

July & August 2017

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

With this issue of the July and August Trestleboard we reach the midpoint of the year. While I am writing this, three of our Lodge brothers, (Jeffrey Bear, P.M., Bernie Morris, P.M., and Br. Steve Resnick, J.W.), are in the United Kingdom on the Grand Master's trip to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. I know they will be having a fantastic time and have some great stories to tell us upon their return.

At this same time, the current officers are working on qualifying to advance and we are putting together the calendar for the balance of the year. Please let our Junior Warden, Steve Resnick, or myself know if you would like to either join the line of officers or, maybe just become a back-up for an officer and fill-in when necessary. We would also like to know what programs or activities you would like to have. After all, this is your lodge. On the list so far is a sushi night as well as a festive board, and, of course, going to the Dodger game on September 27, for Masons Night. We have some great seats this year so let Bernie Morris, P.M. know right away how many you'll need. He also has a few tickets left to see the "Pageant of the Masters" in Laguna Beach on July 23. This is a "must see" event.

For July and August, we will also be experimenting with some changes to the time we normally meet. For these two months, we will be opening Lodge at 6:30p.m., dinner at 7:00p.m. with the open portion and tiled portion to follow at approximately 8:00p.m. We are doing this to make it easier for those who are working, or coming from a distance away from Lodge, to attend. If we get more people to turn up then we will continue having it at that time. Also, for those two months we will be having themes for the evening. In July, it will be "Baseball Night", with ballpark food and presentation. Dress like you're going to the game. In August, it will be "Hawaiian Shirt Night", with food and entertainment to match.

I want to make a special appeal to those who haven't been around in a while, especially those Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, to come back to Lodge. We will be having a "Fellowship Night" on July 17 so you can get reacquainted with your lodge brothers. We will also work with you to not only qualify you in your proficiency, but learn more about Masonry.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions for speakers, activities, or anything you think will improve the lodge and the Masonic experience.

SEE YOU IN LODGE!

Michael Bear, P.M., Master

JULY 10th Stated Meeting

Open Lodge: 6:30 p.m. | Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

W.M. Michael Bear presiding
BASEBALL NIGHT dress like you're
going to the game.

RSVP before July 6th and invite a friend
(310-657-2628) or from our website

Dinner is \$15.00

Reservations are Mandatory

If you do not make a reservation extra
meals will not be available. Brothers, if
you make a reservation and don't cancel
by the date specified, you will be billed.

ENTREE

*Caesar Salad Wrap,
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Apple Pie*

* Guests of the Master, and widows of
Ionic Composite Lodge, who have
not remarried, are free. Menu is Subject
to Change.

SPECIAL NOTICE

*The time for our Stated
Meeting and dinner has
been changed for the
months of July
and August.
Please make note of the
new time.*

JULY & AUG EVENTS

July
3 Lodge Dark

July
5 **Last day for July Stated Meeting Dinner RSVP**
Reservations must be received by Lodge Secretary,
(310) 657-2628, or via our website

July
8 **Culver City Foshay Lodge 100th Anniversary**
3:00pm social, 4:00pm program, 5:30. 9635 Venice Blvd.
Culver City CA 90232. Dress: Business casual. FREE BBQ din-
ner. RSVP to: info@culvercitymasons.org

July
10 **Stated Meeting Dinner**
6:30pm Open Lodge, 7:00pm Dinner
See insert to left for times and details.

July
17 **Fellowship Night.**
7:15pm Br. Steve Resnick in charge. Open to prospects, EA's,
FC's and MM's

July
23 **Summerfest at Masonic Home-Covina**
10:00am – 3:00pm Great fun for the whole family. Swim-
ming, games, music. Food by In-N-Out. Masonic Home at
Covina 1650 Old Badillo Street, Covina, CA 91724. RSVP
[http://masonichome.org/events/2017/07/masonic-homes-
of-ca-summer-festival/](http://masonichome.org/events/2017/07/masonic-homes-of-ca-summer-festival/)

July
23 **Laguna Beach "Pageant of the Masters"**
limited tickets. Bernie Morse, P.M. in-charge. A "must see"
event. See insert.

July
24 **Building Association Meeting 6:00pm**
Third Degree Practice 7:15pm

July
25 **Officers School of Instruction**
7:15pm at Beverly Hills Lodge. Third Degree, Second Sec-
tion. Master Masons only. No coaching.

July
31 **Third Degree**
7:15pm Let's come-out and support our
newest Master Mason.

Note: Additional Events can be found on our
website or Lodge App.

*This is an event for your
"BUCKET LIST"
The only production in
the world where
Art Comes to Life*

Only 8 tickets remain for the
Amazing

Laguna Art Festival Pageant of
the Masters
"The Grand Tour"
Sunday, July 23
8:30PM-10:30PM
\$52/person

For information and reservations
please contact Bernie Morse PM
at brnhrd18@yahoo.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 2, Reservations for June Stated Meeting dinner must be received by Lodge Secretary. See notice.

