



# Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

June 2008

## From the East

### *Master's Message*



Dear Brethren,

Thus far we are having a great year. We had some interesting guest speakers, and visitors along with very successful meetings. We are also getting lots of new applications for membership. At the June Stated Meeting Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca will be our guest speaker. This is truly a great opportunity to hear and ask questions of Los Angeles County's "Top Cop". I am please to inform you that we also have decided for the first time in the history of Lodge to recognize and honor our longest serving brethren. We expect to have more than twenty members at our June Stated Meeting who have been Masons for 55 years or more. Please come with your friends and family to show your support to those deserving brothers. We are planning to have our annual picnic at the Masonic Homes facility in West Covina. This event will be hosted by the Lodge and will be a great opportunity to see such a wonderful Masonic institution which provides a remarkable service to those who are in need. There are several other exciting events being planned for the near future. We are planning to visit and be a part of the live audience of the taping of "Wheel of Fortune" TV show, a visit to the Reagan Museum and a trip to the Museum of Tolerance. These programs will entertain, inform and excite to you, so be sure to be a part of them. More information to follow. For further information on upcoming events please visit our Lodge website at <http://www.calodges.org/no520> or call the Lodge office at 310 657 2628.

Fraternally yours:  
Don Wijesinghe  
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**Mon. May 26- 8:30am Memorial Day Program at Los Angeles Veteran's cemetery,** Sepulveda north of Wilshire Blvd. Dress is jacket and tie. White aprons will be available or bring your own.

**May 26- LODGE DARK**

**Wed. May 28- NOON. Reservations or cancellations for June Stated Meeting MUST BE RECEIVED by the Lodge office.  
TO RALPH DUNN: (310) 657-2628**

### **June Calendar**

**Sun. June 1- Lodge BBQ and trip to the Masonic Homes. See insert.**

**Mon. June 2- Stated Meeting. Presentations to all 25, 60, 65, and 70-year Lodge Brothers! Speaker Sheriff Lee Baca.** Open 5:15 p.m. Dinner: 5:45 p.m. Program 7:00p.m.

**Mon, June 9- 7:15p.m. First Degrees.** All Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available. Dinner at 5:30p.m. at: Taj Mahal of India. 8566 W. Pico Blvd. L.A., 90035 1/2 block west of La Cienega Blvd. south side.

**Mon. June 16- 7:15p.m. Officers Practice.** All officers need to attend. Open to Master Masons who want to get involved. Coaching available. Dress casual.

**Wed. June 18- 7:30p.m. Masonic Discussion Group. Open to all men and women.** Dress casual.

**Mon. June 23- 7:15p.m. Third Degree.** All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available. Dinner at: Pico Kosher Deli, just west of Robertson Blvd. south side.

**Wed. June 25- 7:00p.m. Officers School of Instruction first degree.** At Culver City Foshey Lodge 9653 Venice Blvd. Culver City, 90232. Officers must attend. Master Mason may attend. Dinner at 5:30p.m. at: Golden China, 9018 Venice Blvd. Culver City, at Robertson Blvd. south side of the street.

**Mon. June 30- 7:15p.m. Second Degree** All Fellowcrafts and Master Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Jan's on Beverly Blvd. east of La Cienega Blvd.

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# JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Saul P. Shrager	1	Michael Abrams	10	Harvey G. Felferman	22
David J. Golde	2	Lazlo Borsai, Jr.	12	Ilias Nikolaidis	22
Robert Abelson	2	Alvin Livingston	12	Stanley I. Soronow	22
Richard J. Ameny, Sr.	4	Joseph Mayesh	14	Herman Thordsen	23
David Shemula	4	Morton Varis	15	Daryl Bristol	23
Irving Kierman	5	Howard Rieder	16	Lloyd D. Robinson	24
Bernard Trabin	5	Martin Levine	18	Nicholas Salick	24
Henry Fields	6	Don Susil Wijesinghe	18	Abe Guttman	25
Morris N. Shaoulian	6	Robert Black	18	Norman Feinstein	26
Jerry Zerg	7	Hy Walter	19	Robert Edelman	26
Dimitri G. Stoupis	7	Stuart L. Weinger	20	Michael Berner	26
Jerome Gould	8	Ronald Stein	21	Justin Koretz	27
Bertram Isenberg	8	Rick Harris, Jr.	21	Milton Berman	28
Alan Wax	9	Sol Marco	22	Irwin Socol	29
Trevor Nathaniel	10			D'Angelo Jones	30



## *Put on your Calendar*

**June 2, 2008 Stated Meeting  
Special Recognition Program**

for those Brethren

Who have been members for  
25, 60, 65, and 70 years

**Come be a part of this  
FIRST-TIME EVENT**

*Speaker*

***Sheriff Lee Baca***

## *Scaffolding by Seamus Heaney*

Submitted by Tim Shiner, Jr. Deacon

Masons, when they start upon a building,  
Are careful to test out the scaffolding;

Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points,  
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.

