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MASONIC TREASURES AND OTHER THOUGHTS

A message from Most Excellent Sir Moore
on the real treasures of Masonry

Plus! RSVP for our annual
Filipino Feast Stated Dinner

COVER: Most Worshipful Arthur Weiss, center in tuxedo, with some of the brethren Morning Star in attendance at the Mason of the Year banquet. Morning Star's honorees are Brother Daniel Tao and Bro. Hal Church and can be seen on the left.

From the East

Worshipful Sonny Gotos, Jr.

BRETHREN & FRIENDS,

I recently had the opportunity to bring one of our newest entered apprentices, Bro. Joseph Osborne-Schoenleber to see the 1st degree conferred at Lodi Lodge. It's always a pleasure to attend another lodge, but this opportunity was particularly special because it brought back memories of the first time I attended another lodge as a guest.

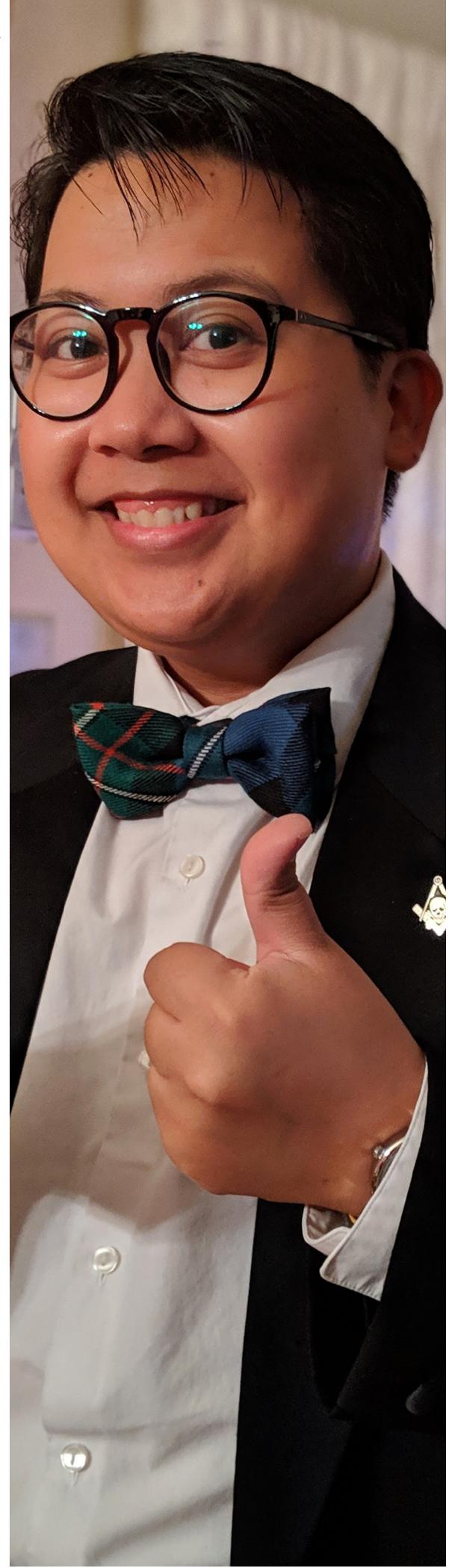
Much in the same way Bro. Joseph enjoyed sitting on the sidelines and the fellowship from Lodi's brethren, I remember visiting Keystone Lodge in Milton with Worshipful John Baker, Worshipful Rich Garcia, and Worshipful Bill Toler. Even as a newbie, (just one week a mason if I recall correctly) everyone treated me with brotherly love and respect. On the way back from Milton, Worshipful Toler grilled me on the proficiency and I can still remember the feeling of being a fish out of water. But when he said, "You'll get it, eventually," I knew he wasn't just testing my mettle. He was trying to make me a better person.

I didn't have the chance to grill Bro. Joseph on his proficiency since he took his own car, but I did notice him repeating portions of the ritual as the degree was conferred. He has an excellent coach in Worshipful Baker, who I am sure is putting him through the ringer.

Pleasant memories in masonry are important. Each of us has a unique opportunity to contribute to the masonic experience. It's necessary sometimes that the lessons be serious and even occasionally melancholy, but if we are able, we should try our best to impart gratitude and optimism to our fraternity by making pleasant memories together.

I sincerely hope that all of you reading have a blessed September.

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



From the West

Brother Daniel M. Tao

BRETHREN, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY,

As we start moving into a more temperate season, I would like to express my appreciation to the brethren and Masonic family for the wonderful evening during the Scottish Rite's Mason of the Year event. It was an honor to be part of, and it was so many reminders and examples of how the individuals of this illustrious Fraternity remain noble, even during the most trying of times.

Coming to the second half of the year, things are ripening as we work towards our individual harvests in 2021. I'm personally expecting a rush of activity within the next few months of Fall before switching gears for Winter: job opportunities to be explored, welcoming and celebrating reunions of friends and family, as well as farewells of loved ones. Life never stops moving upon that unending Level of Time. With all of this activity, I continually seem to fall back onto studies of our Masonic lectures and lessons, and how they are reflected in my other studies of philosophies and life. Such universal lessons about life demand the attention of those who are acutely aware of their applications.

Fraternally,
Daniel Tao,
Sr. Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Hello everyone and I hope all is well.

Recently, I had the honor of attending the funeral service for Worshipful Andy Peoples. After enduring a rather hectic week and suffering the mental trauma that often time follows such circumstances it was not an event that I was looking to be social. Even with my fellow Masons.

As I sat through the service and pouting to myself about my current situation the service described Worshipful Peoples as a good man. I did not really know Worshipful Peoples well, but I attended as a show of respect and support for a friend of mine who was his daughter. I soon learned that he was a man that was welcoming, honorable and someone you would expect to be a Mason. As I sat through the service, I began to wish that I knew Worshipful Peoples better.

