

FEBRUARY 2018

# TRESTLE BOARD

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE NO. 520

## FROM THE EAST

Sweethearts, Ladies, Brethren and Friends,

I want to cordially invite the Sweethearts and Ladies of our lodge to attend the February 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and be our guests at dinner. We are having some great food and entertainment that I'm sure you will enjoy. It is appropriate that we recognize the importance of the ladies who have supported and been involved in making many of our lodge events so successful. In addition, without their support and approval, we might not have become Masons. I know that they too have strong feelings about the values that Freemasonry teaches us as well as the positive impact it has on their husbands and boyfriends. Masonry makes us better men, husbands, and fathers.

February is when the country celebrates Presidents Day, so it would be natural to recognize and be proud of the fourteen presidents we know were Freemasons. I'd prefer to think about the many thousands of men, who were not famous, that made this world a better country and the world a better place. The men who petitioned a lodge, knelt at the altar, and took the same obligations that you and I did, and practiced those valuable principles in their daily lives. They are why this fraternity is important today and why it will be meaningful in the future.

By being in a lodge, we reinforce each other's commitment to doing what is right and good and we can bask in the warmth of good-fellowship. By remembering our obligations and the principles we learned when we took our Degrees we effect not only ourselves but all those we interact with, and I believe, those who interact with as well.

I am asking every member of this lodge to attend our lodge meetings and events. If our lodge is no longer convenient for you to attend, then go to one closer to you. (Continued on P. 3)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, January 31, Stated Meeting Reservations due for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting Night.**

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and Sweethearts Night. Entertainment.** Lodge open 6:30 pm. Dinner and open portion 7:15 pm. Tiled portion to follow.

**Monday, February 12, 7:15 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Practice.** Officers & interested brothers. Casual.

**Monday, February 19, 7:15 pm, Practice – Star Wars Study in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.** Invited brothers only. Casual – Contact Tim Shiner, P.M. for more information.

**Wednesday, February 21, 7:15 pm, Officers School of Instruction.** @Culver City Foshay Lodge – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree complete. Officers mandatory. Casual.

**Saturday, February 24, 10AM – Tour of the Nethercutt Collection & Museum. Tour is FREE. Group lunch to follow, \$20. Reservations a Must.**

**Monday, February 28, 6 pm – Building Association Meeting**

**7:15 pm – Fellowship Night – Invite friends. Refreshments.**

**Monday, March 5 - Stated Meeting.** Lodge open 6:30 pm. Dinner & Open Portion 7:15 pm. Tiled portion follows. **Reservations due for Festive Board.**

**Friday, March 9, “Spirit of Hiram – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section** Master Masons only – 6:30pm Free Dinner – Program 8pm . Dinner reservation - (626)795-4213.

**Saturday, March 10, FESTIVE BOARD, 7 pm. Fun & Fellowship. Open to all prospects, brothers, ladies & guests. See insert.**

**Monday, March 12, 7:15 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.** Let’s welcome our new brother. Open to all Degrees.

**Monday, March 19, 7:15 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Practice.** Coaching available.

**Monday, March 26, 6 pm – Building Association Meeting**

**7:15 pm – Masonic Discussion Night.** Open to all. Bring a friend – Light refreshments.

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## PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

**2018 Dues are now due. If you cannot afford to pay your dues, please contact Tim Shiner, P.M. at (310)657-2628 or email him at [tjshiner@gmail.com](mailto:tjshiner@gmail.com)**

## **FROM THE WEST**

So how are those New Year's resolutions coming along? I have one extra resolution that I believe you should definitely add to your list. Let's all resolve to dive deeper into Masonry this year, starting with regular lodge attendance. Why deeper involvement with Masonry? Well, of course we know that it is good for you, (at least I know that it has been great for me). Masonry has definitely made me a better man in all kinds of ways that I have relayed here over the past year or so that I have been contributing to the Trestleboard.

Speaking of having become a better man thanks to Masonry, I recently asked my wife how she thought I might have improved myself. Sheelah thought for a minute or two then mentioned that I was more caring to her in general, was much more in control of my temper and had more compassion for all people, as well as being a better team player. Yes, I would definitely say that the ideals she mentioned have been much improved in me since becoming a Mason.

Besides having a happier wife, how have the attributes she mentioned improved my life? Obviously, since I am more caring to my wife, she has also been more caring to me. It's kind of contagious. Being more compassionate towards all people also tends to make them more in tune to your happiness as well. Again, it's kind of contagious. As far as my temper towards my wife, bringing it way down helped me to come off as all the more caring.

Let's get back to the contagious aspect of Masonic principles. The more that we can show the world that on becoming Masons we have become better men, the more the feeling spreads. I know that whenever I attend a Masonic event, on returning to the non-Masonic world, I am ready, willing and able to spread Masonic love. Maybe I just spread it a little thick here, but the truth is that as we interact in society with our Masonic values, we achieve a two-fold benefit. First of all, people will see the kind, caring and civil side of Masons, thereby polishing the image of our ancient craft. Perhaps even more importantly, the contagion will kick in again, and the way we act will manifest itself in non-Masons as well.

Let's make this happen. Come to Lodge and keep on showing the world our Masonic values.

