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From the East

Master's Message

Brethren and Ladies,

The dead line for your contribution for the 2008 Masonic year ends June 30 this year. I would like to make a personal appeal that you all recognize the importance of the charities that we sponsor and support and make your donation now of whatever amount you can afford. You can make your donation on-line at freemason.org, or sending your check to the lodge office payable to "The California Masonic Foundation".

Relief is one of the principal tenets of Freemasonry and comes in many forms - from helping a Mason in financial need to assisting those who is ill or lonely, or aiding a Mason's widow or orphan. For those who don't know about the charities we support, I will give a brief overview of some of the most important ones. California Masons benefit from the organized relief efforts provided by the California Masonic Foundation, which includes:

Masonic Homes of California

The Masons of this state founded the Masonic Homes of California over 100 years ago to provide organized relief to those in need. Today, in residential and community-based programs, the Masonic Homes cares for hundreds of Master Masons, their wives, widows, and children.

The Masonic Homes maintains two campuses, one in Union City and one in Covina, that provide three levels of care including independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care. The Union City campus also includes care for those with Alzheimer's and dementia.

For more information regarding admissions to the Masonic Homes, visit www.masonichome.org, or call toll free (888) 466-3642, or email intake@mhcuc.org.

Masonic Outreach Services

The Masonic Homes of California provides the Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) program for fraternal family members who prefer to age in their own homes or home communities yet need help coping with the challenges associated with aging. MOS helps identify appropriate local service care providers, develops a comprehensive care plan, and provides financial assistance to those in need.

For more information on MOS, visit www.masonichome.org, call toll free (888) 466-3642 or email intake@mhcuc.org.

Lodge Ambassadors

Lodge Ambassadors, who act as information officers for lodges, their individual members, and widows, help identify those in need. Worshipful Bruno Samuel is the current Ionic Composite Lodge Ambassador to our Grand Lodge philanthropy program. If you need further information he can be reached at brunosamuel@yahoo.com.

Please make a contribution according to your ability.

Don Wijesinghe
Master

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**Wed. April 30, NOON RESERVATIONS DUE FOR
THE MAY STATED MEETING TO RALPH DUNN:
(310) 657-2628**

May Calendar

Mon. May 5 - Stated Meeting. 50 Year Golden Veteran Awards to Stanley Schway, Julius Pechnar, and Sam Gordon. Honoring our Veterans Program. Possible Masonic Homes Speaker. **ALL VETERANS SHOULD WEAR THEIR UNIFORM OR WHATEVER PART OF IT THEY CAN STILL FIT IN.** Open Lodge: 5:15pm. Open Program: 7:00pm.

Mon. May 12 - 6:00pm Building Association Meeting 7:15pm THIRD DEGREE. All Master Masons are asked to attend. Candidates coaching available. Dinner 5:30pm at Jan's on Beverly Blvd east of La Cienega Blvd.

Wed. May 14 - 7:15pm Officers Practice. Prepare for move-up positions. Dress: casual.

Sun. May 18 - 9:00am. Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau Meeting. Pasadena Scottish Rite.

Mon. May 19 - 7:15pm OFFICERS Move-up qualifications night. All officers are required to attend. No coaching available.

Wed. May 21 - 7:15pm. Masonic Discussion Group. OPEN TO ALL. Invite your friends and family. Learn more about Freemasonry. Dress is casual.

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.

Mon. May 26 - Lodge Dark

**Wed. May 28, NOON RESERVATIONS DUE FOR THE
JUNE STATED MEETING.
TO: RALPH DUNN: (310) 657-2628**

Tentative June Calendar

Mon. June 2- Stated Meeting. Special Recognition Program for Brethren celebrating their 25, 60, 65, and 70-year Masonic anniversaries. Speaker Sheriff Lee Baca. See insert.

