



Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board



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Meets Every Monday

Stated Meeting on First Monday @ 7:00pm

January 2010



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I am humbled by the task you have called on me to perform, and hope that I can live up to the expectations you have for the Lodge in the upcoming year. I shall try to improve the Lodge incrementally, as those who have gone before have provided me with an excellent platform from which to proceed. I want to make some changes this year, but I am proud to maintain the many preexisting traditions of the Lodge that I so dearly love.

Our Lodge is well known throughout the state for the warm and friendly welcome we offer to everyone who comes through our door, and thus have many repeat visitors. We are also known for our charity, not only for generosity in giving to the Masonic Charities, but for our general attitude of Charity for All Mankind. This year, I hope to continue this tradition, and especially our donations to the Masonic Charities. Our Lodge is great, and I want it to advance, not sit idly or retrogress. Let us move forward together.

The Grand Master's theme for this year is "coming home" and I want to see this implemented by making coming to Lodge *feel* like coming home, and making it a place you wish to come home *to*. Some of you live quite close to Lodge, but I have yet to meet you. Come to Lodge, especially in January and February, and let me know what I can do to make this a place you want to be. I will listen to any and all suggestions.

I have passed the burden of being Officers' Coach to Worshipful Bernie Morse, and trust that he will maintain the fine quality of ritual to which we have become accustomed. We are quite busy, and would welcome sideliners to assist the officers in performing the work. Come out and learn the ritual. It can be fun.

Finally, while I want to thank all those people who have been my mentors and my support, there are too many to include them all here individually. I would, however, like to single out certain Past Masters for special recognition. These are MW Mel Nahin, Wor. Mike and Jeff Bear, Bob Sills, Bernie Morse, Ron Stein, Jeff Gordon, Ron Koretz, and particularly Jerry Freeman, who has been my friend and mentor for over 37 years, and continues to give me good advice. He has been ill lately, and I wish him a speedy recovery. There are many others, but I am out of time and space. For those who don't yet have the pleasure of knowing these fine men, I sincerely encourage you to come and be a part of the place that I am both honored and proud to call our Lodge.

See you all soon.

Fraternally,
Bill Miller, Master

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Wednesday, Dec 30th by NOON

Dinner reservations **must** be received by the Lodge (301) 657-2628 Please don't call in late!!

January Calendar

**Monday, Jan. 4th Stated Meeting
Open 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Program 7:00.**

The first stated meeting of the year sets the conerstone for the foundation of the 2010 Masonic year. Please come and help set the tone for the year.

Monday, Jan 11th Degree Practice

Open to all Master Masons. **All Officers must attend.** 7:15pm

Monday, Jan 18th, Third Degree

All Master Masons are invited. Come and greet a newly raised Master Mason. 7:15pm

Wednesday, Jan 20th FRENCH FIRST DEGREE- Dinner 6:30pm, Degree 7:30pm

Vallee de France Lodge No. 329 is having one of their unique conferrals. See information below

Monday, Jan 25th - First Degree

All Masons welcome. All Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts expected to attend. Master Masons encouraged to come welcome a new brother into our lodge with your presence. 7:15pm

February Stated Meeting will be on the Seventh

An Invitation from Vallee de France

Our "Gallic" brothers from Vallee de France Lodge not 329 have announced that another of their unique First Degree Conferrals is being planned. It is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Pasadena Masonic Temple. 200 S. Euclid Ave., Pasadena. Dinner at 6:30pm (\$20), Degree at 7:30pm

This Lodge is permitted to use long-established ritualistic work which varies from the uniform ritual of California, as well as to confer the degree in the French Language. This special event is always interesting to see, particularly to new Masons.

Bring your current (2010) dues card and prepare for avouchment by a member or prior attendee. Contact Tony W. Bright, Lodge Secretary, at 12236 Hartland St., North Hollywood 91605, with reservation and payment check.



FROM THE WEST



Well, this past year went by in the blink of an eye. As I wrote this first article from the West, I pulled out my first article from when I was in the South. It was about beginnings and new starts. So often we think that we cannot start over or begin again — and yet we are reminded that we can; it's in our nature, it's a part of the Great Design laid out by the Great Architect. It's not in our calendar, it is in the seasons and the celebrations we enjoy.

