



# Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520 Trestle Board



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Meets Every Monday

Stated Meeting on First Monday @ 7:00pm

June 2010



## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

June marks the midpoint of my year as Master of your Lodge, and I believe we have had a successful beginning. Brother Tim Shiner, SW, has done a fine job lining up entertainment for the Stated Meeting nights, and also arranging the annual reception for the Grand Master. In addition, he arranged a community service night with the appearance of an internationally known musicologist and several Gaelic entertainers, which was well received. I just wish more of our members had participated so that those present might have gotten a better idea of the members of our order.

Brother Joseph Eshshaghian organized several off-site activities, which were well attended. He has also been good about ensuring that we have appropriate snacks after degree meetings. He has shown great initiative in these and all else he has undertaken, and I am looking forward to the future with anticipation.

Worshipful Jeff Gordon, along with the Wardens, is preparing an evening of entertainment on June 19th at the Casa Sanchez restaurant, which includes an elaborate revue and a full bar, for an extremely attractive price. Please see the ad elsewhere in this bulletin.

My biggest disappointment this year has been the number of Brothers contributing to the Masonic Charities. Although we are all sworn to assist our less fortunate brothers and their families, only 10% of you have done so this year. I know that money is tight this year for many of you, but any amount is acceptable, and we do not publish comparisons of who gave how much. One of our Jewish brothers reminded me that even those who receive charity are obligated to help those less fortunate than they. Even a donation of \$5.00 shows that even if you are in difficulty yourself, you are willing to help your brothers. Please make such a contribution.

On a personal note, my bride Bonnie has made a great recovery, and expects to be with us for the June Stated Meeting. I thank all of you for your good wishes.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Bill Miller, Master.

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**Wednesday, June 2, NOON**

Dinner reservations **must** be received by the Lodge (310) 657-2628 Please don't call in late!!

## June Calendar

### June 7th, Stated Meeting.

50 Year Veteran Recognition.  
Official Visit of the Inspector  
**Open:** 5:15p.m. **Dinner:** 5:45pm. **Program:** 7:00p.m.

### June 14th, 12:30p.m. Cornerstone Ceremony at the VA Facility in West L.A.

Anyone interested in attending should be there by 9:30, but definitely before 10:00. If you have not seen one, it is a very interesting, and very ancient, ceremony. The Grand Lodge will be doing the presentation.

### June 14th, 7:15p.m. Degree Practice.

All Officers **MUST** attend. Any Master Mason who wants to take part in the degree should also come. We will be practicing for the First Degree, and other degrees as necessary.

### June 16th, 7:15p.m. Special Presentation.

We will be showing the film "*The Freemasons, The Mystery, Myth And Truth*" Discussion to follow.

### June 19th, Lodge Night Out.

Dinner at Casa Sanchez in Culver City. Details are elsewhere in the bulletin.

### June 21st, 7:15p.m. Officers' School of Instruction.

All Officers **MUST** attend. 5:30p.m. Dinner at Fu's Palace on Pico.

### June 28th, 7:15-15p.m. First Degree.

We need brothers to uphold the two pillars of the Lodge for this ceremony. All Entered Apprentices are expected to attend

Sneak Peak at July

**July 5th, Lodge Dark** after the Independence Day celebration

**July 12, Stated Meeting.** 50 Year Veteran Recognition.

**Open:** 5:15p.m. **Dinner:** 5:45pm.,

**Program** at 7:00p.m.

Tim Shiner, Senior Warden, presiding.

**PLEASE READ THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!!**

## **BRETHREN**

**\*\* Help wanted \*\***

Brethren, due to other Masonic time commitments, I must step down from the office of Treasurer. I need someone to replace me. If you know basic check-book accounting or use Quicken or Quick Books you will be able to do the job.

Please contact me for additional information.

Michael Bear, P.M.  
(310) 391-5308  
[michael.bear@mac.com](mailto:michael.bear@mac.com)



## FROM THE WEST



“Hey, Laaaady!”

Most of our members practice their ritual in the shower. As a matter of fact, the best lectures can be heard in bathrooms across Los Angeles! While ‘practicing’ some of my work I had an idea. And, after ruminating on it, decided it wasn’t half bad. So, I’d like to put it out there and ask for some volunteers. In Brother Eshshaghian’s article this month, he mentions charity – specifically June being the last fiscal month – so our time is coming to an end quickly! I’d like to meet or beat last year’s contributions. Not in amounts, but in individual donors!

