



# Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

October 2008

## From the East



### *Master's Message*

Brethren:

I again want to congratulate Worshipful Brother Ron Koretz on receiving the Hiram Award. He is truly a worthy recipient of this great honor. The dinner preceding the ceremony was excellent and thanks to all that attended.

Worshipful Jeff Gordon will be receiving the Isadore Moore award at the October 6 Stated Meeting. We will have great food and wonderful entertainment. Please be there, especially if you're a prior Isadore Moore award recipient.

The Stated Meeting on November 3 will be the election of officers for the ensuing 2009 Masonic year. This is a very important duty of all the members of our Lodge, so please be sure to attend. It will be our honor to recognize some brothers, like Bill Nemoy, P.M., who have been Masons for 50 years. It is wonderful to recognize brethren who not only have been members of long standing in Masonry but also great members of civil society.

We are receiving many new applications for membership in our Lodge. We voted on three applications on the last stated meeting and we will schedule them for degrees during the next few months so please keep your Mondays open to show your support for our new members and the officers.

Brother Jeff Bear SW, Worshipful Bill Miller and I will be attending the Grand Lodge from 26-28 of September. We will make informed decisions on the Grand Lodge Resolutions for 2009. Our Lodge will be recognized for your generous donations and support to our Masonic Charities. I want to again congratulate all of you who made it possible.

Please take a look at our g events, mark your calendars and join us at these events.

I look forward to having you all at the next Stated Meeting.

Don Wijesinghe  
Master

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## October Schedule

**WED Oct. 1 - NOON Dinner reservations must be  
received or canceled to the lodge Secretary. (310)  
657-2628.**

**Oct. 6 - Stated Meeting. Isadore Moore Award to Wor. A.  
Jeffrey Gordon. Entertainment.** Open: 5:15pm. Dinner:  
5:45pm. Program: 7:00pm.

**Oct 13 - 7:15pm 2009 Planning Meeting. Past Masters,  
Officers, and interested brothers are encouraged to  
attend. Light dinner provided. Please call the lodge by  
Noon, Tue. Oct 7 so we can order food.**

**Oct 15 - 7:30pm Masonic Discussion Group.** Open to all  
men and women. Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are  
encouraged to attend. Dress casual.

**Oct. 17 - 2:30pm. Wheel of Fortune taping.** See insert.

**Oct 20 - 7:15pm Second Degree.** Entered Apprentices and  
Fellowcrafts are encouraged to attend. Coaching available.  
**Dinner:** 5:30pm at Taj Mahal of India. 8566 W. Pico Blvd.  
East of La Cienega on the south side of street.

**SUNDAY- OCT 26 - 10 TO 4. CHILD ID AND MASONIC  
INFORMATION TABLE** at Hancock Park community festival.  
**HELP IS NEEDED.** Contact: Jeffrey Bear, SW.  
(310) 429-3007

**Oct 27 - 7:15pm. First Degree.** Masons of all degrees are  
encouraged to attend and welcome our new brother! 5:30pm  
dinner at: Factor's Deli on Pico Blvd. near Beverly Dr.

**Oct 28- 7:15 pm Officers School of Instruction 2nd  
degree, 1st section at**  
Beverly Hills Lodge. No coaching available. **Dinner:** Coco's  
on Pico Blvd. one block east of Robertson Blvd.

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

### Tentative November Calendar

**Nov 3 - Stated Meeting. Election of Officers and 50-Year  
Awards.** Open 5:15pm Dinner 5:45pm Program 7:00pm.

**Nov 10 - 7:15pm. First Degree.** Masons of all degrees are  
encouraged to attend and welcome our new brothers!  
5:30pm dinner at:

**Nov - TABLE LODGE!** Open to Masons of ALL degrees. See  
insert.

**Nov 17 - 7:15pm** Degree or practice.

**Nov 24 -** To be determined

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

**STATED MEETING RESERVATIONS OR  
GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT RALPH  
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**FOR LODGE HALL RENTAL OR OFFICE  
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# October BIRTHDAYS

