

The Trestleboard

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**WE'RE BACK TO BUSINESS
COME JOIN US!**

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

Plus - the Grand Master's and State's directives on
meetings on page 9 & 10

COVER: A photo from a practice more than a year ago.
With the reopening, we are hoping for a successful return to lodge in full and ample form

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

We have finally received guidance from the State and the Grand Lodge and can meet together, once again, on the level. I'm particularly pleased that this has happened sooner than expected.

There are a few important regulations that are required for us to meet, namely, that you must have tested negative from covid-19 within 3 days of the planned event or you must have been fully vaccinated. Additionally, unlike prior to the pandemic, you have to rsvp to the planned event and wear a mask during its duration.

As your Worshipful Master, I have decided that we will open and conduct our May Stated Meeting in person. So, please keep in mind that if you attend this meeting (and I sincerely hope you can and do!), you must observe this rules.

I know that for some the regulations are not easily met, so the Lodge will be emailing out details related to testing and vaccination sites. Keep an eye on your inbox!

Our Most Excellent Secretary Moore in his article points out that there will be differences of opinion regarding these restrictions. We are free to have disagreements as individuals, but as brethren, I call for calm, quiet consideration, and a return to the tenets of Freemasonry - namely to echo the lesson of the trowel and spread brotherly love and affection - not discord.

The restrictions, like the situation has been for 13 months, is fluid and we must remain fluid. They are likely to change and perhaps even lift sooner than we expect.

I am proud to lead and be a member of our great and historic lodge during this challenging time. We write this chapter of Morning Star's history together and when we tell it to our future brethren, we should be proud of our actions.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,

Bro. Sonny Gotos, Jr.

Worshipful Master



From the West

Brother Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY,

As we are coming into the heart of a warm and dry spring, we need to not only mind the present but also look forward to our planning for the summer and the second half of the year.

I am proud to say that we as a fraternity, and we as a local organization, have made strides to move forward as we regain our sense of normalcy. We will soon be seeing life after Covid, and I for one, join the masses who are looking forward to it.

As things shake out for the fraternity returning to business, I must point out that we are still in a transition stage but returning to life as it was before 2020 is within sight. Who knows, it might even be possible to celebrate Saint John's day in some capacity in June.

Looking more forward into the future, May marks the 12-month countdown to the 100th year Anniversary of the Stockton Masonic Temple. I am proud to say that the committee in charge of organizing the celebrations is making good, and early, progress in planning. I hope this time next year, I'll be writing about the event in detail.

For the immediate future, let's enjoy the beautiful Northern California weather, and the bounties of Spring.

Stay well my family.

Fraternally,

Daniel Tao, Sr. Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Hello everyone and the big news is out! We are going to reopen!

You have probably read a couple of articles at this point about reopening and the procedures involved. Instead of repeating those words, I want to assure you that Morning Star's reopening will be done in the most thorough and safe fashion that we can. I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back to lodge.

This event along with many that have occurred within the past year have not come without controversy. Because we are human, we each share an individual feeling or belief that is personal to us. We encounter this now.

However, these differences (at least the existence of them) should not be new to us. Whether we are addressing the different races, religious beliefs, or political differences they are ideologies that confront all of us on a day-to-day basis. How we handle these differences as Masons is what is important.

As Masons we are taught to simply not engage in this type of behavior. We are taught that we stand beside each brother regardless of his religion, political belief and sexual orientation as an equal.

We meet him on the square, and act on the level even if you don't agree with him. Can you voice a difference of opinion? Absolutely!

Provided it is done in as a respectful of a fashion as you expect him to consider your opinion.

What do we do if we are confronted with speech or opinions that is hate filled or threatening towards us or someone we love? I would expect as Masons that we would act honorably. If such speech is in the form of hate speech or someone feels threatened I would and would expect my brothers to stand up against such speech. Confront it head on in as safe a manner as possible. We have a duty to stand up for the oppressed.

Issues confront us every day. Many of these issues are personal to a man and his family. I believe that we would be better served if we remembered that thought and acted accordingly. After all that is what makes us unique, different, and interesting.

Remember, treat one another with kindness and respect and we can assure that we will act as proper Masons should.

Be safe, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to Lodge as soon as we can safely do so.

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

Yes, the word is out. We are reopening for in person meetings. Our first REAL meeting will be our Stated meeting May 25th .

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.

See you in May.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33^o
Venerable Master



SHRINE NEWS

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

WOW what a month we just finished, our Oakland A's started off terrible with a 0-5 start, and now at this point not bad to be back at .500. April 1st ! Our Stockton Ports will be back on the field with fans here in 11 days!

I believe the most notable thing that happened last month was the Governor and Grandmaster have lifted the ban on in person meetings! Once I have direction from Ben Ali Shrine's Potentate Bill Wells, the board and I will look to immediately beginning some form of in person meeting that conforms to all the rules and regulations for in person gatherings. If not at Chucks, somewhere like a local lodge, I'm sure! Victoria and I are both now fully vaccinated!

As the month of May begins, I would like to give my appreciation and love to all our mothers, this Mother's Day on the 9th. For now, this month's meeting will be on Zoom Wednesday May 19th at 7pm, if and when this changes we will let you know asap.

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

May 2021							Jun 2021 ▶	
◀ Apr 2021	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3			4 Temple Board Via Zoom @ 7 pm DeMolay Dark	5	6 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00 Meeting in Person	7	8	
9 Mother's Day	10		11 Jobs #83	12	13 MS #19 To Be Announced	14	15	
16	17		18 School of Inst. DeMolay Dark	19 Amaranth SJ Shrine Club	20 MS #19 To Be Announced	21	22	
23	24		25 Jobs #83 Scottish Rite Stated Meeting in Person	26	27 MS #19 To Be Announced	28	29	
30	31 Memorial Day							



BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

We had our Grand Guardian's Official Visit on April 27th with our neighbor Bethels, 110 Tracy and 276 Lodi. It was a Broadway theme for the night. For our May fun event we became scientists and made our own slime on May 1st. We are excited to one day be able to meet in-person for our activities.

Our May meetings will be held on May 11th and 25th 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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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Laurence E. Drivon	- May 1, 1941
Feliciano A. Garcia	- May 2, 1980
Robert J. Clark	- May 4, 1943
Ray L. Gowdy	- May 5, 1945
Shawn A. McCarty	- May 6, 1985
Nick Kosta	- May 7, 1934
Miguel G. Blas	- May 8, 1964
Ronald T. Stockwell	- May 10, 1943
Richard L. Mano Jr.	- May 10, 1988
Robert L. Westwood	- May 11, 1933
Gary O. Kelley	- May 16, 1945
Robert W. Church, PM	- May 23, 1949
James A. Linnerman, PM	- May 24, 1945
Thomas C. Maples	- May 25, 1976
Edward A. Simas	- May 26, 1944
Noel V. Obrero	- May 27, 1960
Michael J. Stern, PM	- May 28, 1975

Happy Birthday, Brethren!

In Memoriam

Vijendra P. Govin, PM

Born March 27, 1934

Raised March 12, 1970

Died February 11, 2021

Aged 86 Years and 1 Day

Served as Master of his Lodge in Fiji

Soft and safe to thee, our
brother...





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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



MAY 2021

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MAY STATED MEETING MENU

Yes, the dinning room is OPEN Again

Taco 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 (5/4) Before the Stated Meeting (5/6)

Remember! Reservation are MANDATORY