The service progressed to the time that those attending who had the courage began eulogizing Worshipful Peoples. That is when a very learned, and respected Mason (Vince Lake) came to the altar and spoke. Listening to what was promised as a Readers Digest version of his eulogy I sat and realized that this gentleman is a Masonic Treasure.

I worked through that thought, and Worshipful Lake is not the only Masonic Treasure. I soon came to realize that each of our brothers are a Masonic Treasure. We each have something invaluable that we bring to our Masonic family.

Whether it is learned advice from a brother who has been around the block once or twice such as Worshipful John Baker, or one who has just taken off his training wheels and brings us the gift of youth and energy. We are all worth so much more than what one could imagine as monetary value. We are all priceless.

Our Masonic treasure is not hard to find. It could be sitting right next to you. Each one of us should listen to our brothers and his views for they have something unique to share, not just the fun of the day or the virtues of my favorite football team, but something of real value. If you think about it, a very critical piece of our family treasure chest is missing when one brother is lost to the Great Architect or decides to leave because he feels like he doesn't belong.

Soak up the knowledge of our brothers, and turn to the new brother and make him feel welcome.

I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge!

Fraternally,
Roger A. Moore
Secretary



SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

Good day my Brothers,

I just had the privilege of being the Master of Ceremonies for the Annual Mason of the Year Awards night. The duties of MC are much more than just reading the biographical and Masonic history of each honoree, but the task of researching and writing each member's bio. In other words, preparing the script for the awards night.

It requires much thought about what makes each honoree special. There is a common theme that runs through those qualities that make a man special and that becomes crystal clear as the preparation carries from one man to the next. It is easy to talk about brothers being special, but when you bring each one up on the screen and begin to type out their individual attributes, it brings it home. We have a lot of Masons that qualify as special men. That is not in itself surprising as I have been around such men all my life. But, wow, individual recognition make me open my eyes wider each year that I preform this particular task.

Masonry takes good men and makes them better. In many cases, not just better, but great. I have had the honor of meeting many of the truly great men of my time.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 33°
Venerable Master



SHRINE NEWS

Greetings Friends and Brothers,

The Oakland A's are in second place in the AL west while our Stockton Ports sit in last place. Let us hope for speedy turn arounds!

August was filled with a lively board meeting which helped our PV be one of the best this year! Our PV was joyful and a reminder to us all why we serve. Mason of the year was also a lively, well-planned event. It is truly wonderful to be back!

September is packed with events. September 11 is Ben Ali's Monte Carlo Festival. Our next meeting will be at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant September 15th, board meeting at 5:30pm general meeting at 6:30pm. Another key event is the Shrine / Scottish Rite Picnic September 26.

The Shrine is back to business and if you would like to attend any of the meetings or events, please RSVP with Kathy Walsh at the Ben Ali Shrine office (916) 920-4107 or feel free to contact me (209) 597-4368.

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

June 2021							Jul 2021 ▶
◀ May 2021	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Temple Board Via Zoom @ 7 pm DeMolay	2	3 MS #19 Stated Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	4 Stonecutters Club Dark	5
6	7		8 Jobs #83	9	10 MS #19 Dark	11 Stonecutters Club Dark	12
13	14 Flag Day		15 School of Inst. @ 7 pm	16 Amaranth Dark SJ Shrine Club	17 MS #19 1st Degree Practice	18 Stonecutters Club	19
20 Start of Summer (Summer Solstice)	21		22 Jobs #83 Scottish Rite Stated	23	24 MS #19 1st Degree - Osborne-Schoenleber, if elected	25 Stonecutters Club	26
27	28		29	30			



BETHEL 83 NEWS

Hello all!

We had our first meeting back after the summer break on Aug. 24. The girls had a great time at our association picnic in July and at the Mason of the Year dinner in August.

Congratulations to McKenzi for becoming Grand Bethel Musician for 2021 – 2022. Her reception will be in March; more information to come.

For September our meetings are on the 14th and 28th. One September 28th, it will be an open meeting because we will be doing a JD2B pinning ceremony. This is when a nine year old gets goes through the Job's Daughters to Be ceremony and gets a sash and pin to show her interest in joining the Bethel. This ceremony is open to everyone, please come and join us in celebrating Miss Leah Harris on her big night!

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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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kirk M. Ward	- Sept. 3, 1946
Andrew G. Meyers	- Sept. 5, 1945
Eberhard A. Schwierzke, PM	- Sept. 5, 1936
Isaac DeJesus	- Sept. 7 1986
David D. Assad	- Sept. 9, 1958
Floyd C. Bentley	- Sept. 10, 1936
Jackson W. Faylor	- Sept. 10, 1997
Randolph L. Gonzales	- Sept. 12, 1968
John T. Engaling	- Sept. 17, 1986
Clinton J. Cabero	- Sept. 21, 1980
Robert A. Guernsey	- Sept. 21, 1925
James K. Farthing	- Sept. 22, 1975
Oscar Gonzales	- Sept. 23, 1958
David A. Clements, PM	- Sept. 25, 1964
Sky O. Martin	- Sept. 27, 1982
Ronald F. Nield	- Sept. 27, 1953
Leroy Powers	- Sept. 28, 1940
William R. Alessio	- Sept. 30, 1973
C. W. "Bill" Hasenbuhler, PM	- Sept. 30, 1944

Happy Birthday, Brethren!

In Memoriam

Alex Chaim

Born October 15 , 1923

Raised February 31, 1956

Died June 23, 2021

Aged 97 Years

A Golden Veteran

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



SEPTEMBER 2021

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