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May BIRTHDAYS



Arthur L. Obrand	1	Evan Weiss	12	David Israel	23
Roland Sarlot	1	Joseph Brewer	13	David Francis Philips	23
Richard Kahn	2	Rick Kaplan	13	Marvin Allen Dunn	24
Harold Kirman	2	Harvey C. Cohn	13	Charles Harris	26
Robert L. Sills	2	Mark Crugnale	13	Sherman Margoles	26
Allan Orner	3	Sylvan Summers	13	Jeff Platt	27
Frank Tellis	3	Louis N. Jacobs	14	Irvin Kauffman	27
Sam Pakin	3	Robert I. Goldman	14	Abe Perel	27
David L. Snyder	4	Stephen A. Rennick	14	Jesse L. Williams	28
Rob Gordon	4	Stafford P. Bennis	17	Arthur Manheim	28
Barry Sporn	5	Matthew Rodman	17	Philip B. Shubb	29
Laurence B. Kaplan	6	Max Solomon	19	Neil Sherman	29
Julius Bovil	7	Jacob Spiegel	19	Richard S. Ellman	29
Krikor Hazarshahian	9	Leo S. Seidner	19	Mark Amali	29
Alfred Spivak	10	Sidney Miner	20	Zev Vered	30
William Bilkiss	11	Earle Goodman	21	Dale Effren	30
Peter D. Kaplan	11	Bertram L. Steel	22		

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

The state of Arizona has passed legislation that prevents illegal immigrants from obtaining government services. Furthermore, as part of the law, any business that knowingly hires such individuals is subject to punitive actions, including, after a repeated offense, the loss of its business license. A recent story in the LA Times indicated that these actions have substantially altered the economic impact of illegal immigrants on the state. On the other hand, and to quote the subtitle of the article in the April 5, 2008, edition, this has not happened "without bruising some citizens".

The story cited two examples. In one, a naturalized citizen cannot find a job at this time because the government database, E-Verify, classifies him as a possible illegal immigrant. This happened because, after being naturalized, he failed to register with the Social Security Administration. To make matters worse, he subsequently lost his naturalization certificate. While he has a valid US passport, he cannot get a job until his status on the E-verify system is cleared up. The second case was a woman who was held in jail with illegal immigrants for 15 hours after being stopped for speeding and could not produce a driver's license. She now states that she is afraid to go outside.

There is no doubt that, whenever any new bureaucratic system is put into place, problems almost invariably show up. In the process of fixing them, innocent people will often be inconvenienced. However, if the LA Times was trying to present all aspects of the story, they did not pick very good examples of the downside of the process. The two citizens who were negatively impacted by the legislation were not innocent bystanders.

The man certainly did have an opportunity to register with Social Security but he failed to do so. He was the one who then lost his papers. The woman did not have a driver's license. At least in part, both of them brought these difficulties upon themselves. In the end, shouldn't each of us be responsible for our actions?

Special Visitors at the May Stated Meeting

Douglas D. Ismail
Executive Vice President of the California Masonic Foundation
&
Michelle Manhart
To Honor our Veterans

Special Program Announcement

My dear brethren:

In the relatively short period of time that I have been at Ionic Composite Lodge, I have acquired deep admiration and love for the beauty and honor of the brethren and the fraternity to which we belong. In an effort to recognize those dedicated brethren who have been members for long periods of time, and in addition to the Grand Lodge's established 25, 50, and 75- year pins, Ionic Composite Lodge has voted to give special recognition to those brethren who have been members for 60, 65, and 70 years.

It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite you all to join us at the June stated meeting honoring those brothers who qualify for the 25 year pin and our lodge's very own 60 year pin and 65 and 70 year certificate. Special invitations will be sent out to those brothers who are being honored.

By attending, you can be part of this first of its kind event. The newly scripted and unique Ionic Composite Lodge 60 year pin ceremony and presentation of the 65 and 70-year certificates will occur after the 25-year pin presentation. We are also planning to have some wonderful entertainment for your enjoyment.

In the coming months and years we also plan on having several events of which include going to a driving course, having a multi-lodge bowling night (or tournament,) social inter-lodge mixers, a barbeque, golf, and a tiled table lodge.

I am also pleased to announce the formation of a Building Revitalization sub-committee headed by brother Daniel Seidner that is in charge of restoring the grandeur and elegance of the Ionic Composite Building. We have many plans for building improvement that will bring back the splendor of our building. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming Trestleboards.

I very much look forward to seeing many of you at the June stated meeting and more often at any other lodge functions.

