



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

June 2009

FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

At our May Stated Meeting we celebrated Albert Brinhendler's 100th birthday and honored his many years of service as our Chaplin with the Isadore Moore Award. All of us who were present were deeply moved by the joy shown on Albert's face when he blew out 101 candles, (with only a little help), and his expression of appreciation for being honored with the Isadore Moore Award. It was also wonderful seeing him once again in his seat as Chaplin of the Lodge. We also had a very informative presentation by Larry Lebowsky, who brought us up to date on the re-activation of Pioneer Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. Larry was joined by some fine young men from Liberal Arts DeMolay, who had some wonderful stories about how much the Order has meant in their lives.

At our Stated Meeting on June 1, we will be honoring the exemplary contributions to Masonic Youth of our M.W. Richard Wakefield Hopper, with the Vierling Kersey Award for service to youth. We all know M.W. Dick as our Junior Past Grand Master, but perhaps his greatest service to the Fraternity has been his service to its youth orders, especially Rainbow Girls where he is Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee and from which he received the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color.

The Mel Nahin Celebrity Roast is on June 6, at Taix's Restaurant. Complete details are elsewhere in the Trestleboard. The identity of the Roasters will remain a secret. I mean we are a "secret society". I will wet your appetite by telling you that famed entertainer Wor. Norm Crosby will be our Master of Ceremonies and Head Roaster. You can count on an extremely enjoyable evening.

As of this writing, our Lodge is still Number 1 in charitable giving amongst the Big 15. While we have slipped in our overall ranking from Number 3 of all Lodges, we are currently Number 6, up from Number 7 last month. Please remember that the Masonic Charities operates on a fiscal year (not a calendar year) that ends on June 30, so it is necessary for all of us to assure that our contributions are received in advance of that date. To be sure that we are properly credited with your contribution please put "Ionic Composite #520 on your check or in the designated field on the web page. If you mail your check to the Lodge, we can handle that for you. You can also contribute on the Grand Lodge website by going to www.Freemason.org. Remember we are NOT a .com!!!

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

Fraternally,
Jeff Bear, Master

May 25 - Lodge Dark - Memorial Day

May 27 - NOON Dinner reservations due for June Stated Meeting to the lodge office. (310) 657-2628

June Calendar

June 1 - Stated Meeting and the Vierling Kersey Award to the Most Wor. Richard Wakefield Hopper, P.G.M. and Public Schools Night. Open Lodge: 5:15pm, Dinner: 5:45pm, Open program: 7:00pm.

June 6 - 6:30pm - 10:00pm. Dinner and Roast M.W. Mel Nahin at Taix French Restaurant. See insert. Reservations due no later than June 1 Stated Meeting.

June 8 - 5:30 pm Building Association Meeting
June 8 - 7:15pm Second Degree for Bro. Zack Lodmer. All Fellowcrafts and Master Masons encouraged to attend. Coaching available for Entered Apprentices.

June 15 - 7:15pm Third Degree for Bro. Jacob Gershbock. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available for EA and FC. **5:30pm Dinner at Versailles** on La Cienega Blvd. south of Pico Blvd.

June 17 - 7:30pm Discussion Group. Open to all men and women. Bring your friends and ask those questions that you have always wanted to know about Masonry. Casual dress.

June 20- Master Mason Seminar, Third Degree, Second Section. Taught by A.G.L. Wor. Doug Eichen. Officers need to attend. Contact Wor. Bill Miller for details.

June 22 - 7:15pm. First Degree for Michael Thorp and Mr. Croft. Masons of all degrees encouraged to attend and welcome our new brothers. **5:30pm. Dinner at Coco's** on Pico Blvd. east of Robertson Blvd.

June 24 - 7:15pm. O.S.I. at Culver City Foshey Lodge. First Degree. All officers MUST attend or contact the Master and Inspector. Master Masons interested in learning ritual may attend. Dress casual.