In a Herculean effort, much like Jerry Lewis, I’d like to hold a telethon on Saturday, June 26th from 10am to 4pm. If you have a cell phone, computer knowledge or just want to help, please let me know. I’d like to call as many of our members and help them donate whatever they can. We will be in the office and input directly to the Grand Lodge’s website all the necessary information, print out the receipts and get them to each donor.

Remember, it’s not about how much, it’s about an effort to help those less fortunate. If you can only give \$1.00, that is one dollar that can help a brother, his widow or orphans! Please contact as soon as possible if you can help!

During June, I will also be organizing a speaker NOT during a regular meeting on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Through the Senior Wardens retreat I became aware that the Senior Warden of Santa Monica Lodge is an excellent speaker and done an incredible amount of research into all the degrees. He has graciously accepted my invitation to speak with our members on some of the more esoteric and philosophical bits of Masonry. I’ve invited him to speak on each of the three degrees, so ALL our brethren may come and enjoy some of his insights.

As for the title of my article this month, well...it was inspired by Jerry Lewis. I wish everyone a great month and see you at lodge.

Fraternally,  
Tim Shiner

## The 21<sup>st</sup> Century is Here!

Brethren, the 21<sup>st</sup> century has caught up with Masonry! You can now not only access lodge information online at [www.calodges.org/no520/](http://www.calodges.org/no520/), but can have it brought to you in real-time! Join our lodge in cyberspace on Facebook.

Our Junior Warden has been doing a fantastic job getting the word out about new events and new ways to get involved with the lodge. If you want up-to-the-minute information about what is going on, what’s coming up, or how to get more involved, please send your email to Junior Warden Joseph Eshshaghian at

[shahriare@hotmail.com](mailto:shahriare@hotmail.com)

or by calling:

(310) 447-4202

## Join the Fun!!

Saturday, June 19th, at 6:30 Sharp

Casa Sanchez Mexican Restaurant  
4500 S. Centinela Avenue,  
(2 blocks south of Washington  
Blvd.)



With a full floor Mariachi show with lots of Musicians,  
Singers and Dancers  
...Not your usual wandering musicians...  
**NO COVER CHARGE**

The varied Menu includes Mexican and American dishes, non-spicy food available, and a full bar. We will be getting separate checks, so that you get your individual bill

Attire is casual  
Meal includes free refillable Guacamole.



Please make your reservations with the Lodge Office at 310-657-2628 or by email at [ionicomp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ionicomp@sbcglobal.net). There is a \$2.00 reservation fee, Payable to the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities.

# Think About It

Ron Koretz, P.M.

On particular days during the week, the Los Angeles Times publishes once-a-week special sections. For example, the Food section appears on Thursdays, which might be a good time to provide assistance and suggestions for those who are preparing weekend meals. The Health section is on Mondays. On Sundays, one of my favorite parts of the newspaper, especially since I have retired, is the Travel section. The nice thing about Sundays is that it is a day when I usually have the time to peruse the newspaper in a more leisurely manner. For the past several years, another special section has been part of that Sunday paper. It is entitled "Image".

I do not read this section on a regular basis, but I have had occasions in the past to browse through it to see what "image" is all about. The stories tend to focus on ways to continue to look young, on what clothes to wear to make impressions on one's friends and/or business acquaintances, and where the "in" people congregate and what they do. In other words, this is a section designed to help people maintain the status and appearance that others hold of them.

While I have no problem with people making efforts to look good, I am struck by the fact that the LA Times believes that this is an important enough topic to dedicate a special section each week. Image should be reality; you are what you see when you look in the mirror. The emphasis of the Image section of the newspaper seems to be on distorting what you, and perhaps more importantly what others, are seeing.

The fact that a major newspaper chose to run these articles on Sundays (when people have more time to read) and to run articles on health on Mondays (when people are more typically rushed) speaks volumes about our societal values. Are we really more concerned about what people think we are than about who we really are? Should we spend more time working on improving our faults or on covering them over? Masonically speaking, we make a Perfect Ashlar out of a Rough Ashlar by working hard to smooth out all of the bumps and crevices, not by buying an expensive cloth to cover it.

Think about it.

