



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

May 2009

FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

Our April Stated Meeting highlighted by the Official visitation by our Grand Master was a huge success thanks to Chairman, Wor. Bob Sills and his team: Mel Nahin, P.G.M., Tim Shiner, Joseph Esshaghian, Michael Bear, P.M., Howard Steinore, P.M., Rob Gordon, Jacob Gershbock, Alice Nahin, Adrian Schaffler, Carolyn Morse and, of course, my wife Trisha. The Lodge was beautifully decorated and we all had a great time. M.W. Mel entertained us all with his introductions of the Grand Line based on M.W. Larry's love of Motown music. Speaking of music, we were entertained by our own Bro. Zack Lodmer and his trio, who played an outstanding selection of coooooool jazz. I and several others involved in the evening have received many thanks from our Grand Line Officers, especially M.W. Larry and our First Lady, Lynn.

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. We will also have a special presentation by Larry Lebowsky, who will bring us up to date on the re-activation of Pioneer Chapter of the Order Of De Molay.

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.

The Mel Nahin Celebrity Roast is on June 6, at Taix's Restaurant. Complete details are elsewhere in the Trestleboard. I am not going to name the Roasters, but you will definitely be in for a treat.

As of this writing, our Lodge is still Number 1 in charitable giving amongst the Big 15. However, I am sorry to say that we have slipped in overall ranking from Number 3 of all Lodges to Number 7. Before I go further, I want you to know that I don't view this as some kind of contest. It is not our ranking that really concerns me. I am, however, by the fact that only 11% of our members have contributed anything to our charity.

At the beginning of the year I wrote each of you to make you aware that in 2008 members of our Lodge and their widows and orphans received \$367,184 for combined residential and Masonic Outreach Services in 2007. Last year we contributed a total of \$25,822.70 to Masonic Charities. This year only 53 of our 467 members (11.35%) of our members have contributed anything to Masonic Charities, for a total of only \$9,679.17 to date. Simply put: We are not fulfilling the obligation we all took on becoming Masons. We are all entitled to the benefits and the privileges of being Masons, but we cannot forget that we are also subjected to its burdens and its responsibilities. On a practical (selfish) note, how can we expect the Masonic charities to be there for us if we don't even support ourselves?

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.

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

Fraternally,
Jeff Bear, Master

April Calendar

April 27 - 7:15pm Third Degree. Bro. Dillon Fonseca. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching 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.

May 2009 Calendar

May 2 - 9:00am - 3:00pm. California Masonic Symposium at UCLA James West Alumni Center, 325 Westwood Plaza. Price: FREE. Parking \$11.00. Register form available at www.freemason.org Lunch not included.

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

May 11 - 7:15pm Third Degree. For Bro. Jordan Robinson. All Masters Masons are encouraged to attend. Coaching available for all degrees. **5:30pm Dinner at Jan's** on Beverly Blvd. east of La Cienega Blvd.

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 - 7:30pm Masonic Discussion Group. Open to all men and women. Bring your friends and family. Learn more about Masonry. Dress casual

May 25 - Lodge Dark - Memorial Day

May 26 - NOON Dinner reservations due for June Stated Meeting to the lodge office. (310) 657-2628

Tentative June Calendar

June 1 - Stated Meeting and the Vierling Kersey Award to the Most Wor. Richard Wakefield Hopper, P.G.M. 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.

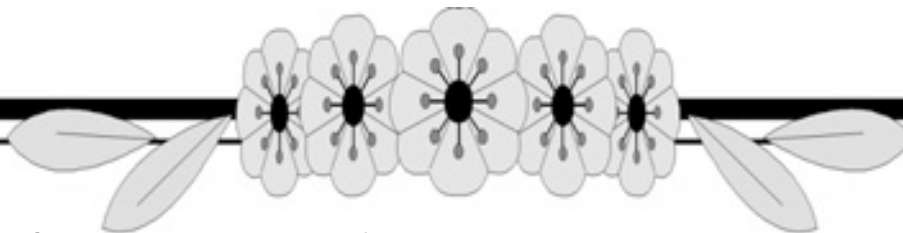
June 8 - 7:15pm Second Degree for Bro. Zack Lodmer. All Fellowcrafts and Master Masons encouraged to attend. Coaching available for Entered Apprentices. **5:30pm Dinner at Versailles** on La Cienega Blvd. south of Pico Blvd.