June 29 - 7:15pm. Second Degree Bro. Miles Brandman. Coaching available. 5:30pm Dinner at Fu's Palace on Pico Blvd. east of Robertson Blvd.

Tentative July Calendar

July 6 - Stated Meeting Western Theme. Open Lodge: 5:15pm. Dinner: 5:45pm. Open program: 7:00pm. Dress casual.

July 13 - 7:15pm First Degree, Mr. Malambu. ALL brothers are encouraged to attend and welcome our new brother into the lodge.

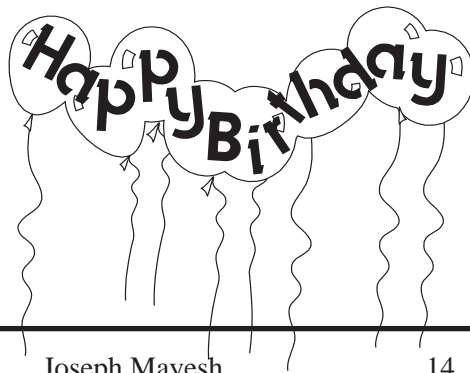
July 15 - 7:30pm Discussion Group. Open to all men and women. Bring your friends and ask those questions that you have always wanted to know about Masonry. Casual dress.

July 20 - Degree or practice.

July 27 - Degree or practice

July 30 - 7:15pm. O.S.I. at Southern California Lodge. Third degree, first section. All officers MUST attend or contact the Master and Inspector. Master Masons interested in learning ritual may attend. Dress casual. 5:30pm Dinner at Alejo's Pesto Italian Restaurant 8343 Lincoln Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045.

JUNE



BIRTHDAYS

David J. Golde	2	Joseph Mayesh	14	Ilias Nikolaidis	22
Robert Abelson	2	Morton Varis	15	Stanley I. Soronow	22
Irving Kierman	5	Axel Del Cid	15	Herman Thordsen	23
Bernard Trabin	5	Michael Glaser	15	Daryl Bristol	23
Henry Fields	6	Howard Rieder	16	Lloyd D. Robinson	24
Morris N. Shaoulian	6	Martin Levine	18	Nicholas Salick	24
Jerry Zerg	7	Don Susil Wijesinghe	18	Abe Guttman	24
Dimitri G. Stoupis	7	Robert Black	18	Norman Feinstein	26
Jerome Gould	8	Hy Walter	19	Robert Edelman	26
Bertram Isenberg	8	Stuart L. Weinger	20	Michael Berner	26
Alan Wax	9	Ronald Stein	21	Justin Koretz	27
Trevor Nathaniel	10	Rick Harris, Jr.	21	Milton Berman	28
Michael Abrams	10	Sol Marco	22	Irwin Socol	29
Lazlo Borsai, Jr.	12	Harvey G. Fellerman	22	D'Angelo Jones	30
Alvin Livingston	12				



Dear Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge,

Kitty missed you ☹️

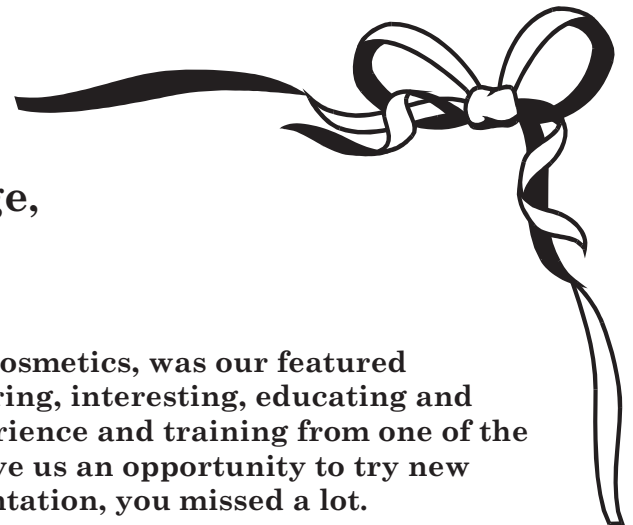
Kitty Pankratz, National Trainer for Trish Mc Evoy Cosmetics, was our featured presenter for the May Stated Meeting. She was inspiring, interesting, educating and fun. She brought her “know how” from years of experience and training from one of the most prestigious cosmetic firms in the world. She gave us an opportunity to try new products and learn “how to!” If you missed her presentation, you missed a lot.