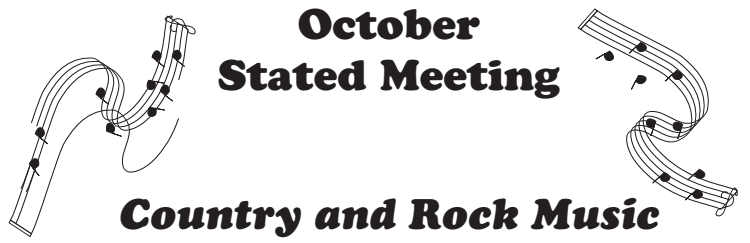
Randy M. Ziegler	1	Hilton Bank	9	Joe Magedman	21
James Harris	2	Avigdor Mizrahi	10	Lawrence Field	21
William Park	4	Leonard Krowech	11	Leonard D. Hess	22
Sam Marion	5	Ivan S. Phillips	11	Dale M. Rumsey	22
Alan Block	5	Jorge Gutierrez	11	Morris Darnov	22
John Bartholomew	5	Norman E. Grattan Jr.	12	Leonard Trank	22
Marvin A. Eisenman	6	Adolfo Poggio	12	Gerald Waldman	23
Paul M. Schiek	6	Stan Sackler	13	Fred L. Weinberg	24
Al Sapper	7	Albert Kaplan	14	Bruce Shaphran	26
Marvin Rosenberg	7	Nathan Ivers	15	Robert D. Fletcher Jr.	28
Manny Berkowitz	8	Oscar Hall	16	Ray Friedman	28
Harold S. Rosenberg	8	Dale W. Jacobs	17	Robert W. Nairin	28
Thomas Currie	8	Milton Weinstein	17	Richard Adler	29
Mark Neander	9	R. David Stephens	19	Aaron Sklarsh	30
Edwin Conn	9	William Bernfeld	19	Roy Steinfeld	30
Arthur E. Dakessian	9	Sanford Gage	21	Marvin A. Kirkwood	31
				Arnold Schoenfeld	31

**Save the Date**

**Friday, October 17,  
2:30pm. Wheel of Fortune  
taping Thursday,**

**November 13, 7:00pm  
Table lodge open to all  
Masons**

## Entertainment at the October Stated Meeting



### Country and Rock Music by "CARMINE"



**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

## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Although you will not read this until after Grand Lodge, it is still early September when I write it. Therefore, I have no information about Grand Lodge. Come to the Stated Meeting and get a full report. Mondays are LODGE NIGHT. RIGHT? Well to some of us yes. To too many it's just Monday. When there is a practice, sideliners are encouraged to come, and to practice a part. Those who have been members for a while can learn a new station or refresh your memory of an old one. Remember the old saying "What if we had a war and no one came". We need members that will get in line and advance to the East if our Lodge is going to continue. We also need some sideliners to witness the degrees, and to take position when an officer cannot attend or wants a night off. When a candidate gets initiated, passed and raised and all he sees are the officers you wonder if he thinks, "Is that all there is in this lodge, just officers and one or two members." Stated Meeting dinners are a time to get together and socialize with our brothers and their ladies. Think about it brethren. Our LODGE is worth participating in.

This month at stated meeting, we will be granting the Isadore Moore Award to A. Jeffery Gordon, PM. He has been our Treasurer for the last several years, but his many services to the Lodge have been mostly behind the scenes, where many members don't see them. He is well worthy of this reward, so come to Lodge and find out why.

On a final note, if you do not receive notices from the Lodge about calendar changes or special events such as Funerals, please email the Lodge to get on our email list. While these communications are not frequent, they are informative. I look forward to adding many of you to our list. Similarly, if you don't want to receive them let us know. Our "remove form list" is a manual procedure, not automatic. If your email address, phone number or mailing address change, please notify the lodge office. Also, please keep an eye on our web site, <http://www.calodges.org/no520> as frequently changes and announcements appear there first, such as this Trestleboard before you get it in the mail.

