



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

April 2009

FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

As you know, we are having two Stated Meetings in the month of March. On March 2, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with appropriate food and entertainment by the by the Sweet Set, who played a variety of traditional Irish music. Tim Shiner, Chairman of the evening, and Rob Gordon joined with some Irish dancing.

On **March 30**, we will be having our April Stated Meeting at the request of the Grand Master, whose Official Visitation that night will be coordinated with the Masonic Service Bureau brunch that takes place the day before. Wor. Bob Sills will be the Chairman of the evening. We will enjoy the traditional beef short ribs for dinner and sundae bar for dessert following the open portion of the evening, when we will be entertained by M.W. Mel's introduction of the Grand Family and an evening of jazz. We have already received confirmation that almost 50 members of the current and past Grand Family along with many brethren from other Southern California Lodges will be present to honor our Grand Master. Needless to say, reservations will be at a premium, so make them now.

Wor. Bob is also chairing the Mel Nahin Celebrity Roast on June 6, at Taix's Restaurant. Complete details will be released soon. We will make every effort to notify everyone as soon as possible, so please be sure that we have your current e-mail address so we can notify you about this and other events, such as last-minute TV events and casual get-togethers at the Lodge.

At our Stated Meeting on May 4, we will be celebrating Albert Brinhendler's 100th Birthday and honoring his many years of service as our Chaplin with the Isadore Moore Award. At our Stated Meeting on June 1, we will be honoring the exemplary contributions to Masonic Youth of our Junior Past Grand Master, M.W. Richard Wakefield Hopper, with the Vierling Kersey Award.

Trisha and I are looking forward to seeing you and making Ionic Composite Lodge
"The Place To Be"!

Fraternally,
Jeff Bear, Master

May 25th Annual Memorial Day Celebration at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in Westwood

Help honor our fallen hero's by assisting in the program.

Arrive: 8:30 a.m. at Chapel • Program begins at 10:00 a.m. • Dress: Jacket, tie and a hat.

Bring your apron. Water provided.

Park across the street on Constitution west of Sepulveda at the V.A.

Contact Michael Bear, P.M. (310) 391-5308 if interested

March Calendar

March 29 - 8:00am breakfast. Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau Grand Masters Reception at the Biltmore Hotel, Downtown. Get your tickets from the lodge Secretary. Limited seating.

March 30 - Stated Meeting for April. Reception for The Most Worshipful Larry Adamson. Lodge opens: 5:15pm. Dinner: 5:45pm. Open Portion: 7:00pm.

March 31 - 7:15pm. OSI at Beverly Hills Lodge. Third Degree first section. Officers must attend. Open to all Master Masons.

April Calendar

April 6 - LODGE DARK

April 13 - 5:30 pm Building Association Meeting
7:15pm Third Degree Practice. All Master Masons may attend

April 15 - NO DISCUSSION GROUP- Passover

April 20 - 7:15pm First Degree ALL Masons of all degrees are encouraged to attend. 5:30pm Dinner at Fu's Palace, 8751 W. Pico Blvd. one block east of Robertson Blvd.

April 27 - 7:15pm Third Degree All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. C available for all degrees. 5:30pm Dinner at Versailles on La Cienega Blvd just south of Pico Blvd.

April 29 - NOON Dinner reservations must be received or canceled at the lodge office: (310) 657-2628 for the May Stated Meeting.

April 29 - 7:00pm OSI at Culver City Foshey Lodge. Second Degree. Officers must attend or contact the Master and Inspector. All Master Masons welcome to attend.

Tentative May 2009

May 2 - 9:00am - 3:00pm. California Masonic Symposium at UCLA James West Alumni Center, 325 Westwood Plaza. Price: FREE. Parking \$9.00. Register at www.freemason.org

May 4 - Stated Meeting. Cinco de Mayo, Brother **ALBERT BRINHENDLER'S 100th BIRTHDAY** and his receiving the Isadore Moore Award. Open Lodge: 5:15pm Dinner: 5:45pm, Open program: 7:00pm.

May 11 - 7:15pm Third Degree. All Masters Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available for all degrees. Dinner to be announced.