And yet all this comes down when the job's done  
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.

So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be  
Old bridges breaking between you and me

Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall  
Confident that we have built our wall.

## FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Trisha and I have just returned from the annual Senior Wardens' Retreat where we spent the weekend with those similarly situated to learn and network. We had a busy weekend doing both. For those of you who have never had the opportunity to attend a Wardens' Retreat, we arrived on Friday took advantage of the hospitality suite sponsored by the Al Malaikah Shriners for drinks, snacks and, most importantly, meeting with friends, old and new. We then attended a training session for the brethren and their ladies. Saturday we were up early for breakfast, (it's a Masonic event so, of course there's food), and then off to the training sessions which included both general sessions and breakout groups. During the breaks, we had the opportunity to "meet the masters" for one on one meetings with experts in their respective fields of Masonry. On Saturday night we all enjoyed a dinner dance. Sunday we had general and breakout sessions until noon. While we learned many things, the most important information was that whatever problems we are having in our lodge is being experienced by all of the other Lodges as well, and often to a greater extent. We are in a time of change. Our decline in total numbers is being replaced with a surge in applications by young men who are vitally interested in the tenets of our Craft. Trisha and I had the opportunity to have some one on one time with our Senior Grand Warden, Ken Nagel, and our Junior Grand Warden, Bill Bray, and their ladies as well as our new Grand Secretary, Allan Casalou. Of course, we enjoyed our time with our Deputy Grand Master, Larry Adamson and his wife Lynn, who will be visiting our Lodge as Grand Master on a special date of March 30, 2009, which is the day following the Masonic Service Bureau Brunch. R.W. Larry has selected this date so that it will be convenient for the Grand Line Officers from outside the Los Angeles area to attend his visitation at our Lodge. Why does this matter you may ask? Brethren, our Lodge is truly a leader in California Freemasonry. The Grand Line wants to see what all the excitement is about. Our Stated Meeting Format was used on several occasions as a hallmark for other Lodges to emulate. Our officers and brethren were lauded for their achievements. Our Wednesday night Masonic education program was, once again, praised and offered as an example to be followed. Of course, our achievement in Masonic giving was lauded. R.W. Larry's theme for 2009 of "Applied Masonry" was the centerpiece of the weekend. Simply put, "Applied Masonry" is walking the walk, not just talking the talk: Making the tenets and principles of Masonry a part of our everyday lives. I am looking forward to working with all of you to developing programs at Ionic Composite Lodge to make that slogan a reality.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Bear, Senior Warden

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### Tentative July Schedule

**Mon. July 7- Stated Meeting.** Open: 5:15p.m. Dinner: 5:45p.m.  
Program: 7:00p.m.

**Wed. July 9- 7:15p.m. Officers Practice First Degree.** Officers in new stations. Open to Master Masons who want to learn ritual. Dress casual. Coaching available.

**Mon. July 14- 7:15p.m. First Degrees.** All Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available.

**Wed. July 16- 6:00p.m. Past Masters Third Degree Practice. Dinner provided.** Must RSVP to Wor. Bernhard Morse, (310) 556-4463.

**Wed. July 16- 7:30p.m. Masonic Discussion Group. Hear from Past Masters on how being a Masonic leader has helped them in their lives. Open to all men and women.** Dress casual.

**Mon. July 21- 7:15p.m. Past Masters Third Degree.** All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. Wor. Bernhard in-charge, (310) 556-4463. Coaching available.

**Mon. July 28- 7:15p.m. Officers School of Instruction, 3rd degree, 1st section** at Ionic Composite Lodge. No coaching available. Master Masons may attend.

Marge Cohen widow of Brother Julius "Mickey" Cohen has been hospitalized for nearly 3 months. She recently entered a re-hab center in Palm Desert. She would appreciate cards, she is unable to answer the phone at this time. Your secretary and his lady visited with Marge recently and found her in pretty good spirits. Her address is; C/O Manor Care of Palm Desert, 4/74-350 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

## Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Sara Tucholsky plays softball for Western Oregon University. That team was playing Central Washington University in a game that would decide who would advance to the post-season tournament. Sara, who had never hit a home run before, did so during the game, with two teammates on base. However, as she began to circle the basepath, she missed first base and, in an effort to turn around to go back to touch the base, severely damaged her knee, collapsing in the process. She crawled back to first base, but could go no further.