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Brethren,

First, we have a problem. On one hand, it's a good problem, but it's a problem nonetheless. We need candidate coaches. We simply have too many candidates for the small number of Brethren who are willing to coach our new Brothers. When a man completes a Degree, the Worshipful Master informs him that, before he can progress, he must commit a portion of the Lecture to memory and promises on behalf of the Lodge that suitable assistance will be provided. We are currently failing in keeping that promise.

If we cannot find sufficient coaches, we will have to formalize the Monday night coaching sessions at the expense of the one-to-one coaching that has helped build relationships in lodge since time immemorial. I envision having formal coaching sessions every Monday night. On Degree nights, the candidates will attend the Degree they are learning and the others will meet in class where the squiggles will be taught and esoteric subjects discussed. I am sure that most of us would prefer to continue our one-to-one tradition, but we have to put up or shut up. Please contact me with your opinions and advice, but also with an offer of your services. My detailed contact information is elsewhere in this Trestleboard.

Next, at our Wednesday night Masonic Discussion Night on June 16, 2010, we will be showing a movie produced with the cooperation of the Grand lodge of Illinois entitled "The Freemasons, The Mystery, Myth And Truth" which features interviews with John J. Robinson, the noted author of *Born In Blood: The Los Secrets Of Freemasonry*, and well-known Mason historian Jerry Marsengill, the editor of *Philaethes Magazine*, interwoven with dramatic recreations of Masonic history performed by professional actors in full costume on dramatic sets. This film traces the history of Freemasonry and addresses many of the myths and rumors concerning our Craft. This film was designed and very suitable for Masons and all non-Masons, so feel free to invite your ladies and friends. More information about the film is available at [www.freemasonsfilm.com](http://www.freemasonsfilm.com). We will begin at 7:15 p.m. After the film, we will have time for discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Bear, P.M.

## May Menu

### Salad, Bread and Butter

Choice of:

Meatloaf

or

Trout

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.***



## **June Birthdays**

Robert Abelson	2	Axel Del Cid	15	Lloyd Robinson	24
David Golde	2	Michael Glaser	15	Abe Guttman	25
Irving Kierman	5	Morton Varis	15	Michael Berner	26
Morris Shaouljian	6			Robert Edelman	26
Dimitri Stoupis	7	Howard Rieder	16	Norman Feinstein	26
Jerome Zerg	7	Robert Black	18	Justin Koretz	27
Jacob Gershbock	8	Martin Levine	18	Milton Berman	28
Bertran Isenberg	8	Don Wijesinghe	18	Irwin Socol	29
Alan Wax	9	Hyman Walter	19	D'Angelo Jones	30
Michael Abrams	10	Stuart Weinger	20		
Trevor Nathaniel	10	Ron Stein	21		
Lazlo Borsai Jr.	12	Sol Marco	22		
Alvin Livingston	12	Daryl Bristol	23		
Joseph Mayesh	14	Herman Thordsen	23		

## From the South

Dear Brethren,

Before I get to the meat, I'm looking for the one brother who showed up for poker night after it was cancelled. I want you to know that I accidentally deleted your voice message and had no way of contacting you, I also showed up the planned night of the event in case you'd show up and was told I missed you by a few minutes. Please let me know who you are so I can properly apologize to you!

Brethren, these days California Masonry is investing more money, time, and resources than ever into Masonic Charity. There is a great need and we as masons are fulfilling our obligation of providing relief to our brethren and their widows. The new Acacia Center, A program for job placement for young masons, better care programs and so forth.

At the same time Ionic Composite Lodge has distinguished itself with its level of charitable contributions. We want to continue this and I'd like to humbly ask every brother to give whatever they can. If that be \$1 or \$1,000, please give what you can to the wonderful charities we run and operate. As always 100% of the donation goes to into the charity, nothing is taken for expenses or overhead. June is the traditional last fiscal month for 2010 and we'd like to push for as much as possible before the end of June.

If you are in need of masonic assistance there are a lot of options for you that you may not even be aware of. Please contact the lodge and we can put you in touch with the right people.