Steve Resnick, Senior Warden

## **FROM THE EAST (CONTINUED FROM P. 1)**

If you need a ride, then give the lodge office, or me a call. If you have any ideas or suggestions, let me know.

See you in Lodge!

Michael Bear, P.M.  
Master

## **Ionic Composite Will Visit and Tour**

**The Nethercutt Collection & Museum  
15200 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, California**

**Saturday, February 24, 2018 10:00 AM**

### **Lunch to follow**

#### **Duon Gusto Ristorante**

15535 Devonshire St., Mission Hills, California  
Approximately 1:00 pm - \$20 a person

Space is limited, reservations by Feb. 17, 2018 are a must!!  
Email or call Bob Sills, P.M. – [rsills@rsills.com](mailto:rsills@rsills.com) or (310)945-9631

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### **FESTIVE BOARD**

**Saturday, March 10, 2018 – 7:00 pm**

Honoring Kerin & Suzanne Surents

Open to all Masons, ladies and guests

Multicourse buffet dinner including beef bourguignon and chicken breast with sun dried chutney glaze, beverages and more.

Dress: Men – Suit & tie

Ladies – cocktail attire

**By reservations only - \$35 per person**

**To Lodge office no later than MARCH 5, 2018**

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### **February Stated Meeting Menu:**

Persian cuisine – Chicken kebab, beef koobideh, shirazi salad, grilled veggies, rice & pita bread. Entertainment- song stylist Tony Rogers

**Sweethearts are Free, otherwise \$20 a person**

## THINK ABOUT IT

Ron Koretz, P.M.

What does it mean to apologize to somebody, namely to tell him, her, or them you are sorry about something that you did. Webster defines the verb as “to express regret for something done or said.” When I was growing up, my parents taught me that, when I did something wrong, I had to take responsibility for my action and to tell the harmed person face to face that I realized that I had done wrong. I then had to work hard in the future to make sure that I never did a similar thing again.

With the current wave of accusations of sexual harassment, a number of celebrities have issued apologies. Many of these apologies were subsequently criticized in the media. President George H. W. Bush’s was characterized as a “classic I’m sorry you were upset” apology which failed to pass the apology test because it did not demonstrate any responsibility. Kevin Spacey’s was cited as an example of misdirection and deflection when he used the apology to announce his homosexuality. Harvey Weinstein was mocked for attributing his behavior to “different rules at the time.” Leon Wieseltier was taken to task for including in his apology a request for forgiveness because it is not appropriate to ask the wronged person for anything. Dustin Hoffman earned his criticism because of the use of a qualifying adverb; being sorry only if the action might have caused harm detracts from the absolute wrongness of the act.

On the other hand, Al Franken was praised for centering his statement around his understanding of what the woman actually felt and then acknowledging that he had done what his accuser had claimed, although I did find in his apology a statement that he did not remember things in the same way.

What struck me, however, was the timing of all these apologies (as well as many others that I did not mention). All of them followed the accusations. It is widely believed (e.g., the #Me Too movement) that there are many examples of male harassment of women (and possibly even harassment of men by powerful women); we just have not heard about them yet. If so, why haven’t any people apologized for such behavior in advance of accusations? I cannot help but believe that the real reason for the apologies is not the actions themselves, but rather the fact that these people got caught; the sorrow being felt is being sorry that they were publicly identified.

Think about it.

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1122 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

*The Master of Ionic Composite Lodge  
Invites You to Attend Our Lodge's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Reception  
Honoring*

**Most Worshipful Bruce Galloway  
Grand Master of Masons in California**

April 9, 2018

Social 5:30 pm Dinner 6 pm

\$35.00 a person

Program 7 pm

Grand Lodge Officers, PGMs, Past Grand Officers, Inspectors & Committeemen – Tuxedo

Other men – Business attire

RSVP a must by March 26, 2018

Bob Sills, P.M. Asst. Secretary (310)945-9631 [trialreview@rsills.com](mailto:trialreview@rsills.com)

Make payment to "Ionic Composite Lodge" with memo "GM Reception"

Mail to *Ionic Composite Lodge, 1122 S. La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035*

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**BRETHREN & FAMILY MEMBERS**

**Sick & Visitation Report – Wishing Everyone a Complete Recovery**

Geri Edelman.....(310)202-0115  
Home with a variety of medical problems

Robert Reed.....(805)764-2301  
Home with medical problems

Joseph Fisch.....(310)766-4920  
Home with multiple medical problems

Jay Richards... ..(818)769-2301  
At home with multiple problems

Brethren – Please a telephone call from you would 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: (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.

## 2018 OFFICERS

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**Master** – Michael Bear, P.M.

**Senior Warden** – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)      **Marshal** – Kevin Silver (Katherine)

**Junior Warden** -      **Sr. Steward** – Luis Tananta (Maria)

**Treasurer** – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)      **Jr. Steward** – Varun Dadabuoy

**Secretary**- Timothy J. Shiner, P.M.      **Tiler** – Evan A. Weiss, P.M.

**Chaplain** – Roy Steinfeld, P.M.      **Officers' Coach** – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)

**Senior Deacon** -      **Inspector 622<sup>nd</sup> District** – O. Gary Pealer (Lelah)

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