

The Trestleboard

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NOTABLE NOVEMBER

Messages from the Worshipful Master and Secretary
on upcoming dues notices and the changing season.

Plus, Worshipful Baker writes about prayer in Lodge.

COVER: Worshipful Robert Church sits in the Grand Master's chair
before the opening ceremony of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

On a frigid morning this past month, I took a gander at my phone to take stock of the temperature and and see if I should bring a jacket or just brave the elements. One of the cool (to me, anyways) features of the weather app on my phone is that it tells you the remaining time of daylight hours. On that day, it told me that I had a little less than 11 hours left of daylight.



Wouldn't it be great to have an app that would tell you how long you have left to live? To some, yes. To me, definitely not. The fact that I don't know how much time I have left makes my life more valuable.

I write this not to sound morbid, but to reiterate what Masonry teaches us: to value each day we are given - to dedicate a portion to the Ever Living God and a distressed worthy brother, a part to our usual vocations, and a part for refreshment and repose.

The lesson is an old one (no pun intended). It is a lesson reiterated by Jesus of Nazareth who said, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Then have no care for tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself."

As I write these words, I realize I'm starting to sound a little bit down, but I think what I mean by writing this is to say that as the season changes from one of abundant daylight to one of long nights, it is good to think about what is valuable and what brings us peace. To me, it is home and I'm blessed to say that I have two homes - one of which is the Morning Star family.

In closing, enjoy the day, the changing seasons (and the variety of scenes it brings), the change in pace, the inward lessons it brings, **AND PAY YOUR 2020 DUES!**

Sincerely & Fraternaly Yours,
Worshipful Sonny Gotos, PM



From the West

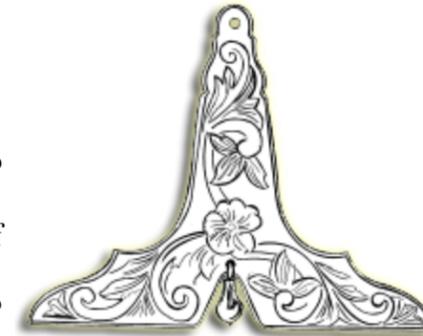
Bro. James Linnerman, PM

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

A Stranger in Our Midst?

Is a visitor welcome in our Lodge?

A foolish question, you say. Of course, a Brother is ALWAYS welcome. The real question



should be, "does he know it?" Is he, and family members with him, made to feel welcome? Do we as members make friendly advances, or must he make them if he is to get acquainted?

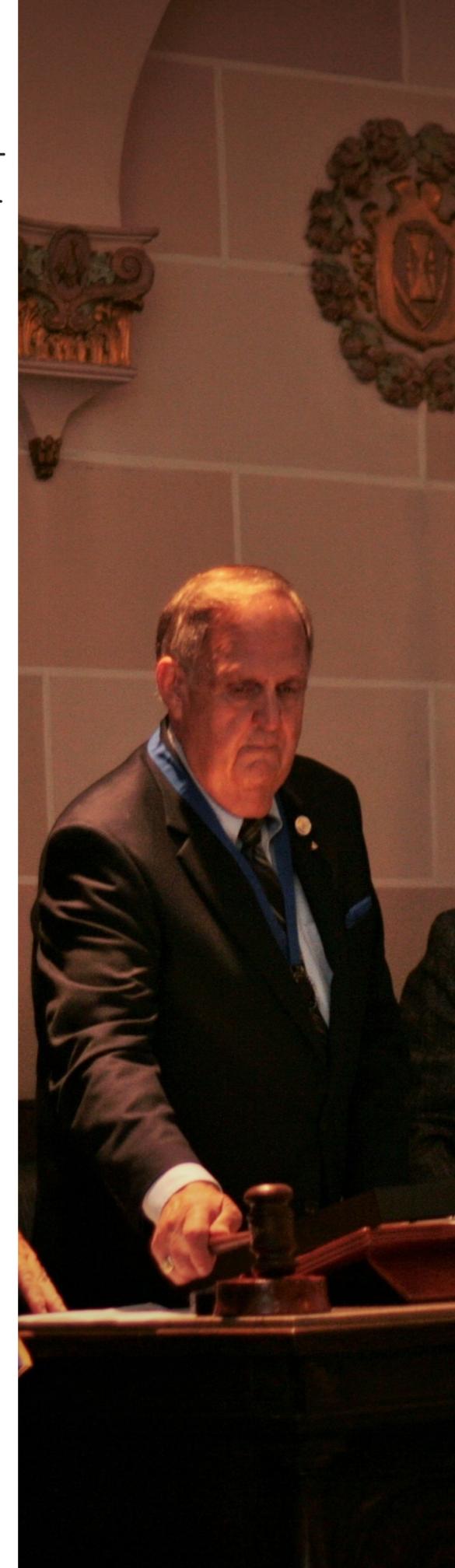
Let us not be cold to newcomers. We do not mean to be that way, of course. Shake hands with the guest and make him feel at home in our Lodge.

