

SEPTEMBER 2017

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brethren, ladies and friends,

This being the September Trestleboard, we now find ourselves in the Fall season, which, for me, has become a time to pause and reflect on what I have done, what changes I need to do, and what remains to be done. Maybe this is because I see myself in the “Fall season” of my life. It also seems to be a good time to make changes in the lodge to make it a place that all the members, and prospects, will find enjoyable to attend.

At the August Stated Meeting we discussed several ideas to streamline our business meetings and making it easier for our working brothers to attend lodge. After some serious discussion, it was agreed that we should have our dinner at 7:15pm and have the open portion of our meeting in the dining room, except for important events. This would allow our ladies and prospects to continue to participate in this portion of the evening, which everyone agreed was important. When dinner and the open portion of the evening are finished, the brothers will go into the lodge for the tiled portion. We could then have some fraternal social time after the tiled portion. We would have our tiled opening at 6:30pm.

Ionic Composite will be having some great programs during the remaining part of the year. On Sunday, September 10, we will be co-hosting a major fundraiser for the Masons4Mitts charity at the new, state of the art, Shriners Medical Center for Children in Pasadena. There will be great food, (it wouldn't be a Masonic event without food), fantastic auction items, Dodger alumni and autographs, and tours of this magnificent medical center. See the insert for details.

We will be going to the Padres vs Dodger game on September 27, as part of the Masons Night at Dodger Stadium, where our Grand Master will present a large check with the amount of money we raised this year for Masons4Mitts.

On October 23, we have received tentative approval from the Grand Lecturer to put on a **“Star Wars 3rd Degree” A Study in Archetype, Legend, Moral & Myth**. This idea from Wor. Tim Shiner, P.M., continues to show that Ionic Composite leads the way. This event is for Master Masons only. More details soon.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day. Lodge Dark

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

AND

7:15pm. First Degree Practice. Officers and interested brothers.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:00-5:00pm, Masons4Mitts Fundraiser at the new Shriners Medical Center. Fabulous Auction Items, Dodger Alumni, Food and Tour. See insert. on Pg. 3

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Stated Meeting, Open Lodge: 6:30pm, Dinner: 7:00pm, Meeting to follow. Review Grand Lodge Resolution. \$20.00/person. Invite your friends.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:15pm, Second Degree Practice for OSI. Officers Required.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau Meeting Review Grand Lodge Resolutions. 9:15-10am coffee and donuts. 10-11:45am meeting. Master Masons only.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:15pm. Officers School of Instruction, Second Degree in full. Ionic Composite Lodge host. All officers required to attend. Master Masons only.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:00-7:00pm Building Association Meeting.

AND

7:15pm. First Degree for Maverick. Let's have a big turnout to welcome him into the lodge!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30pm, Masons Night at Dodger Stadium.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

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 300TH 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 SEPTEMBER 11TH

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

W.M. Michael Bear presiding

RSVP BEFORE SEPTEMBER 6TH AND INVITE A FRIEND.

Dinner is \$20.00

MENU

Green salad with roasted almonds and gorgonzola

Beef lasagna

Pasta with chicken breast and mushrooms in cream sauce

Pasta with eggplant, basil and dry ricotta.

RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY

Reservations must be made on sign-up sheet, or (310) 657-2628, or 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.



MASONS NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM

Wednesday, September 27
LA Dodgers
VS
San Diego Padres

California Mason pre-game program begins around 6:30PM

Reserved Level Seats between Home and 3rd Base

\$38/TICKET

For Reservations contact Bernie Morse PM (310)556-4463



FROM THE SOUTH

When I wrote last, Sheelah and I were preparing to leave on the Grand Master's trip to the UK celebrating 300 years of Masonry. At that time, I had mentioned that more than two weeks on the road with Wor Jeff Bear & Trisha and Wor Bernie Morse & Carolyn would either further cement our friendship or perhaps turn us into the worst of enemies, from an overdose of togetherness. Well, I am happy to report that all relationships are stronger than ever.

Needless to say, the trip was phenomenal, covering Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and London. Places visited ranged all the way from a farm in Ireland to the Grand Lodge of England.

We were lucky enough to be on the white bus, which included such California Masonic luminaries as Past Grand Masters Larry Adamson and David Doan, not to mention the current Grand Master MW John Heisner. My neck went out the first day on the trip and I mentioned to MW Larry that night at dinner, that I had been to a Thai massage parlor earlier in the day in Dublin to find some relief. Only moments later Larry went to work on my neck and the results were instantaneous. I must say that Larry's neck work was the final touch on what

my Thai masseuse had started some hours earlier. I imagine that among MW Larry's long resume, we now need add that he is one heck of a great massage therapist!

