

# The Trestleboard

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## IT'S SUMMERTIME, AND MASONRY IS BACK

Messages from the officers and other bodies on our  
successful reopenings in May!

Plus -what to expect at upcoming meetings.

COVER: The honorable Mr. Robert Westwood and Senior Steward Hal Church pictured at our cleanup day prior to the reopening of the Temple. Bro. Hal was instrumental in getting the Temple ready for opening.

# From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I sincerely hope this message finds you enjoying the first days of summer. As I put these words to page, the mornings are still cool enough to be productive! And, indeed, this message was written in the cool of morning.

Speaking of morning, Morning Star that is, we recently had our first Stated Meeting in person since the pandemic began more than a year ago. We accomplished quite a bit at our May business meeting, not the least of which was actually having a meeting with our new protocols.

I have to share that it was a very moving moment to open lodge. The ritual maintains its solemnity and despite all the trepidation that comes with having to do something one has not done for many months, it was a return to form. I sometimes forget how much of a centering act it is to perform ritual and be reminded that we are united by our principles.

Additionally, it was a nice return to business. I want to give a special thanks to our Bro. Senior Deacon, James Ziggy Striplin for giving one of the best (if not the best) 3rd degree proficiencies I have ever heard. Additionally, I'd like to give a word of thanks to his coach, the Worshipful Sir James Sanborn for coaching him.

My hope is that his proficiency will be the first of many that will bring us back to the business of Masonry. We have a few 1st degrees to confer this month, provided the candidates past muster.

I sincerely hope to see you participate! A lodge isn't just a time and place - it's who is there to conduct its business!

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,  
Bro. Sonny Gotos, Jr.  
Worshipful Master



# From the West

Brother Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY,

Happy Summer Brethren and Family, I am happy to say that our first in-person Masonic Stated meeting went well, especially considering the 13 months that we haven't met. I am also proud to state that our officers took time out on Mother's Day weekend to drop off day lilies to a large portion of our Masonic Widows (affectionately called Sweethearts), doubling our previous efforts in recent years. I particularly want to thank our officers for making the deliveries possible and to my wife, Lisa Mak, who was the one who initially suggested to delivery day lilies in the first place.

As the Chairman of the Masonic Temple's Centennial committee, I would like to report that things are going well, and we are moving forward with our plans to host a grand event in honor of the 100th year anniversary of the Masonic Temple on Saturday, May 28th, 2022. If anybody has any tidbits of history relating to the Temple, or any of the Masonic Family organizations that met within it, please pass it along to me, or our Secretary, the most excellent Roger Moore.

My next target of business for the committee is to start putting together a museum on the 3rd floor, and we are in need of things to display for exhibits of many different kinds. We will naturally highlight the efforts of building the Temple itself, but it is us, the Masonic Family, that makes the building home for so many people.

As we look ahead, it seems like California in general is on track for loosening the restrictions that has been placed due to the COVID Pandemic. I am hoping for a more normal summer, but with this heat hitting strong, and early, it looks like that we might be in for another extended fire season. As we make our way out from the uncertainties of the remnants of 2020, we will be approaching life with the same noble regularity that all Masons have been inculcated since time immemorial.

Fraternally,  
Daniel Tao,  
Sr. Warden





## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Hello everyone and did it ever feel good to meet in person once again!!

I want to start out by letting you know that it was great to see those of you that came to the May Stated Meeting. It was great to see friends and brothers once again after a year+ hiatus.

While my fellow officers will write about the joys of meeting in person once again, I must attend to the grim task of addressing dues.

For those of you who have not paid your dues for 2021 your dues payment is now late, and you are no longer in good standing. Not being in good standing means that you cannot vote, nor can you advance in degrees. If you want to progress or have your voice heard in lodge it is necessary to pay your dues.

Currently, we have 28 Brothers who have not paid their 2021 Dues.

Unfortunately, we also have 23 Brothers who have received their Notice of Intent to Suspend. This occurs when a brother falls two (2) years or more behind in their dues. These brothers are facing suspension at the Stated Meeting on June 3, 2021.

There are various reasons why a Brother does not pay his dues. Usually, it is a personal decision on the part of the Brother. If you find that your interest in Masonry is not what it once was you can request a Demit from the Lodge. Requests for Demits must be

in writing, however it is as easy to request one as sending me an E-Mail. A Demit will put your status on hold and will allow you to remain in good standing if you wish to rejoin the lodge or join another lodge. However, your dues must be current in order to demit.

