



# Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

March 2009

## FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

Wow! We are off to a roaring start in 2009. We have already done several Degrees and are looking forward to continuing our growth in 2009. Clarence Ulrich was smooth as satin and soft as silk...as usual. We've had two social events already and the Brothers and their ladies that attended all had great times. Our new television donated by Magnolia Audio-Visual (Best Buy) was finally installed due to the efforts of Howard Steinore, Daniel Seidner and zTim Shiner. The Super Bowl had one of the best fourth quarters ever which we enjoyed on our new big screen in high definition. The Academy Awards Night was spectacular. Huge thanks to Tim Shiner for his stellar job in chairing all three of these events. Now that we're approaching the conclusion of the basketball season I'm looking forward to some "March Madness" and some NBA Finals. Please let me know your preferences.

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 takes place the day before.

Now to what's in my heart, not just on my mind. My dog, Angie, just died. That really got me thinking. She was a rescue. All my dogs have been. When I looked at them, I always wondered what ordeals they went through before coming to my home. Just by the way they acted, I could tell that many were physically abused. Angie was sick for quite some time, although she always behaved like a puppy almost to the end. The only reason I knew she was sick was because Trisha finally got me to take her to a vet for a check-up. We found out she had severe kidney problems and that, absent dialysis, there wasn't much we could do for her, other than changing her diet. All of a sudden she took a dramatic turn for the worse. Her test results showed that her kidneys had shut down and we chose to save her further pain.

I wondered then, as I did before and still do, why we worry so much about putting our animals "out of their misery" but do not have the same concern for our fellow humans? In Masonry we learn that death is not a grim tyrant, but a kind messenger sent to translate us from this imperfect to that all-perfect, glorious and celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe forever presides. I, for one, believe those words. It's not death I fear, but the dying. This is one of Masonry's most important lessons and I am so grateful to the Fraternity for helping me come to terms with the Unknown.

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

Fraternally,  
Jeff Bear, Master

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

### 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. Coaching available.

**March 16 - 7:15pm Second Degree.** Be a part of this beautiful degree. Coaching available.

**March 18 - 7:15 p.m. Masonic Education. Open to EVERYONE.** Men and Women. Come learn more about Masonry and get to know us.

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

**March 23 - 7:15pm Officers Practice.** All officers must attend.

**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.**

### Tentative April Calendar

**April 6 - LODGE DARK**

**April 13 - 7:15 pm Degree or practice**

**April 15 - NO DISCUSSION GROUP**

**April 20 - 7:15pm Degree or practice**

**April 27 - 7:15pm Degree or practice**

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

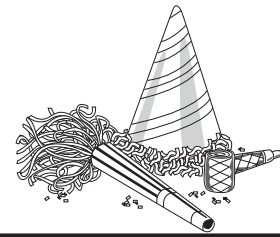
For lodge information or lodge  
room rentals

Contact Howard Steinore, PM  
(310) 657-2628.

For information about Freemasonry or  
our lodge go to:

<http://www.calodges.org/no520>

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Marvin Seidman	1	Richard S. Anderson, Jr.	11	James W. Petersen	20
John R. Anderson, IV	1	Daniel Shuster	11	Praveen S. Rajasekhar	20
Jay Richards	1	J. Frank Epstein	11	Richard W. Sharpe	21
Steven Shapiro	2	Paul Firestone	11	Myron Roberts	21
Van A. Martin	2	Marvin Marshall	11	Earl R. Hellum	22
Thevenhian Kannaiah	3	Norman Krevoy	13	Irwin Parker	22
Yefim Ben	3	Milton J. Golden	13	Gordon A. Rifkin	23
Robert Faries	3	Norman Simon	13	Ante Simunac	23
Leonard Kanner	4	Logan Hicks	14	Arthur Levy	23
Julius Pechner	4	Robert Sheldon	14	Dan Seidner	24
Louis Friedenber	4	Irvin Puskin	16	Ronald M. Lawrence	24
Thomas Minahane	4	Soly Melamed	16	Eric Seif	25
Siyamak Arael	5	Fred Robbins	16	Leo Kaye	26
William Nemoy	6	Arkady Petrowizky	16	Robert Feiles	28
Kevin Snyder	7	William H. Miller	17	Alvin J. DeBre	29
Henry Silverberg	8	Maurice Rasgon	18	Spence Bilkiss	29
Sanford R. Climan	10	R. Michael Thomas	19	George Harrison	30
Michael Silverman	10	Alan Fisch	20	Oscar Siegel	31
Harold L. Block	10				