May 17 - 9:30am - 11:30am Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau Meeting. Open to all. Pasadena Scottish Rite, 150 N. Madison Ave.

May 18 - 7:15pm Ionic Composite Officers Move-up Night. All officers MUST attend or contact the Master and Inspector. Master Masons interested in learning ritual may attend. Dress casual.

May 20 - 7:15pm Masonic Discussion Group. Open to all men and women. Learn more about Masonry. Dress casual

May 25 - Lodge Dark - Memorial Day

April BIRTHDAYS



Donald E. Salisbury	1	Adam Pontrelli	9	Robert Bloch	18
Arthur Luri	1	Ronald B. Grant	11	I. Joseph Schwartz	19
Jon Wax	1	Wayne A. Shaphran	11	Marlow Baar	19
Edward A. Trabin	1	Carl Washington	11	Jason T. Umlas	20
Mark A. Mischel	3	Kenneth N. Klee	12	Lester Bise	20
Koorosh Moshtahedian	3	Simone Totti	12	Daniel Bourne	21
Andre Torosyan	4	Arnold Fazekas	13	Sol Goldberg	25
Robert I. Ross	4	Stephen Joseph	13	Hagop Azantian	26
Alan Gediman	4	Harold W. Wax	13	Edward E. Segal	27
Marc A. Behun	5	Michael Turner	14	Harold Roth	27
Richard Barnes	5	Harvey A. Glaser	14	Albert Brinhendler	30
Sam N. Gordon	6	Cliff Dorfman	14	Morris Wolfred	30
Brandon Koretz	7	Arteen K. Bedirian	16	Anthony Fernandez	30
Joseph Esshaghian	8	Jeff Bear	16	David Harris	30

Dear Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge,

To those of you who joined us for the March Regular Stated Meeting, I hope you had as much fun as I did!! And....everyone came away a winner and went home with a gift!!!! To those of you who did not come to the Ladies Night Event, you missed out!

I welcome all of you to the Stated Meeting for the Grand Master, The Most Worshipful Larry Adamson, and his Lady Lynn, and the Grand Lodge Family specially requested for March 30th. In addition to the traditional dinner and ice cream sundae bar, we have wonderful entertainment scheduled including a "sneak preview" presentation by those Ladies who have been attending our "Ladies Only" Nights.

At the conclusion of the open portion of the meeting, I request your attendance at OUR event where you will have fun, learn and enjoy a very unique evening program.

Remember, there is NO stated meeting in April so come and have a great time on March 30th!

Please come, support your lodge, meet the Grand Lodge Family and partake of the activities offered for you, the Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge, "The Place to Be."

Sincerely,
Trisha Bear,
Wife of Jeffrey Bear,
Master of Ionic Composite Lodge



Ninth Annual California Masonic Symposium

"Applying Masonry in Contemporary Society"

May 2, 2009
9:00 am-3:00pm

University of California at Los Angeles
James West Alumni Center
325 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095

Registration is free
Parking is \$9.00 on campus
Meals not included but available
at the nearby Student Union

Hear such recognized speakers as:

Dr. Margaret C. Jacob
R. Stephen Doan, P.G.M.
John L. Cooper III

The speakers will examine how Masonic principals shaped the development of western democracies and where, in today's deeply divided society, those principles may be more necessary than ever.

Please register by April 24, 2009

Form available online at freemason.org
at the member center

Open to all Masons and non-Masons

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2009
CHARITY ROAST
OF
M.W. MEL NAHIN, P.G.M.

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Prior to seeing the movie in 2002, I had no idea who David Beckham was. In fact, the only thing I knew about the game that is known as football almost all over the world was what I had learned when my kids played youth soccer. The movie, "Bend It Like Beckham", told the story of a young girl who, against her family's wishes, wanted to play soccer. The title apparently came from Beckham's style of kicking, where he puts some type of spin on the ball to make it curve. At the end of the movie, there was a cameo appearance by a David Beckham look-alike. (I originally thought that it was him, but I later found out that he never did appear in the movie.)