Fraternally,  
Bill Miller, JW

## FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

On Sunday, August 24, 2008, we staffed our annual Child I.D. Booth at Fiesta La Ballona at Culver City Park. Many of our Brethren were present, including Michael Bear, Rob Gordon, Bernie Morse, Roy Steinfeld, Tony Napoli and me. We enjoyed meeting the public, spreading our message and, of course, enjoying the fair food. We completed 100 Child I.D. forms which, we hope, will never have to be used.

Get your reservations in by noon October 1 for the Stated Meeting dinner on October 6, 2008, when Jeff Gordon, P.M., will be honored with the Isadore Moore Award.

All Past Masters and current officers are cordially invited to our annual Past Masters Planning Night on October 13. We will begin at 7:15 p.m., with a hosted dinner. We will discuss plans for next year's calendar, but I particularly hope to receive input from our Past Masters so that we can make Ionic Composite Lodge "The Place To Be"--- not just in 2009, but always. Please RSVP to the lodge office by the October 6 Stated Meeting so we know how much food to order.

As you may have heard, we are seeking experienced Brethren to fill the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer's chairs in 2009. Please call me if you would like to be considered for those spots. Also, we would like to increase the participation of all the Brethren on standing and special event committees. Please call me if you would like to participate. I would especially like to hear from our new Brethren and others who have never been on a committee or be a back up in a ritual position. Participation is open to Brethren of all degrees.

On November 8, 2008, we will be having a Table Lodge with Southern California Lodge at their Lodge. The food and drink will be abundant and delicious and, of course, in strict compliance with the new beverage guidelines. It is tentatively scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m., and will be open to Masons of all degrees.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Bear  
Senior Warden

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 Congratulations to   
Lodge Award Recipient

The Isadore Moore Award  
Jeffrey Gordon  
October Stated Meeting

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:**  
**Southern California Lodge: Nick Mitchell, P.M.**  
**(310) 242-7121**  
**Ionic-Composite Lodge: Jeff Bear, S.W.**  
**(310) 429-3007**

The 2008 Hiram Award  
Recipient  
Ronald Koretz, P.M.



*Don't Miss  
Pat & Vanna*



*Make your  
Reservations  
Early*

**How would you like to be a part of one of the  
most popular game shows on television?**

Pat Sajak invites you to be part of the audience on  
Friday, October 17, 2008 at 2:30pm sharp. Shooting  
is done at Sony Studios, 3970 Overland Ave, Culver  
City. Parking is free. Filming will last about 2 ½  
hours since they will be doing three segments.  
Afterward, we will go to Dinah's at 6521 S. Sepulveda  
Blvd for a no-host dinner.

We only have 40 seats available. Reservations are by  
a suggested non-refundable donation of \$5.00 per  
person, (or more), to the Masonic Homes sent to the  
lodge office no later than the October Stated  
meeting. You must be 18 years of age or older.  
Casual dress is OK, but no shorts or cut-offs.

You must be in their studio line no later than 2:30pm  
to be admitted.

For information, contact Jeffrey Gordon, P.M. at (310)  
556-3900.

**DO NOT CONTACT THE STUDIO or SONY  
PICTURES.**



## **HELP WANTED**

**LODGE ASSISTANT SECRETARY** With  
possibility of becoming Lodge Secretary in the future.  
Position is part-time. Must be or become a member of  
Ionic Composite Lodge. Must be able to learn or use  
MS Word and Quick Books. Good communications  
skills needed.

**LODGE TREASURER** Work with the Secretary  
to pay lodge bills and to see to the financial status of the  
lodge. Knowledge of Quick Books a plus.

**Contact:**

**Wor. Don Wijesinghe (951) 219-9144**  
**Jeffrey Bear (310) 429-3007**



**Dear Ladies of Masonic Ionic Composite Lodge,**

This is our space!  
Appropriately, I think we should call it:  
“No Men Here!”

Why? Because it is for us!! Ladies only!!  
This is our space to write notes, recommendations,  
suggestions and.... Whatever WE want to communicate!!

