



The Trestleboard

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MARCH MEMORIES IN MASONRY

Messages from the officers on what you can do to
bring us closer to meeting in person!

PLUS - an article from the
1922 Stockton Daily Independent Newspaper

COVER: Your brethren replacing the flag on the roof of the Temple.
The recent windy weather tattered up the old one.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I hope this month's edition of the Trestleboard finds your family happy, healthy, and doing well.

Many do not know this, but all civil servants in the county are mandated to help in whatever fashion they can when an emergency event occurs. The pandemic certainly qualifies as one and we are still under directives to pivot our functions as required.

Last month, I had the opportunity to serve under this mandate at a county vaccination clinic. It was rewarding and eye-opening for me. I got the chance to look every person who had an appointment, eye to eye, and on the level.

And although many folks don't like getting shots, and looked nervous about that, almost everyone had the light of joy on their faces. Everyone was waiting patiently for their opportunity to be vaccinated and do their part to see this portion of our collective woe end in victory over this virus. It was a feeling of watching some small portion of history being recorded; something I will tell my children of one day.

I even had the chance to see a brother and his wife in the line and seeing them really brought home that our national - world - nightmare may be nearing its end. It filled me with a such a powerful feeling of relief to know that this brother and his lady were going to be OK.

We are not quite at the finish line, but hearing from many of you that you are getting vaccinated, wearing your masks, and continuing to practice good health practices, I am hopeful that we will be able to meet in person sooner rather than later.

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,

Bro. Sonny Gotos, Jr.

Worshipful Master



From the West

Brother Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY,

It is with mixed feelings to say that Spring has officially arrived! Things are still officially quiet as we are still working through the Pandemic, but I am hoping that we are nearing the endgame of this now multi-year long ordeal. We continue to travel on that level of time, regardless. With the event of Chinese Lunar New Year in February, and the continual labor to work towards the 2022 Centennial Celebration of the Masonic Temple, various members of our Lodge have been in a contemplative and researching mood.

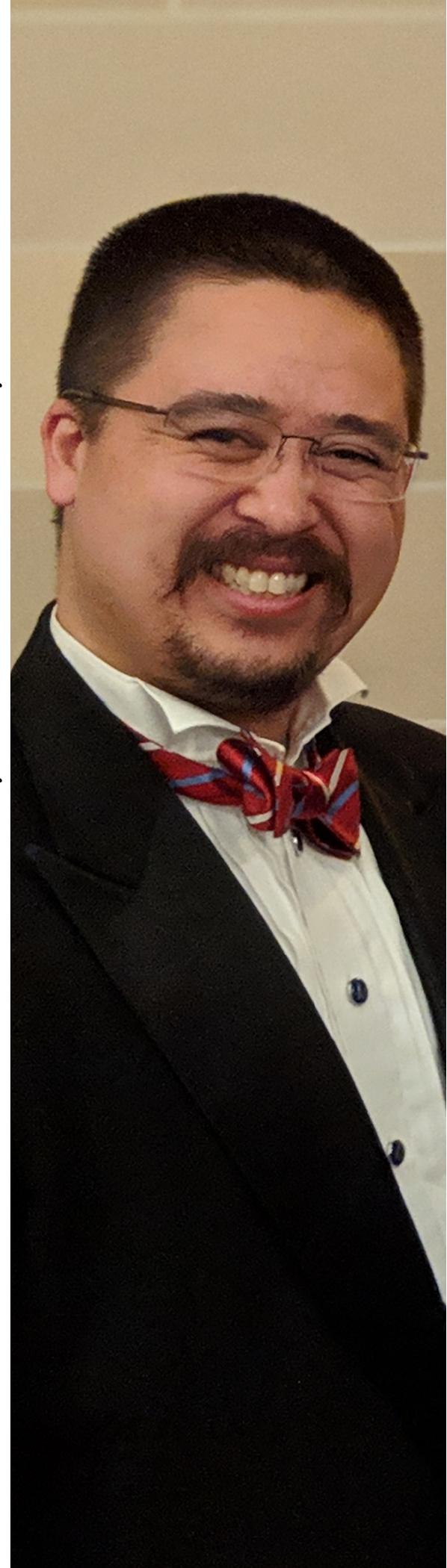
Names that have come up in our illustrious history include Worshipful Lemuel Lyons, the founding Master of Morning Star Lodge #68 in 1854, as well as Brother Reuel Colt Gridley, who is known for auctioning off a 50 lb sack of flour to raise money for wounded veterans. The beginning years of Morning Star Lodge was definitely one of character as like minded gentlemen gathered together for fellowship with those who may have otherwise remained at perpetual distance.

