



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

February 2009

FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

Before I get into my message, I want to let everyone know that we will be continuing our tradition of all the widows, wives and ladies of our Lodge being guests of the Lodge at our Stated Meeting for the month of February when we celebrate Sweethearts' Night. Musical entertainment will be by Clarence Ulrich, formerly of the Drifters. It is, therefore, very important that when you make your dinner reservations that you identify not only what you want for dinner, but also how many are paying for dinner and how many are guests of the Lodge by category. On Sweethearts' Night it is our tradition to acknowledge the importance of our ladies in our lives. Without them, we would not be as good a man. Without Trisha's support and forbearance I could not act as Master of our Lodge. I want to take this opportunity to say to Trisha and all the ladies of our Lodge, "Thank you for your love and support."

We certainly fulfilled our goal of "Rockin' in The New Year" at our January Stated Meeting. If you missed out attending, ask around and find out what a great time we had. Thanks again to Bob Hebert for a fantastic time.

I want to remind you that we will be having two Stated Meetings in the month of 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.

Being the procrastinator that I am, I'm the last officer to submit my article for this issue. In this case it was a good thing. It gives me the opportunity to make an important observation. If anybody doubts the viability of Masonry in general or our Lodge in particular, just read Tim Shiner's "Call To Arms." Any doubt you could possibly have will be eliminated. The excitement expressed in Tim's Call To Arms is what Applied Freemasonry is all about--Making the tenants of Masonry a part of our daily lives. We are all lucky to have Tim and our enthusiastic younger Brethren as a part of our Lodge.

We have a busy calendar for the month of February with several events for all of us to get together and just have fun times. Trisha and I are looking forward to seeing you and making Ionic Composite Lodge "The Place to Be"!

Fraternally,

Jeff Bear
Master

Jan 28 - NOON. Reservations must be received or canceled at the lodge office: (310) 657-2628

February Calendar

Feb 1 - SUPER BOWL PARTY AT THE LODGE. Arrive: 2:30 p.m. Kick off 3:00 p.m. Bring your friends and family. We provide the ice and a big screen T.V; you provide your food and beverages. FREE

Feb 2 - Stated Meeting. Sweethearts Night. Entertainment Clarence Ulrich. Secretaries and Treasures reports. Lodge opens: 5:15pm. Dinner: 5:45pm. Open portion: 7:00pm.

Feb 9 - 7:15pm. First Degree. Two candidates. Open to all Masons of all degree. Welcome in your new brothers! Coaching available.

Feb 16 - 7:15 pm Second Degree Practice. Officers must attend. Open to all Fellowcrafts and Master Masons who want to learn ritual. Coaching available all degrees.

Feb 18 - 7:15pm Masonic Education. Open to EVERYONE Men and Women. Come learn more about Masonry and get to know us.

Feb 22 - Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau. 9:00am Breakfast: 10:00am meeting starts. *The Speaker is Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Kenneth George Nagel.*

Feb 22 - 4:30pm Academy Awards Night Party! Show starts at 5:00pm \$15.00/ person paid by February 18 to the lodge office marked academy awards. Lodge provides hor d'oeuvres and sodas, you bring whatever else you want to eat and drink. Can you pick the winners?

Feb 23 - 7:15pm. Second Degree. Fellowcrafts and Master Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available.

Feb 25 - NOON Reservations must be received or canceled at the lodge office: (310) 657-2628

Feb 26 - 7:15pm. Officers School of Instruction at Southern California Lodge. 3rd degree, 2nd section, Officers must attend. Open to all Master Masons.

Feb 28 - 6:00pm. Southern California Past Masters Association at Pasadena Scottish Rite.

Tentative March Calendar

March 2 - Stated Meeting. Inspectors Visitation. Wear Green Aloha Shirts. Irish Entertainment. Lodge opens: 5:15 pm. Dinner: 5:45pm. Open Portion: 7:00pm.

March 9 - 7:15pm. First Degree. Masons of all degrees encouraged to attend. Welcome our new brother into lodge.

March 16 - 7:15pm Degree or practice.

March 20 - NOON. Stated Meeting and Grand Masters reception dinner reservations must be received by the Secretary (310) 657-2628.

March 23 - 7:15pm Degree or practice.