As per popular vote, I am again, NOT telling you what/who our program is for the next stated meeting. The ladies who have been attending have expressed the desire to be surprised each month! It's all part of the fun!!

Our next Stated Meeting, June 1st, will be full of surprises. From the dinner to the open meeting, you will be surprised and thrilled to see our attendees!! Remember, the Past Grand Master of California, Richard Hopper, will be the honoree receiving the Vierling Kersey Award. Then on to the “coupe de gras!!” Our “tiled, Ladies Only” Program!!!

All of us who have been enjoying the camaraderie, presentations, fun and surprises each month invite you to join us on June 1st at Ionic Composite Lodge, “The Place to Be.”

Sincerely,
Trisha Bear
Wife of Jeff Bear, Master of Ionic composite Lodge



Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

The Los Angeles Times has been running a series of articles dealing with the problem that the Los Angeles Unified School District has in firing teachers with poor performances. The teachers in question were still teaching while the administrative processes dragged on, for months or even for years. Some of those teachers had been reassigned and others were simply drawing salaries without doing any work whatsoever.

The administrative processes were put into place to separate cases of poor teacher performance from cases of teachers who were being inappropriately accused because they had incurred the wrath of disgruntled students or supervisors for correct actions. The issue is not the existence of due process, but the lengths of time that have been required for resolution.

In order to try to address this delay, the school board sought legislative assistance from California lawmakers. After heavy lobbying by the teachers' union, the discussion was shelved with the creation of a task force to "study the issue". To quote A.J. Duffy, the president of United Teachers Los Angeles, "The union is bound by law to defend our members". This reference to the law is not just a rationale for the lobbying. It is also one of the arguments for maintaining the status quo with the administrative processes, because those processes are part of the contract that the union has with the LA Unified School District.

At the same time, this union is calling for a 1-day strike to protest threats of teacher layoffs and larger class sizes. Curiously, such a strike is a violation of the same current contract. Mr. Duffy told the Times that the strike was "about maintaining the integrity of the education program". In this case, law had nothing to do with action.

Mr. Duffy seems to be practicing a double standard. The contract is either valid or it is not; it cannot be both. My conclusion was that at least one party to a contract had chosen to pick and choose when the contract was in effect, thereby undermining its stated arguments and its future credibility.

FROM THE WEST

Brethren, this month is stacking up to be very interesting, starting with the presentation of the Vierling Kersey Award to the Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper at the June 1st Stated Meeting, and then the M.W. Mel Nahin Celebrity Roast on June 6th. There are other Lodge events scheduled throughout the month, and it would be nice to see you at the various degrees we have scheduled. Please look at the calendar in this Trestleboard, and on the web site in case there are any changes.

June is also the month of "Dads and Grads" when we celebrate Fathers' Day, and when most graduations occur. This can be seen as the time we remember our own Father, and the Fathers of our Country. Associating this with graduations then symbolizes the coming of age of another generation, who will soon be the fathers and mothers of the present and future, as each generation takes something from the last, and adds something to it. Without this steady progression, civilization might stagnate, recede or even die.

The month of June also has historical significance for Masons, as June 24th is Saint John the Baptist day and the first meeting of the first Grand Lodge in England was on this day in 1717. As it says in our (monitorial) ritual, Lodges are dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, as these two people were exemplars of different approaches to faith, each fervent, and each significant, in their own ways. Saint John the Baptist was known for being a "zealous judge of morality" and for preaching repentance. This was during that time we refer to as the transition from BC (or BCE) to the current calendar.

