



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board

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Meets Every Monday Stated Meeting First Monday 7:00PM

September 2009

FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies:

So much has happened since the last Trestleboard. Summer is winding down as is my year as Master of our Lodge.

The Mel Nahin's Charity Roast was a huge success thanks, of course, to our chairman, Bob Sills, and his band of merry men, host Wor. Norm Crosby and roasters M.W. Larry Adamson, Wor. Ron Koretz, Wor. Ralph Dash, Wor. John Nolan and Richard Sherman. Special thanks to Wor. Rush Robinson, who just dropped by to congratulate M.W. Mel and, after seeing the sorry state of our audio-visual set-up, took it upon himself to do things right. Again, thanks to M.W. Mel Nahin for lending his name to the evening, which was a huge draw. The room was filled to capacity with Masons and their ladies, who were treated to delicious food, hilarious (at Mel's expense) entertainment and great camaraderie, all while raising a significant amount of money for our Masonic charities.

While we are on that subject, I am pleased to announce that for the third straight year we are Number 1 of the Big 15 Lodges in the State of California in supporting our Masonic charities. My prediction that we would somewhere between be Number 3 and Number 5 overall was not correct, however. In large part due to the proceeds raised by the Mel Nahin Roast, we finished the 2008/2009 Masonic Year as Number 2 in Grand Lodge. If we had more brothers participating, we would have been Number 1!

As many of you know, Trisha has been chairing a Ladies meeting after the meeting during the closed portion of every stated meeting, which has been steadily growing in popularity. Last month they had a speaker from Heal The Bay. There is always something special scheduled. Trisha has also been writing a "Ladies Only" column in each Trestleboard. Brethren, please show this and every Trestleboard to your lady and let her know that there is a special column for her and a special meeting after the meeting for her. Several Brethren have mentioned that their ladies enjoy the special meeting and that their lady's interest in attending makes it easier for them to attend.

We have an event filled calendar for the remainder of the year. Check it out. Also, be sure to regularly check our award-winning website for last minute additional activities and for changes in times and dates. Be sure the lodge Secretary and Wor. Bill Miller have your current e-mail address, so you can receive e-mail notifications of last minute activities, such as getting together to watch a football game on our big HD-TV. Don't be left out!

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

Fraternally

Jeff Bear, Master

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 2 - Thanksgiving Stated Meeting
Past Masters Recognition and elections

Dec. 7 - Stated Meeting: Holiday Party
Honoring Golden Veterans.

Dec. 10 - at 7:15 pm Installation Practice\
Dinner at 5:30 pm

Dec. 13 - at 6:00 pm Annual Installation
of Officers

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September Calendar

Aug. 30 - 11:00am - 6:00pm Child ID and Masonic Information Booth at Fiesta La Ballona. Contact Rob Gordon, (310) 433-1174

Sept. 7 - LODGE DARK - LABOR DAY

Sept. 9 - NOON Dinner reservations must be received by the lodge (310) 657-2628. Please don't call in late!

Sept 14 - Stated Meeting "A night at King Solomon's Palace" with Belly Dancer. Dress in Middle Eastern attire. Discussion of Grand Lodge resolutions. Open 5:15pm. Dinner: 5:45pm. Program: 7:00pm.

Sept 16 - 7:15pm Masonic Discussion Group. Open to all Masons and non-Masons. Bring your friends. Dress casual.

Sept. 21 - 7:15pm Two 1st Degrees. Karoosh Moshtahedian & Kevin Cronin. Masons of all degrees encouraged to attend. **5:30pm Building Association Meeting at the Lodge.**

Sept 22 - 7:15pm O.S.I. at Beverly Hills Lodge. Third Degree, Second Section. All officers are required to attend or get excused by the Inspector and Master. All Master Masons may attend. **5:30pm dinner at Fu's Garden on Pico Blvd. at Wooster.**

Sept. 23 - 7:00pm Culver City Foshay Lodge---Hiram Award to Wor. Richard Keith Pierce. G.M will present the award. \$15.00. **Reservations required by Sept. 16. (310) 836-0467**

Sept. 28 - Lodge Dark - Yom Kippur

Sept 30 - NOON Dinner reservations must be received by the lodge (310) 657-2628. Please don't call in late.