Fraternally,
Joseph Eshaghian
Senior Steward

Put on your Calendar

June 2, 2008 Stated Meeting

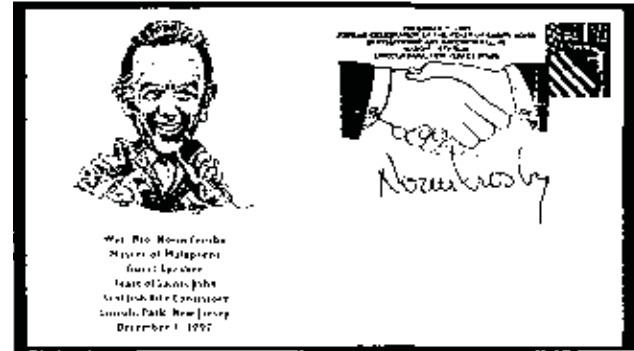
Special Recognition Program for those Brethren
Who have been members for 25, 60, 65, and 70 years

Come be a part of this first-time event

Speaker

Sheriff Lee Baca

NORMAN CROSBY



Norm Crosby, the Master of Malaprop, is among the most recognized and widely quoted performers in show business. For many years Crosby has been one of the busiest of the "name" comedians in the nation's best resorts, casino showrooms, and on the banquet circuit; as well as the work top television shows, both network and cable channels. He has appeared in several motion pictures and at the time of this writing is working on DVD's for his *Norm Crosby's Comedy Shop* which will soon be marked nationally.

Born and raised in the Boston area, Norm served in the US Coast Guard as a radar operator in the North Atlantic on anti-submarine patrol where he developed a hearing problem caused by concussions from the depth charges. Because of this hearing affliction, Crosby has a special interest in the problems of the hearing impaired. He was the first National Chairman for the *Council for Better Hearing*. He is a Trustee of the *Hope for Hearing Foundation* at UCLA and he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan as his Special Ambassador for Better Hearing and Speech Month. He has also been a fund raiser and tireless worker for the City of Hope, the internationally famous hospital and medical research in Duarte, California. Crosby has served as the City of Hope's National Ambassador of Good Will for twenty years. He is also National Ambassador for *Childhelp USA* and helped launch *National Childhood Abuse Month* at the White House in Washington DC.

Masonically, Norm was raised on January 19, 1956 in Euclid Lodge, Stoughton, Massachusetts and apparently served as Master there. He later moved to California where he affiliated with Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520. He received his 50 year Veteran's Medal in 2006 and was elected to receive his 33rd Degree in the Southern Jurisdiction.

Norm Crosby is indeed a Mason's Mason, not only having taken degrees but living the life of an active Mason, spending much of his time improving the health and welfare of his fellowman. He has been honored by our Fraternity, by the leaders of our country and by his profession and he continues to offer himself for the benefit of others. I know that I am very proud to have two descriptions of Norm in my vocabulary - "A Mason's Mason" and "My Brother and friend".

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FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As I'm sure you are aware, in order to meet "press time" I am writing this article right after the April Stated Meeting. I can only say that our calendar in April was full with degrees including two "real" brothers being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the same night!

I am pleased to report that the Grand Master's Reception in March and the District Inspector's Reception in April were well done and everyone had a great time. April's Public School presentation to the McBride School, and the evening's entertainment were also well received by the many brethren in attendance. I think we all enjoyed wearing our "aloha shirts" that evening. We can all be proud that our Lodge has been recognized throughout the state and by Grand Lodge officials for the generosity of its members, the quality of its ritual work, and the friendliness of the brethren.

In May, the stated meeting's theme will be Cinco de Mayo, which is appropriate as that actually is the date of the meeting. We will be presenting two worthy brethren with their 50 year Golden Veteran's Award, as well as honoring all those who have served in the military. Be sure and wear your uniform, (or whatever part of it you can still fit into), to the meeting. Check elsewhere in the bulletin for the menu for that evening.

Meanwhile, your officers are frantically trying to prepare for the Offices School of Instruction in May, as this is the preliminary showing of their preparations for next year. I am confident that all of your officers will do well.

Finally, I am disappointed in the attendance at the monthly Round Table Discussions on the third Wednesday of each month. We have had some excellent presentations on Masonry, both present and past. I think the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons would both enjoy it and learn a great deal. Remember, it is open to all men and women. Be sure and invite someone to come with you. I hope to see you all there.

Until next month,
Fraternally,
Bill Miller, JW

The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Los Angeles National Cemetery Wants You!