June 19th (instead of June 20th this month) is going to be an evening of dining and entertainment at Casa Sanchez. It promises to be a very fun-filled evening, please see the trestle board for more information.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Esshaghian

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

## DEDICATION



## CORNERSTONE CEREMONY

VETERANS HOME OF CALIFORNIA

WEST LOS ANGELES

Flag Day, Monday, June 14, 2010

**Dedication Ceremony**

**10:00 a.m.**

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare Facility  
North Side of Wilshire at Sepulveda,  
Westwood, California

**Refreshments and Tours  
Cornerstone Ceremony**

**Following Dedication  
12:30 p.m.**

RSVP by June 1, 2010

For information contact Douglas B. Eichen, AGL Div. VII, 714-726-5634



## CAN YOU PLAY THE ORGAN?

Ionic Composite Lodge is looking for a brother to provide musical accompaniment to degrees. Compensation will be provided per performance. For details/questions, contact the lodge at (310) 657-2628



### *For the Ladies*

For the June meeting I'm planning on a "Potpourri" while I continue to heal. By potpourri, please bring what you want to keep busy while we wait for our guys; either your knitting or crocheting or any other craft, a game you would like to play or we can watch the big screen TV in the dining room. I will bring my bags of games and my knitting/crocheting supplies for those that would rather not bring anything or forget to bring something. I look forward to seeing you all after my surgery "vacation".

Bonnie Miller



### ATTENTION BRETHREN

Worshipful Michael Bear, our Treasurer, has expressed a desire to step down from his position and turn the Treasurer's keys over to his successor. The problem: we don't yet *have* that successor.

Please! No in-depth financial knowledge is required - if you can manage Quick Books and balance a checkbook, you can do this job. Please help our brother Bear, who does so much as it is. See the ad on page 2.

For Lodge information or Lodge room rentals  
Contact Howard Steinore, P.M.  
(310) 657-2628

For information about Freemasonry or our  
Lodge, go to:  
<http://www.calodges.org/no520/>

## Brethren and Family Members Sick and Visitation Committee Report

Brother And Condition	Phone
<b>Jerry Freeman</b> At Pacifica Assisted Recovery Facility in Newhall.	Cell (818) 634-8278
<b>Jay Richards</b> At home – limited to wheelchair for ongoing weakness	(818) 769-2301
<b>Bob Edelman</b> Several problems – Home now	Home (310) 202-0115
<b>Nate Shaphran</b> At home recovering after a fall	Home (310) 559-8877
<b>Harold Block</b> At home after undergoing below the knee amputation in January	Home (310) 553-1485
<b>Jack Kalman</b> Hospitalized for 3+ months at Cedars for variety of problems – Now home and making slow but steady recovery	Home (310) 476-5004
<b>Oscar Hall</b> Home now with kidney problems after having surgery	Home (323) 653-0698
<b>Lucy Matsumoto (Yuki)</b> Recovering from a car accident	Home (818) 352-4535
<b>Mike Glaser</b> Recovering from surgery	(323) 752-7217

## *Secretary's Corner*

Worshipful Evan Weiss and I are still in the process of cleaning and updating all the personnel files and ask your assistance by way of sending me any updated information, including telephone numbers, e-mails, and change of address information.

I am also writing a courtesy reminder to everyone who is past due with their dues payment. If you have any question in regards to the amount you owe please do not hesitate to contact the office either by e-mail or telephone. **The payments are already overdue and letters have already gone out. Please send pay your dues in order that you will not be suspended.**

Sincerely,  
Howard Steinore, P.M.  
Secretary

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

<u>Name of Brother</u>	<u>Date Called From Labor-</u>
Samuel R. Crofts	March 23, 2010

### *FUNERAL TELEPHONE LIST*

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

PLEASE CONTACT:

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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



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

June 2010 Issue  
**Dated Material**

## The Misunderstanding of Purpose and Efficacy of Tradition Marks the Decline of Our Craft

Why do Freemasons have detractors and enemies? More appropriately, the question should ask: why should we have enemies? The answer could be for the simple reason that our philosophy is one that is proved by time, is ever humble and self-reflecting. We teach personal responsibility through self-development, self-knowledge and improvement of society through enlightened individuals' creative involvement—all under the banner of a concept of a unified Creator with an equally bound fraternity and unfettered by sectarianism. If this is truly the Craft's purpose, then we will always be under attack by those born ignorant with wounded souls and minds, or by individuals who would spread their own lies and misinterpretations over the Earth to sow discord.

The issue of education and its emphasis, as in all of life, should be revered and upheld. By education I don't mean just the elucidation of our symbols and ritual, but by consciously connecting it to our own lives—not just brethren, but to all of humanity.

*Excerpted from a paper by Adam G. Kendall of Phoenix Lodge No. 144 and a founding member of Academia Masonic Club*