October Tentative Calendar

Oct 2-4 - Annual Communication

Oct 5 - Stated Meeting Halloween Costume Contest & we will honor our 25 Year Veterans. Open: 5:15pm. Dinner: 5:45pm. Open Program: 7:00pm.

Oct 12 - 6:30pm Annual Past Master Planning Meeting. All Past Masters and Officers are invited. Light Dinner Provided. Please call the Lodge by October 6th so we can order food.

Oct 19 - 7:15pm Degree

Oct 24 - 7:00pm Halloween screening of Edward R. Wood's famous "Plan 9 From Outer Space" starring Bella Lugosi and Vampira "Mistress Of The Night". **Pot Luck**-contact: Tim Shiner (310) 497-4408

Oct 26 - 7:15pm O.S.I. at Ionic Composite Lodge. Lectures and charges of all degrees. All officers are required to attend or get excused by the Inspector and Master. All Master Masons may attend

Oct 31 - Dark

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our lodge go to:
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September BIRTHDAYS

Jack Kelman	1	Leonard Tiep	12	Hector J. Cantua, Jr.	19
David Zellermaier	1	Martin D. Collier	14	Martin H. Webster	20
Robert Recht	1	Donald Rumsey	14	Alvin Kasselmann	21
Max Stark	3	Leonard Cohen	14	Jack Revel	21
Jack B. Weinger	3	Sanford P. Paris	14	Barry H. Hinden	21
Harold Drapkin	4	Norman Crosby	15	Stanley Getz	24
Arthur Vanetek	5	Arnold Gooze	16	Ken Duke	24
Albert Winett	5	Seymour Roberts	17	Robert L. Reed	27
Alan Ackereisen	6	Eugene Davis	17	Merwin Sunkin	27
Shahram Namdaraghi	9	William Feldman	17	Albert F. Weiss	27
Jan Seiger	11	Ed Madick	18	Benton Greene	27
James Childress	11	Paul A. Lenz	18	Chris Atamian	29
Alan Steiner	12	Bernhard D. Morse	18	Jeffrey Rose	30
Leonard Weksler	12	Mark F. Morris	19	Martin R. Rudolph	30

For The Ladies Only

Dear Ladies of Ionic Composite Lodge,

WOW!!!!!! What a great program we had in August!!!!

Ron Durgin of "Heal the Bay" was so fascinating that the ladies AND first and second degree men who joined us, didn't want the question and answer period after the presentation to end! Yes, we allowed some of the men who were guests or not allowed to join the business portion of the men's program, to enjoy our women's program. We learned so much about our environment, not just the oceans. We were enthralled with the program and educated about how WE can make a difference and improve the area in which we live. In addition, we learned about the exciting and different life that Ron actually lives, proof that it's not all "just talk."

Please join us on September 14th for our next Stated Meeting and plan to stay for another provocative program! I am sure you will enjoy our next speaker!!

In addition, I would appreciate the women who are going to Grand Lodge this year to inform me of their intent. Jeff and I are planning some special activities for the men AND LADIES of Ionic Composite Lodge in addition to what Grand Lodge has on their menu and we want to be sure to include YOU!!!!

Remember, whether it is in San Francisco or Los Angeles, Ionic Composite Lodge is "the place to be."

Looking forward to seeing you at our next Stated Meeting,

Trisha Bear,

Wife of Jeff Bear, Master of Ionic Composite Lodge

**Notice of Dues Increase for 2010
PLEASE READ**

Brethren:

At the August Stated meeting, after proper notice, the motion to increase the annual lodge dues was approved. The Lodge dues for the calendar year 2010 will be \$65.00 plus the Grand Lodge per-capita. The per-capita from Grand Lodge will be \$31.00, so the total dues for 2010 will be \$96.00. Remember that the annual dues are due and payable by January 1, 2010. Please save the lodge a significant amount of money by paying your due by January 1, 2010. Re-billing is expensive and takes a great deal of time. As always, those to whom paying dues would be a substantial hardship are encouraged to apply to the lodge for remittance of their dues. Please follow the instructions on your dues notice.

One way of significantly saving yourself money over the years, and helping the lodge, is to purchase a "Perpetual Membership". By doing it in 2009 the amount will be based on the current dues amount. See how much you will save by looking at the charts below. By purchasing this membership now you will also avoid any further dues or per-capita increases over the years to come. The money is kept in a separate account and only the interest may be used. If you have any question about this please feel free to talk to me, the Secretary, the Master or Senior Warden.

