



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

Nov/Dec 2008

From the East



Master's Message

Brethren,

This truly has been a rewarding year thanks to the support and cooperation of my officers and members of our Lodge. I would like to start by thanking some of you who have made this possible. M.W Mel Nahin, Ralph Dunn PM, Michael Bear PM, Bernie Morse PM, Jeff Gordon PM, Bob Sills PM, Ron Stien PM, Bruno Samuel PM, Stan Schway PM, Jay Richards PM, Roy Stienfeld PM, Jerry Freeman PM, Ron

Koretz PM, are among the biggest supporters who have made this year a successful one. I would also like to thank our Inspector, Fred Davis, PM for his participation and guidance.

During this year Ionic Composite Lodge has initiated, passed and raised a significant number of new members.

We have contributed \$25,822.70 to Masonic philanthropic programs. I am proud to say we had 100% of our officers, and 107 out of 478 members that have participated in this effort. Even though there is room for improvement, our contributions were recognized, as the biggest, of the "Big 15 Lodges". This is the second time we have had this honor.

Your senior officers, Jeff Bear, SW, Bill Miller, JW and I attended the 159th Annual Grand Lodge Communications at the beautiful Masonic Memorial Building in San Francisco. We attended the rededication ceremony for it's fiftieth anniversary and participated in the many activities of the Communications. We came back inspired with new ideas to better our Lodge's future.

We honored our long serving brethren with special pins and dinner for their dedication and devotion to Ionic Composite Lodge and had nights of entertainment and informative speakers.

We participated in community events such as the Child ID program, public schools program, (we got a company to donate 50 pairs of eye glasses to students at the Mc Bride School), a picnic at the Masonic Homes in West Covina, and unfortunately, a few Masonic funerals. We have extended our support to our youth groups by making financial contributions and promoting their events.

On November 3rd we will be electing the new officers for the upcoming year. Please come and support our efforts to make Ionic Composite Lodge one of the most exemplary Lodges in California.

I look forward to seeing you all at the November and December meetings.

Happy Holidays to all.

Don Wijesinghe
Master

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members**

Oct 29 - NOON. Dinner reservations must be received or canceled to the lodge Secretary. (310) 657-2628

November Calendar

Nov 3 - Stated Meeting. Election of Officers and 50-Year Golden Veteran Award to Bill Nemoy, PM. CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE MIDNIGHT MISSION Open 5:15pm Dinner 5:45pm Program 7:00pm.

Nov 10 - 7:15pm. Three First Degrees. Masons of all degrees are encouraged to attend and welcome our new brothers! **5:30pm dinner at: Jan's** on Beverly Blvd. east of La Cienega Blvd.

Nov 13- 6:00pm TABLE LODGE! Open to Masons of ALL degrees. See insert.

Nov 15 - 11:00am French 1st Degree and Grand Masters Reception. See insert

Nov 17 - 7:15pm Officers practice for Qualifications

Nov 19 - 7:00pm. Officer's School of Instruction at Culver City Foshey Lodge. Review of written examination, qualifications and questions. In-coming Master and Wardens must attend. Other Officers optional. Dinner on your own. **NO DISCUSSION GROUP THIS MONTH.**

Nov 24 - Third Degree. ALL Master Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available. **5:30pm dinner at: Factor's Deli** on Pico Blvd. at Beverly Dr.

Nov. 26 NOON. Dinner reservations must be received or canceled to the lodge Secretary. (310) 657-2628

December Calendar

Dec 1 - Stated Meeting. Open: 5:15pm Dinner: 5:45pm Program: 7:00pm Entertainment and possible 50 year Award.

Dec 8 - 7:15pm Practice for Installation. All incoming officers must attend. Casual dress.

Dec 14 - 6:00pm Installation of Officers. Dinner to follow. See insert

Dec 17 - No Discussion Group.

