

OCTOBER 2017

# TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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## FROM THE EAST

Our Lodges Brothers Living its Values

Brethren, ladies and friends

Often, when reading Masonic articles, you have great discourses on the meaning of our Crafts symbols, history, or its values and philosophy. All of these are great because it is important to remind ourselves what we stand for and why. Rarely do we read about brothers who live their lives by the values and principles that our fraternity teaches.

When I had the honor of serving as an Inspector for eight years, I had the privilege of contacting brothers who were eligible to receive their 50-year Golden Veteran Award. Many of them did not want to receive their award in lodge since it had been many years since they were active or they had moved and didn't get involved with the local lodge. I asked these brothers if, during their time away from the lodge room, they still believed and acted by the values the fraternity teaches? To a man they said they did. A few were somewhat upset that I had asked the question. I answered them that while I hoped they found time to go to a lodge meeting, it is precisely the purpose of Freemasonry that you not only talk and act by our values inside the lodge room, but that you act by these principles in your daily lives. That was why they should accept this recognition.

I want to highlight to you two brothers who are shining examples of living by our Masonic Values in their daily lives.

I was reading the September 6, 2017 issue of **The Jewish Journal** of Los Angeles and what do I see but the smiling face of Brother Etan Goldman, aka "Etan G, The Jewish Rapper" and his son Yishai, at the head of an article entitled "Meet Etan G, the Jewish rapper who drove 1,500 miles to help Hurricane Harvey victims". I won't go into all the details, just that our brother, with friends, put together a truck load of supplies, drove three days to get to Houston, delivered the supplies, helped his parents, observed Shabbat, ran errands for the community, and did whatever else he could for three more days.

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# OCTOBER EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Stated Meeting, Grand Lodge Resolutions. Collection of Clothing for the Los Angeles Midnight Mission. Lodge open 6:30p.m., Dinner and Open Portion 7:15p.m., Tiled portion to follow.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Grand Master Visitation and Honoring BH Police and Fireman, Beverly Hills Lodge, 6:00pm. FREE. RSVP to abe\_agad@hotmail.com Steak, Salmon or Vegetarian.

## MONDAY, OCT. 9

7:15p.m., Officers Planning Meeting

## MONDAY, OCT. 16. LODGE DARK

## WEDNESDAY OCT. 25

7:15pm. Officers School of Instruction, Third Degree, First and third section. Culver City Foshay Lodge host. All officers required to attend. Master Masons only.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 23,

6:00pm. Building Association Meeting.  
AND  
7:15pm. Second Degree Practice. Officers must attend. Interested FC's and MM's are welcome.

## MONDAY, OCT. 30

7:15pm. Fellowship Night. Let's get to know each other better over light refreshments and beverages. Dress: Casual.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 6

Stated Meeting Honoring Lodge Veterans, and Election of Officers. Lodge open 6:30p.m., Dinner and Open Portion 7:15p.m., Tiled portion to follow.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

**IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE WILL BE HAVING A FESTIVE BOARD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017. SOCIAL TIME TO COMMENCE AT 7:00PM AND THE PROGRAM TO START AT 7:30PM. WE WILL BE CELEBRATING FREEMASONRY'S 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY. OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, THEIR LADIES AND GUESTS. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

## **PLEASE MAKE NOTE** **OF THE NEW TIME**

***The time for our Stated Meeting and dinner will be changed for the balance of this year. The tiled opening will occur at 6:30pm. Dinner will be at 7:15pm and the open portion of the meeting will be held in the dining room. Visitors and ladies are cordially invited to attend these portions of the meeting. Following this, the tiled business portion will be in the lodge room. This should allow for more fellowship time after the business portion.***



# STATED MEETING



MONDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

Open Lodge: 6:30 p.m. | Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

W.M. Michael Bear presiding

RSVP BEFORE SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AND INVITE A FRIEND.

Dinner is \$20.00

## MENU

*Persian kebabs,  
choice of chicken or beef*

*Salad, Rice and veggies.*

RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY

Reservations must be made on sign-up sheet, or (310) 657-2628, or [ioniccomp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ioniccomp@sbcglobal.net), and may be made and paid for on the lodge website: <http://ioniccomposite520.com>

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.

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

## 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY, DEC. 10, 2017  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

## URGENT!! URGENT!!

PLEASE BRING YOU  
GENTLY USED MEN'S,  
WOMEN'S, AND  
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING  
TO THE NOVEMBER 6,  
STATED MEETING. THEY  
WILL BE DONATED TO  
THE LOS ANGELES  
MIDNIGHT MISSION.  
PLEASE HELP.

# FROM THE SOUTH

Wow, I can't believe that it has already been a year since my first attendance of the Annual Communication at the Grand Lodge in San Francisco. I will never forget entering that Mecca of California Masonry for the first time and how moved I was at its beauty and grandeur. It was truly exciting to see the Grand Lodge legislative process, as very important resolutions were presented, debated and then brought up for vote. However, as I was not yet one of the pillar officers, I carried no vote and could only watch on, as these very important issues were decided upon. Well, this time I will have a vote and am even more excited about my attendance during the weekend of October 13.

Besides getting to observe and partake of the Grand Lodge proceedings, this event was also a great fraternal experience with no shortage of dining and partying. I will never forget the cocktail party that Wor Jeff Bear and Trisha had in their hotel room before the Grand Lodge dinner on Saturday night. There must have been about twenty people in a standard size hotel room. We were even lucky enough to have Wor Joseph Esshaghian with us that evening, who had just flown in from Israel to attend. The scotch and wine were flowing freely, just as was the conversation and fellowship. Truly an evening to remember, yet just part of the whole equally magical weekend and Grand Lodge experience. And more good news, Wor Bear and Trisha will be throwing yet another cocktail party in their hotel room for the upcoming Grand Lodge weekend. It should be a blast and I am thrilled to have made their exclusive guest list.