By looking into the past, we find familiar trials and adversities that our brethren have faced and overcome. Part of the strength of Masonry in general is the multi-generational gatherings that we host, where knowledge and experience, both of good times and of mistakes, are floated freely to whoever would partake. Thus, reflection and contemplation helps build our character, making good men better, and let's us look forward to helping build the future character of Lodge.

Stay well my family.

Fraternally,

Daniel Tao, Sr. Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

I know that it seems as if it has been a tumultuous and frightening time in the news. Fear is running rampant with increasing issues with the Corona Virus and the danger that it represents. While there is a vaccine here ready to help us there seems to be issues getting needles into arms. Finally, the events in Washington are disconcerting at best.

As Masons, Americans, and even human beings we all have an opinion, and I would be willing to bet that each person's opinion is different from the other. However, as Masons we have also learned to respect the other's opinion and stand with him in brotherhood. With the events going on in the world I would like to think that we are adhering to that lofty standard.

Unfortunately, I have seen quite the opposite coming from a lot of our brothers (not just Morning Star) and the anonymity of the keyboard seemingly provides them a cover to detract from the Masonic principles that we have all taken an obligation to uphold. I would urge each and every one of us to think before we speak and read what we write before we press the fateful send button. Once the word is said or published there is no taking it back, and what may have been an otherwise great

relationship is tarnished forever. Please be mindful of what you say.

On a lighter note, I would like to wish our Sweethearts a Happy Valentine's Day! Please know that you are highly thought of and present in our minds always. You are an essential part of Morning Star and you are always welcome to our events and gatherings. Once this pandemic lifts it is my hope that we will be able to reunite once again deliver those long overdue roses and show our appreciation to you.

On a less than lighter note, but more on a secretarial side of things. Pay Your Dues. Dues for 2021 are now due and payable. If you have yet to pay your dues, you are no longer in good standing. This will deprive you of the right to vote, advance in degrees, hold office, and even have membership in other lodges or concordant bodies. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me at (209) 601-1448 or Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com.

Keep your eye out for Lodge events (even if we cannot meet) as we would like to keep everyone involved in the Friendliest Lodge in the State.

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

One step closer to reopening!!!!!! As we get our vaccinations, we make our nation safer and our ability to meet as Masons one step closer to reality. I got mine and feel great. No negative side effects at all.

The Master Craftsman program is for all Masons, not just Scottish Rite Masons. If you want to learn more of the Craft, this is for you. The Master Craftsman program has undergone a few changes to make it more user friendly.

Here is your chance to dig into Masonic teachings in a very painless manner. If you would like to join this virtual study group, please give our General Secretary Greg Niskanen a buzz. stkngs@stocktonscottishrite.org

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33°
Venerable Master



SHRINE NEWS

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

I hope you all remembered to give your special someone/s a nice valentine last month. I gave both my girls flowers and See's candy, avoiding the doghouse. March means we are 31 days until opening day, lord please no delays!

It was wonderful seeing everyone and hearing your stories of this last year at the Evening of Joy. I feel it went over very well, stay tuned for our next one. Ben Ali has also been highly active on Facebook Live's, if you are not following them, I would suggest it, if for nothing else staying up to date with when the first Shrine party will be! We cannot wait to get together again.

This coming month the San Joaquin Shrine club will have a meeting Wednesday the 17th 7pm via Zoom. I hope all of you that are eligible have been able to get your first vaccine or will as soon as possible! Stay safe, be health, wear your mask, show compassion, and give back when you can.