Another way of stating this is that you may not realize how much you will get from attending or participating in this year's Memorial Day Ceremony at our National Cemetery. We are used to thanking people for doing good works. This is our chance to pay our respects to "those who gave all" in support of the United States. Each year, the ceremony has been both inspiring and entertaining, with music, awesome flyovers and cannon and rifle salutes, pomp, solemnity and respect. This year will be no different. The keynote speaker is Hugh O'Brian, former Marine, motion picture and television star, and founder of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership. Invited guests include Governor Schwarzenegger and Mayor Villaraigosa, as well as military and diplomatic VIPs from around the world. While paying respects to our fallen heroes of all military conflicts, this year will pay special tribute to those from the Iraqi and Afghanistan fronts.

Our own Bro. Odas Flake is this year's Chairman of the LANC Support Committee, which assists the LANC in putting on the annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Other Lodge Brothers are also Committee members: Dave Chernik, P.M., Jack DeMerit, and Tony Fox. **For the seventh year, Masons are again privileged to assist with the ceremony. We will greet the VIPs; conduct them into the Cemetery's chapel for a morning reception prior to the Ceremony. We will dress in suits or jackets and ties and will wear our Lodge regalia (appropriate dispensation will have been received from Grand Lodge). For those of us who will be able to assist in this manner, please arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel.**

The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at noon with the restoration of the flag. The band begins playing at 10:00 a.m. Arrive by 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. to ensure a seat. Bring a hat, because it is usually sunny. Water will be provided.

LANC is located at Constitution Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard (One block north of Wilshire Blvd.) in West L.A. Parking is free at the Park-and-Ride lot across Sepulveda Blvd. at Constitution Ave. (at the VA Hospital). If you are handicapped, you will be allowed to park in the Cemetery itself.

If you would like to participate or just want additional information, please contact Wor. Dave Chernik at 310-679-4066 (dchernik@earthlink.net) or Bro. Odas Flake at 310-474-2269 (mophcmdr1@gmail.com). Otherwise, just come and have a meaningful morning.

FROM THE WEST

I just had a great experience. Something I've never done. I don't know why I haven't. Laziness. Apathy. Selfishness. I don't know.

I've been a beneficiary of others doing what I've failed to do. I truly appreciated that this small act of kindness had been done for me, but I never did it myself. What am I rambling on about? Calling an ailing Brother to say "Hi" and wish him well.

I don't know about you, but when I listen to Wor. Ron Koretz give the monthly report at our Stated meeting, I always think, "I ought to call these guys." Until last month (April), I never took the time to pick up the phone and actually make the calls.

Like I said, I've been on the receiving end of calls from my Brothers. It felt great to hear from some of the guys while I was lying in my hospital bed watching daytime TV, enjoying the sumptuous hospital food (on a par with the airplane food we used to get in the good old days), worrying about myself and generally having a great time. It felt great because I felt like somebody cared, like I mattered.

Now I look back on this experience and think about what a lout I am for not passing that kindness on to others---even if I've never met them. How much time does it take to call someone and just say, "Hi. How are you? I hope you feel better and everything goes well for you."

When I got up off my butt and made the calls last month, I was so gratified by the heartfelt expressions of thanks I received, but shocked to hear that nobody else from the Lodge had called. How could this be? We have 500 members of our Lodge and I was the only one to call? Shocking, indeed!

You may be tired of me writing about our Masonic obligations, but I'm the Senior Warden and, as such, supposed to be overseeing Masonic education. Lately I've heard many of the Brethren quoting the obligation to reach out a hand to a fallen Brother. Well boys, put your money where your mouths are, pick up a phone and call an ailing Brother. It's not just an obligation, but the right thing to do.

Fraternally,
Jeff Bear
Senior Warden

Happy 99th Birthday

Albert Brinhendler

You are invited to celebrate this special birthday and view his latest paintings on **Saturday, May 3rd from 2:00-5:00pm** at Albert's Gallery in The Gardens of Tarzana, 18700 Burbank Blvd. Room 161, Tarzana, 91356.

At 5:30pm, we will go out to dinner together at a local restaurant. CONTACT BR. Jeff Bear, (310) 429-3007 if you want to join the group for dinner.

Please RSVP by 4/25/08 to Albert at (818) 212-0685 for the birthday and art exhibit.

MAY MENU

Salad, bread and butter

Choice of:

Stacked Beef Enchiladas
or
Halibut

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.

Soft And Safe To Thee
My Brethren
Be Thy Resting Place

Brother

Passed

Lester Chagi

April 11, 2008

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

**Brothers Name
& Lady**

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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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