For now, Dear Ladies, I want to let you know there will be  
programs for the ladies at every Stated Meeting each month  
while the men have their closed meeting beginning January 2009.  
This means, we don't have to twiddle our thumbs waiting for  
the men to leave for home after dinner and the program  
part of the meeting. Instead, there will be lectures,  
demonstrations, workshops, game nights and  
activities that we will all enjoy.

Again, I welcome all of your ideas and input.  
I look forward to hearing from you and sharing the  
next year together.

Sincerely,  
Trisha Zagha  
(Lady of Jeff Bear, S.W.)

### **Think About It**

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Herbert Rubin is a doctor who practices gastroenterology in Beverly Hills. According to a story in the Los Angeles Times, he has become known as “Dr. House Call” and, in glossy brochures that he distributed on the Westside, he states that he wants to be a “caring, old-fashioned Marcus Welby kind of good doctor without the office hassles”. The mailing list was compiled by a marketing firm and was based on the high property value or high income of the inhabitants.

Dr. Rubin practices “concierge medicine”; typically such a practice is limited to a few hundred patients, thus allowing a patient to have rapid access to the doctor. However, one may have to pay an annual retainer (as high as \$15,000) or relatively high hourly fees in order to obtain these services. Dr. Rubin charges \$450 for new patient visits, \$300 for followup visits, and \$400 for hospital visits. There is even a \$250 fee for a telephone consultation. In the article, Dr. Rubin is alleged to have about 150 patients and is quoted as saying “I only need to see one or two patients a day to be in the black”.

One might wonder about the ethics of such a practice. Critics argue that this creates a tiered healthcare system, although such “tiering” is a common practice in other areas of society. Proponents believe that this is simply a reflection of the open economic system of the United States and that market forces will set the cost.

In Dr. Rubin's case, there is yet another wrinkle. It turns out that he was put on five-year probation by the Medical Board in 2005. (It was estimated in the article that less than 0.1% of licensed doctors in California were on probation in 2007.) He also had to surrender his New York license and take a variety of courses, including one on ethics. He lost his privileges at one of the hospitals in town.

I have been concerned about concierge medicine ever since I first heard about it. I fear that physicians are losing sight of the obligation that they owe patients. I also worry about what such actions are doing to the public perception of doctors. It is a step backward for medicine if patients have to do due diligence before seeing any practitioner and regard health care workers as equivalent to used car salesmen.

## OCTOBER MENU

**Salad, Bread and Butter**

**Choice of:**

**Salisbury Steak  
&  
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.*

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

Brother	Passed
Ted Wins	July
Lloyd Steel	
Theodore Joseph Wine	
Samuel C. Horowitz	

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

**Brothers Name  
& Lady**

**Phone**

**JACK ABRAMS** [408] 998-8209  
Chronic health problems  
living in San Jose, California

**OSCAR HALL** [323] 653-0698  
(Bess)  
Chronic medical condition  
that keeps him at home

**LEONARD HESS** [310] 472-3212  
(Muriel)  
At home with  
disabling illness

**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-  
please contact  
Ralph Dunn, P.M. Tel: (310) 657-2628  
"E"mail: [ionicomp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ionicomp@sbcglobal.net)  
or Ron Koretz, P.M. R: [818] 360-2708

### ***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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**Effective 01/01/2009 the fees for Perpetual (Life) Membership will be as follows**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>49 or Under</b>	<b>21 times \$81.00 Annual</b>	<b>\$1,701.00</b>
<b>50 to 54 inclusive</b>	<b>19 times \$81.00 Annual</b>	<b>\$1,539.00</b>
<b>55 to 59 inclusive</b>	<b>17 times \$81.00 Annual</b>	<b>\$1,377.00</b>
<b>60 to 64 inclusive</b>	<b>14 times \$81.00 Annual</b>	<b>\$1,134.00</b>
<b>65 and over inclusive</b>	<b>11 times \$81.00 Annual</b>	<b>\$ 891.00</b>