



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

January 2009

FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

This is my first article as Master of Ionic Composite Lodge. Let me first say that I am at once awed by the responsibility with which I am faced and honored by the trust placed in me. In an ideal world, I would have much more experience in Masonry before being elected as Master. The world is not perfect, so I will make every effort to live up to your trust and earn the respect that would ordinarily already exist based upon a long Masonic history. While I intend to move our Lodge into the Twenty-First Century by innovating new and (hopefully) exciting programs, I will not sacrifice our rich history and traditions. I truly need and, therefore, sincerely solicit the assistance and suggestions of all our members, old and new.

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. Get into the spirit by dressing in your favorite Rock N Roll attire from any era.

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 our new big screen T.V. 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 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 Official Visitation that night will be coordinated with Masonic Service Bureau branch 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 sold out. Tickets are not yet on sale, but they will sell out as soon as they hit the market.

In closing, I want to once again thank our installing team for their efforts and for the beautiful work they did. My Brother, brother Worshipful Mike Bear did a great job as Chairman and was invaluable in planning and executing the evening. It was an honor to have Most Worshipful Mel Nahin act as Installing Officer, Worshipful Bob Sills as Master of Ceremonies and Worshipful Bill Nemoy as Chaplin. Wor. Rush Robinson did his usual outstanding musical performance.

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
Master

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Dec. 24 - NOON. Dinner reservations must be received or canceled at the lodge office: (310) 657-2628

January Calendar

Jan 5 - Stated Meeting. Rock N in The New Year. Great entertainment by Bob Herbert, (bobherber.net). **Wear clothes from your favorite rock era.** Meet your new officers. Lodge opens: 5:15pm. Dinner: 6:45pm Open portion: 7:00pm.

Jan 12 - 7:15pm. First Degree Practice. Officers must attend. Open to Masons of all degrees who want to learn a part. Coaching available. Dress casual.

Jan 19 - 7:15pm. First Degree. Two candidates. Open to Masons of all degree. Welcome in your new brothers! Coaching available.

Jan 21 - 7:15pm. Masonic Education. Open to EVERYONE. Men and Women. Come learn more about Masonry and get to know us.

Jan 26 - 7:15pm. Officers School of Instruction at Ionic Composite Lodge. Administration, balloting, flag presentation, etc. Officers must attend. Open to Master Masons only. No Coaching available.

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

Tentative February Calendar

Feb 1 - TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED. SUPER BOWL PARTY AT THE LODGE. BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES. WE SUPPLY SODAS. BRING THE FAMILY AND ENJOY THE GAME.

Feb 2 - Stated Meeting. Sweethearts Night. Entertainment Clarence Ulrich. Secretaries and Treasures reports. Lodge opens: 5:15pm. Dinner: 6:45pm. 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 - Lodge Dark.

Feb 16 - Masonic Education. Open to EVERYONE. Men and Women. Come learn more about Masonry and get to know us.

Feb 22 - Academy Awards Night Party. Party Attire! Dinner: \$15.00 per person paid by February 18 to the lodge office marked academy awards. Can you pick the winners?

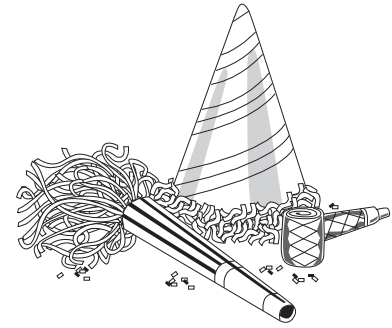
Feb 23 - 7:15pm. Second Degree Practice. Officers must attend. Open to Fellowcrafts and Master Masons who want to learn a part. Coaching available. Dress casual.

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Dennis Goldberg	2	Phillip Kash	12	Ronald E. Spencer	21
Ruvim M. Spivak	3	Andre L. Richardson	12	Edward Marques	21
Jack Dwoskin	5	Kerin Surents	13	Sidney Unickel	23
William A. Weiss	5	Steven Kierman	14	Glen Navis	23
Richard L. Weiss	6	Mitchell Bushin	15	Milton Schwartz	25
Jay Markoff	7	Edwin Siegel	16	Steve Gagliano	26
S. Zachary Samuels	7	Ben Berke	16	Stuart F. Horowitz	27
Lewis D. Stavis	7	Mario Sherman	16	Lawrence Wise	27
Herman Rindenow	8	Nader Aryeh	16	Ronald Salda	28
Myron Z. Chlavin	9	Vrej Eskandarian	17	Edward H. Silverman	29
Richard Friedman	9	Bernard Kentor	17	Bradley Zalben	29
Edward I. Ginsberg	10	Philip Friedman	17	Harold Holland	30
John Biren	10	Donald Gordon	19		
Lee Ruttenberg	10	R. Jerrold Freeman	20		
James B. Curtis	11	Nathan J. Reese	20		
David Green	11	Nazareth Guluzian	20		
Ronald Koretz	11	Earl Mindell	20		

Dear Ladies of Composite Lodge.

