

The Trestleboard

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LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE

Messages from Wor. Sonny about humor and Bro. JW Daniel about the need to take care of ourselves.

Plus, a flyer for the upcoming Scottish Rite Shamrock Fest.

COVER: Bro. JW Daniel Tao practicing in the lodge room with Wor. Bob Bussman to his left in the Marshal's chair.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,
Time flies! It's already the third month of the year. It feels like I haven't even gotten a chance to enjoy the refreshing winds of winter and now springtime is upon us.



Punxsutawney Phil, the titular groundhog of Groundhog Day, predicted an earlier spring and, I don't know about you, but a weather report from a giant wood eating rodent is pretty trustworthy to me nowadays.

If that gave you a chuckle, remember that, although it is not explicitly outlined in our degrees or lectures, humor is an essential part of living life. Too often we forget that one of the many blessings the Great Architect has gifted us with is our ability to laugh at the absurd, the unexpected, and our own mistakes.

I hope you'll take some time this spring to laugh at yourself and with others (note WITH, not AT). It will make you a more patient person when you see that one of the things that make all of us the same is that we can laugh and trust the judgment of a groundhog.

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,
Worshipful Sonny Gotos, PM



From the South

Bro. Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

As we come into March, it feels like Spring has pushed itself forward with an abbreviated Winter this year. The weather is much warmer than anticipated, and here in the valley, I feel like we are all praying for some more spring showers. And with this rush forward, we can most likely look forward to a longer summer this year, and the Old Farmer's Almanac says it'll be a cooler summer.



All this comes together to impact us and our own Work. East Asian wisdom say that when the seasons are on time, then Man has their optimal workflow. If the seasons are unseasonal, then not only are we impacted in our state of mind (think like circadian rhythm), but also our health. As Masons know, we are products of our environments. The warmer winter is allowing the flu season to linger longer than usual. And with this early spring, the mosquitos are already out. Keep well and stay moderate in life, my Brothers.

With such expectations, it will do well for us to plan and to use the full extent of our Working Tools. Especially as challenges pop up in our lives, by utilizing the 12-inch Gauge and the other tools, we can continually adjust to whatever life throws at us. I know the emphasis of managing oneself in the Masonic lectures has definitely saved my sanity a few times already this year. It provides structure and adaptability, and I hope all of the Brothers are rewarded as such with their Masonic studies as time goes on.

Fraternally,
Bro. Daniel M. Tao
Junior Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

March is coming!! What does that mean? Yes, flowers begin to bloom, and birds return from their fall getaway, and of course Spring Training is well under way. It also means the Annual Notice to Suspend for Non Payment of Dues letters have to go out. This is not my favorite time of year, and it is the least favorite part of my job. However, it is important to keep the Lodge vibrant and on sound financial footing. The payment of dues is the primary source for keeping our lodge solvent. So, if you haven't paid your dues yet, get them in the mail. If paying dues proves to be a hardship then pick up the phone and call me. Our call is confidential, and working together we can get this problem solved.

I had the honor to attend the Annual Secretaries Retreat in San Ramon the weekend of February 7, 8 and 9 th . The Secretaries/Treasurers Retreat is a weekend long series of seminars and classes where you are locked into a room and the powers to be at Grand Lodge force feed you the Grand Lodge Way. My description may be somewhat exaggerated. The doors are not locked, and we are not necessarily force fed. What does happen at the retreat is the Secretaries and Treasurers are given a refresher course on their job responsibilities, and the proper procedure in which to get our tasks done. We also go over ways to try and get the job more done more easily.

What also is discussed is some of the new things that Grand Lodge is rolling out. For example, in June the

Secretaries will be using a new form of record keeping known as i-Member 2. This program is promising to be more user friendly than the version we have now. It will allow us to access a wide variety of information that could only be available by going to several different sites. The good news is that everyone will have access to i-Member 2 in some capacity. This is really exciting. Yes, I have been accused of being a geek.

What was also discussed is what is the Fraternity going to be like in 2050? What will be the headline if Time Magazine were to do a cover and an article on Freemasonry in 2050. Will our core values of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth remain solid and have an influence on society? So far it has proven out through history, so perhaps so.

There are several adjustments that lodges in the near future will need to make. The adjustments include changes in technology, membership, and the way we do business. Does Morning Star have a strategic plan going into 2025? What will be on calendar and will we be able to afford them? All these are questions that should be answered, or at least thought about. If you are curious about anything that did go on at the Retreat or want to talk about the future feel free to get in contact with me. Give me a call or come see me at my desk.

No one travels alone.