Dec 31 - NOON Dinner reservations must be received or canceled to the lodge Secretary. (310) 657-2628

January Calendar

Jan 5 - Stated Meeting. Rock N in The New Year. Wear your favorite Rock N Roll attire from whatever era. Introduction of officers and their ladies. Dinner: 5:45pm Program: 7:00pm

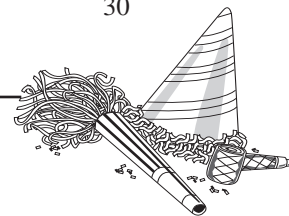
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November

BIRTHDAYS

Julius Mischel	2	Irv Levine	10	Phillip M. Torf	21
Laurence Fried	3	Dave Schwartz	10	Benjamin Rabner	21
Louis Dalesandro	3	Harry W. Tepper	10	Nathan Adelman	24
Jeffrey K. Bodner	4	Phillip Goldhammer	10	Ralph Manzer	25
Albert Blank	4	Sidney Mantell	12	Riccardo Sanchdonado	25
Lester A. Riskin	5	Moscha H. Locketz	15	Galand Gibbs	27
Albert Canter	6	Sheldon Lodmer	15	Robert Alexder	28
Gene Pira	8	Ruben Goldstein	15	Richard Mednick	28
Norman Henkin	8	Lawrence Lebowsky	16	Harvey L. Jessel	30
Clarence Neal	9	Timothy Shiner	17		
Alvin J. Canter	9				



December

Milan R. Weiss	4	Arnold E. Feuerlicht	13	Michael C. Maroko	23
Joseph Parker	4	Charles R. Fond	15	Melvyn Snidman	24
Lutfallah Hay	4	Antoine Sfeir	15	Albert M. Lapidés	25
Morris Lazar	4	Bernard Rabins	15	Sheldon Sloan	25
Immanuel Afar	5	John T. Peterson	16	Stanley Ziegler	27
L. Madick	7	Harry G. Golden	16	Jordan Maxwell	28
Wesley D. Challacombe	7	Stuart Barnett	17	Clifford Dektar	29
Manny Celnik	10	Jay Yerrnolenko	17	Terry Jones	29
Sanford B. Gerber	10	Norman Langer	19	Orlan Herrick	29
Samuel Flatte	11	Bruno V. Samuel	20	Herbert Tobman	29
Michael Kaye	11	Michael Adler	20	Edgar Friedman	31
Bernard Diamond	12	Harold Forster, Jr.	22	David Stein	31
		Roy E. McGinnis	22	Thomas Brown	31

Dear Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge,

It's hard to believe it is already October and this is the last Trestleboard as the November and December issue are combined. I hope your men are sharing the Trestleboard with you and that you have realized this section is the "No Men Here" space, just us ladies!

If elected at the November meeting, Jeff Bear (Senior Warden) will become the new Master of Ionic Composite Lodge. This means, he will be officially installed at the ceremony on December 14th at the Lodge.

Thinking positively () I would like to extend my invitation to all of you to attend the installation festivities on December 14 at 6:00 p.m.. Please come and be fascinated by the pomp and circumstance involved, enjoy the dinner that will be provided, and have fun with other ladies (and men) of Ionic Composite.

Again, I welcome your input, suggestions and recommendations for our "ladies meetings" after the stated meetings open sessions beginning January 5, 2009.

Please contact me at (818) 800-4024 or trishagz@yahoo.com

Thanks so much and I look forward to seeing you,
Trisha Zagher,
Lady of Jeff Bear, S.W.

From The West

Brethren,

Well, this is the final Trestleboard of the year. I can't believe how the year has flown by. Not only did we take almost every award offered by Grand Lodge, but we excelled at Ritual and are widely known as the friendliest Lodge around. Thank you Worshipful Don for your ideas and leadership. I also want to extend my thanks to so many of you for making this a wonderful year. I especially want to thank M.W. Mel Nahin, Worshipful Bill Miller and the entire officers line. Special thanks to my brother Brother Worshipful Michael Bear, who stepped up to the plate when our beloved Secretary Worshipful Ralph Dunn became ill. And Ralph, we love you and miss you.