Monday, August 7, Stated Meeting, Open Lodge: 6:30pm, Dinner: 7:00pm, Meeting to follow. Hawaiian Shirt Night, with Hawaiian food and Entertainment. \$20.00. RSVP necessary for all meals.

Monday, August 4, Dark or practice see Lodge App. For update.

Saturday, August 19, 8:30a.m.-Noon. Master Masons' Seminar Second Degree. Learn the ritual by experts. Casual. Arcadia Lodge #278, 50 W. Duarte Rd, Arcadia

Monday, August 21&28, Dark or practice see Lodge App. For update.

Monday, September 4 Dark for Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 6, Reservations for September Stated Meeting dinner must be received by Lodge Secretary. See notice.

Monday, September 11, Stated Meeting.

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30pm, Masons Night at Dodger Stadium. See insert pg. 5.

OFFICAL NOTICE

STATED MEETING DINNERS WILL BE BY RESERVATION ONLY AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE STATED MEETING. IF A RESERVATION IS MADE BUT NOT USED, YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THE AMOUNT DUE UNLESS CANCELED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 4:00PM BEFORE THE STATED MEETING.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ON SIGN-UP SHEET, OR (310) 657-2628, OR ionicomp@sbcglobal.net, AND MAY BE MADE AND PAID FOR ON THE LODGE WEBSITE: <http://ioniccomposite520.com>

FROM THE SOUTH

Wow, tons of stuff to write about this month. First of all, anyone that is not using the Lodge App on their smartphone is really missing out. This is the perfect way to keep up on all things happening at the Lodge. You can find our calendar of events, list of Brethren & the ability to contact anyone listed, as well as the posting activity (comments & pictures). If you don't currently have the Lodge App and want it, feel free to write me at SteveResnick-Group@gmail.com and I will forward you the link. I know that I was very excited when the App first came out and use mine on just about a daily basis.

As I write my article this month, am excited about leaving on the Grand Master's trip tomorrow to the UK to celebrate 300 years of Masonry. Of course, by the time you are reading this, I will be back in the Lodge. However, the thought of visiting both Masonic and more touristy locations throughout Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and London is truly exciting. Sheelah and I are lucky enough to be traveling on the same bus as Wor Jeff Bear & Trisha and Wor Bernie Morse and Carolyn. After two weeks on the bus together, we might either further cement are friendships or maybe become the worst of enemies from an overdose of togetherness. Well, I'm pretty sure that the latter won't be happening. Just in case, I plan to be on my best behavior.

Also want to mention, that thanks to the sponsorship of Wor Ron Stein, Renato and I recently became 32 Degree Scottish Rite Masons. Our class numbered just shy of 40 people, with almost all returning to the cap and ring ceremony on Friday June 2. Must say, it was a bit overwhelming to go through twenty-nine degrees (a Master Mason is already a Third Degree). However, between the lectures on all degrees and the live presentation of several, this was an experience that I will long remember and cher-

ish. Obviously to me, the deeper that you delve into Masonry, the better it feels. We were told, that while this was really just an overview of the degrees, we were both welcome and kind of expected to return to the Pasadena Scottish Rite to continue or education. The parting words from our instructor were "Do you want to say that you're a 32nd Degree Mason, or do you want to be one?". The message was clear, there is so much more to see and do at the Pasadena Scottish Rite. I myself, plan to return shortly.

Steve Resnick – Junior Warden

MASONS NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM

Wednesday, September 27
LA Dodgers vs San Diego Padres
California Mason pre-game pro-
gram begins around 6:30PM

Reserved Level Seats between
Home and 3rd Base

\$38/TICKET
For Reservations contact
Bernie Morse PM



SUMMERFEST

SUNDAY, JULY 23
A "STAYCATION" AT THE MASONIC HOME

July 23, 2017, Masonic Homes residents and staff welcome you and your family to the Covina campus for Masonic Family SummerFest!

Gather with brothers and fraternal family members throughout Southern California to celebrate the joy of Masonic fellowship. It will be a fun-filled Masonic Family "staycation"!

Grand Master John Heisner and his first lady, Margo, have planned fun activities and delicious food for guests of all ages, including catering by In-N-Out Burger, swimming, craft booths, summery games, live entertainment, tours of the Masonic Homes and Masonic Center for Youth and Families – and more!

Masonic Family Summerfest
Sunday, July 23, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Masonic Home at Covina*
1650 Old Badillo Street Covina, CA 91724

RSVP by phone at (626) 251-2215 or [online](#) by July 14 to reserve your spot.



Batter Up!

The 2017 Masons 4 Mitts Fundraiser
supporting the LA Dodgers RBI Program
has just Kicked Off.