Finally, a word in support of our Secretary. Please give him your change of address (it saves the Lodge a postage fee) and give him your Email address so that you may receive the Trestleboard via Email.

Fraternaly,

Bro. James Linnerman, PM

Senior Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Greetings From the Secretary's Desk,

That time is here!! Many of you have received your Dues Notices, something I know everyone looks forward to (probably like a root canal)! While it is a notice that may not be welcome in your mailbox it is a very important notice, and essential to the functioning of your lodge. Without you and your financial support the Lodge would not be able to function.

If you didn't realize it by now, Dues are going to be \$158.00 for the year. This may be a heavy burden to meet for many of you. There is a way to make things easier.

In 2018 the Lodge voted to establish a payment system. You can make payments on your dues by simply making a regular payment once a month. It's as easy as contacting me and setting up a schedule. I am happy to help you get this started. Just contact me at Lodge, by telephone at (209) 601-1448 or by E-Mail at Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com.

In January the Lodge will be entering the modern age. We will begin accepting payments for your dues by credit card or debit card. You can also begin making monthly payments for your dues in advance. This means that you can begin paying your dues for 2021 in January 2020 with a low monthly payment each month.

It is estimated that Dues for 2021 will be approximately \$161.00. You can arrange to have a payment of \$15.00 per month. With the receipt of your December 2020 payment you will have your 2021 Dues card in your possession, and your 2021 dues obligation will be over.

If you're not interested in incurring this type of credit card debt, we can have the same arrangement by more traditional methods of payment. Contact me for details I am happy to help.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone to look out for their fellow Masons! We have many worthy brothers who can use our assistance whether it be a ride to lodge, or simply a helping hand around the house. There are many reasons why someone may not come to Lodge.

The one we should be concerned about is a brother who cannot come to Lodge because of the health of himself or a member of his family. Be mindful of our brothers and in this season of thankfulness watch out for them.

I hope to see everyone in Lodge real soon.

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary of Morning Star



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day, my brothers:

More progress on making a home in the Stockton Masonic Center. (Whence we came). We recently took possession of a very nice cabinet to store our Scottish Rite caps. The two old ones we brought with us from Alpine Ave. didn't look so hot. Illustrious Garcia and I drove to San Jose to rehome a piece of their Temple. Their remodel is really great by the way.

I invite all of the SR members who have caps stored in the old cabinets to come on down soon and be assigned a locking drawer for your cap. Each drawer holds two caps, or one cap and whatever else you wish to keep at the building. (Name tags, Knights of St. Andrews paraphernalia, etc.) You will each have your own private storage without having to take your cap home every month.

In other SR news, the remodel of the Scottish Rite office on the Mezzanine has taken shape and is 98% complete. Stop by and take a look. I am sure you will approve. We might even offer you a cup of coffee and a chair in which to sit. If you would like to see the office when it is not open, just let me know and I will schedule a private tour for you. Not to mention that I just may have an application for Scottish Rite Degrees in my pocket.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33°



SHRINE NEWS

November is here, and the season of being Thankful is upon us. Children of the Shrine have an extra something to be thankful for. They are thankful for an organization that looks to help them without any financial gain to themselves. Many of these children and their families are undergoing tremendous hardship. They are in pain, have conditions that leave them malformed, and need help that would normally not be available to them because of finances. The Shrine will treat these children at no charge to the families. Not only does the shrine provide relief, but it provides hope. Something we all need.

If you want to get involved in a philanthropy that provides treatment, hope and relief see me, and I will be happy to get you an application. By press time there is still time to get involved the Shrine Ceremonial is on November 2, 2019. See me for an application and we get you started on that journey.

On a fun note, come to Folsom to see a parade and honor our veterans. The Shrine is participating in the Annual Veterans Day Parade!! Come see clowns, cops, grown men in a fire engine and mad men on Go Carts!!!

Feel free to contact me if you are interested in what the Shrine does, or on our many activities.

Remember it's all about the Kids!!!

Roger Moore

Seen on Scene



The brethren of Morning Star Lodge approach and sign the bible after the Past Masters Night 3rd degree conferral upon Bro. Jake Ryan Steele.

The lodge stage at the 2019 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California. Bro. Junior Warden, Edward Berbano, is seen right. It was a memorable communication, colored by great fellowship and revelry, as well as formality and business.

Bro. Randy Gonzales can be seen hamming it up for the camera behind Worshipful Greg Louis and Worshipful Marrino Berbano. In the foreground, Worshipful Virgil Ambida hands the pen over to Bro. Dominic Weatherford.