## 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

## Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

On Monday, January 26, 2009, a woman at Kaiser Hospital in Bellflower underwent a Caesarian section in order to deliver 8 children. When the story first broke, it was greeted with joy, both about the medical event itself and the fact that the children were doing well. However, as the days have passed, a darker side is emerging as more information is becoming available about the mother.

Apparently the woman already had six other children at home. She does not appear to be well-off financially; there are reports that she lives with her parents and that the family filed bankruptcy in 2007. The radio talk shows are widely criticizing the woman because of the belief that society will be bearing the brunt of the expense for delivering and raising the children.

It is beyond statistical belief that she became pregnant naturally, leaving us with the conclusion that she did receive some type of fertility assistance. While others may be critical of the mother, I am unclear as to why a fertility clinic or specialist would provide such services to a mother of six, even if the issue was only a seventh child.

As of this writing, we do not know how she obtained her fertility care. There has been speculation that she simply obtained the medications on-line, without a prescription. If so, one might wonder about the values of a company that would make such a sale. More importantly, if she did receive medical assistance (and there has been some testimony from her mother that the fetuses were "implanted"), I must express particular concern and criticism about any professional who would agree to do this. If it was a doctor, I do not know if he or she was simply doing what he or she does with a curious lack of judgement. (While patients do have the right to refuse treatment, they do not have the right to demand it.)

Nonetheless, somebody (other than the mother) seems to have had a role in creating this dilemma. Perhaps whoever that was should bear the expenses that will occur as a result.

## SAVE THE DATES!!

**May 2, Ninth Annual California Masonic  
Symposium at UCLA**

**May 4, 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and Isadore Moore  
Award to Albert Brinhendler**

**June 6, Mel Nahin Roast  
*Ionic Composite Lodge*  
*The Place to be!!***

# 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](http://freemason.org)  
at the member center

Open to all Masons and non-Masons

## *From the South*

Where have all the Mason's gone?

While contemplating this month's article, I had too many different ideas running through my head. From talking about a Masonic funeral I attended and the 24 inch gauge to my "Case for a paper trestleboard (coming soon) to the upcoming events and this past Sweethearts Night.

February is a short month, so it seems fitting that I might ruminate on the More Noble and Glorious Purpose of the 24 Inch Gauge. Time seems to be in short supply these days, so we must use our lessons on the 24 Inch Gauge as a template and try and emulate The Most Worshipful Larry Adamson's theme for this year...Applied Freemasonry.

I was struck while listening to family and friends eulogize a recently passed brother. He will be missed in the extreme. I wondered what my family and friends would say when my time came and at that moment, knew that Applied Freemasonry had lived in the heart of this passed brother. I was also struck by the number; or should I say small number, of Masons who attended. With such a wide diversity of brothers in our lodge and sheer numbers of our members, I was truly amazed that there were only six of us to help the family of a fallen brother.

Funerals are not an easy thing to attend. Even if you didn't know the person, it shines the light of your own mortality on your conscience. For some this is a powerful event, others meditate on it, while others seem to dismiss it with the wave of a hand. While there is no certainty about what comes after (except through faith) what we have control over is how we spend our time here.

This is a hard lesson not only to learn, but to put in practice. Trying to find the right combination of service to God and a distressed worthy brother, a part for our usual vocation and a part for refreshment and repose, is difficult. Our lives are constantly changing, rearranging and being upended, so finding a little extra time can be near impossible. But, this is what I'll be asking next, of the Fellow Crafts! I will be calling each Fellow Craft and ask that he donate just an hour of their time a month. You may be seeing a pattern here, last month with the Entered Apprentices, now the Fellow Craft...could Master Masons be far behind? We have a tremendous lodge and the people that compose it (the brethren and ladies) are needed now more than ever. We have an opportunity to show the world what Applied Freemasonry is about.

