



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

September 2008

From the East

Master's Message



Brethren,

It is already August. Next month I will be attending the Annual Grand Lodge communications meeting with your senior and junior wardens. Which essentially means is that we have to plan for a new Masonic year.

So far this year we have achieved many goals. I owe my gratitude to few brothers who have been supporting me to make them possible. I like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation to a few brothers who have made certain things possible.

First I would like to thank worshipful Bruno Samuel and MW. Mel Nehin, for their great leadership in raising funds for the Masonic Charities. I would also like to thank Wor. Bruno Samuel, MW. Mel Nahin, Wor. Bob Sills, Wor. Ron KorteZ for making Grand Masters circle of donations. Wor. Jeff Gordon has been in my corner from last year and has been a great supporter in achieving many things. Getting a 50" plasma television donated, getting Cal National bank to make a donation to our charities and helping me get my year organized are among few.

Our brother Secretary Wor. Ralph Dunn has been ill for the last few days and I really found out how difficult it is to run a Lodge without his full support. He is a man who literally does many things on my behalf. Please make a phone call to him even though he will be back to work by the time you all receive this article. Wor. Michael Bear has been filling in as the assistant secretary for the time being. I really appreciate the efforts of these brothers to make sure we have a functioning Lodge.

Enjoy your mini vacation.

I look forward to see you all at the September Stated Meeting.

Don Wijesinghe
Master.

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September Calendar

Sept. 1 - Labor Day. LODGE DARK

**Wed. September 3, NOON. Dinner
reservations must be received or
canceled to the lodge Secretary.
(310) 657-2628.**

**Sept. 8 - Stated Meeting. Hiram Award to
Wor. Ron Koretz.** Open: 5:15pm,
Dinner: 5:45pm, Program: 7:00pm.

Sept. 15 - 7:15pm. Third Degree. All
Master Masons are encouraged to attend.
Coaching available for Entered Apprentices
and Fellowcrafts. **5:30pm Dinner** at:
Versailles, 1415 La Cienega Blvd. Just south
of Pico Blvd.

**Sept. 16 - 7:15pm. Officers School of
Instruction** at Beverly Hills Lodge. **Third
Degree.** We will be sideliners or assist if
needed. ALL OFFICERS MUST ATTEND OR
CONTACT WOR. FRED DAVIS AND
MICHAEL BEAR. **5:30 Dinner** at: Fu's
Palace, 8751 W. Pico Blvd., one block east of
Robertson Blvd.

**Sept. 17 - 7:30pm Masonic Discussion
Group.** Open to all men and women. Bring
as friend! Casual dress. Refreshments.

Sept. 22 - 7:15pm. Third Degree. All
Master Masons are encouraged to attend.
Coaching available for Entered Apprentices
and Fellowcrafts. **5:30pm Dinner** at: Taj
Mahal of India. 8566 W. Pico Blvd. L.A.,
90035 ½ block west of La Cienega Blvd.
south side of street.

Sept. 29 - LODGE DARK

Tentative 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.** Open:
5:15pm. Dinner: 5:45pm. Program: 7:00pm.

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


**STATED MEETING RESERVATIONS OR
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David Zellermaier	1	Leonard Weksler	12	Mark F. Morris	19
Robert Recht	1	Leonard Tiep	12	Hector J. Cantua, Jr.	19
Max Stark	3	Maurice Getz	14	Martin H. Webster	20
Jack B. Weinger	3	Martin D. Collier	14	Alvin Kasselmann	21
Harold Drapkin	4	Donald Rumsey	14	Jack Revel	21
Benjamin Friedman	5	Leonard Cohen	14	Barry H. Hinden	21
Zaven Torosyan	5	Sanford P. Paris	14	Sheldon Weiss	23
Arthur Vanetek	5	Norman Crosby	15	Stanley Getz	24
Albert Winett	5	Louis Ferkel	15	Ken Duke	24
Alan Ackereisen	6	Arnold Gooze	16	Robert L. Reed	27
Louis Spector	6	Seymour Roberts	17	Merwin Sunkin	27
Shahram Namdaraghi	9	Eugene Davis	17	Albert F. Weiss	27
Jan Seiger	11	William Feldman	17	Benton Greene	27
Thomas Was III	11	Ed Madick	18	Chris Atamian	29
James Childress	11	Paul A. Lenz	18	Jeffrey Rose	30
				Martin R. Rudolph	30

Congratulations to
Lodge Award Recipients
 The Hiram Award
 Ronald Koretz, P.M.
 September Stated Meeting
 The Isadore Moore Award
 Jeffrey Gordon
 October Stated Meeting



Prime Office Space Available
Overlooking La Cienega Blvd.
 Suite 100 at the lodge building is available for lease. It has aprox. 450 sq. feet and has been recently refurbished.
 For information contact the Building Manager
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Save the Date
 Friday, October 17, 2:30pm. Wheel of Fortune taping Thursday,
 November 13, 7:00pm Table lodge open to all Masons

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I would be remiss if I didn't open this column by congratulating the Brethren of this Lodge for once again being Number 1 in Masonic giving amongst the Big 15 Lodges in California. This is the second year in a row we have been so honored. We were fourth overall, up from number 422, only four years ago when we also fourth, but from the bottom. As you know, I believe that leaders must lead from the front and cannot ask others to do what they themselves are unwilling to do. I am pleased to say that all of your officers contributed to Masonic relief. While this may not seem like a big deal (and it shouldn't be), only four Lodges in the State had 100% officer participation this year. Last year, as you may remember, we were the first and only Lodge to accomplish this goal.