The Western Oregon coach was then faced with a dilemma. By the rules, the team could not assist their fallen player in any way, or she would be deemed to be out. She could substitute a pinch runner for Sara, but, in that case, Sara would only be credited with a single, not with her first career home run.

It was at that point that a remarkable solution evolved. The first baseman for Central Washington, Mallory Holtman, who happened to be the career home run leader in that league, asked the umpire if she and her teammates could assist the fallen Sara. The umpire was not aware of any rule that forbid such an action, so Mallory, assisted by the Central Washington shortstop, Liz Wallace, lifted Sara and put her arms around each of their shoulders. The two then carried Sara around the basepath, stopping at each base and allowing Sara's good leg to touch that base.

Central Washington lost the ballgame 4-2, and was eliminated from the playoffs as a result. Mallory Holtman summed it up succinctly: "In the end, it is not about winning and losing so much. It was about this girl. She hit it over the fence and was in pain, and she deserved a home run."

In the end, isn't this what competitive amateur athletics is all about? The point is not in the winning or losing, but in putting forth your very best effort. From Grantland Rice's perspective, the Great Scorer's concern is how you played the game.

## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

During May, the Lodge allowed me to attend the annual Junior Warden's Retreat. This was an opportunity for me to learn much about the running of a successful Lodge, and also an opportunity to meet and greet Junior Wardens from other Lodges. This was a successful weekend, as I learned quite a bit, including how much I don't know. I am very pleased to report to you how well the Lodge is known throughout the state for its friendly brethren, the quality of ritual work, and especially its generosity. Right Worshipful Ken Nagel, Senior Grand Warden, also confirmed that he will visit us during his year as Grand Master, continuing a tradition unique in the state. We are on his calendar for the April 2010 Stated Meeting. Among the things he praised us for was our inviting the brethren to a "no host" dinner before each meeting, and our monthly open Masonic Discussion group meetings. He would like to see more lodges do this. I would like to see more of our brethren participate. The speakers at the sessions also encouraged us to invite more non-officers to attend practices, and to encourage them to participate in degree work. We need brothers to help with degrees, and your officers also need to know that the work they do is seen and appreciated. Remember that your officers work very hard for the Lodge, and they will be grateful for all the assistance you give them. The assembled Junior Wardens were reminded that Masonic education is a vital part of the Masonic experience, and were asked to include a small item of information at each Stated Meeting. Barring a negative response, we will try to include this in future meetings. We were offered the following key words to improve our meetings: Respect, Harmony, Recognition, and Fellowship. I will try to live up to these when in the Lodge. Finally, we were encouraged to be a part of our community, and to show the generosity for which Masons are so justly known. We should give generously to the Masonic Charities, as well as involve ourselves in other ways to help our fellow man. Until next month,

Fraternally,  
Bill Miller, JW

Ionic Composite Annual Picnic  
&  
A Great Opportunity to Support a Worthy Cause...

On

***Sunday June 1st, 2008***

**Masonic Homes Campus Tour & BBQ Lunch**

**Masonic Homes West Covina Campus  
1650 Old Badillo Street  
Covina, CA 91724**

Transportation: Free Coach Bus ride from Lodge to the Picnic location

Departure Location: 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035  
Departure Time: 11:00 a.m. from Ionic Composite Lodge Building

PLEASE PARK ON THE STREET

*Cost: Free for Lodge Members, Family and Friends  
(Donations for the Masonic Homes accepted.)*

Lunch served at 12:15pm at Masonic Homes

**Please RSVP by calling Lodge office at 310-657-2628 by May 26th.**

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Ms. Michelle Manhart and Brother Douglas Ismail,  
Executive V. P. of the California Masonic Foundation,  
both spoke at our May Stated Meeting.

JUNE MENU

Salad, bread and butter

Choice of:

Chicken Parmigiana  
or  
Salmon

Starch & Vegetables

Dessert



*Menu subject to change.*

*Dinners are by reservation only and must be made or cancelled no later than 12 NOON the Wednesday before the Stated Meeting. Reservations made and not cancelled by that date will be charged. Dinners are prepared by your reservation only. 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

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**Brothers Name  
& Lady**

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

Brother

Passed

Dave Schwartz

April 26, 2008



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