Fraternally,
Michael Bear, PM
Treasurer

2009 amounts, good until 12/31/2009

Age	Dues	Fee
49 or Under	21 times \$81.00 Annual	\$1,701.00
50 to 54, inclusive	19 times \$81.00 Annual	\$1,539.00
55 to 59, inclusive	17 times \$81.00 Annual	\$1,377.00
60 to 64, inclusive	14 times \$81.00 Annual	\$1,134.00
65 and over	11 times \$81.00 Annual	\$891.00

Effective 01/01/2010 the fees for Perpetual (Life) Membership will be as follows:

Age	Dues	Fee	Difference
49 or Under	21 times \$96.00 Annual	\$2,016.00	\$315.00
50 to 54, inclusive	19 times \$96.00 Annual	\$1,824.00	\$285.00
55 to 59, inclusive	17 times \$96.00 Annual	\$1,632.00	\$255.00
60 to 64, inclusive	14 times \$96.00 Annual	\$1,344.00	\$210.00
65 and over	11 times \$96.00 Annual	\$1,056.00	\$165.00

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FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

September is a time when we celebrate Labor. The labor movement in this country was responsible for righting many wrongs, especially in the last part of the 19th and early part of the 20th century. They ended the era when working people were treated as slaves and paid a barely livable wage. What we today call a "living wage" provides us with a level of luxury enjoyed only by the owners of businesses and by politicians. Today we have a vast middle class who live in comfort if not in ease. On the first Monday in September, we pause to remember those who sacrificed so much to bring this great country to where it is today. Now it is up to us to keep it. We must work diligently to keep the freedoms they earned and we enjoy. We must be especially careful not to give them away in the name of Security.

Labor is another word for work, and in Masonry we talk a great deal about the work of the fraternity and of Masons. Remember the lessons of the Second Degree, where we are taught about Masonic Charity. When was the last time you made the effort to help someone in need? Indeed, many of you did not contribute to the Masonic Charities. I understand that sometimes you do not have it to give, but the majority of our members can easily give the equivalent of one dinner. Is our Lodge is proud to be Number 2 in the State? If only a few more members had given even a nominal amount, we would have been number 1, a number of which we could be proud.

September is also the month we honor the Constitution of the United States. This document is a codification of the basic human freedoms into the law of a country. While it is based on earlier similar documents, notably to *Magna Charta*, it goes much further in guaranteeing the freedom of the people and a government of laws enacted by the people and their representatives. It still reigns as the premier statement of the laws of a justly run country, and the states into which that land is divided. Remember the First Degree Charge; "*As a citizen*, you are enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties ... " How many of us actually take part in the governance of our city, county, state or country and how many only complain when things are not the way they want them to be. Have you even made your wishes known to the Officers of your Lodge who will be attending Grand Lodge on your behalf? There are many important issues to be voted on at that conclave, and your input would be appreciated. Come to the Stated Meeting and let us know your feelings.

Finally, at the last Stated Meeting we voted on a long delayed increase in the dues for the Lodge. If you wish to avoid paying the increased amount, you may buy a Perpetual (life) Membership at the old rates up to the end of the year. On January 1st, the amounts go up. See the schedule elsewhere in the bulletin (or on the web site) for the amounts and the increase. Most of us made a lifelong commitment when we joined, so a Perpetual Membership is a natural extension of that. I have been a member for over 40 years. Think of the how much it would cost you to pay dues every year instead of just once. The savings is significant.

I will be looking for you in Lodge. Take the time to greet and talk to me. I'd like to hear from you.

Fraternally,
Bill Miller, PM,

Freemasonry-the Facebook of the Middle Ages

Social Networks are proliferating like wildfire. First there was Myspace, a website network where you could share your thoughts, photos, choice of music and leave messages. Facebook then took over as the pre-eminent social network; allowing people to send each other "pokes" share more photos, join "online organizations" (such as Mafia Wars - a multiplayer game based on, well, the Mafia), and connect with old friends separated by years and distance. As if that weren't enough, we now have Twitter - a micro blogging site where you can follow any number of people or organizations. These micro-blogs (147 characters) can be sent to your email or your phone so you are updated immediately! Sometimes it's just too much information.

