

# The Trestleboard

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## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

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Messages from the officers on gratitude, keeping healthy, and getting your digital masonic profiles sorted out.

PLUS - info on upcoming Scottish Rite initiations

COVER: Bro. JW Dan Tao and his son Eugene have a short chat with the honorable Bro. John Pozar on the occasion of Eugene's 1st birthday.



# From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I sincerely hope this issue of the Trestleboard finds you and yours happy, healthy, and blessed.

This time of year is always one of sincere reflection for me. Not only because it's a month into my birthday, but also because of the opportunity to slow down, settle in, and focus on what's important.

Chief in my mind is the constant joy that an attitude of gratitude brings. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this fraternity and this Lodge in particular (the friendliest lodge in the State of California!).

What are you grateful for? This year, I hope you also find things which make you thankful and optimistic. It's this mindset that will carry you through adversity. To be grateful is to be blessed!

I am certainly grateful that we are trying our best as a Lodge to continue our traditions in the best way possible considering our limitations and the health and safety of our masonic family.

Be sure to participate with us and continue the tradition of our holiday dinners. They are drive thru this year, so if you don't like the presentation, it's kind of your own fault.

We are blessed as a Lodge to have so many of us ready to serve each other. Above the din of party politics, anxiety, stress, there is hope in genuine friendship and that is exactly what you'll find here at Morning Star.

So I encourage all of you to reach out to each other and make this upcoming season the best possible. Tell a friend that you're grateful for their friendship.

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



# From the South

Brother Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

Happy Holidays Brethren and Family,

The weather is finally cooling off! As the season... becomes seasonal, I would like to point out that seasonal foods are usually the best. We all enjoy the summer ripened strawberries and melons, especially with the abundance that we are lucky to have here in the valley. Come late fall, we traditionally have the Thanksgiving feast, which is still a type of harvest festival.

Here at Morning Star Lodge, we need to change with the times, and like last month, we will continue to host the drive through dinners in place of our Stated dinners; we will be having a lighter course of the usual Thanksgiving staples of ham with sides. Be sure to make your reservation for it!

What is also seasonal for this time of year is plenty of traditional fruits. Pomegranates are ripened, full of juicy seeds, packed with antioxidants. Asian pears are plenty, with their anti-inflammatory effects. A traditional cold remedy is to half an Asian pear, scoop out the core, and place a dab of honey in its place, and bake lightly. The resulting concoction is a sweet folk medicine for coughs and sore throats. An old wives' tale about Asian pears is that it helps keep moisture in the body, particularly the skin for some mild anti-aging effects. Dates are also in season, both the Middle Eastern kind and the Chinese dates are fantastic digestion promoting fruits. A few of either goes a long way. In Asia, Hawthorn berries, which are almost apple sized, are also seasonal in fall, and they have a particular feature of promoting digestion of meats; perfect for harvest festivals.

While the fall harvest isn't as romantic as the cherry blossoms in spring, they do have their place in our diets as the weather usually gets dryer and the flu season starts up. As the weather transitions from temperate to that welcoming winter chill, I encourage everybody to stay safe, and we will soon be able to meet again as a fraternity.

Stay well my family.

Fraternally,

Bro. Daniel Tao

Junior Warden







## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

If anyone caught the Virtual Annual Communication, it was a treat (well sort of) to watch. The Grand Lodge staff did a very professional job coordinating the cameras and really put together a professional looking show. In this time where we are looking at so many changes and doing things differently it behooves us acknowledge a good effort when we see one. Yes, I did miss the Friday lunch at our favorite Italian Restaurant, and the Brazilian Steak House on Saturday night but change is inevitable.

iMember2.0 is now up and running, and as much as we try to avoid it, we have to adapt. Grand Lodge is working on some of the bugs, and it is my hope that it will be smoother as time moves on.

Everyone's information should have switched to the new system, however this may not be the case, and you should check your profile to be sure that your information is correct. This is how you access your profile:

1. From your Web Browser TYPE IN Freemason.org to get on the Grand Lodge Site.
2. Click on the "For Members" box at the top right of the page.
3. Put in your E-Mail Address in the box, then create and put in a password. Save this password as it will be necessary to access the site if you wish to get back in.
4. Click on the "My Portal" box on the top right portion of the page
5. Click on the Virtual Dues Card Box.
6. If you wish to print your Dues Card simply press "Print Dues Card" at the top of the page.