The 300th anniversary of Masonry at the Carlton Club in London was all I expected and more. Words cannot describe the opportunity to attend a club that included such great men as Winston Churchill as members. The bus ride over to the club was both inspiring and somewhat comical, as seeing about eighty men clad in tuxedos is a little like watching the march of the penguins. Upon arrival, we walked into a champagne reception to begin our evening. We then moved into the grand dining room where I was pleased to see three kind of wine glasses at each place setting. Each glass was used at the appropriate time for appetizers, dinner and dessert. What followed that magical evening was fellowship, toasting and great food. I remember staring at my anniversary firing glass as I sat at my table, knowing that every time I held that glass again, for the rest of my life, I would immediately be transported back to that historic event.

Steve Resnick - Junior Warden

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And to close the year, on Saturday, November 18, we will be having a special Festive Board celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England and Masonry in our current format. This will be open to all Masons, ladies, and their guests.

I would love to hear from you with more ideas on ways we can improve the lodge, programs or events, and ways to get brothers more involved. If you would be interested in being an officer, backup to a position, involved with a committee, or candidates' coach, please let me know.

SEE YOU IN LODGE!
Michael Bear, P.M., Master



Shriners Medical Center

909 N FAIR OAKS AVE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

MASONS4MITTS FUNDRAISER

September 10th 1PM to 5PM

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Come together with the three teams, The Titans, The Hilltoppers, and The Beachbums for an afternoon of fun and help to put mitts on the hands of children in the Dodgers RBI Program. Your ticket will include:

- Dodger Alumni Meet & Greet
- Autograph Session with Dodger Alumni - Dennis Powell, Lee Lacy, Tommy Davis, & Wes Parker*
- Dodger Memorabilia Auctions & Door Prizes
- Tour the new State of the Art Shriners Medical Facility
- BBQ Brisket Sandwich Dinner (Hot dogs for the kids)
- and more...

PURCHASE TICKETS: MASONS4MITTS.BIGCARTEL.COM

A Portion of every ticket is tax deductible

**ADULT
TICKETS
\$30-**

- Dinner of BBQ Brisket Sandwich, sides & drinks
- Souvenir Program
- Dodger Alumni Autograph Signing
- Tons of amazing Dodger memorabilia for auction
- Tour of the new Shriners Medical Facility

**KIDS
TICKETS
\$15-**

- Twelve and under
- Dinner of Hot Dog, sides & drinks
- Souvenir Program
- Dodger Alumni Autograph Signing
- Tour of the new Shriners Medical Facility

*Dodger Alumni subject to change

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THINK ABOUT IT

The State Bar of California is considering lowering the score needed to pass the bar examination. Apparently the percentage of law school graduates who have been able to pass this examination has fallen dramatically over the past decade (from over 60% to 43% in 2016). While the score needed to pass the exam is higher in California than in most states, that has been the case for a longer period of time, so it is difficult to blame the decreasing percentage on that factor. Law school enrollments have been dropping and one reason may be that less qualified individuals are now able to get into those schools. Nonetheless, regardless of the reason, it will now become easier to pass the exam.

By law, in order to graduate from high school, it was necessary for students to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CHSEE). This requirement was put in place to make sure that students actually learned basic information during their school career instead of just being passed along. The test is not that difficult; for example, only 8th grade math skills are assessed and the student only needs to score 55% to pass. However, in the past few years, thousands of high school seniors were unable to pass the test (perhaps suggesting that they were just being

passed along) and were denied diplomas. This problem was remedied by the California legislature with the passage of another law that suspended the CHSEE requirement.

In the past couple of years, the California State University system removed the requirement that students had to pass intermediate algebra in order to graduate. More recently community colleges have also dropped that requirement to get an Associate of Arts degree. I had a personal experience with this issue, as I tutored a young man last fall and watched him struggle through it; however, in the end, he overcame his fear of math and went on to earn an A.

I wonder about the wisdom of lowering the bar to make it easier to get what you want. I do believe that people, especially younger ones, will rise or fall to the expectations that are placed upon them, as did the young man I tutored. By catering to the lowest common denominator, we will discourage self-responsibility and hard work, and instead encourage mediocrity. Is this what we want for our society?

Think about it.
Ron Koretz, P.M.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Zellermaier	01	Donald John Rumsey	14	Jack Revel PM	21
Jack B. Weinger	03	Norman Lawrence Crosby	15	Sheldon Irwin Weiss	23
Arthur David Vanetek	05	Arnold Gooze	16	Ken Duke	24
Daniel Moshe Ferszt	10	Seymour Roberts	17	Stanley Harlan Getz	24
Patrick David Levy	12	Paul Arthur Lenz	18	Robert Lea Reed	27
Allen Edward Steiner	12	Eddie Madick	18	Merwin Alvin Sunkin	27
Leonard Morton Tiep PM	12	Bernhard Davidson Morse PM	18	Ehron Christoph VonAllen	27
Leonard Cohen PM	14	Barry Harris Hinden	21	Jeffrey Malcolm Rose	30
Sanford Philip Paris	14	Alvin Kasselmann	21		

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

Bonnie Miller

Receiving physical therapy after knee replacement's

Robert Reed.

Home with medical problem

Jay Richards

At home with multiple problems

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

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