As we are taught, there is or ought to be in every lodge a certain symbol consisting of a point within a circle with the circle supported by two perpendicular lines, representing the two Saints John, the point representing an individual brother and the circle the boundary of his proper conduct. This symbol also has another meaning. We are taught in the second degree that a point is the beginning of all geometrical matter, having "no parts and no magnitude." This can also be thought of as the essence of Deity, when all anthropomorphic vestures have been removed. It is this view of the Ineffable One that allows Masonry to respect each individual's view of faith and religion and to share in friendship and brotherly love with "those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

Note: much of the above is taken from the "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry", and from the "Handbook for Candidates Coaches."

I will be looking for you in Lodge.

Bill Miller, PM,
Senior Warden.

From The South

While I sit in front of the computer, watching the clock tick away on the deadline for this month's article, I am listening to Coast to Coast AM. Originated by Art Bell who discusses Big Foot, Aliens, Ghosts...and tonight's topic-you guessed it. Freemasons.

As they discuss where Freemasonry started, I began to think about what the general public thinks about our Fraternity. Which happens to coincide with some of what the Junior Warden's Retreat was about. Unfortunately, I was sick and not able to attend this past Stated Meeting and give a report as to what I learned at the retreat. So, with your indulgence, I'd like to give you all a brief summation.

First off, let me report that following the Retreat, I came back excited, energized and very anxious to start planning. With all this, came not a bit of trepidation. For, it seems that Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 is a well-known lodge and highly regarded! So, with all the enthusiasm came the feeling that I have some rather large shoes to fill. One of the keys was to get our members involved-after all, you are the reason we exist. Without the members, the officers are just a supper club! I want everyone's involvement, suggestions and help.

We are an incredible lodge with some great traditions and amazing members. We span generations, class and financial situations, yet we all gather and hold certain moral axioms true. We have several social events, many degrees and occasionally do Child ID.

I'd like to put to you that we get involved with more charity. In the last Freemason Magazine, a lodge put together a monthly civil/charitable event. Not only does voluntarism extend and improve life (there was a new study done), it makes you feel good and...displays, without vulgarity, how we'd like the public to view us. We are a "Flagship" of California Masonry, we are located in Los Angeles-an incredible city where dreams are made. Let's take up that mantel-let's get involved! I hope to inspire each of our members to Applied Freemasonry and live the lessons we are taught. But, I need your help and involvement.

One of the classes at the retreat was about creating a Vision Statement for our lodge. I had the honor of reading a rough draft of my Vision Statement for Ionic Composite, which was greeted with congratulations and "Very goods". I am currently working on one which I would like to share with you all when it is in better shape.

Lodge finance, the Grand Lodge budget and Youth Orders Initiative were some other topics. One topic, which resonated with me was Technology for Masonic Leaders. It extolled the virtue of communications. This is done through websites, e-blasts, emails, trestle boards-all manner of electronic communication. Now, if you remember from last month, I gave the case for paper. I am still for paper! But, I am also a gadget guy. Many of our members are not. One of my goals, in the coming years, is to set up a computer course for those members who want to learn some more about personal computing. Basic instruction on getting emails, surfing the web, reading blogs and logging into the Grand Lodge website.

Communication is essential to a successful lodge, so I am opening communication. I'd like to get emails, letters, phone calls from every member. What would YOU like to see happen at the lodge? As Dr. Fraser Crane says..."I'm listening."

Tim Shiner,
JW

Happy 100th Birthday Brother Albert



WM Jeff Bear is ready when the birthday candles are lit on Br. Albert's 100th birthday cake



MW Mel Nahin and WM Jeff Bear present Br. Albert Brinhendler the Isadore Moore Award trophy and plaque



Br. Albert Brinhendler celebrating his 100th birthday at the May Stated Meeting.

