



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

Jan 2008

From the East

Happy New Year and welcome to 2008!!!

Brethren and ladies,

It is indeed an honor to be a member of such a great Lodge as Ionic Composite, and even a greater privilege to be able to serve as its Master. I am humbled and grateful to you all for bestowing this honor upon me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Worshipful Bruno Samuel and his team of officers for doing a wonderful job during 2007. This will enable the Lodge to climb to even higher levels.

I am so proud to say that we have a full line of qualified, elected and appointed officers. I congratulate you all for your achievements and I am looking forward to working closely with each one of you.

To those of you who have not been active in the Lodge lately, come back and enjoy the new things that we have planned for 2008. We will be having some extremely exciting events that you all can enjoy. Come back and see what you've been missing; fellowship, fun, and being with a wonderful group of men from diverse backgrounds.

I have a powerful message to be delivered to the entire membership of our Lodge. This upcoming year, I assure you, will not be just another year. We have a very strong team of leaders who have taken office, promising to make a remarkable difference.

Our Lodge is one of the most **family friendly** lodges in the state. We will have a Lodge Ambassador to make sure that the ladies and visitors will be well taken care of. We will make our best efforts to make your visit to the Lodge a memorable experience.

By the exercise of **brotherly love** we are taught "to regard the whole human species as one family". We will strive to strengthen harmony, friendship, and brotherly love among our members. There will be no room for disharmony if we truly treat one another as the brothers that we are. On this principal Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and causes true **friendship** to exist.

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The following motion was offered at the December 3, 2007 Stated Meeting

Resolved that the fees for all three of the Degrees be increased from \$230.00 to \$250.00. The fee for the second and third degrees only to \$230.00, and for the third only to \$210.00

Motion offered by Bruno Samuel, Master, Don S.P. Wijesinghe S.W., & Jeffrey L. Bear, J.W.

**This motion will be brought up for a vote at the January 7, 2008
Stated Meeting.**

January 2, 2008, 12 Noon, Dinner reservations for the January 7 Stated Meeting must be received or cancelled by the lodge office, (310) 657-2628

January, 2008 Schedule

Jan. 7: Stated Meeting. Introduction of officers & entertainment. Dinner: 5:45pm. Program: 7:00pm.

Jan. 14: 7:15pm. Officers practice. Dress is casual. Candidate coaching available.

Jan. 16: 7:15pm. Masonic Discussion Group. Open to all men and women. Candidates, Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are expected to attend. Dress is casual.

Jan. 21: Lodge is Dark

Jan 28: 7:15pm. 7:15pm - 9:00pm No Program, but Candidate and Officers Coaching Available.

Jan. 30: 7:00pm. Officers School of Instruction at Culver City Foshey Lodge. Topic is Administration, reception of Grand Officers, and Stated Meeting. Dinner location to be announced. All officers must attend unless excused by the Officers Coach.

January 30, 2008 12 Noon. Dinner reservations for the February 4 Stated Meeting must be received or cancelled by the lodge office. (310) 657-2628

Tentative February Schedule

Feb. 4: Stated Meeting. Masonic Sweethearts Night & Official Visitation of our District Inspector, Wor. Fred Davis. Dinner: 5:45pm. Program 7:00pm.

Feb. 11: 7:15pm. Officers Practice. First Degree. All officers are expected to attend. No coaching available.

Feb. 18: 7:15pm. First Degree. All Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are expected to attend. Coaching Available. Welcome our new brethren into the Lodge!

Feb. 20: Masonic Discussion Group. Open to all men and women. Candidates, Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are expected to attend. Dress is casual.

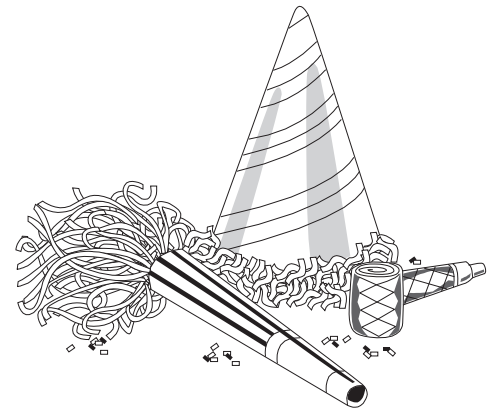
Feb. 25: 7:15pm. Officers School of Instruction at Ionic Composite Lodge. 2nd section, 3rd degree. Dinner location to be announced. All officers must attend unless excused by the Officers Coach. No candidate coaching available.