Take for example December and all of its holidays. Each holiday, whether it be Christmas, Hanukah, or Kwanza, is a reminder to us that hope and renewal are a part of our lives. This during the “dead of winter” — a time we are surely to take as the END of the cycle. Strange, then, how we, in our own ways, celebrate the birth and renewal of the year with the coming of Spring; during the bleakest of months.

Through my Masonic career, I too, have been able to “begin again” in a new chair. Each step is daunting and overwhelming. Each new position brings about a new set of obligations, responsibilities, work and joys. One of my new responsibilities will be Masonic Education. A great burden to say the least, but one I will enjoy. It will afford me the opportunity to educate myself, and the challenge of making ‘history’ more appealing to those who want to learn.

We've had an incredible year and with your guidance I'm sure this coming year will be amazing.

I'd like to start including quotes from some of our illustrious members (of history) each month. And, as a way of making things a bit more interesting, I'll leave out the quote maker, allowing the first person to give me his name a special prize. (What that prize will be is anyone's guess!) Hopefully this will engage discussion and research. All right, the first quote for the year is...

“Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.”—

Tim Shiner
Senior Warden

Have You Heard?



On Saturday night, August 29, Lane Aron Kasselmann married Jamie Danielle Hallman at the home of Phyllis & Leonard Lerner. Lane is my son and the grandson of Albert Brinhendler.

Lane, an Eagle Scout and Member of the Order of the Arrow, graduated Golden Gate University Law School in 2005; was member of Mayor Gavin Newsom's staff before he coordinated Hillary Clinton's appearances in Iowa during her run for the Democratic nomination. He is currently doing a similar job for Mayor Newsom in the Mayor's quest for the Democratic nomination for Governor of California.

Albert Brinhendler was very much in attendance at Lane's wedding and enjoyed the company of his two daughters, three grandchildren and his niece and her daughter.

Brother Albert Brinhendler was born in New Jersey on April 30, 1909. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on January 19, 1949; passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 20, 1949; and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 13, 1949. He received the Hiram Award on November 30, 1983, and was recognized as a Golden Veteran on August 4, 1999. On May 4, 2009, we celebrated Albert's 100th birthday and I was pleased to present him with our Lodge's Isadore Moore Award in recognition of his many years as our Chaplin and then our Chaplin Emeritus. Albert was active in the Scottish Rite and the Al Malaikah Shrine, being renowned for his visits to the Shrine Hospital and giving Teddy Bears by the hundreds to the kids.

Albert cannot be defined by his Masonry alone. He dearly loved Dorothy, his departed wife of over 60 years, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a successful businessman, owning and operating Albert's Discount Appliances for many years. He was a soldier, landing at Normandy and receiving the Croix De Guerre from the French Government. He was a prolific artist, his most recent exhibit being at Sinai Temple, where he was an active member.

When I was Marshall of this Lodge, I had the pleasure of sitting next to him as Chaplin and having wonderful conversations with him about Masonry, our families, his art and life in general. He was a warm loving man with a great smile, who made everyone around him feel good. He will be greatly missed.

- Jeffery Bear, P.M.

Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

Ron Cooper is a former Grand Orator whom I have had the pleasure of knowing for a number of years. He and his wife Jane are both admirable people who do not know the meaning of the word “stop” when they are doing something for others. However, I had not seen either of them for several years when I happened to run into them at a Scottish Rite meeting a few weeks ago.

I had seen their names on the program, as they were presenting a video of the highlights of a tour that they had taken to all of the Scottish Rite language disorder clinics in California. I did not initially recognize Ron because, in the intervening years, he had grown a Santa Claus beard. He told me that he and Jane had been in Palm Springs for five years serving as the caretakers for his ill father and step-mother. (He and Jane both viewed this as time that they had to take out of their lives to fulfill a familial and biblical duty as well as a Masonic obligation.)

I could not resist mentioning his beard, and, of course, there was a story behind it. Ron had taken to portraying Santa Claus to entertain children at Christmastime. Many people who do this will shave the beard off after the New Year and then regrow it in the next summer. Ron was not going to do this because of an experience that he had had one day, literally on the street. A young girl was staring at him and it was obvious to Ron that she thought that he was Santa Claus. So he asked her what she was wishing for. Her answer was far more profound than one might expect. Her wish was that her grandmother would live to see one more Christmas. Of course, this is a wish that is far beyond even the real Santa Claus; Ron answered that he would pray for that to come true.