I next came to hear about him when he signed a 5-year contract to play soccer for the Galaxy in Los Angeles in 2007. I remember all of the hoopla that surrounded not only the signing, but his (and his wife's [former Spice Girl Victoria Adams]) subsequent arrival in Los Angeles and their purchase of a house in Beverly Hills.

While I am not an avid soccer fan, my impression was that Beckham spent more time on the bench and/or injured than he did on the field in 2007 and 2008. In any event, he began playing for Milan in the off-season this winter. He even overstayed his "loan" period with Milan and expressed the desire to remain in Europe, his contract with Los Angeles notwithstanding. Even if he did have the contractual right to do this, his behavior certainly became a figurative slap in the face to soccer fans in the United States.

As this contractual dispute has played out over the last several weeks, I can not help but reflect back on the title of the movie, especially the "spin" on the ball and the look-alike substitute. The heroine in the movie was enthralled with Beckham and wanted to learn how to play just like he did. The events of the past few weeks have left me with a different perspective. Children may be willing to look at the David Beckham of the world with adoration and attempt to act just like them, but those of us who are adults need to whisper good counsel in those young ears. Bending it (in this case, truth in the form of as contractual obligation and an accompanying promise) like Beckham is exactly the opposite of what we want our American youngsters to learn.



Our Inspector, Wor. Fred Davis, is brought into lodge with all open honors.

Ah, sweet music from Ireland is played for us by the group "The Sweet Set", in honor of St. Patrick's Day.



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Our own Junior Warden, Tim Shiner, dances a jig.

From The West

Brethren, the month of March was a good one for the lodge, although as I write this, it is far from finished. It saddens me that I do not see more of our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons at our degrees. They could learn much by attending. I am always happy to discuss the meanings behind the ritual with anyone interested.

The month of April is fraught with holidays, from April Fools' Day on the 1st through Arbor Day on the 24th. Unlike most months, none of those April fall on a Monday, so they will not interfere with the happenings in the Lodge. Some of these holidays are distinctly inane, like the first, and some are sublime, as Easter to Christians and Passover to Jews, and some are downright frightening, like Tax Day on the 15th. They have different meanings, but all have some form of significance.

Two of the most important Passover and Easter, are illustrative of those Masonic virtues; Faith, Hope and Charity. That is Faith in a supreme being, hope of immortality, and Charity toward all men regardless of what faith they may be.

Our Lodge is composed of men of many faiths, and while I am only intimately familiar with the Christian and Jewish religions, I understand that the one thing all religions have in common with Freemasonry is the belief in the power of charity. Charity is not only the giving of money or goods, (although this is certainly important), but charity in thought and attitude toward others. As we are told in the Second Degree, "although I bestow all my goods to feed the poor - and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." We must accept others as they are and respect their differences.

And now for something completely different:

I frequently send out notices of changes and events by email, so if I do not have your email address, please send it to me at b2miller@pacbell.net, and include the Lodge name or number in the subject line. See you all soon. At present, I have email addresses that do not function, indicating that they have been changed. If any of you were receiving email from me about the Lodge, and no longer do, please send me your present email so that I can correct it. Similarly, if you want me to remove you from this list, let me know and I will remove you. I try to keep the list up to date, but it is hard sometimes to do so. I especially need the addresses for our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts.

Fraternally,
Bill Miller, P.M.
Senior Warden

From The South

The Case for Paper

Before I start my argument on why a paper trestle board is needed, I'd like to thank all of you who attended our last Stated Meeting. Some have asked where The Sweet Set is from, so to answer you, they are a part of **An Claidheamh Soluis** or in English, The Celtic Arts Center. They, unfortunately, meet every Monday evening and offer traditional Irish music sessions, Gaelic language tutoring Céilí dances (traditional dancing/music/get-together) and a variety of other *Celtic Arts*. Those who missed them will be sorry to hear that they performed some great numbers, had our toes a tappin' and helped educate us on a variety of topics, not least of which is the Ullin Pipes (an Irish bagpipe inflated with the elbow!). They are close to locking down a permanent residence in North Hollywood, which will allow them to offer classes, etc. on different nights.