Also, it seems that on the Grand Lodge website, there are a lot of phone numbers that are incorrect for all you brothers. If you don't hear from me, please give me a ring, I'd like to get to know some more of my brothers.

Fraternally,  
Tim Shiner, JW

## FROM THE WEST

Brethren, your Lodge is progressing nicely. Those of you who missed our February doings missed some fun times. The Superbowl Party was enjoyed enthusiastically by those who came, and food was plentiful. Brother Tim, JW, brought in a deep fryer, and prepared fresh foods for us to enjoy. Maybe we will do it again next year. That was followed by Sweethearts' Night, which is always an enjoyable evening. We hope to keep up the good work.

Those of us who have reached a certain age, find our memory to be not as good as it was. In my case, I find myself having trouble recalling things when I want to. Memory is precious, and must be exercised to remain strong.

“A man's real possession is his memory. In nothing else is he rich, in nothing else is he poor.” – Alexander Smith.

Memory is particularly important for Masons, who are members of an order that has its origins lost in antiquity, but continues today to espouse the same virtues taught so long ago. The principal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice still ring true in any orderly society, and without these virtues, a land or a people will experience chaos. Through our teaching, we have experienced the importance of maintaining the good will of good men, and of learning ever more about ourselves, our friends and brothers, our neighbors and our government. If we are top progress in a career, we have to ever learn more skills. The same is true of Masonry. To progress, we need to learn not more ritual, although that helps, but to have a greater understanding.

The Regius Poem is one of the oldest intact Masonic documents, dating from about 1390, and I would like to insert here a few selected lines.

“To teach them then good works”  
That they might get their living thereby,  
Both well and *honestly* full securely.  
In that time, through good *geometry*,  
This honest craft of good masonry”  
“But masons should never one another call,  
Within the craft amongst them all,  
Neither subject nor servant, my dear brother,  
Though he be not so perfect as is another”  
“That who will know this craft and come to estate,  
He *must love well God* and holy church always”  
(Italics are mine. B)

Remember too that at this time almost all men were illiterate, except Master Masons. This poem in its entirety would have to be memorized by the illiterate Entered Apprentice and Fellow of the Craft. And you think our work hard.

This poem goes on to illuminate 15 articles and 15 points, starting with Geometry, and continues through Attendance, mentoring a new Mason, treating all with equality, be of upright morals and worship god, and finishes with a reminder to not injure a brother in his person or good name. Surely all Master Masons have heard these words before. Our memory and adherence to these principals is what makes us not only good Masons, but good Men. Let us always continue to extend these principals through the ages, by passing them from the Instructive tongue through the Attentive Ear to the Faithful Breast. Masonry has kept faith with our ancient brethren by remembering these.

Also we must remember those departed from among us. The last good service one Mason may do another is to attend his funeral and remember that we may have not known him personally, his good office as a brother of the Fraternity recommends him to all eternity.

Lastly, we must remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Our ill and elderly brethren look to us for succor, as do the widows of our members. We must remember “their welfare as our own.” If you have not yet made your annual donation to the Masonic Homes, also remember that the Grand Lodge Charity Year is July to June, and for the Lodge to get credit this year and remain one of the most giving Lodges in the state, we would like to have a donation before the end of June. Do not fail in this fraternal duty.

Bill Miller, PM,  
Senior Warden.



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Message from the Grand Master

**PROCLAMATION**  
**YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**

*“Building for a Better Tomorrow”*

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California holds our responsibility to the young men and women of the Masonic Youth Orders - the International Order of DeMolay, the International Order of Job's Daughters and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls - a privilege which calls for each and every one of us to participate.

To support our youth, today and every day, is a part of our appointed work. I call on you to assist our Masonic Youth Orders in any way you can. There are many meaningful things that we, as Masons, can do. We can attend their meetings, serve on their Advisory Boards, offer to assist with quality leadership training, give them an extra hour of our time.