You are all cordially invited to join us for a "Ladies Night" at all Stated Meetings, beginning January 5, 2009. There will be a special program for 'ladies only' as the men have their business meeting.

Please come for the dinner and the entertainment part of the evening and stay for an enjoyable event each month specifically geared toward YOU, the Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge.

Please feel free to contact me for any information or questions at: trishagz@yahoo.com or (818) 800-4024

Thanking you in advance

Trisha Zagha

Lady of Jeff Bear, your newly installed Master for 2009

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I thank you for elevating me to a seat in the West. However, as I write this, it is only early December, and I know not what the year will bring. Worshipful Jeff has many exciting new plans for the Lodge, and I look forward to a successful year. Your Lodge is very busy, and the Officers have much to do. Your attendance and help will make this year better. I look forward to a year of much interest, and as the Senior Warden is responsible for Masonic Education, I will be very happy to assist anyone interested in learning any of our ritual. It is great to have brothers who can "understudy" positions. There are no unimportant positions in the conferring of degrees, as without all of them filled, it is difficult to proceed. If you are worried about your ability to remember the words, remember that not all of the necessary jobs have much to say. Everyone can learn something.

I have for a few years been your Officers' Coach, and as such involved in Masonic Education. This past year that office was well filled by Worshipful Mike Bear, but as he has now become an Inspector, he no longer has time to do so. This means that not only will I be responsible for teaching the work to the Officers, but also teaching the Officers work to any interested Mason. Come to a practice and see if you would like to help us out. The first of the year will be on January 12th at 7:15p.m., and it would be nice to see some new faces there. All Master Masons are invited.

I will be continuing as your Webmaster. I ask that you keep an eye on the web site, as changes and additions to our schedule appear first on the Calendar page, and also to look at the Masonic Education Page, as I sometimes add items of interest.

One of the lessons we are taught in Masonry is to Learn. At one point in the ritual every Mason says that is the reason he became a Mason. I hope this year to make learning a frequent (and enjoyable) activity. As I go through the year, I look forward to feedback from the members, both good and bad.

I thank you for your confidence in me, and look forward to seeing many of you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,
Bill Miller, PM,
Senior Warden

Scaffolding by Seamus Heaney

Submitted by Tim Shiner, Jr. Warden

**Masons, when they start upon a building,
Are careful to test out the scaffolding;**

**Make sure that planks won't
slip at busy points,
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.**

**And yet all this comes down
when the job's done
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.**

**So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be
Old bridges breaking between you and me**

**Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall
Confident that we have built our wall.**

SAVE THE DATE!!

**January 5, 2009 Rock'n in the New Year
Stated Meeting.**

**February 1st Super Bowl Party at the
Lodge (time to be announced).**

**February 2nd Sweethearts Night Stated
Meeting.**

**February 22nd Academy Awards Night
at the Lodge.**

**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!!***

From The South

The start of a new Masonic year. Beginnings, a fresh new start, a clean page, sound familiar? Since my First Degree Ionic Composite Lodge has been a tremendous source of fellowship, friendship and support. I cannot thank everyone enough. Our Lodge is truly a Lodge that lives by the tenants of Masonry --Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. As the Junior Warden, I am expected to confer first degrees on candidates. So, as I study the Lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree it becomes all the more meaningful. The First Degree has a special place in my heart: A new beginning, and a new start. A fresh new way to look at the upcoming year.

This year we will be trying some new ideas, some new programs. Each stated meeting will have a theme that not only ties in the entertainment, but also the food choices. We will, of course, keep a lot of the traditional programs going, as tradition is what built our Lodge. Coming upon us quickly is our "Rock n' in the New Year" stated meeting on January 5, 2009 where you should dress as in your favorite rock n' roll era, and our Sweet Hearts Night at the February 2nd stated meeting - keep the date and don't forget to RSVP for dinner. Everyone needs to RSVP by NOON the Wednesday before the stated meeting. That includes those of you who have a paid in advance for the year. Please RSVP so that we know if you'll be attending. If you don't RSVP on time, we cannot guarantee that there will be food for you. By RSVPing, you'll help keep costs down.