Anyway, onto my case FOR a paper trestle board. I know it's a little un-PC to promote the use of paper, what with "Global Warming", the Green Movement and all, but the physical nature of handling a book, newspaper or reading material is essential. Sure, the new Kindle 2 is now available from Amazon and hold hundreds of books on one device. Sure, I-pods are incredible gadgets that can store thousands of songs. Sure, Tivo can record your favorite television shows and you can fast forward through all the commercials. But, it is my feeling that Masonry is distinct in its not wanting to rush into anything. Rushing and Masonry just don't see, to go together. Yes, we have "Short Form" this or that, but when you cut corners, well, you're just left with the center. You don't get the full picture.

As members of one of the oldest (if not *the* oldest) fraternity, tradition is an extremely large part of who we are. Just as receiving a trestle board in the post is tradition, so should it continue. It's not only great to get something in the mail that's not a bill, and even those we don't have to receive in the mail anymore. The proliferation of junk mail is clogging up our mailboxes, so a friendly reminder in the all-to-underused mailbox is a welcome surprise.

A paper trestle board is a physical remembrance that we are apart of an extraordinary organization. It presents to us, in corporeal form, what our obligations are, when the next meeting is, who is sick, and most importantly, where we will be eating before the next degree!

The trestle board is an all-important part of Masonry. For some, it is the only contact they have with our lodge. So, before we start thinking about opting for a completely electronic newsletter, let us remember that Solomon's Temple was built, with stone, not computer code.

Fraternally,
Tim Shiner, JW

Brethren

Please look at your dues card to see if it is for 2009.

If not, please pay your dues now and save the lodge the additional expense of repeated billings.

Dues were due on January 1, 2009

ALSO

Please let the lodge Secretary know if you have had any changes to your address, phone numbers or email address so that we may stay in contact with you.

The Editor

SAVE THE DATES!!

May 2, Ninth Annual California Masonic Symposium at UCLA

May 4, 100th birthday and Isadore Moore Award to Albert Brinhendler

June 6, Mel Nahin Roast

***Ionic Composite Lodge
The Place to be!!***

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

*The Master, Officers and Brethren Invite You To
Attend Our Lodge's
39th Consecutive Reception For The Grand Master
of Masons
Join your brethren and honor*

The Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson

March 30, 2009

Dinner 5:30 pm \$15.00 per person Reception 7:00 pm

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

RSVP by March 20, 2009 I. Howard Steinore, PM,
Secretary (310) 657-2628

Attire: Officers: Tuxedos • Men: Coat and Tie
Ladies: Dresses

MARCH 30TH MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Beef Short Ribs
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.

Soft And Safe To Thee
My Brethren
Be Thy Resting Place

Brother

Passed

Phillip Goldhammer

March 5, 2009

Brethren and Family Members Sick and Visitation Committee Report

Brothers Name & Lady

Phone

DARYL BRISTOL Fighting Myeloma cancer He is improving	[310] 869-7259
OSCAR HALL (Bess) Chronic medical condition that keeps him at home	[323] 653-0698
LEONARD HESS (Muriel) At home with disabling illness	[310] 472-3212
ROY STEINFELD Recovering from 5 way cardiac bypass and atril valve replacement	[310] 220-9573

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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or Ron Koretz, P.M. R: [818] 360-2708

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ANY BROTHER WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED
ON THE FUNERAL NOTIFICATION CALL LIST

"YOUR PRESENCE WOULD BE DEEPLY
APPRECIATED"
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our lodge go to:

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Remember You're A Mason

When the pressures of recession
 Make us concentrate on greed
 Take heed, a worthy Mason
 Cares about another's needs
 Don't let pressures of the moment
 Make your obligation sway
 Stop and help a fallen brother
 Or another by the way
 What you give is like a bubble
 Whenever you assist
 What it costs in time and trouble
 Is soon after, never missed

Brother, bear that obligation
 You accepted on your knee
 It's in direct relation
 To your own security
 Never hesitate, my brother
 Square your actions now and say
 "I'll remember I'm a Msason,
 And behave like that today"
 "With regard to human Kindness
 And the *Golden Rule*, I pray
 I'll remember I'm a Mason,
 And behave like that today

By Robert W. Pinkerton