7. To Access your Membership Page (where all of your information is) go back to the "My Portal" page. Click on "My Portal" box at the top of the page.

8. Go to "My Profile" Box

9. On the left side of the page you will see a series of headings like "Personal Information" click on the headings to verify your information such as address, phone number, E-Mail and so forth. You can also add membership in Concordant Bodies, awards and other information. You can also send me a photograph and I will be happy to load it onto your page, or you can do it if you like. You can send your photo to Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com.

10. You will see a section that discusses "My Preferences" this is how Morning Star #19 can communicate with you. Click on the box and choose the method(s) you would like to be contacted. I am going to start using some of the methods of communication beginning this month so be sure to check the page to stay in touch.

11. If you are satisfied with the information on your membership page simply go to "sign out" when you are through.

I hope to see everyone soon and remember to take care of one another.

Fraternally,  
Roger A. Moore  
Secretary



## SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

New and exciting stuff !!!!! California Scottish Rite is offering you a chance to join, even though we are unable to meet in person. We are holding a Virtual Class on Friday, November 6, 2020 from 7pm to 9pm and Saturday, November 7, from 9am to 11am and again that afternoon from 1pm to 3pm. All you will need is to fill out the regular application for Scottish Rite Degrees, along with a check for \$200.

For a copy of the application or for further questions, contact Bro. Roger Moore on 209/601-1448. You will be receiving all the degrees from the 4° thru the 32°. This is the first time this event has ever been held.

Those of you who are already Scottish Rite Masons, you will find the presentation of value. Please join us.

Fraternally,  
John L. Baker, 33°  
Venerable Master



## SHRINE NEWS

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well, and your family is safe and healthy. Peace reigns supreme in the Moore household, and the Lovely Lynn has taken pity upon me and is no longer suggesting that I could live outside. I think that it helped that I learned to do dishes and remind her every chance that I get that she is right (that is usually the case anyway). Thanksgiving is coming and in this tumultuous year I for one will have plenty to thankful for. One of the biggest things that I will be thankful for is you, my brothers for without you my life would truly be empty.

The Shrine is offering a Restoration Program. If you have been suspended for non-payment of dues the payment of a simple fee will get you reinstated and you will be ready to get in on the fun. See me for information.

Chief Raban's Night was held on October 13, 2020 on Facebook Live. The Chief Raban, Bill Wells outlined the activities and goals for the year. Along with many trips, fun evenings and six (6) Command Parades an emphasis is being placed on membership. Talk to your brothers in Blue Lodge and see if they are interested in one of the greatest charities in the world, and let's get them involved. I can provide Petitions so contact me if you would like one.

Elections are coming!! Ben Ali Shrine will hold their elections virtually via Zoom at the Stated Meeting on December 8, 2020. Log on and help elect the new officers for 2021. The San Joaquin Shrine Club will be holding their elections on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 by Zoom Meeting. Ballots have already been mailed to members of the San Joaquin Shrine Club in good standing. Please complete them and send them to Secretary Jim Eichbaum.

It appears that we will not be able to meet as Masons/Shriners for quite some time. Please remember that this awful virus does not take away who we are and what we stand for. There are still sick children who need our help, and we are here to give it. We simply have to figure out how to do it, but as Masons we are resilient and resourceful, and we will figure a way.

Remember the children we have sworn to support are still there and need our help more than ever, so please keep them in your minds and hearts.

For now, everyone be safe and keep your families healthy, and we will see you at Chucks when this thing blows over.

Fraternally,

Roger A. Moore

President, San Joaquin Shrine Club

# MORNING STAR LODGE #19

It's lonesome here at home      Join us on Zoom!!!!

◀ Oct 2020		November 2020					Dec 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3 Temple Board Via Zoom	4	5 MS #19 Stated Via Zoom Plus Drive Thru Dinner	6 Stonecutters Club DARK	7	
8	9 DeMolay Dark	10 Jobs #83 Via Zoom	11	12 MS #19 Via Zoom	13 Stonecutters Club DARK	14 Queen of the West OES Dark	
15 School of Inst. Via Zoom @ 7 pm	16	17	18 Amaranth Dark	19 MS #19 Via Zoom	20 Stonecutters Club DARK	21	
22	23 DeMolay Dark	24 Jobs #83 Via Zoom Scottish Rite Stated Via Zoom	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Temple Closed MS #19 DARK	27 Stonecutters Club DARK	28 Keystone #14 Stated Dark York Rite Dark	
29	30						





## BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

The previous Grand Master granted the youth groups permission to have outdoor fun activities as long as we followed the health guidelines. For the first time since March 10, 2020 the Bethel Daughters were able to see each other in person!! The Bethel came together and the girls decorated pumpkins on Oct. 25, 2020. Fun was had by all. California Job's Daughters leadership has restricted Bethels to one outdoor fun activity per month. We are looking forward to many more outdoor fun activities together as a Bethel to reconnect to as Bethel sisters.

