

# The Trestleboard

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## GIVE PEACE & PIZZA A CHANCE

Messages from officers on how we and what we are doing to adjust to the "new normal".

COVER: A screenshot from a recent Morning Star Zoom virtual meeting! Keep an eye on your inbox for the next invite!

# From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I hope everyone is adjusting to our "new normal", a phrase I am not quite comfortable with just yet.

With this "new normal", you may find yourself having a difficult time adjusting to everything. It's important to recognize that this is entirely normal and to use the (working) tools at your disposal to carry the weight of change.

New patterns of behavior, new routines, new outlooks bring about new opportunities to practice our tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Myself? I've been making pizzas. I'm sure you've seen Most Excellent Secretary Moore's email about "Worshipful Gotos' Pizza's of Happiness". (And if you haven't, it probably just hit your spam folder.)

Well, I've decided to put my masonic energy into making pizza to feed the belly, the soul, and to help fund Morning Star's relief efforts.

Proceeds from every pizza purchased go to our Distressed Worthy Brother Fund that helps (you guessed it) our distressed brethren in a variety of ways, including to pay their dues this year.

I guarantee each pizza pie is baked with the same love and attention as I have devoted to the lodge and the friendships we've made over the years.

If you feel like having a Neapolitan-style pizza pie baked fresh with locally made Genova Bakery dough, please reach out to me at 209-210-2785.

Circling back to the idea of the "new normal" and the new opportunities it presents, I hope you find something that can help you through these days.

Whether it's pizza, gardening, reading, or whatever your soul draws you to to get you through these days, remember the wisdom of Solomon: this too shall pass.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,

Bro. Sonny Gotos, Jr.

Worshipful Master





# From the South

Brother Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

As we enter summer, I am hoping that everybody is doing as well as we all can during these times as the state of California gets back to work. With the heat turning up, I hope that we all become as productive as we can; I surely know that I'll be having a busy summer.

This month, I'll be talking about something we haven't seen for a while: The Lodge room. There are a few small details that I want to share since I haven't seen it mentioned lately in our Masonic education.

The Lodge room is usually situated due East and West not only because of King Solomon's temple was orientated so, since all Masonic lodges are based off of the King Solomon's mythos, but it was to model off of Moses' tabernacle, which was oriented due East and West to commemorate the mighty East wind that miraculously delivered the children of Israel through the Red Sea. King Solomon's temple was based off of Moses' original tabernacle in the wilderness of Sinai.

In the Lodge, there are 6 jewels, 3 movable and 3 immovable, which are concisely lectured by our Most Excellent Secretary. But another piece of symbolism that's recommended to be in a Lodge is a circumpoint within a circle that's bound by two parallel lines representing the patron Saints of Masonry, Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the

Evangelist. This piece of artwork I have written about last year and its symbolism could run deep, like many other rabbit holes in Masonry.

In the near future, I hope that Morning Star also will acquire a representation of this symbol that's near and dear to my heart.

Fraternally,

Bro. Daniel Tao

Junior Warden





## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well, and that everyone is healthy and safe. The Stay at Home Orders are gradually being relaxed, but as of yet there are still no Masonic Gatherings taking place. The Lodge Officers did meet on May 4, 2020 via Video Conference and worked through some of the essential business of the lodge. Bills were ordered to be paid, and a few other issues were dealt with.

I know that everyone is tired of sheltering in place and would like to get their life back on track. However, regardless of your feelings of the Stay at Home Orders we are mandated by the Grand Master not meet as Masons. Until we are allowed to meet again as Masons we have to be vigilant and conduct ourselves as upright Masons. Remember, this inconvenience to our lives will be a small bump on the road of our mortal existence So please be safe!

As reported last month the payment of dues is still paramount on our minds. Grand Lodge has granted an extension to submit Suspensions for Non Payment of Dues. Suspensions are now due on or before September 13, 2020. Any Brothers who are on the roster on September 13, 2020 will count against the Lodge's Per Capita. Hopefully, this provides a bit of relief to our brothers.

Unfortunately, those brothers who are not able to pay

their dues due to hardship or other issues is still due by June 30, 2020. The COVID 19 virus may work a hardship on some of our brothers due to the mandatory closing of most businesses. There are many brothers who are employed in service industries or retail that is not released or as an essential business. If dues are a problem as a result of this issue please contact me. I would like to prevail upon our brothers to be vigilant to the situation of our brothers, and if you know of a brother who is having a difficult time either with dues or otherwise please contact me so we can solve the problem

On the horizon, on July 1, 2020 Grand Lodge is rolling out the iMember called of course iMember2. iMember 2 is a big change in the world of Masonry as it does not affect only the Secretaries. It involves the entire membership. iMember2 will allow the entire membership to access some part of iMember. Your dues card will be a virtual dues card and available right on the app. Of course, if you would like a physical dues card one can be printed and provided to you. However, other items will be available on iMember2. Group messaging will be available, a lodge calendar, group telephone similar, to the Big Mouth phone system that Morning Star uses. I will keep you posted as more features reveal themselves.