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

May BIRTHDAYS



Arthur L. Obrand	1	Evan Weiss	12	Earle Goodman	21
Roland Sarlot	1	Joseph Brewer	13	David Israel	23
Richard Kahn	2	Rick Kaplan	13	David Francis Philips	23
Harold Kirman	2	Harvey C. Cohn	13	Marvin Allen Dunn	24
Robert L. Sills	2	Mark Crugnale	13	Charles Harris	26
Allan Orner	3	Sylvan Summers	13	Sherman Margoles	26
Frank Tellis	3	Louis N. Jacobs	14	Jeff Platt	27
Sam Pakin	3	Robert I. Goldman	14	Irvin Kauffman	27
David L. Snyder	4	Stephen A. Rennick	14	Abe Perel	27
Rob Gordon	4	Stafford P. Bennis	17	Arthur Manheim	28
Barry Sporn	5	Matthew Rodman	17	Philip B. Shubb	29
Julius Bovil	7	Max Solomon	19	Neil Sherman	29
Krikor Hazarshahian	9	Jacob Spiegel	19	Richard S. Ellman	29
Alfred Spivak	10	Leo S. Seidner	19	Mark Amali	29
William Bilkiss	11	Sidney Miner	20	Zev Vered	30
Peter D. Kaplan	11	Cedric Malambu	20	Dale Effren	30
Jordan Robinson	11				



Dear Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge,

It was a "Field of Dreams." "If you build it, they will come. ." And so it was!! We built the camaraderie, we built the friendship, we built in the fun, and we had a great night! The special stated meeting on March 30th brought the Ladies of the Grand Lodge to Ionic Composite. We had almost fifty Grand Lodge guests in addition to our own ladies and lodge members to create a cohesive group of about 120! We shared a delicious dinner, yummy sundae bar, delightful entertainment and a fun and educational program for the women. The Grand Lodge Ladies were impressed with our knowledge and became part of our group as we meld laughter and learning that evening. I hope you were there to enjoy the company and event.

Our next stated meeting is May 4th. We will be celebrating the 100th birthday of lodge member Albert Brinhendler. As always, we will have a special "Ladies Only Event" following the open part of the stated meeting. As our Master stated last month, our program is "tiled, Women only!!!"

Please join us and invite your feminine family members and friends to Join in the fun, partake of the program and enjoy Ionic Composite Lodge, "The Place to Be."

Sincerely,

Trisha Bear

Wife of Jeffrey Bear, Master of Ionic Composite Lodge

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Tara Wheeler is not a name that is familiar to most of you. That is unfortunate, because it should be. She is the current Miss Virginia and was a candidate in the Miss America Pageant. By almost any criterion, she would be considered to be a pretty woman.

Of course, we all know the clichés about beauty, especially the ones that are designed to give comfort to the large proportion of the population who are not particularly attractive. "Beauty is only skin deep." "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." "Beauty and wisdom are rarely conjoined." But what can one say about someone who is beautiful?

Tara Wheeler has been interested in the plight of children with cancer for a number of years. Even prior to her becoming Miss Virginia, she spent a great deal of time participating in fund raisers for causes related to research and clinical care in pediatric cancer. She is currently an ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network and travels around on that organization's behalf. Her job is not just to find money, but also to visit children with cancer and try to encourage them.

She has recently undertaken a campaign with the goal of raising \$500,000 for St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity that sponsors cancer research. The organization solicits sponsors who pay to have a friend or acquaintance have his or her head shaved bald, an act that symbolizes the plight of children who lose their hair during chemotherapy. Tara Wheeler has agreed to have her head shaved bald if \$500,000 is donated to St. Baldrick's. The Miss America Pageant officials have formally permitted Tara to do this. Tara believes that the children in the hospitals will get a great deal of encouragement from a visit by a bald beauty pageant winner. Her motto is "Beauty is as beauty does."

No matter how she will look after her date with the barber, there can be little doubt that Ms. Wheeler's beauty is not just an external trapping. Her beauty is really in her heart and soul.

From The South

Well, it's time for another article. Unfortunately, I've not had any lightning strikes for ideas for this month. Time, as it always seems, is slipping by faster and faster. Life just seems to take over and any of our grand plans are set aside or are just forgotten. Events are rescheduled and rescheduled until it is put off indefinitely.

If we are to imitate The Grand Master, Hiram Abiff, we need to take a page out of his book. We cannot accomplish great works without help. He may have been the architect, but he did not build Solomon's Temple alone. He had help. He employed skilled craftsmen and workmen to cut the stones, transport lumber, and lift the heavy loads into place. Perhaps this is a lesson for us all.

We each seem to have wonderful ideas, grand schemes, plans for improving our lives and those around us...but we cannot do it alone. Sometimes it's difficult to ask for help, sometimes it's difficult to offer help--but the satisfaction one receives from a job well done can help ease any discomfort. This is what "Applied Freemasonry" is.