STATED MEETING RESERVATIONS OR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT RALPH DUNN, P.M. (310) 657-2628

DEGREE AND PRACTICE DINNER RESERVATIONS CONTACT BR. JEFF BEAR, S.W. (310) 429-3007

LODGE HALL RENTAL: WOR. HOWARD STEINORE (310) 657-2628

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Dennis Goldberg	2	Phillip Kash	12	Ronald E. Spencer	21
Ruvim M. Spivak	3	Karen Ghazaryan	13	Edward Marques	21
Jack Dwoskin	5	Steven Kierman	14	Sidney Unickel	23
William A. Weiss	5	Mitchell Bushin	15	Cameron B. McHarg	24
Richard L. Weiss	6	Edwin Siegel	16	Milton Schwartz	25
Jay Markoff	7	Ben Berke	16	Steve Gagliano	26
S. Zachary Samuels	7	Mario Sherman	16	Stuart F. Horowitz	27
Lewis D. Stavis	7	Nader Aryeh	16	Lawrence Wise	27
Herman Rindenow	8	Vrej Eskandarian	17	Ronalde Salda	28
Myron Z. Chlavin	9	Bernard Kentor	17	Edward H. Silverman	29
Richard Friedman	9	Philip Friedman	17	Bradley Zalben	29
Edward I. Ginsberg	10	Donald Gordon	19	Harold Holland	30
John Biren	10	R. Jerrold Freeman	20		
Lee Ruttenberg	10	Nathan J. Reese	20		
James B. Curtis	11	Nazareth Guluzian	20		
David Green	11	Earl Mindell	20		
Ronald Koretz	11				

Mark Your Calendar

January 16, Masonic Discussion Group

February 4, Sweetheart's Night and Inspector's Visitation

March 3, Grand Master's Official Visitation

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"To relieve the distress is one of the fundamental duties incumbent on us". Therefore, during this year we will do our best to support the **Masonic Charities. The Masonic Homes for children and adults, Masonic Outreach Program, and Masonic Foundation** are among our most remarkable charities and I urge you to take a special interest, pride and support them. To my team of officers please show the rest of the people by your example by making a donation to a charity of your choosing.

Looking forward to a prosperous year.
Don Wijesinghe
Master

A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Lodge Membership dues for the year 2008 were due and payable on or before December 31, 2007. If your dues receipt number does not start with an 8, you have not received your 2008 Card. Take a minute and mail your check and help save the Lodge the added cost of re-billing you for your current year dues.

Thank You

FROM THE WEST

By the time you read this I will have been installed as your new Senior Warden for 2008. I am looking forward to serving the Lodge and to the forthcoming Masonic Year. As Senior Warden, I am responsible for the education of the Lodge and will be working closely with M. W. Mel Nahin, Wor. Michael Bear and Wor. Roy Steinfeld in planning and coordinating our monthly Wednesday night Education Nights. It is our hope to have specific topics each month that will be covered in depth in addition to answering questions from new and prospective members concerning Masonry in general. In addition, I would like to have educational evenings that would be limited to Masons so that esoteric matters could be discussed.

I just got home from having dinner with some of Trisha's family. The husband had just seen a one-hour show on the History Channel about Masonry. When Trisha mentioned that I was being installed as an officer of my Masonic lodge next Sunday, he was full of questions about the history of the Craft, what we stand for, and why I became a Mason. I'm sure we all have some sort of ideas on these subjects - at least I hope we do. But really, how many of us can give answers on these subjects that are any better than the scuttlebutt floating around the general public? Of course, we need answers to these and similar questions for ourselves before we can presume to give answers to others. Masonry will mean more to you if you know the meaning of its ritual and symbolism. We can best serve you if we know what format and what subjects interest you. Does the idea of tyled education evenings interest you? What subjects would you like to covered in general sessions as well as in tyled discussions?

I look forward to hearing from you on these subjects and seeing you, your ladies, and friends at our Masonic discussion group meetings that meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:15pm. The next meeting is on January 16, 2008. The dress is casual, and it is open to all men and women. Invite a friend along and have an interesting and enjoyable evening.