In February the Oscars© will be here, and as we are in Los Angeles, I've been asked to host an Oscar© party--so, February 22nd is the date. Think of this as a cocktail party where we'll be doing a lot of appetizers and such - this is BYOB, so if you prefer a drink other than soft, you are welcome to bring it. We'll have ballots to fill out and see who knows the most about this year's films.

Also coming up is our March Stated Meeting - which happens to coincide with the Inspector's visit. Now I ask you, where else can you get an evening full of Hawaiian Shirts and Irish Music and Food?

We want to make this year one to remember, so I'm asking for any suggestions you might have for the Lodge, any programs or social events you would like to see and be apart of.

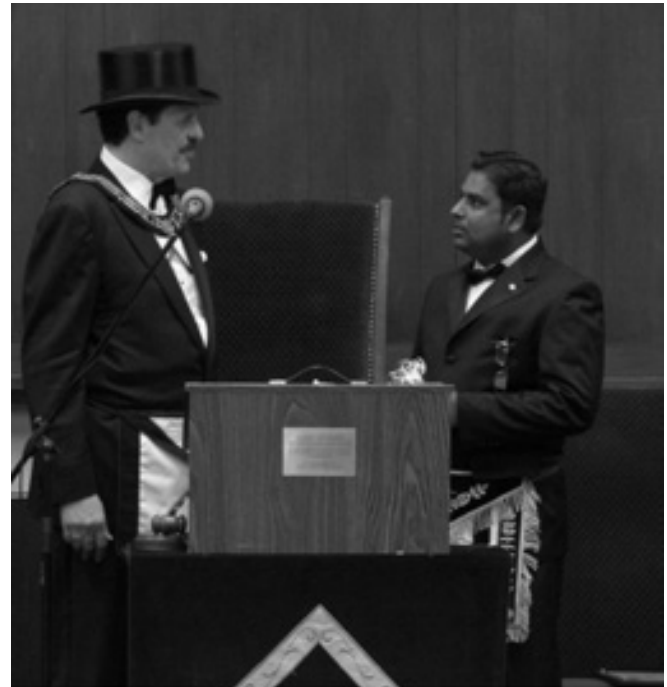
Looking forward to seeing you all in Lodge and at our Stated Meetings.

Fraternally,

Tim Shiner
Junior Warden



Most Worshipful Mel Nahin installs
Brother Jeffrey Bear as our new Master.



Junior Past Master Don Wijesihghe
receives a gift from our new Master, Worshipful Jeffrey Bear



Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

According to virtually all of the media outlets, history was made in the November election when, for the first time, an African American was elected to be the President of the United States. This was widely hailed as the shattering of a previously-conceived impossibility. It was a message to the world about the values that America believes in and practices and a lesson about the worthiness of our political system.

I believe that hundreds of millions of Americans, regardless of their political persuasion, were proud of their country that evening, at least in this respect. I listened to commentators (liberal and conservatives) talk for hours about the implications of the election. In fact, several days later, newspapers that had been published on the morning after the election were reprinted because souvenir hunters wanted copies of the sold-out editions.

While I do not, in any way, want to make light of this event, as I watched all of the hoopla, I had a different thought. Let me try to frame it with the following questions:

1. Was this a victory by people with black hair over those with white (or perhaps more politically correct, silver) hair?
2. Should we be proud because a left-handed man became president? (Of course, in case you did not know, both men running for president were left-handed.)

My point is that nobody really paid any attention to either of these factors. Our society has so completely accepted different (or even absent) hair color or handedness that nobody notices it. This is what an ideal unprejudiced society is.

To a great degree, we are getting there. Women as well as African-Americans, Hispanics, and people from a variety of other ethnic groups, are commonly finding their ways to leadership positions in business and politics. When they show up for news interviews or speeches, most of us listen and watch to be educated, or at least to be exposed to their opinions, not to be amazed by their genetics. From my perspective, a real colorblind society would elect, as president, the first person of a previously unrepresented gender or ethnic background and nobody would notice it.



Jeff Gordon, PM receives the Isadore Moore Award from Wor. Don Wijesinghe at the October 2008 Stated Meeting with Wor. Jeff is his wife Lana

JANUARY MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Beef Brisket
or
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.

Soft And Safe To Thee
My Brethren
Be Thy Resting Place

Brother	Passed
Thomas J. Wass III	December 2, 2008
Jess Lee Williams	November 10, 2008
Ralph Dunn, P.M.	December 14, 2008

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Sick and Visitation
Committee Report**

**Brothers Name
& Lady**

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that keeps him at home

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At home with
disabling illness

STEVE RENNICK
Recovering after losing home
and business in Hurricane Ike

We Wish Everyone on this List a Full and Complete Recovery

Brethren "Please"
A Telephone Call from You Could Brighten Their Day
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