However, before heading off to what I am sure will be another phenomenal Grand Lodge weekend, I must first attend to another duty. Well not just a duty, but more actually a privilege. That of having the pleasure of Obligating Maverick Brown as an EAM on Monday September 25. Maverick has proved to be a stellar candidate, having been to virtually every Ionic Composite event that he was allowed to attend as a non-Mason. I am certain that he will be a stand out Mason as well.

As you can tell from my writings, I do get a kick out of both our Lodge and Masonry in general, throughout the world. I have had the extreme pleasures of visiting Lodges throughout California, Pennsylvania, the Philippines, Ireland, Scotland and England, with hopefully many more to come. I can promise you that the more you are exposed to Masonry, the more you are going to love and embrace it. Please do, come to the Lodge and jump in!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Steve Resnick – Junior Warden

# THINK ABOUT IT

In the late 1800s, a man named Patrick Lynch donated a parcel of land in Oregon to the local school board. Subsequently three schools were built there and were named Lynch Meadows, Lynch Wood, and Lynch View. Recently the school board became involved because some newer families in the area associated the school names with systematic racial activities that occurred up to about 100 years ago, and the schools are now called Wood Elementary, Meadows Elementary, and Patrick Lynch Elementary. Members of the school board justified these changes because children of color could now “cross the threshold of those three schools and feel comfortable in their surroundings”. They did retain Patrick Lynch’s name on one of the schools, explaining that the teachers at that school would be able to explain the historical perspective.

I did subsequently survey several websites that reported this story and looked at the comments that were posted. It would be fair to say that a very large majority of those comments reflected disappointment and disagreement with this board decision, an opinion with which I found myself in agreement. First, if it is possible to explain the difference between honoring a man who made a significant contribution to his local community and a verb indicating a violent expression of racism to one group of elementary school students, why would it not be possible

to do the same at the other two schools? Some Oregonians apparently need to learn the difference between a noun and a verb. This school board action is a disservice to a family that had provided a benefit to a large number of people throughout the years in order to allay an unreasonable feeling of a few who did not even have any first-hand experience with the racial activity. In this latter regard, the school board did not even attempt to return the land, or at least pay the Lynch family its fair-market value.

There are other implications of this action. Are all people named Lynch to change their surnames? Shall Lynchburg, Virginia, henceforth be known as Burg, Virginia? Shall we eradicate the name of Thomas Lynch from the signatures of the Declaration of Independence? Where is this political correctness going to stop? Perhaps we will have to change the name of the Broad Museum, even though that name is pronounced differently than one might guess from its spelling, because it is offensive to those who are overweight?

In the real world, people need to develop thicker skins rather than expecting the rest of society to be responsible for making them feel better.

Think about it.  
Ron Koretz, P.M.

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Another brother I want to highlight is Wor. Bernie Morse. What he does is not quite as dramatic as Br. Etan, but equally as important to California Masonry in general and this Lodge in particular. You see, Wor. Bernie is one of those brothers who don't know the word "no". Not only has he served as Master three times, he is our current Treasurer as well as Officer's Coach. He is also Co-Captain of the "Media Central Titans" in the Masons4Mitts charity program and is a Masonic Outreach representative in W.L.A. Even his wife gets involved by taking photographs whenever needed and creating decorations you've seen in the lodge on many occasions. Most importantly, he is someone who is always available when some project needs to be worked on, or I need a brother to bounce ideas off. I can think of very few days that I don't touch base with him for some advice.

Not all of us can take-off and assist others at a disaster or devote a lot of time to help our fraternity. Sometimes, the best we can do is donate some money, or be that person who listens to someone who is distressed, or lets a person with just a few items go ahead of them in the checkout line when you have a full basket, or be that rare person who lets someone make a lane change without speeding-up. Life presents us many opportunities to make choices. When making your decision, ask yourself, will my choice reflect positively on the values that I learned in Lodge?

SEE YOU IN LODGE!

Michael Bear, P.M., Master

# **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Allen Robert Block	05	Albert Kaplan	14	Bruce Lawrence Shaphran PM	26
Jonathan Scott Klein	05	Dale Warren Jacobs	17	Robert Dawson Fletcher Jr.	28
Tigran Mkrtchian	07	Ronald D. Stephens	19	Ray Jerry Friedman	28
Marvin Rosenberg	07	Lawrence N. Field	21	Robert W. Nairin	28
Alfred J. Sapper	07	Sanford Merwin Gage	21	Aaron Lester Sklarsh	30
Thomas William Currie	09	Leonard Donald Hess	22	Roy Ellis Steinfeld PM	30
Arthur E. Dakessian	09	Dale Montgomery Rumsey	22	Marvin Albert Kirkwood	31
Mark Charles Neander	09	Rafael Victor Montejano	24	Arnold Schoenfeld	31
Jorge Gutierrez	11	Frederick Louis Weinberg	24		

# BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Sick and Visitation Committee Report

## We Wish Everyone a Full and Complete Recovery

Gerl Edelman .....  
Home with a variety of medical problems

Joseph Fisch .....  
Home with multiple medical problems

Leonard Hess .....  
Confined mostly to home because of stroke

Robert Reed.....  
Home with medical problem

Jay Richards .....  
At home with multiple problems

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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)

**Junior Steward** – Varun Dadabhoy

**Senior Warden** –

**Tiler** – Evan Weiss, P.M.

**Junior Warden** – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)

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