*See you in Lodge!
Jeffrey Bear
Senior Warden*

THE RITE OF DESTITUTION

This rite is ancient and was practiced in the older initiation in recognition of a belief that the planets had an affinity for certain metals. These planets also exerted certain influences over human beings. In the ancient ceremonies of initiation all metals were left behind so that disturbing planetary influences were not brought within the place where the initiated met.

In Freemasonry this ancient rite is still used to teach the initiate that he is to bring nothing into the Lodge which would destroy its peace and harmony. As he is divested of worldly reminders, leaving them without the Lodge, so he is reminded that he must leave his passions and prejudices without when he enters its portals. Another great lesson, that of relieving another Brother's distress, is taught by means of this ancient rite.

[Sunday Masonic News, Cochran, Georgia, Harry Bruno - Editor, October 20 07]

Official Notice

**Due to increase costs to the Lodge, Stated Meeting Dinners will now be \$15.00.
Pre-paid annual dinner plan is \$165.00.
Exact change or checks are appreciated.**

**Please make your Stated Meeting dinner reservation on time and cancel them if you will not be able to attend.
PLEASE SAVE THE LODGE UNNECESSARY EXPENSES!**

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Dr. Arthur Matas is a transplant surgeon at the University of Minnesota. He is spending much of his time going around the country advocating for paying people to donate a kidney. His rationale is that there are ten of thousands of patients on transplant lists, a number that has grown fivefold over the past quarter century. The number of available donor kidneys has not grown as fast, with the result that more eligible patients cannot receive an organ. It has been estimated that over 4,000 patients die while being on waiting lists at transplant centers.

There has been a ban against such organ sales since 1984. While it is true that people can live with only a single kidney, the concern would be that the majority of the purchased organs would come from indigent individuals who would be lured by the promise of the one-time payment. This has at least the appearance of exploitation of the poor.

The ethical argument is taking place throughout the kidney transplant community. While many national medical organizations have previously expressed opposition, some changes may be taking place. For example, this subject was debated at a meeting of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons; afterward, a majority of the attendees voted to support a trial to assess the viability of such a program.

It is my understanding that the quality of life after a transplant is better than the quality of life during dialysis. However, I find the citation of statistics about the number of deaths that occur in patients on waiting lists to be somewhat disingenuous. Unlike patients on waiting lists for hearts or livers, these patients do not die because of the failure of the primary organ, because of the availability of hemo - and peritoneal dialysis. Rather, they have concomitant diseases (such as diabetes) that ultimately result in death. The only time dialysis will not work is when the patient loses access (i.e., runs out of arteries and veins to support the hemodialysis and, for various reasons, cannot receive peritoneal dialysis); such occurrences are rare.

It would also be more convincing to me if such a proposal came from a disinterested third party. Transplant surgeons do have vested economic interests in performing as many transplants as they can.

Two Brothers Receive Golden Veteran Award at December Stated Meeting



From left to right: Ruth and Bro. Leslie Light, Wor. Irvin and Gertrude Puskin, and Inspector Fred Davis, P.M.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MOON

The Grand Master of New Jersey appointed Brother Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., a member of Montclair Lodge No. 144, as Grand Representative of New Jersey to the Moon. The ceremony occurred on March 17, 1970 when Brother Aldrin attended Montclair Lodge on the occasion of his 14th anniversary of being made a Freemason. Aldrin was the second man and the first Mason to set foot on the moon, July 20, 1969.

[From From Volume IV, Short Talks for Lodges, Southern California Research Papers]

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, I humbly thank you for your vote of confidence in me. I look forward to a successful year, and as I am not well versed in planning and organizing social events, I will be very appreciative of any help and suggestions you may have for me, especially the help.

I have for a few years been your Officers' Coach, and as such involved in Masonic ritual and education. I hope to continue to be involved in that, but I now have some additional responsibilities. My first concern is to find out what we can do to interest our members in the Lodge activities. We serve two distinct types of members, the older ones who like one type of entertainment and the younger ones who prefer something entirely different. I would like to please both if possible.

This is my second time in this position, as I was Junior Warden 'way back in 1971. That does not mean that I am an "old mossback". I was young then, and hope I have learned and matured since.

However, it does mean I am somewhat out of touch with the activities that would attract some of you back to lodge. We have a skeleton of activities planned, and would like to build on that base.

This has been my Masonic home for many years, and I hope that I can help to make it even better in the year to come. One of the principle tenets of Freemasonry is Brotherly Love. I invite each and every one of you to come and experience the friendship and fellowship that we enjoy on degree nights, and also the dinners and programs on Stated Meeting nights.