For our Bethel meetings, we are still meeting virtually. Our meetings for November on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join our virtual Bethel meetings, please email the Bethel Guardian and she will share the zoom information with you. We are very thankful for everyone in our Bethel being able to remain healthy and that we are able to see each other in person now. 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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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Guadalupe (Angel) Sandoval	-	Nov. 2, 1974
Jairo Gomez Jr., PM	-	Nov. 2, 1972
William H. Adams	-	Nov. 3, 1922
Jerry E. Nowlin	-	Nov. 5, 1936
Robert J. Thompson	-	Nov. 5, 1959
Lee L. Stafko, PM	-	Nov. 8, 1944
Galen B. Valenciano	-	Nov. 9, 1985
Charles W. Karnopp	-	Nov. 10, 1935
Robert J. Wampler	-	Nov. 10, 1945
Bob R. Aunchman	-	Nov. 12, 1965
Nunzio Napoli	-	Nov. 12, 1963
George M. Winchell, III	-	Nov. 12, 1958
Glenn Lasley	-	Nov. 14, 1925
Alberto J. Sicsic	-	Nov. 15, 1963
Eddy L. Echols Jr.	-	Nov. 16, 1974
Tom J. Kosta	-	Nov. 18, 1929
Alex W. Ellwood	-	Nov. 19, 1938
Kenneth E. Belt, PM	-	Nov. 20, 1967
Dennis M. Meritt, PM	-	Nov. 20, 1959
Arne Aasen	-	Nov. 22, 1936
John J. Jessup, PM	-	Nov. 23, 1978
Don M. Pullen	-	Nov. 24, 1938
Michael Merriweather	-	Nov. 26, 1960
Dick Davis	-	Nov. 26, 1938

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRETHREN!

# SHARING IS CARING!

Have a photo of something you'd like to share with the Morning Star masonic family? Let us know and email it to Bro. John L. Baker - [JLBaker@pacbell.net](mailto:JLBaker@pacbell.net) - and we will try to find a place for it in the next edition of the Trestleboard.



Above is a photo taken by Leticia Garcia, aged 15, daughter of Bro. Feliciano Garcia. Last summer, Bro. Shawn McCarty 3D printed square and compass paperweights and Leticia used it to create this photo in the Garcia family backyard.



**Stay Safe  
and  
Keep Your Blood Pressure Down**

Here's an important health message shared by Bro. John L. Baker. Stay healthy everyone!





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GRAND MASTER  
JOHN E. TRAUNER

Dear Brethren,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. As you know, a number of wildfires are currently threatening communities across the state and have forced evacuations in several counties. At times like these, it's important for us all to take extra precautions to protect one other, our families, and our communities.

If you or your family are in need of assistance, don't hesitate to access our statewide relief services by calling Masonic Assistance at (888) 466-3642 or emailing [intake@mhccuc.org](mailto:intake@mhccuc.org). If you know of a fellow member in need of advice or services, please encourage them to call. If you call on behalf of another member or their widow, we recommend they be present in order to expedite relief.

If your lodge hall or property is damaged or threatened, please contact the Grand Lodge Real Estate team to determine appropriate next steps. They can be reached at [realestate@freemason.org](mailto:realestate@freemason.org).

For those out of harm's way, please join me in doing whatever is possible to support those being affected by these fires, including all our firefighters and first responders. Offer help where and when you can, get in touch with vulnerable members and widows, and extend any assistance you are able to.

Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John E. Trauner  
Grand Master  
Masons of California



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hospital or nursing home or is  
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## NOVEMBER (VIRTUAL) MEETING

Make your own meal

or

Phone in and Pick Up

Ham with all the fixens

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

November 3rd (Tuesday)

Then join us on Zoom at 7pm!