Bro. Roger A. Moore

Secretary



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

I call your attention to the Shamrock Festival Saturday, March 7th. This is our big fundraiser for the benefit of the Language Center for the year. We figured you would be all crabbed out so a new direction is the Corned Beef. Plus, beer sampling is something new. Call the office on 209/466-3391 or me on 209/465-3711 for details. I hope to have your support on this adventure. It is a mere \$35 per person for all you can eat. See the flyer in this Trestleboard.

For those of you not members of the Scottish Rite, the spring class is upon us. The Degrees will be conferred in the beautiful Oakland Scottish Rite Temple on June 6th and 7th. Now is your chance to see a spectacular presentation.

Phone me or the Stockton Scottish Rite office on 209+466-3391 for details.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33°
Venerable Master



SHRINE NEWS

Hey From the Shrine!!!

The Shrine started February off on the right track with the Annual BASKO Days which stands for Ben Ali Shrine Kick Off. The weekend had a wide range of activities starting with seminars on Shrine Protocol to responsibilities of the various officers of the Clubs and Units. Most interesting though was the presentation by Imperial Shrine on membership. The Shrine is losing numbers in ever increasing amounts. Some Temples are looking at going under or merging with another Temple. What is central to all of us are visits by the Black Camel. What was stressed is that we have to do something now! The presentation by Imperial was factual and informative and presented us with some tools to get the job done. What is also common among all of us is that increasing membership starts with all of us. Do you go to your Blue Lodge and talk about the Shrine? Spark some interest, and if each Shriner can bring in one new or returning member our rankswould double.

The Weekend also included a gala in which Ben Ali paid tribute to the new offices, and welcomed guests from other Shrines. Did you know that the Potentate from the Shrine in L.A. is just as much fun as our Potentate is? The weekend concluded with a nice breakfast and a great talk about a Shrine Child by the name of Mason. Perfect name for a Shrine Child don't you think? Mason, was afflicted with a syndrome in the womb where bands attached themselves around his legs and other appendages and had an affect on this growth. Mason was born without a foot or some fingers on one hand. Yet, with the treatment that the hospital has given him he gets fitted with a new prosthesis on a regular basis. To see his spirit and to watch him run around and play like a normal child was very uplifting.

March 29, 2020 is Ben Ali Shrine night at the Stockton Heat. Tickets are still available and if you are interested let me know and I will get you set up with the right person. This is a great time to let your Shrine pride show, or better yet just come on out and have some fun!!

March Stated Meeting for San Joaquin Shrine Club is on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms at Pacific Bowl. Come on out for a good time and see what the Shrine is all about. We'll see you at Chucks!!

Remember it's all about the Kids!!!

Bro. Roger A. Moore

MORNING STAR LODGE #19

March 2020							Apr 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 MS #19 - Officers Meeting	3 Temple Board Jobs #83	4 Scottish Rite Stated	5 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	6 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	7	
8	9	10 DeMolay MS #19 - 3rd Degree Practice	11	12 MS #19 - 3rd Degree Practice	13 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	14	
15	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day Officers School in Woodbridge @ 7 PM	18	19 MS #19 - 3rd Degree for Bro. Isaac DeJesus	20 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	21	
22	23	24 DeMolay	25	26 MS #19 - Degree, Practice, or Visit	27 Stonecutters Club Social @ 6 PM	28	
29	30	31					



Shamrock Festival

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH · 5-8PM

Beer sampling, corned beef and cabbage

Hosted by the Stockton Scottish Rite
340 East Market Street, Stockton, CA

Tickets - \$35



For tickets call (209) 466-3391

Tickets will also be available at the door



Benefitting the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Stockton





BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

Thank you to all who came out to our Potato Bar Fundraiser; all the proceeds went towards the Educational and Promotional Fund which provides scholarships to California Job's Daughters. We initiated our newest member Gia at the end of February. Gia is the daughter of Morning Star's Brother Isaac DeJesus.

For March, the Bethel will be serving at the Shamrock Festival on the 7th . We will be having a Paint Event Fundraiser on the 21st . Come and join us for a step by step instruction on painting a surprise picture. Our Bethel meetings this month are on the 10th and 24th .

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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FEBRUARY 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
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
James F. McGaughey	-	March 23, 1945
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!



March 2020

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MARCH STATED

Chicken Dijon, Green Salad, Carrots & Potatoes

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)

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PLEASE CALL JOHN OR KAREN BAKER @ 465-3711 FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS BY

Tuesday Before the Stated Meeting (March 3rd)

Remember! Reservation are MANDATORY