Breaking News

Wor. Norm Crosby to Emcee Nahin Roast

Our Brother, Worshipful Norm Crosby, a long time friend of Past Grand Master Mel Nahin was able to arrange his busy schedule of entertaining the masses and will emcee the June 6th roast of our favorite PGM. With the infusion of the talent of this professional entertainer and regular Friar's Club roaster to the line of the other participants the evening should be another outstanding Ionic Composite event.

Not only will the night be fun it will also be supporting basic Masonic tenets, "brotherly love" and "relief." The proceeds of the event will support both the California Masonic Homes and the California Masonic Foundation.

Many of our brethren are not fully aware of the dimension of these two great philanthropies.

The Homes provide many services in addition to running and maintaining the two residential campuses for adults and the campus for children. Many of our Brothers and their families prefer to live out their lives in their own homes or home communities. Yet many need help coping with the challenges and issues associated with aging. The Homes' Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) program helps meet the needs of these elderly brethren and widows.

The MOS services include:

Ongoing financial and care support for those with demonstrated need;

Interim financial and care support for those on the waiting list for the Masonic Homes of California;

Information and referrals to and about community-based providers of senior services.

A testimonial from one of our 85 year old widows stated:

"I couldn't be more grateful that my husband's lodge put me in touch with the MOS program. He always told me that the brothers are there to help you. I don't know what I would have done without their support. I can't say enough for their caring."

The work of the California Masonic Foundation is equally far reaching. It goes to the benefit of both brethren and the general community.

Some of their programs include:

Masonic Education and Leadership Training (MELT) which develops future Masonic leaders and enriches Masonic education through sponsorship of the Wardens Leadership Retreats, Lodge Management Certification Program and enhanced education opportunities.

The Masonic Student Assistance Program (MSAP) which helps at-risk students positively redirect their lives by preparing educators to effectively deal with their needs. (More than more than \$3 million is provided to fund MSAP workshops for hundreds of educators each year; nearly 40,000 California children have been helped by this program.)

The annual awarding of college scholarships from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per student totaling nearly \$1 million helping make the dream of college a reality for hundreds of tomorrow's leaders.

Leadership grants to Masonic youth groups – DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls – supporting their leadership training programs.

The providing of Child ID equipment, software and promotion material so lodges can offer free child fingerprinting and photo identification as a public service. (At this time more than 800,000 California children and their parents have received this service.)

Honoring Most Worshipful Mel and at the same time supporting our two great programs is a great Masonic opportunity. The seating at the roast is limited so you are encouraged to make your reservations now. Send your meal selection (roast top sirloin or trout almondine) and reservation with a check for \$75 per person, payable to Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 c/o Howard I. Steinore., Sec., 1122 So. La Cienga, CA 90035. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m., June 6th at Taix French Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA

JUNE MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

BBQ Chicken
or
Mahi Mahi

Potatoes, Vegetables,
Dessert
&
Beverages



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

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

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

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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ANY BROTHER WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED
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"YOUR PRESENCE WOULD BE DEEPLY
APPRECIATED"

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DATED MATERIAL

Breaking News

Wor. Norm Crosby to Emcee Nahin Roast

JUNE 2009						
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8	8 Bldg. Assoc. meeting Second Degree	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Third Degree	16	17 Discussion Group	18	19	20 Master Mason Seminar
21	22 First Degree	23	24 O.S.I.	25	26	27
28	29 Second Degree	30				

Individual Attitude

There is simply no substitute for the dedicated, committed Mason, proudly, openly demonstrating his Masonry before the world. The strength of Masonry is vested in the individual lodge member. Potentially, he is our best public relations man. He's our best defense against religious zealots. He's our LAST defense against extinction. His attitude toward the fraternity will, in the end, cause our growth or our demise

Jack Kelly, PGM
of Texas