For those of you interested in Masonic history and lore, and an understanding of our mystic ceremonies and their origins, come and visit us at the Discussion nights on the third Wednesday of each month. If I can find it out in time, I will publish the theme of each of those nights.

On that note, I ask you to keep an eye on the web site, as changes and additions to our schedule appear first on the Calendar page, and also to look at the Masonic Education Page, as I frequently add items of interest.

I thank you for your confidence in me, and look forward to seeing many of you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

Bill Miller, PM,
Junior Warden.

MASONIC POEM

Those men who help my dad each day,
They wear those mason rings.
A Square and Compass set in gold,
The praise of which I sing.

My dad, he hurt his back, you know,
One cold and wintry day.
He slipped and fell upon the ice,
The insurance would not pay.

And since that time those rings I see,
On hands that help us much.
With mowing lawns and hauling trash,
Each day my heart they touch.

They even built a house for me,
Amid our backyard tree.
Where all the neighbor kids,
Would play with laughter full of glee.

My mom she cried from happiness,
The time the Masons came.
To aid our family in distress,
Without a thought of gain.

And when I'm big, just like my dad,
Of this it must be told.
I want to wear a ring like his,
A Square and Compass gold.

Long years have passed since then,
My dad was in that plaster cast.
And since I swore that Solemn Oath,
Which unites us to the last.

But more than that I'm proud to say,
I wear his Mason ring.
The one dad wore for many years,
Until his death this spring.

And one last time his comrades came,
To aid my weeping mother.
They praised and bid a fond farewell,
To our fallen Brother.

And after which MY son did ask,
About their Aprons white.
And of the rings upon their hands.
Of gold so shiny bright.

With tearful eyes I said with pride,
They're men of spirit pure.
Those men who wear those Mason rings,
Of that you can be sure.

And before he went to bed that night,
The family he foretold.
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,
A Square and Compass gold.

JANUARY MENU

Salad, bread and butter

Choice Of:

Pot Roast
or
Orange Roughy
Potatoes & Vegetables

Dessert



Menu subject to change.

Dinners are by reservations only and must be made or cancelled no later than 12 NOON Wednesday before the Stated Meeting. Dinners are prepared by your reservation only. Reservations made and not cancelled by 12 NOON Wednesday will be charged. Dinner costs are: \$15.00 per person for all members and guests except those invited by the Master. Masonic widows of Ionic Composite Lodge will not be charged for dinner. A Masonic widow is a widow of a member of Ionic Composite Lodge who has not remarried.

We Wish Everyone on this List a Full and Complete Recovery

Brethren "Please"
A Telephone Call from You Could Brighten Their Day
If You Know of Brother or His Family Who Are Ill
Please Notify
For Details of the Brethren and their wives-
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FUNERAL TELEPHONE LIST

ANY BROTHER WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED
ON THE FUNERAL NOTIFICATION CALL LIST
"YOUR PRESENCE WOULD BE DEEPLY

APPRECIATED"
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**Brethren and Family Members
Sick and Visitation
Committee Report**

<i>Brothers Name & Lady</i>	<i>Phone</i>
JACK ABRAMS (Estella) Fractured Pelvis and sepsis lives in No. California	[408] 993-8616
(Rose) wife of RODMAN COHEN At home recovering from a leg problem	[310] 839-2743
(Geri) wife of ROBERT EDELMAN Very ill had 2 stents inserted and is doing better	[310] 202-0115
EDGAR FRIEDMAN (Corrine) Is at home recovering from Pneumonia	[818] 501-5878
LEONARD HESS (Muriel) Had a stroke. At home recovering	[310] 472-3212
EDWARD ZELDIN (Lorraine) Had a stroke in 2003 and is in a nursing facility in No. California	[510] 656-2932 Fremont, CA

**Soft And Safe To Thee
My Brethren
Be Thy Resting Place**

Brother	Passed
Donald Merlle Coulson	June 1, 2007
Samuel Flatte	December 31, 2007
Edwin Mark Glincher	November 15, 2007
Louis Kirman	December 1, 2007
Willis Kellogg Simonton	May 25, 2007



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
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DATED MATERIAL

January 2008						
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6	7 Stated Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Officers Practice	15	16 Discussion Group	17	18	19
20	21 LODGE DARK	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Candidate & Officers Coaching Available	29	30 OSI	31		