We will be opening the year at the January Stated meeting by "Rockin' In The New year". Musical entertainment will be provided by Bob Hebert. Check out his website at BobHebert.net. Just to get into the spirit, dress for the evening will be your favorite Rock N Roll attire.

The February Stated Meeting will, of course, be Sweethearts' Night with music by Clarence Ulrich, formerly of the Drifters. We will also have a Super Bowl night and an Oscars night to take advantage of the big screen T.V. we now have thanks to the efforts of Worshipful Jeff Gordon. We have plans to make good use of our new flat panel to get together to watch sporting and other events together and to enhance our regular Masonic Education Program.

I want to give a special heads up that we will be having two Stated Meetings in March. On March 2, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with appropriate food and entertainment. On March 30, we will be having our April Stated Meeting at the request of the Grand Master, whose Visitation that night will be coordinated with the Masonic Service Bureau brunch that will take place the day before.

Mark your calendars now for a special event planned for June 5 when a special Masonic Charity event is planned honoring Most Worshipful Mel Nahin with a Celebrity Roast. This will be the highlight of the year and will be a sell-out, so get your tickets as soon as they go on sale.

I am looking forward to a year filled with brotherhood and good times and making Ionic Composite Lodge The Place To Be!

Fraternally,
Jeff Bear, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

November marks the time of elections. In this month we not only elect the politicians who may make our life better or worse, but we also elect your officers who are to govern the Lodge for the coming year. This year is very important, as we have a couple of changes in our Lodge for you to consider. Please be there and vote.

I want to thank the brethren of Ionic Composite Lodge for sending me to Grand Lodge. If you were at the October stating meeting you heard all the accolades your Lodge received. We were the Number 1 Lodge among the largest 15 Lodges in contributions to the Masonic Charities. However, we were only number 3 among all lodges. This year, I would like to see us Number 1 over all. We are the greatest Lodge in the State; let's show it.

Also at Grand Lodge there were several contentions issues. The discussions were conducted harmoniously, and the questions resolved. It was nice to see so many of the brethren of our Lodge taking part in these discussions. We are showing that we really are the leading Lodge in the State.

At the October Stated Meeting, we presented the Isadore Moore Award to Worshipful A. Jeffery Gordon. The affair was well attended, and everyone was interested to hear of the many things Worshipful Gordon does for our lodge, with no recognition or fanfare. He just gets the job done. Even at this gathering not everything he does was mentioned, as I know of a few more things he has done. He is a worthy recipient of this award.

The November Stated Meeting is also the time of awarding Golden Veterans recognition to members of our Lodge who have "stayed the course" for over 50 years. Come out and hear how things were "back in my time." It should be different, as I know from my own 40 years a member.

That's all for this Month, but there is more to come ... remember to watch the web site for updates and information.

Fraternally,
Bill Miller, JW

**Southern California Lodge No. 529
and
Ionic-Composite Lodge No. 520**

**Cordially Invite All Masons to Their
ANNUAL TABLE LODGE**

to be held at Westchester Masonic Center
7726 West Manchester Ave., Playa del Rey
on
**Thursday, November 13, 2008
at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of Fraternal Good Will,
Brotherhood, Good Food, Wine, (or non-alcoholic
beverage), and Song with Brother Masons from
Entered Apprentices on up.

(Sorry, ladies, this is a stag event.)
Dress: Coat and Tie, please

A Table Lodge is a traditional, tyled, formal dinner
accompanied by seven Formal Toasts,
Responses and Singing
that goes back to the days when lodges
met above public houses or taverns.

Cost is \$50.00 and includes a 4-course dinner
(beef or vegetarian), wine, Table Lodge booklet
and custom-etched commemorative Firing Glass.

Seating is limited, and advance paid reservations
are a must by **November 5.**

Please specify Meat or Vegetarian and mail your
check to:

Southern California Lodge, 7726 W. Manchester
Ave., Playa del Rey, CA90293

Questions?