March 29 - 8:00am coffee, 9:00am 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Harry Sussman	1	Norman Kern	12	Victor H. Pinkerton	22
Charles Francis	3	William Berman	13	Eugene D. Fink	22
Robert Malinow	3	Mitchell O. Locks	13	A. Jeffrey Gordon	23
Melvin Peltz	3	Yuriy Buntiy	13	Jack S. Burkenheim	24
Richard S. Shapiro	3	Amir A. Jandaghi	14	Rob Faverman	24
Raymond Simkin	5	Norman Reicher	14	Bret D. Richards	24
Joseph Michael	5	Bruce Gary	14	Peter Koustas	25
Joseph Fisch	6	Hyman Paskal	14	William Gaberman	25
Robert Jo	7	Norman Weinstock	15	Auri Spelman	26
Richard Spencer	8	Bob Silverman	17	Samuel Crofts	26
Jan Storm	8	David C. Underwood	17	Robert Rosenstein	26
Nathan Shaphran	10	Arnold Donner	18	James D. Kraus	28
Joshua Jason	11	John Beatty	19	I. Howard Steinore	29
Benson P. Turner	12	Tony Napoli	21		

Dear Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge:

I'm so sorry if you missed our 1st "Ladies Night" after the open portion of the Stated Meeting on January 5th. Those ladies who attended enjoyed themselves so much that one wrote asking me to speak to her supervisor to request she start work at a later time each Tuesday morning so she won't have to miss a minute of our Monday Night Ladies Night Program.

February 2nd is our next Stated Meeting and we will celebrate Sweetheart's Night. Please join us for a lovely dinner, entertainment and of course, a special program afterward geared toward YOU!

We will also have an election, for the women only, to choose the music for a very unique presentation for later in the year. You won't want to miss the fun!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you!!

Please feel free to contact me at (818) 800-4024 or trishagz@yahoo.com with any requests or ideas for future programs.

Trisha Bear
Wife of Jeff Bear, Master

FROM THE SOUTH

A Call to Arms!

Over the past few years, I've noticed the number of members attending the degrees and stated meetings are dwindling. Yet, our membership continues to grow. As I'm typing this, I'll be making the effort to personally call every Entered Apprentice and invite them to Lodge. You may be asking, "Why not just send an email? Well, I put in a lot of thought about what Masonry means to me, what the benefits are and what obligation it holds. And each time I would bring this up in my head, the same answer always pops up.

We are a society that multi tasks, emails, texts, fax--anything to get the job done. I believe this is the exact opposite of what Masonry is. It's not about the job, it's about the work you put into it. As a fraternity, we call each other "Brother", we base our recognition on signs, words and special grips. How can you recognize a brother via a grip when we are all so technologically separated?

Technology is a wonderful thing, but it sometimes just gets in the way. As a human being, we are in need of human contact and discourse. What is a lodge... "A Lodge is a certain number of brethren duly assembled..." it is NOT an email list, a fax blast or a newsletter. We have become a society of hermits, reaching out from behind our computer screens, endeavoring to connect with those we have something in common. This is why Masonry has enjoyed its surge in membership--yet, we forget to "form our friendships and establish our connections" with those we meet in lodge.

So, with a firm purpose of mind, I now call on all Entered Apprentices to Arms! I'd like to request each and every Entered Apprentice donate one hour a month to come into the Lodge Office and make a personal phone call to every member of the lodge and invite them to the next degree or stated meeting, introduce yourselves to the other members, and take an active roll in the fraternity you joined. Form those friendships, establish those connections! Get out from behind those computer screens! To Arms! To Arms!

I'd also like to remind everyone that Monday night is Lodge Night. If you are a Fellowcraft or Entered Apprentice, come on over. We will always have coaching available for you, or, if not in the frame of mind to work, please consider the lodge as retreat to get away from the daily grind. This is your Lodge, a place you should feel comfortable at, a place to feel welcomed and safe from strife.

As Worshipful Bear says, "Ionic Composite Lodge...the place to be!" See you all in Lodge very soon.

Fraternally,
Tim Shiner
Junior Warden

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Bernard Madoff appeared to be a very successful New York investor for many years. However, as events turned out, he really was running a very large scale Ponzi scheme, transferring money from new clients to old ones for decades. Since such schemes have to fail eventually, we found out about all of this when his collapsed in December. The notable thing was the magnitude of the operation. A preliminary estimate of the amount of money that he lost has been \$50 billion. Untold numbers of people trusted Mr. Madoff (or at least his reputation), including some well known individuals such as Steven Spielberg.

There is a lesson in this story that may even exceed the financial losses suffered by the investors. That lesson deals with the value of truth in society. Can you imagine living in an environment in which you could not trust any of the people around you? What would it be like if you could not believe the weather report every morning? Would you have to take an umbrella with you whenever you went anywhere at any time? How would it be if you bought a ticket to a play or movie, only to find out when you get there that some other entertainment had been substituted?

To some degree, we already live in such a place. Does anybody believe what politicians tell them? Do you believe television commercials? Is a lawyer telling the truth when he or she claims that a law suit was filed to protect others in the future? (The test of that claim would be to see if they file the same suit when they will not get paid.)

I would suspect that, if I were to ask each of you about this, you would agree that telling the truth is of great importance. It is a core Masonic value. However, does each of us actually practice this virtue when we have something to lose by doing so? Do you tell the server when your restaurant bill is undercharged? Do you tell your boss about a mistake you made if there would otherwise have been no way for him or her to find out?