Be a Supporter by Funding a Child's Mitt

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove will be provided to a needy youth in the LA Dodgers RBI program.
Support your lodge's participation in this great program.

Go to www.masons4mitts.org

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Contact Team Leaders Mike Bear or
Bernie Morse if you have any questions.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Julian Rothholz Black	02	Arnold Bennett Bristol	11	Alan Villas Nisperos	26
Morton Carroll Devor	04	Timothy Harrison Slone PM	16	Carmel Levy	27
Albert Frankel	04	Paul Troy	16	Arthur Berman	28
Melvin Philip Bayer	07	Michael Jay Bear PM	17	G. Richard Green	28
Arthur Abram Eberstein	08	Stephen Michael Fenster	18	Howard Larry Hallis	28
Reuben Payne	09	Robert Andrew Nelli	21	Richard Samuel Ellman	29
Kenneth J. Bourguignon	10	Glenn Antonio Edwards		Theodore Jack Blumenfeld	30
William Jacob Dankers III	10	Ardizzone	24	Barry Charles	30
Bahram Raeen	10	Howard Brandes PM	25		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Martin Jeffrey King	03	Fred Alan Gross	08	Harry Barron	22
Albert Solnit	04	Allen B. Sackler	08	Sarkis Babian PM	25
Steven Resnick Mr.	05	Clifford Wolosin	11	Gene Roy Horst	25
James Gus Selimos PM	05	Sheldon Stanford Ellis Dr.	12	Marc Allen Seidner	28
Ronald Stiles	05	Robert Paul Craig	16	Philip Jay Roman	31

THINK ABOUT IT

Reports of medical research are not just automatically published by a journal. The process usually begins with the person who does the research (the investigator) selecting a particular journal in which he or she wants the research to be published. That investigator then submits a report of the research project to that journal; that manuscript is then assessed by the editorial board and several outside expert peer reviewers. The final decision to publish or not publish only occurs after communications between the investigator, the editorial board, and the peer reviewers.

Retraction Watch is an on-line service that posts notices of problems with scientific publications. In general, it alerts its readers to papers that have been retracted after publication because of some breach of scientific ethics. Examples of such breaches include authors who publish the same data twice or manipulate data from experiments. Recently a story appeared on this site dealing with a paper that was initially accepted by a journal and then withdrawn.

The British Medical Journal has some subsidiary journals including one known as BMJ Global Health. According to Retraction Watch, this journal received a paper that questioned the ethical underpinnings of a 20-year old trial that was done in India under the sponsorship of the US National Cancer Institute. The paper, written By Dr. Eric Suba and his colleagues, was based on documents that were obtained via the Freedom of Information Act. The paper was apparently published on-line on the BMJ Global Health website and the journal had even planned to release a press release about it.

However, the journal then changed its decision, removed the paper from its website, and informed Dr. Suba that it could not be published. What had happened was that, after accepting the paper, the journal sent it to their legal adviser. The journal subsequently decided that the allegations in the paper were significant

enough that BMJ would be opening itself to “legal action for defamation” and declined publication based on the “advice of our lawyer”.

This story concerned me because of the veto power that the journal gave to its legal (non-scientific) staff. I have always believed that matters of scientific controversy need open and complete discussion, not suppression. An article that has cleared the hurdle of peer and editorial review should not be suppressed by legal bureaucrats. It has always been difficult for me to accept the practice of physicians ordering extra tests that do not make any difference to patients just to protect themselves in case of subsequent malpractice actions, so called “defensive medicine”. It is even harder to accept editorial decisions not to publish papers because of “defensive journalism”.

Think about it.
Ron Koretz, P.M.

Fellowship Night

July 17, 2017 at 7:15pm.

We will hang out, get to know each other in a non-lodge setting. We will give tours of the lodge and answer questions and talk about the future programing and direction of the lodge. Beverages and snacks provided

Open to all Masons and men
interested in joining.

BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Sick and Visitation Committee Report

We Wish Everyone a Full and Complete Recovery

Geri Edelman

Home with a variety of medical problems

Joseph Fisch

Home with multiple medical problems

Edgar Friedman

In rehab facility after hospitalization in May

Leonard Hess

Confined mostly to home because of stroke

Bonnie Miller

Receiving physical therapy after knee replacement's)

Robert Reed.

Home with medical problem

Jay Richards

At home with multiple problems

Howard Steinore

In rehab facility after surgery

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 the Lodge Office: Tel: 310. 657.2628

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 the Lodge Office

2017 OFFICERS

Master – Michael Bear PM (Debbie)

Marshal – Kevin Silver (Katherine)

Senior Warden –

Senior Steward – Luis Tananta (Maria)

Junior Warden – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)

Junior Steward – Varun Dadabhoy

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