Please stay vigilant and watch over each other.

Fraternally,  
Roger A. Moore  
Secretary





## SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

It seems that every article you read in our Trestleboard and every other Trestleboard you may receive, says the same thing. Each begins with the update that we are still in a holding pattern and will begin meetings again when the Grand Master releases us to do so.

What we ARE permitted to do is meet via Zoom or some other electronic means. The Scottish Rite, our Lodge, Hi 12 and the Stonecutters club have been holding regular get-togethers. As have most every Lodge in the nation.

It's a tribute to humanity that we will do what is necessary to keep our lives and our sanity in one peace. It's a tribute to Masons that we do it without endangering others.

Carry on, my Brothers. This too will pass.

Fraternally,  
John L. Baker, 33°  
Venerable Master



## SHRINE NEWS

I hope everyone is doing well and sheltering in place has not gotten the better of you.

To give you an update, the Lovely Lynn (my beautiful bride) has yet to throw me out of the house. She has mentioned something about "spousal distancing" I was wondering what the cot in the garage was for...

We are still waiting for the Governor and the Grand Master to allow us to meet once again as Masons, and unfortunately many of our events are falling victim to the Stay at Home Orders.

The latest event to fall is the annual casino bus trip which we normally hold in August. We are looking forward to holding the trip next year.

The Stated Meeting for Ben Ali Shrine and for the San Joaquin Shrine Club will also be cancelled. If, by some miracle, those meetings proceed forward we will notify you.

I would like to remind all of you, my Shrine Family, that although we may not be holding activities and having fun as we usually do we are still Shriners and Masons. This awful virus does not take away who we are, and we must remember to conduct ourselves accordingly.

Remember the children we have sworn to support? They are still there and need our help more than ever, so please keep them in your minds and hearts.

For now, everyone stays safe and keep your families healthy and safe, and we will see you at Chucks when this thing blows over.

Stay safe everyone!!

Roger Moore

# MORNING STAR LODGE #19

June 2020							Jul 2020 ▶
◀ May 2020	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1		2 Temple Board Via ZOOM	3	4 MS #19 Stated Social via Zoom	5 Stonecutters Club Social DARK	6
7	8 DeMolay DARK	9 Jobs #83 Via ZOOM	10	11	12 MS #19 Social via Zoom	13 Stonecutters Club Social DARK	14 Queen of the West OES DARK
14 Flag Day	15	16 Officers School DARK	17 Amaranth DARK	18	19 MS #19 Social via Zoom	20 Stonecutters Club Social DARK	21
21 Father's Day	22 DeMolay DARK	23 Jobs #83 Via ZOOM	24	25	26 MS #19 Social via Zoom	27 Stonecutters Club Social DARK	28 Keystone #14 Stated DARK York Rite DARK
28	29	30	It's lonesome here at home				



## BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

During this time of physical distancing the Bethel has been holding our meetings virtually through Zoom. We are finding ways to stay connected during this time. We had a movie night, where we watched Mulan together.

We are looking forward to being together in person again soon. One of these get together will be our pancake breakfast. Keep a look out for more information on it in the future. Our state wide convention, Grand Bethel has been postponed to Aug. 6-8, 2020. At this session one of our Past Honored Queens will be going in as a Grand Bethel Officer for 2020-2021. This will be an exciting time for our Bethel.

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

Job's Daughters Love,

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Don Heath	-	June 2, 1942
John C. Pozar	-	June 3, 1932
Philip D. McDaniel Jr.	-	June 4, 1950
Artemio C. Cortez	-	June 6, 1942
Peter H. Sust	-	June 8, 1949
Larry Cowell	-	June 11, 1934
Harold D. Glenn	-	June 11, 1938
H. Fayne Wolford	-	June 13, 1933
Anthony A. Napoli	-	June 14, 1994
Jeremy J. Ledbetter	-	June 20, 1988
Robert J. Watson	-	June 20, 1962
Thomas G. Cantrell	-	June 23, 1944
Joel G. Greenberg	-	June 30, 1955

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRETHREN!

# In Memoriam

James Mason Morris

Born July 21, 1943

Raised May 22, 1972

Died May 24, 2020

Aged 76 Years, 9 Months, 3 Days

Soft and safe to thee, our  
brother...







June 2020

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## JUNE (VIRTUAL) MEETING MENU

As May's Monthly Meeting is held  
via the internet in your own home,  
the meal planning is your responsibility.

We suggest that you prepare something special and comfortable,  
And offer a toast to the Masons of your life and their ladies!