When we do not tell the truth, we make the statement to others that this is acceptable behavior. If it is appropriate for you to tell a lie, why shouldn't it be equally appropriate for your neighbor or child to do so? Mr. Madoff did not do anything that much different, he just did it on a much grander scale.



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

SAVE THE DATE!!

February 1st Super Bowl Party at the Lodge 2:30pm

February 2nd Sweethearts Night Stated Meeting.

**February 22nd Academy Awards Night at the Lodge.
4:30pm**

**March 2nd St. Patrick's Day Stated Meeting with Irish
Music.**

March 30th Grand Master's Visitation Stated Meeting.

June 6th Mel Nahin Roast

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

A Candle Burning in the Dark

There is something brave about a candle burning in the darkness. Some people are brave only when they are part of a crowd, but a candle-it may be a dim and feeble thing in the daylight, but alone in the dark it rises to the occasion and sends out its beams as fearlessly as the brightest sun.

It is not given to a candle, burning in the darkness, to know who sees its far-flung ray or who may be cheered or guided or saved by it. And so Freemasonry is content to shed its gentle light for the guidance and encouragement of mankind without the blare of trumpets. Quietly, impartially, universally, it holds aloft its light for the benefit of friend or foe.

Just as the rays of the candle shine across the artificial boundaries of geography and race and religion, so Freemasonry offers its warm and friendly light to all men of all countries and of all faiths.

Joseph Earl Perry

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Those of you who were not at our December Stated Meeting missed some fine entertainment. In January, we followed it up with another class act. Our Master is trying to bring us some enjoyable acts for our Stated Meeting entertainment, but we need more of an audience. I will leave future news about entertainment and activities to our capable Junior Warden, who has jumped right into the job and is doing well.

February is our annual Sweethearts Night, celebrating eternal love. This month also celebrates "Presidents Day", honoring two of our country's finest presidents. One was a Mason, the other was not, but exhibited all of the Virtues we so assiduously try to encourage among brethren. President Lincoln was the author of two of the greatest documents in our history, the "Emancipation Proclamation" and "the Gettysburg Address". He persevered against much opposition from within his own party, as well as from politicians around the country. He believed he was right, and history has agreed with him.

President Washington was a very successful individual, from his position as one of the country's wealthiest landholders, to serving the State of Virginia, his work with the Continental Congress, and in his service as President. His Farewell Address is still one of the country's most admired statements. With all of this, he found the time and energy to serve as Master of his Lodge and Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. He never wavered in his devotion to his Home, his State, his Country and his Fraternity. He died a much admired man, and left a legacy that continues to this day, with many of the presidents who followed him in office also being devoted Masons.

We have lately joined the celebration of these two presidents into one day, simply "Presidents Day". This is more appropriate than most people recognize, since according to the calendar in use at the time (Julian Calendar) his birth took place on February 11th, not the 22nd.

The latest president to be a Mason was President Gerald R. Ford. He was initiated into Freemasonry on September 30, 1949. He said in 1975, "When I took my obligation as a Master Mason — incidentally, with my three younger brothers — I recalled the value my own father attached to that order, but I had no idea that I would ever be added to the company of the Father of our Country and 12 other members of the order who also served as Presidents of the United States."

Such is the nature of the people whom we celebrate in February on Presidents Day. Such is the respectable character of our order. Let us hope that for the good of our beloved Fraternity, for the good of our Country, and indeed for the good of the world, the service of such good men and true will continue for many years into the future.

For the good of the Fraternity and of our Lodge, we need you to come and be a part of the happenings in our Lodge,

I would like to add a footnote. Last Month's bulletin had an incomplete Calendar, as it had to go to press before much had been decided. The true and complete calendar was available on the web site. Please remember to keep an eye on the Lodge web site, as special announcements, updates and changes appear there first. I try to keep it up to date. Also, 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.

Fraternaly,
Bill Miller, P.M.
Senior Warden



Wor. Jeff Bear with visitor Samuel Uzoikwu, PM from Nigeria.

Brothers Carl Rouche' Washington & Axel del Cid receive there Master Masons certificate from Wor. Jeff



Wor. Jeff & Trisha "cut a rug" rock'n in the New Year



Everyone had a great time "rock'n in the New Year at the January Stated Meeting

FEBRUARY MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Sweet & Sour Chicken
or
Mahi Mahi

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

Benjamin Friedman

January 4, 2009

Brethren and Family Members Sick and Visitation Committee Report

**Brothers Name
& Lady**

Phone

DARYL BRISTOL

[323] 782-1670

Fighting Myeloma cancer
at UCLA Medical Center
He is improving

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

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

Lodge Office Tel: (310) 657-2628

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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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FEBRUARY 2009						
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