Ron then understood that portraying Santa Claus was not a superficial gesture. Children have deep beliefs that cannot be easily dismissed. Ron realized that there were likely hundreds of other children with similar wishes for relatives, or even for themselves. He decided that he would keep the beard year-long and be available anytime the need came up for a Santa to hear about a wish. Giving of oneself yearlong (or lifelong) is a behavior that the rest of us would do well to emulate, even if we cannot grow the white beard.

Think about it.

8 O' Clock Rock!!



In the true fashion of taking every moment as the gift that it is, neither rain nor foot injuries could stop Worshipful Jeffery and Trisha Bear from rocking out their year at the December Stated meeting. After announcing “in front of witnesses” that he loved her, Wor. Jeff came over and danced with his wife to the rocking music of Bob Hebert and Kirk Evans. “She may not be able to walk, but she still tries to lead,” Wor. Jeff commented ruefully. It was a musical end to a truly magical year for the newly-wed Bears.

January Menu

Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Chicken Stir Fry
or
Mahi Mahi

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 will be charged. Dinners are prepared by your reservation only. Dinner costs are \$15 per person for all members and guests except those who were invited by the Master. Masonic Widows of Ionic Composite Lodge will also not be charged for dinner. A Masonic Widow is a widow of a member of Ionic Composite Lodge who has not remarried.



January Birthdays

Oren Dayan	1	Edward I. Ginsberg	10	Mario Sherman	16	Milton Schwartz	25
Dennis Goldberg	2	Lee Ruttenberg	10	Edwin Siegel	16	Steve Gagliano	26
Ruvim M. Spivak	3	John Biren	10	Philip Friedman	17	Lawrence Wise	27
William A. Weiss	5	James B. Curtis	11	Vrej Eskandarian	17	Stuart F. Horwitz	27
Jack Dwoskin	5	David Green	11	Bernard Kentor	17	Ronald Salda	28
Richard L. Weiss	6	Ronald Koretz	11	Donald Gordon	19	Edward H. Silverman	29
Lewis D. Stavis	7	Phillip Kash	12	Nathan J. Reese	20	Bradley Zalben	29
Jay Markoff	7	Andre L. Richardson	12	Earl Mindell	20	Harold Holland	30
S. Zachary Samuels	7	Kerin Surents	13	R. Jerrold Freeman	20		
Herman Rindenow	8	Parker Croft 111	13	Nazareth Guluzian	20		
Miles Brandman	8	Steven Kierman	14	Edward Marques	21		
Richard Friedman	9	Mitchell Bushin	15	Ronald E. Spencer	21		
Colin Goodrich	9	Nader Aryeh	16	Sideny Unickel	23		
Myron Z. Chlavin	9	Ben Berke	16	Glen Navis	23		

From the South

Dear Brethren,

Happy New Year! It is my prayer that this year be one of happiness, health and success for us, our families and loved ones, and for the greater Masonic family. It is with great excitement and a little trepidation that I begin to serve as Junior Warden.

My overarching goal for the year's entertainment and refreshment is to pick up where Tim Shiner so amazingly left off. Tim introduced several very fun events for the lodge including an Oscar night and a Super Bowl night which were big hits. I'd like to continue by planning several more get-togethers at the lodge where we can lounge and schmooze.

I'm going to try to work with the Junior Wardens of several local lodges to coordinate get-togethers where the brethren can mix and mingle with brothers from other lodges so that they can get to know at least a part of the larger Masonic community here in Los Angeles.

I'd also very much like to create a "welcoming committee" who would take candidates out for a celebratory drink or cup of coffee after degrees. Getting to know the brethren outside of a tiled environment helps strengthen bonds between people as friends, as brothers, and as members of the lodge. Let's show the new brethren that Masonry is more than just ritual.

In short, it's going to be a busy year. Those wishing to help with these projects, or who have ideas for other ones, please contact me via my information in the Trestle Board.

Fraternally,
Joseph Esshaghian
Junior Warden



WINTER IS HERE

It's time to check your
heater or furnace.