I know every Mason in this jurisdiction realizes the importance of guiding our young people today. We as Freemasons are obligated to dedicate and commit ourselves to support these intelligent and patriotic young people. They are the future leaders of our Nation, our communities, and our lodges and are destined to preserve the great heritage of our country through the use of moral and ethical standards of the Masonic Fraternity that they have learned as members of our youth orders.

Every lodge and every Master Mason must enthusiastically support these Youth Orders! It is more important now than ever before. How very rewarding it will be for us individually and collectively to assist and encourage them, to strengthen and supplement their young efforts and help them become better than we are.

But our interest in them must be more than just words; it must constitute action. Our example to them must be in the deeds we do, which prove our sincerity; the understanding that proves our character. It must be in the recognition that proves our faith in them individually and together, and in their and our future.

Knowing that each Master Mason in this jurisdiction will respond with fraternal love and charity of heart to this Masonic responsibility and to the privilege of encouraging, guiding, and assisting our Youth Orders in all ways possible.

I therefore PROCLAIM the month of MAY 2009 to be **YOUTH ORDERS MONTH**

and I direct that this Proclamation shall read by the Master at the Stated Meetings held during the months of February, March and April 2009, and that this Proclamation be included in the Lodge Trestleboard. And most importantly, that each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall host special meetings or programs which include one or more youth orders, in order to exemplify our sincerity in our expressed interest and love in them. They are our future and it is up to us now to show that we mean what we say.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2009

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Larry L. Adamson  
Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou  
Grand Secretary

**MARCH MENU**

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Corn Beef/Cabbage  
or  
White Fish

Starch, Vegetables  
&  
Dessert

**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.*

***FUNERAL TELEPHONE LIST***

ANY BROTHER WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED ON THE FUNERAL NOTIFICATION CALL LIST "YOUR PRESENCE WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED" PLEASE CONTACT  
Lodge Office  
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1122 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035-2500

**Brethren and Family Members  
Sick and Visitation  
Committee Report**

**Brothers Name  
& Lady**

**Phone**

**DARYL BRISTOL** [310] 869-7259  
Fighting Myeloma cancer  
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

**DANIEL SEIDNER** [310] 433-4200  
Recovering at home from  
non-serious auto accident  
injuries

**ROY STEINFELD, PM** [310] 220-9573  
Having some heart problems

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  
"E"mail: ionicomp@sbcglobal.net  
or Ron Koretz, P.M. R: [818] 360-2708

**Soft And Safe To Thee  
My Brethren  
Be Thy Resting Place**

Brother

Passed

Maurice Getz January 9, 2009  
Robert Morris Hyman January 20, 2009



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 March 2009 Issue

**DATED MATERIAL**

MARCH 2009						
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Dear Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge,



Wow! We had so much fun at our Ladies Night after the Stated Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>!! The jewelry show by our presenter was fabulous. We all had such a great time the men had to come find us after their meeting to go home!!! We had over double the number of attendees from our January event.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next Stated Meeting at Ionic Composite Lodge with our District Inspector's Visitation. Come and meet Fred Davis, a great guy! In his honor, we are wearing Aloha shirts (or Hawaiian attire), his favorite. We will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at this meeting so Irish Entertainment will be presented and, who knows, maybe you'll see a leprechaun or two??? The Lodge will be hopping with "Green" Aloha dress, and Irish music!

When the fall-de- roll in the main lodge is finished and the men get down to business, we lovely lassies will meet in the dining room for another surprise and special program.

March 30<sup>th</sup> (not April 6th) we are honored to have our Grand Master and First Lady, The Most Worshipful Larry Adamson and his wife, Lynn, join us for our Stated Meeting and a special reception at Ionic Composite Lodge. This will be a very wonderful event with all the pomp and circumstance due and the ensuing Ladies Night Program will be in Lynn Adamson's honor.

Come for the fun, for the Inspector, for the Irish, for the Hawaiian, come for our Grand Master and His Lady, and come for "OUR" Ladies Nights!! Come to Ionic Composite Lodge... "The Place to Be."

Looking forward to seeing YOU and sharing the fun!

Trisha Bear  
 Wife of Jeff Bear, Master