There are those of you that are experiencing hardship and you're stuck in the unenviable position of doing nothing more than taking care of the basic necessities of life (food on the table, rent, etc.). There is relief for you as well. Ask for a remit.

A remit is a request by a distressed, worthy brother for relief from paying his dues. The brothers request goes before the charitable committee. The Charitable Committee will make a decision and almost every time the problem will be solved. All requests before the Charitable Committee are confidential and no one in the lodge will know. If you need a remit telephone me or send me an E-mail and I can discuss it more in depth with you.

Brethren, if you know of a brother who is in distress and need assistance, please contact me. We have resources to help. We can offer a remission of dues, referral to resources and other such aids.

I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge!

Fraternally,  
Roger A. Moore  
Secretary



## SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

Yes, the word is out. We have reopened for in person meetings. Our first REAL meeting was our Stated meeting May 25 th .

Just so you know, to attend in person, you must have proof of vaccination or a valid COVID test showing a negative result no more than 72 hours old. And you MUST be on the reservation list! All this is a big ask, but then, it is a big step. These requirements are made by the State of California, not by the Scottish Rite. As the State's rules change, we will keep you informed.

To place your reservation, phone the Scottish Rite office at 209/466-3391 See you in May.

Fraternally,  
John L. Baker, 33°  
Venerable Master

## SHRINE NEWS

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

May has come and gone, and June is here, our Oakland A's as predicted and have turned things around taking first place in the AL West. Our Stockton Ports took the field and summer seems to be off and back to (dare I say it) normal.

May was a wonderful month as many Masonic appending bodies began meeting in person again. It was so wonderful seeing you all in the flesh and not on Zoom. I have learned Zoom has a place in my life moving forward, it makes quick work of short board meetings, and ritual practice, but nothing replaces an in-person business meeting or social.

This month let's remember our fathers and raise a cold one for Father's Day. The Shrine is moving forward, our Illustrious Potentate Bill Wells has had many meetings in the preparations of opening the Ben Ali Shrine. He elected to skip May and have the first in person meeting this month June 8 th due to new floors being put in. The Ben Ali Shrine has gone through much renovation during its closure and is in pristine condition to welcome us all back. If you would like to attend this months in person meeting, please RSVP with Kathy Walsh at the Ben Ali Shrine office (916) 920-4107

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

June 2021							Jul 2021 ▶
◀ May 2021	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Temple Board Via Zoom @ 7 pm DeMolay	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	<b>4</b> Stonecutters Club Dark	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>8</b> Jobs #83	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> MS #19 Dark	<b>11</b> Stonecutters Club Dark	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Flag Day		<b>15</b> School of Inst. @ 7 pm	<b>16</b> Amaranth Dark SJ Shrine Club	<b>17</b> MS #19 1st Degree Practice	<b>18</b> Stonecutters Club	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Start of Summer (Summer Solstice)</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>22</b> Jobs #83 Scottish Rite Stated	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> MS #19 1st Degree - Osborne-Schoenleber, if elected	<b>25</b> Stonecutters Club	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			



## BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

We had our first in-person Bethel meeting in 14 months on May 11th. The Bethel Daughters really enjoyed being able to see each other in person instead of through a screen. They also got to see their improved changing room for the first time. They had a great time making their slime in person. We will be holding our installation on June 8th.

Congratulations to Emily for being initiated on May 26th! Our state level convention Grand Bethel is on June 25th and 26th in Ontario, California. Due to COVID-19, this will be a hybrid event. The Bethel will be having a watch party on those nights at the Temple while McKenzi and our Bethel Guardian Miss Ashley are in Ontario impatiently waiting to find out what Grand Bethel Office McKenzi will be.

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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Jim Sanborn  
Associate Bethel Guardian  
(209) 570-7363

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## JUNE 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!

# Seen on Scene in May



Sharon Walker (left portrait) and Barbara Burruel (right portrait) with their day lilies. The officers visited them and many other lodge sweethearts / widows on Mother's Day weekend presenting them with a small token of our appreciation.



Mr. Brandon Jones, on the right, presented his application for degrees with Morning Star at our May Stated Meeting. He is pictured with Worshipful Sir John Baker and Most Excellent Secretary Moore.



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## **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



JUNE 2021

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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.

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## JUNE STATED MEETING MENU

Yes, the dinning room is OPEN Again

Baked Potato Bar

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 (6/1) Before the Stated Meeting (6/3)

Remember! Reservation are MANDATORY