Worshipful Gotos greatly appreciated that the legislative portion of the communication was finished expediently.



In attendance as part of the Baker Delegation (so called because Worshipful John Baker drove us to the City) of Morning Star to the Annual Communication were (seen from left to right) Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Bro. Edward Berbano, Worshipful Robert Church, and Bro. Jake R. Steele. Not pictured is Most Excellent Bro. Secretary Roger Moore and Worshipful John Baker.

Bro. Steele was raised to the Sublime Degree just the evening before by the Past Masters of Morning Star. A very special thanks to Worshipful Baker who drove us and to Mrs. Karen Baker for granting us the use of her very comfortable SUV.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the September 27th, 1924 Stockton Masonic Club Minutes.
"A very unfortunate occurrence took place..."

Of note, H.W. Coale is the grandfather of Bro. Ron Coale and father of Past Master W. Ron Coale.

To The House Committee,
Masonic Club.

Gentlemen:

A very unfortunate occurrence took place in the card room of the Club about 10 o'clock last night which I feel it my duty to report, it being what I considered an unwarranted attack by I. B. Washburn upon Sam Gearhart, which happened about as follows:-

Chas. Stanley, J. V. Baird, Walter Freeman, Wallace Wilson and I. B. Washburn were playing a five handed game of poker. Sam Gearhart came in and said "Lets play poker". I told him there was a vacant seat at that table, he started to take a seat next to Washburn, slapping Washburn on the shoulder saying "My old friend Washburn". Washburn then hit Sam on the chest and said "My old busom friend". By this time Sam was seated, reaching over hitting Washburn once or twice which did not seem more than taps, Sam laughing at the while. Where upon Washburn half turning in his chair hit Sam with his fist in the lower chest knocking him over backwards on the floor. By this time Washburn was on his feet; his face red and looking as mad as I thought it possible for a man to look. The only words spoken were by Sam who said "You knocked the wind out of me". He was apparently in great pain. Washburn then walked out of the room, returning about 5 or 10 minutes later, and set in the game again. I do not know if anything was said on his return or not.

I would suggest that the Committee get statement from some of the following who were in the card room at the time, as I feel it would be a detriment to the Club and to Masonry to let this affair pass without some punishment being administered if in the opinion of the Committee such statements would warrant it.

C. C. Mayer	Geo. Scotland
Walter Scotland	F. C. Bolin
Connell	A. C. Horner
H. W. Coale	F. E. Dacust
Oscar Ziegler	Henry Thomas
Hansen	Ed. Brooks
Jno Gant	Chas. Rose
Mr. Wright - Public Drug Co.	

and those mentioned setting in the game.

Respectfully,
H. Mayer
Manager

Part of Minutes of meeting of Oct 26 1924



MASONIC ETIQUETTE ON PRAYER

Freemasonry is a worldwide organization and holds no sectarian views. Non-sectarian means not sectioned into one, specific religion or dogmatic creed. Freemasonry embraces all religions. Why? Prayers at Lodge functions should be scrupulously in keeping with Masonic teachings. The Masonic Etiquette of offered prayers is that they should never be an expression of specific sectarian views or explicit to certain dogmatic creeds. It is a matter of common courtesy that all prayers, speeches and discussions at Masonic affairs avoid any sectarian, controversial or political overtones.

Prayers are to be directed to the Creator, the Master Architect of the Universe and not toward any specific religious teachings. To do so omits the religions of others within the Brethren, which may cause conflict and therefore not be harmonious to the whole. A Mason may choose the religion of his choice in his private life but should be aware and open to the fact that others among his Brethren do not necessarily share nor were they brought up with the religious dogmas and beliefs that you, personally, may embrace.

In the spirit of non-sectarianism, we must remember the legend; that since the day that our Creator found that man built the Tower of Babel to

glorify themselves; it is HE who changed man's language into the many diverse languages now spoken upon the Earth. In so doing, our Creator now has many names across the globe.

An act of Masonic etiquette is some movement, action, courteous gesture or speech performed at a given time and place, in a certain manner, and according to rule, fixed and imposed by the Fraternity itself.

Since the rules are for the good of the Craft as a whole, it affects each member. An organization such as ours adopts these rules because we need them to carry out our good works in an atmosphere of sincere harmony. They are not empty and meaningless, arbitrarily enacted and imposed for the mere sake of performing them. The rules have been time-tested - AND - they work!

We have new members as well as prospective members, and from time to time, these values need to be restated.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, PM



November 2019

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NOVEMBER STATED

Provided by John & Karen Baker

Lasagna, Green Salad, Sour Dough Bread

Pie for dessert

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 Before the Stated Meeting (September 3rd)

Remember! Reservation are MANDATORY