Freemasonry, on the other hand, is a much more subtle connection. We are surrounded by like-minded individuals, (although we most certainly don't always agree), who share photos, lives, our thoughts and concerns. We are bound to each other in a way that the internet cannot compete. Our shared experience while going through the degrees are unlike 'building' your website and choosing a background color. And yet, we connect to others who are separated by years and distance. Visiting other lodges is reminiscent of "searching for friends" online, visiting other countries and connecting through our brotherhood is our "world-wide web". Instant friendship and camaraderie are the norm; how many of us actually meet in person those we 'befriend' online? And once we meet them, find we have absolutely nothing in common? Can we even be sure of help if we are in need?

Our Fraternity is more important than ever, and it is more relevant than ever—our membership is growing and expanding, we are connecting, not only through our lodges—but using some of these Social Networks. On Facebook, a member can send a Masonic symbol to friends across the great expanse of cyberspace. Many of our lectures and calendars are available online, our trestleboards come to us in our email (by the way, if you have email, please make sure Worshipful Bill Miller has it).

So, in the vernacular of this Internet Age, I'd like to invite everyone to Log In—er, LODGE IN. Don't forget your password!

Fraternally,
Tim Shiner
Jr. Warden

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Several years ago, a local radio talk show host discussed how concerned he was with his children and started citing the things that he did for them. What struck me at the time was that all of these things related to how much money he was spending, be it the cost of school, his new house, or the presents he buys them. I was concerned about the real message that he was making to those children, namely that material possessions were the equivalent of love. I wrote him a letter about my concerns and received a rather heated phone message several days later defending what he did and only then citing examples of the time he was spending with them.

I was reminded of this exchange this weekend when I was talking to Muriel Hess, the wife of one of our members. She told me that she still cooks the dinner for their yearly family Passover dinner and believed that such activities were largely about creating memories for her family. This led me to consider my role as a parent, particularly in comparison to that of the radio show host. My mother and father put a message on the wall of the room where we all ate dinner each night; it stated that all that parents could really give their children were roots and wings.

Indeed, although I will never know this for sure, it was always my hope that, as a parent, I had provided my children with those two things. The first was a value system that they would be able to practice in the real world and which I have also been sharing with you in this column over the past decade or so (the roots). The second was enough freedom that they could grow into adulthood on their own, even at the cost of making occasional mistakes from which they could learn (the wings).

Oh yes, there was one more thought that my parents taped onto that message. It has been the focus for Grace and me with particular regard to our grandchildren. The other thing that my mother and father, and Muriel Hess, wisely remind us is that parents can give their children memories.

SEPTEMBER MENU

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Beef Stroganoff
or
Orange Roughy

Vegetable
&
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

Charles Roman Fond

July 25, 2009

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

**Brothers Name
& Lady**

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DARYL BRISTOL Admitted to UCLA for further therapy	[310] 869-7259
BOB EDELMAN NEEDS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT	[310] 202-0115
EDGAR FRIEDMAN Lung problems	[818] 501-5878
OSCAR HALL (Bess) Oscar at home with chronic medical condition	[323] 653-0698
LEONARD HESS (Muriel) Home with lengthy disabling illness	[310] 472-3212
JAY RICHARDS Home recovering from fractured patella	[818] 769-2301
STAN SCHWAY Had some skin cancer removed	[818] 782-0021

We Wish Everyone on this List a Full and Complete Recovery

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Eric Shaphran, sixteen year old son of Brother, Wayne Shaphran, grand-son of Worshipful P.M. Nathan Shaphran and nephew of Worshipful P.M. Bruce Shaphran, has achieved Boy Scouts of America's highest rank in scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout, when he passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on June 29, 2009.

Eric is a member of Troop 139 in Sherman Oaks, California. He will be a Senior at Oakwood School in North Hollywood, California, where he serves as Co-Captain of the Baseball and Cross Country teams, in Student Government, on the school's newspaper, and in the school's Chorus, among many other activities. He is the troop's 153rd Eagle Scout in its 55 year history. Brother Wayne, who is an attorney, earned his Eagle Scout in 1972, and serves in his spare time as the Troop's Eagle Adviser and Assistant Scoutmaster, mentoring nearly two dozen scouts to the rank of Eagle over the years.

Congratulations to Eric and Brothers Wayne, Nate and Bruce, and the entire Shaphran family.