Fraternally,
Matthew Harris
President,
San Joaquin Shrine Club

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

March 2021							Apr 2021 ▶
◀ Feb 2021	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1		2 Temple Board Via Zoom @ 7 pm DeMolay Dark	3	4 MS #19 Stated Via Zoom @ 7 pm	5 Stonecutters Club Dark	6
7	8		9 Jobs #83 Via Zoom	10	11 MS #19 Dark Zoom Social @ 7 pm	12 Stonecutters Club Dark	13
14 Daylight Saving Begins	15		16 School of Inst. Via Zoom @ 7 pm DeMolay Dark	17 Saint Patrick's Day Amaranth Dark SJ Shrine Club Via Zoom @ 7pm	18 MS #19 Dark Zoom Social @ 7 pm	19 Stonecutters Club Dark	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)
21	22		23 Jobs #83 Via Zoom Scottish Rite Stated Via Zoom @ 7 pm	24	25 MS #19 Dark Zoom Social @ 7 pm	26 Stonecutters Club Dark	27
28	29		30	31			



BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

Fun was had by all at our February fun event of decorating sugar cookies. The Bethel Daughters also got creative during the Sketch it up Night hosted by California Job's Daughters.

Our March fun event is a paint event on the 13th. We are sure letting our creativity flow! We are continuing with our proficiency practices and a will be having our Proficiency Lessons examination at our second meeting in March.

Our March meetings will continue to be over zoom. They will be held on March 9th and 23 rd at 7pm. If you would like to attend one of our Bethel meetings, please email the Bethel Guardian and she will send you the information. We would love to have some visitors!

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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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

James R. Eichbaum, PM	-	March 1, 1949
Hendrik VanDePol	-	March 1, 1930
Kenneth E. Oliver, PM	-	March 2, 1943
Joseph C. Ofamen	-	March 3, 1960
Jeffrey S. Zwible	-	March 3, 1961
Joevon Barnes	-	March 6, 1976
Ken Wilson	-	March 6, 1951
Michael T. Yared	-	March 6, 1960
Joseph F. Walker	-	March 9, 1933
Larry Eckerty	-	March 10, 1943
Kenneth P. Owen	-	March 11, 1934
David E. Bloom	-	March 12, 1959
Michael A. Billedo	-	March 13, 1981
Anthony S. Borash	-	March 14, 1978
Arthur L. Godi, PM	-	March 14, 1936
Roger D. Hushour	-	March 17, 1944
Thomas M. Muller	-	March 17, 1990
Russell C. Robinson	-	March 17, 1982
Khader I. Nino	-	March 18, 1965
Terry C. Mislark, PM	-	March 19, 1949
Karl E. Robinson	-	March 21, 1961
Christopher N. Sparks	-	March 22, 1977
Ron C. Girard	-	March 24, 1944
James E. Mitchell	-	March 25, 1955
William E. DuBois, PM	-	March 27, 1933
Bradley A. Greenwood	-	March 27, 1961
James D. Myers	-	March 27, 1934
James E. Murrison	-	March 29, 1927
Manuel B. Benites Sr.	-	March 31, 1947
Brian Nichols	-	March 31, 1967

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRETHERN!

NOTICE OF MARCH STATED

BRETHREN! PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT MORNING STAR, NO. 19 WILL HOLD IT'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED STATED MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM.

THE MEETING WILL BE TILED SO BE SURE TO BE IN A QUIET, PRIVATE LOCATION. EACH MEMBER ATTENDING WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND HAVE HIS VOICE HEARD IF THEY SO CHOOSE.

TO ACCESS THE ZOOM ACCOUNT:

BY COMPUTER OR PHONE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88000458672?pwd=UU5DMTBVbktBbVQzN2xEZWg2dnRoUT09>

By phone: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 880 0045 8672

Passcode: 544934

YOU CAN ATTEND BY COMPUTER OR MOBILE PHONE. IF YOU ATTEND BY MOBILE PHONE YOU WILL STILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER?

PLEASE, CALL A BROTHER WHO HAPPENS TO BE A FRIEND FOR HELP!





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MARCH STATED MEETING MENU

Make your own meal

or

Phone in and Pick Up

Corned Beef & Sides

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

March 2nd (Tuesday)