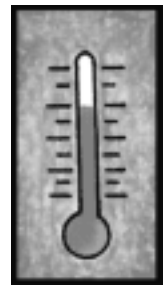
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For The Ladies

Following in the footsteps of my predecessor, Trisha, I plan to have something for us to do as we wait for our gentlemen. This first meeting, January 4, 2010, I am going to teach crocheting and knitting (and sewing, if requested in advance) and this will be the subject of most Stated Mondays. I will be bringing knitting needles, crochet hooks, yarn and easy patterns for first projects. As I sit knitting or crocheting wait for Bill, I am often told "I used to do that, but don't remember how..." I hope I have found a need to get the ladies (and their men) out.



Ionic Composite Lodge Polo Shirts Sold Out!!

I am trying to put together a second order
Order will be placed after the March 1st Stated
Meeting.

(Minimum quantity – 10)
\$25 (Small-Xlarge); \$27 (2XL); \$30 (3XL)

Make check payable to:
Bernie Morse
2142 Century Park Lane #114
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Or bring to lodge

Call (310)556-4463 if you have any questions

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Contact Howard Steinore, P.M.
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**Brethren and Family Members
Sick and Visitation
Committee Report**

Brother And Condition	Phone
Daryl Bristol Getting more Treatment from UCLA	Cell (310) 869-7259
Jerry Freeman Broke his pelvis and is unable to stand or walk. He is now at Paci- fica Assisted Recovery Facility in Newhall.	Cell (818) 634-8278
Jay Richards is still in a wheelchair due to his continuing leg problems.	(818) 769-2301
Bob Edelman Home, still on dialysis. His wife Gerri would like someone to help drive her to the market. They live near the Lodge on Wooster.	Home (310) 202-0115

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 a Brother or a member of a Brother's
family who is ill, please contact

Lodge Office: Tel: (310) 657-2628
or Ron Koretz, P.M. R: (818) 360-2708

FUNERAL TELEPHONE LIST

ANY BROTHER WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE
PLACE ON THE FUNERAL NOTIFICATION
CALL LIST, *YOUR PRESENCE WOULD BE
DEEPLY APPRECIATED.*

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Brethren! Important Anouncement!

The Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau's records in-
dicates that there are few brethren in any local lodge
who have up-to-date certification to perform Masonic
Funeral Services. Those with certifications are re-
quested to check to see if they are current and report to
the Secretary. Any brother who would like to renew
their certification or become certified to perform
Masonic Funerals should likewise please contact the
Lodge Secretary. Thank you.

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My Brethren
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**Passed Brethren
Year of 2009**

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Passed</u>
Friedman, Benjamin	January 4, 2009
Getz, Maurice	January 9, 2009
Hyman, Robert Morris	January 20, 2009
Goldhammer, Phillip	March 5, 2009
Berkowitz, Manuel	March 10, 2009
Raber, Benjamin	March 19, 2009
Ivers, Nathan	April 10, 2009
Davis, Eugene Benjamin	July 3, 2009
Schwartz, Irving Joseph	July 7, 2009
Fond, Charles Roman	July 25, 2009
Jaffe, Herbert Hyman	September 28, 2009
Brinhendler, Albert	December 6, 2009



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ARE YOU A MASON?

This poem was written by Bro. Reverend Dr. Magill, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Peru, Illinois. It reportedly was written shortly after a lady asked him "Are You a Mason?" It is thought to have been written in the mid to late 1800's.

Are You a Mason?

"I am one of a band, Who will faithfully stand, In the bonds of affection and love; I have knocked at the door, once wretched and poor, And there for admission I stood.

"By the help of a friend, Who assistance did lend, I succeeded an entrance to gain; Was received in the West, By command from the East, But not without feeling some pain.

"Here my conscience was taught, With a moral quite fraught, With sentiments hold and true; The onward I traveled, To have it unraveled, What Hiram intended to do. Very soon to the East, I made my request, and "Light" by command did attend; When lo! I perceived, In due form revealed, A Master, and Brother, and Friend.

"For the widow distressed, There's a cord in my breast, For the helpless and orphan I feel: And my sword I could draw, To maintain the pure law, Which the duties of a Mason reveal. Thus have I revealed, (Yet wisely concealed), What the "free and accepted" will know. I am one of a band, Who will faithfully stand, As a Brother, wherever I go."