This past weekend several of your officers attended the Grand Lecturer's Master Mason Seminar at North Hollywood Lodge, where the First and Second Degrees were exemplified. Brothers Tim Shiner and Rob Gordon did excellent work and did our Lodge proud.

On Sunday, August 24, 2008, we will be manning the Child I.D. Booth at Fiesta La Ballona at Culver City Park, located south of Culver Boulevard on the west side of Overland Boulevard. Please contact Brother Rob Gordon to volunteer. Of course, while we are working we always take time to enjoy the attractions and partake in all the healthy (lol) fair food. This is a prime opportunity to meet members of the community and hold Masonry out in a positive light.

Get your reservations in for the Stated Meeting dinner on September 8, 2008. Wor. Ron Koretz will be honored with the Hiram Award that evening and we are anticipating a sell-out due to the large number of guests we are expecting from Grand Lodge and Lodges from all over the State.

On November 13, 2008, we will be having a Table Lodge with Southern California Lodge at their lodge. If you have attended in the past, you a familiar with the fun and camaraderie shared by all in attendance. The food and drink will be abundant and delicious. 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

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As is usual for the month of September our Stated Meeting will be on the second Monday, rather than on the first. I would like for a minute to reflect on just what Labor Day means to me. I began my working career washing pots and pans at the Sportsman's Lodge while in junior High school, and then swabbed restrooms at a local hospital. I also worked as an apprentice Machine Tool operator and grinder. While at college, I worked as a "Racker" in a pool hall for spending money. Finally, after 4 years at UCLA I started working in Accounting. While working as an Accounting Clerk, the company converted me to a computer programmer, and I spent the 40 years in Data Processing. This was a long and enjoyable career, but finding myself obsolete, I retired. You could say I labored in the trenches for many years. To me, Labor Day is not and never was just a day off to picnic, but always a celebration of my being allowed to work, and of the many fine people with whom I worked. People everywhere are working at jobs they more or less enjoy, but I think everyone should be thankful for the opportunity to do so.

As Monty Python says: "now for something completely different." We are starting September off with a salute to one of the finest men and Masons I have met in my 40 years in the Fraternity. We will be giving the Hiram Award to Worshipful Ron Koretz. He has worked both up front and behind the scenes to make Our Lodge a better Lodge. I will forego putting a biography here. You will need to come to Lodge to here all he has done and all he has accomplished. I hope to see you all there.

I have said enough for now, so until next month,

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

Wor. Don Wijesinghe presents the Verling
Kersey Award to Ron Stein, P.M.



Senior Warden and his fiancee, Trisha, dance to
the music at the July Stated Meeting.

*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.

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Recently, Dennis Prager expressed concern about people who pose as experts and then express opinions that become widely accepted. This has actually been a concern of mine with regard to medical expertise for many years. I frequently encounter doctors who make dogmatic pronouncements about one thing or another but who have no evidence to back that opinion up.

As some of you know, I have spent a career as a physician trying to practice what is referred to as “evidence-based medicine”. In other words, there has to be scientific data to support the things that I recommend to patients. As a result of trying to find that evidence, I not uncommonly find areas where the evidence does not appear to support the claim. I will then usually write something about that in the medical literature and, as a result, be invited to talk about it at some local, regional, or even national meeting.

At such time, I am fond of having myself introduced as someone who played college varsity football in the Rose Bowl in 1960 and 1962. My first comment to the audience is to note that, if this lecture was about what went wrong with their favorite football team, they would afford me great credence. The audience invariably nods their agreement with that conclusion. I then tell them that I played football for Caltech, that I never suited up for a game that we won, and that I was the worst football player on the team. However, the school, being in Pasadena, did rent out the stadium for one home game a year. So, usually on a Friday night in October, I played college varsity football in the Rose Bowl.

My point is that the perception of expertise is often the result of image makers, not of accomplishment. I would offer the same advice to you that I do to the audiences to whom I speak. Do not judge an expert by the number of papers he or she has written or by the number of talks given or by the number of times his or her name has been in the newspaper. Listen to, and even question, the putative expert and, if he or she presents good data, believe the data. After all, the “expert” is only the messenger.

SEPTEMBER MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Lasagna
&
Orange Roughy

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.

Brethren and Family Members Sick and Visitation Committee Report

**Brothers Name
& Lady**

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(Bess)
Chronic medical condition
that keeps him at home

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At home with
disabling illness

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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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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

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Soft And Safe To Thee
My Brethren
Be Thy Resting Place

Brother

Passed

Bertram Lloyd Steel



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DATED MATERIAL

September 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lodge Dark	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Stated Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Third Degree	16 OSI	17 Discussion Group	18	19	20
21	22 Third Degree	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Lodge Dark	30				

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

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