On that note, there will be a Symposium at the University of California at Los Angeles on May 2nd. "Applying Masonry in Contemporary Society" this event is free, parking is \$11.00, and open to everyone. I can only hope that Ionic Composite will show a huge support for this by having many of our members attend. You can get the registration form online at www.freemason.org.

It was also wonderful to see so many of our members attend the Grand Master's Visit. Seeing the dinner room full as well as the lodge room only helped highlight that during many of our degrees so many are absent. So, take a cue from Hiram, I'm sending our plea of help...we have a lot of degrees coming up, please help support our new brothers and those advancing in the degrees. If we are to be a viable, vibrant and relevant fraternity, it is imperative that we work together to help build the spectacular edifice that is Ionic Composite. Brothers, I need your help! Ionic Composite needs your help.

I look forward to seeing you in lodge!

Fraternally,
Tim Shiner, JW

Tentative June Calendar

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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 22 - 7:15pm. First Degree for Michael Thorp. Masons of all degrees encouraged to attend and welcome our new brother. **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. Degree or practice

FROM THE WEST

Brethren, the Month of May has two widely disparate holidays, both widely observed and seemingly very different. However these also have some things in common. In both cases, we are honoring those who have given of themselves for others.

When Anna Marie Jarvis (1864–1948) campaigned to have the holiday of Mother's Day created, following the death of her mother, she devoted her life to the project and ultimately succeeded. Mother's day is now observed in many countries and in many forms, but all ultimately meaning the same thing, honor those who have given of themselves for you. It is interesting to note that the apostrophe is placed before the s, indicating that it is for each one to honor their own Mother, or the person most closely in that place in their hearts. It is not that all should honor all mothers in common, but in a personal manner. Latterly, this holiday is followed by a similar one in June honoring Fathers. This is very much in line with the Masonic revered for our older brothers, their widows and orphans, as illustrated by our support for the Masonic Homes and Outreach Program. Our Lodge can be very proud of the work we have done in this area, and I hope to see it continue and even improve. Let us all keep up the good work.

The Memorial Day holiday is similarly a time to remember those who have given of themselves for us. Whether or not you personally know a service man or woman, it is incumbent on all of us as Masons and as Men to remember those who gave "their last full measure" so that this great country may remain free and independent. Those women and men died to keep conflict away from our shores and to preserve human rights for people in other lands. This is also a measure of "good men and true." Remember the Great Light of our profession, in which we find the duties we owe to G-d, our Country and Ourselves. It is in this spirit that each and every one of us should try to attend the Memorial Day observance at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in Westwood on May 25th. Details are elsewhere in the Bulletin.

As I usually do, I will end this with a note about the Web Site and the Lodge email list. I will soon be adding many brothers to the list who were not previously on it. If anyone receives email from me regarding the Lodge, and does not wish to, a simple reply to me saying "Please delete me" will suffice to get you removed from my distribution list. While I hope everyone finds the information I send out informative, if not useful, I recognize that some of you may not want it, and I will remove your entry at your request. If you are not receiving email bulletins and would like to be kept current on what is happening, please email me at my email address on page 2 of this issue.

If I don't see you on Memorial Day, I still hope to see you all in Lodge sometime soon. I am planning for next year, and want very much to make this a Lodge for all of us.

Fraternally,
Bill Miller, PM,
Senior Warden.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

CHARITY ROAST

OF

M.W. MEL NAHIN, P.G.M.

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

M.W. Mel Nahin introduces the Grand Line in his own style



M.W. Larry Adamson returns the gavel to Wor. Jeffrey Bear



Most Wor. Larry L. Adamson is presented at the altar by the Marshall Axel Del Cid and the Deacons, Joseph Eshaghian and Daniel Seidner.



Marshall Axel Del Cid escorts our lodge first lady Trisha Bear and our Grand first lady, Lynn Adamson



Bro. Zack Lodmer on clarinet entertains the Grand Master

SAVE THE DATES!!

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

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

June 6, Mel Nahin, P.G.M. Roast

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

MAY MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Carne Asada
or
Orange Roughy

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.

Soft And Safe To Thee
My Brethren
Be Thy Resting Place

Brother

Passed

Manual Berkowitz

March 10, 2009

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

ROY STEINFELD

[310] 220-9573

Recovering from 5 way cardiac
bypass and atril valve replacement

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

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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our lodge go to:

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DATED MATERIAL

MAY 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Symposium
3	4 Stated Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
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***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