first step in our return to in-person Masonic meetings and activities. As the state provides additional information on safe in-person meetings, I may issue further directives. I have asked the grand secretary to provide additional guidance, consistent with today's directive, regarding in-person meetings.

This directive and additional guidance provided by the grand secretary including a template prevention plan is attached and can be found online at <https://freemason.org/covid19>.

My directives have no force or effect after my term as grand master ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,



ARTHUR H. WEISS
Grand Master



JULY & AUGUST 2021

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JULY

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Yummy dessert

AUGUST

Stuffed Pork Chops

Fattening desert

Prepared by Linden Chapter OES

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