**Contact event co-chairmen:
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Mitchell, P.M. (310) 242-7121
Ionic-Composite Lodge:
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Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

This country is faced with a major financial crisis. Its roots are widespread, but there seems to be a common underlying theme. From my perspective, the crisis began with the willingness of financial institutions to loan money to people without adequate attention being paid to the ability of those people to pay the loan back. Not coincidentally, all of those institutional individuals made money over the short term from the various fees and bonuses. The people who accepted the loans surely should have known that they would not be able to pay the loans back. However, they relied on an unrealistic expectation that the prices of houses would continue to escalate. Thus the people who accepted the loans must accept their share of the responsibility for not doing due diligence and thinking the process through. After all, how was this scheme any different than various pyramid schemes that have occurred throughout time? The only reason such schemes work is because the participants don't consider the long-term consequences.

The problem then got worse because the loans were packaged and sold to investment and banking interests around the world. The officials of those banks and investment houses also failed in their due diligence. Then, when the predictable leveling off of the prices of houses occurred, those officials started looking for money to cover their deficits. Unfortunately (but predictably) the supply dried up. In the meantime, the government, presumably the watchdog for the public, chose to avoid the problem. (There is some evidence that at least some of the government officials profited from their neglect.)

I have been concerned for decades (as this column often reflects) by the fact that our society is too caught up in getting whatever it can at the moment and not planning very well for the long-term. Unfortunately, it is a general rule that short-term gain results in long-term loss. Truth has a nasty habit of rearing its head at the most inopportune times. We all have to accept responsibility for our actions and to understand the implications of what we do. When we allow greed to substitute for good judgment, bad things are likely to happen.

Come out and have a great time on

Sunday, October 26 from 10:00 to 4:00

At the Hancock Park Community Festival

**The Lodge NEEDS Brethren to be at our
*Child ID and Masonic Information Table***

Contact Jeff Bear, SW at (310) 429-3007

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE No 520 F. & A. M.

Cordially Invites You, Your Family and Friends to
The Eighty-Eighth Installation of Officers
Sunday, December 14, 2008
Installation Starts at 6:00 pm

AT THE IONIC MASONIC CENTER

1122 South La Cienega Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90035
Light Dinner to follow
Please RSVP by December 8, 2008
(310) 657-2628

Don S. P. Wijesinghe
Master, 2008

Michael J. Bear, P.M.
Installation Chairman

Al Malaikah Shrine

Cordially invites you, your family and friends
to a reception honoring



MOST WORSHIPFUL

LARRY L. ADAMSON
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
OF CALIFORNIA



Saturday, November 15, 2008

Program

11:00 AM - Social 12:00 PM - Lunch
1:00 PM - Grand Master's Reception
Shrine 50 Year Pin Presentations
2:00 PM - French First Degree for all Masons (EA, FC, MM)
Fashion Show for the Landies and Guests

AL MALAIKAH SHRINE CENTER
665 WEST JEFFERSON BLVD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90007

Music by Noble Rush Robinson

Tie and Jacket for men. Shriners please wear your fez.
Cost is \$15.00 per person

Please make checks payable to "Al Malaikah Shrine" and mail
to the above address before November 8, 2008

In order to have an accurate food count, there will be no sales at the door.

Parking \$10.00 per car

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 213-748-0173

NOVEMBER MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Turkey Breast
or
Sea Bass

Starch, Vegetables
&
Dessert

DECEMBER MENU

Choice of:

Meatloaf
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
William Albert Hymes
Izzy Westen
Jack Abrams, PM

Pearl Silverman
Wife of
Edward Silverman, PM

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

**Brothers Name
& Lady**

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Hospitalized but in
stable condition

OSCAR HALL
(Bess)
Chronic medical condition
that keeps him at home

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LEONARD HESS
(Muriel)
At home with
disabling illness

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STEVE RENNICK
Recovering after losing home
and business in Hurricane Ike

SAUL SCHRAGER
He is recovering from
broken ribs

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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