

MAY 2018

# TRESTLE BOARD

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE NO. 520

## FROM THE EAST

Brethren, ladies and friends

**WOW!** The month of April has certainly been a busy one for our lodge and California Masonry. There was the UCLA International Conference on “Secular Enlightenment: Balancing Faith and Masonic Virtues”. It was attended by several hundred Masons and non-Masonic scholars and students and they had a memorable experience. On the same date there was an open house and tour of the new buildings at the Covina Homes as well as a program on Masonic Outreach Services.

We had an absolutely “magical” Grand Master’s Reception that was very well attended. Those that were there know to what I’m referring. To those that didn’t attend, well, your loss. I must thank those brothers who worked to make this evening be such a hit. Worshipful Jeff Bear and Bob Sills put the evening together so that everything ran as close to perfect as can be. Worshipful Ron Koretz introduced the Grand Lodge appointed and elected attendees in his humorous style that had everyone laughing. Worshipful Bob Sills also was able to get a world class close-up magician who amazed everyone there. How he did these tricks was just unbelievable. Worshipfuls Tim Shiner and Evan Weiss, and Bro. Daniel Ferszt also pitched in to make things go smoothly.

To top it off, we will be having a First Degree. (Note: This is written on April 12), and Fellowship Night on April 23. It’s an open event so bring a friend.

May promises to also be a great month with a Second Degree for Brother Alperen on May 14. I always love this degree and Brother D’Angelo Jones is scheduled to make his debut doing the Staircase Lecture. Let’s come-out and support both of them. Coaching will also be available.

I want to call your attention to the Memorial Day Program at the W. L. A. Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 28. It is truly a moving and patriotic event for the whole family. For those that want to

participate in this event, please see the information also provided in the separate article.

See you in Lodge!

Michael Bear, P.M.

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Great new shared living now open on Masonic Home campus in Covina. Seven bedrooms for either couples or singles with spacious kitchen and living room, even an elevator.



Carolyn Morse visiting with Howard Steinore





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Please make a special effort to join us for these events. We really value your participation in the running of the Lodge.**

**Monday, May 7,** Stated Meeting. Lodge open 6:30p.m., Dinner and Open Portion 7:15p.m., Tiled portion to follow.

**Monday, May 14, 7:15p.m.** 2\* Brother Alperen. Let's have a great turnout. Coaching available.

**Monday, May 21,**

**6:00p.m.** Building Association

**7:15pm,** Officers School of Instruction, 1\*complete. Ionic Composite Lodge. All officers expected to attend. Master Masons welcome. Casual.

**Monday, May 28,** Lodge Dark. See information on Memorial Day program at V.A.

**Wednesday, May 30,** Dinner reservations due for the June 4, Stated Meeting.

**Monday, June 4** Stated Meeting. Lodge open 6:30p.m., Dinner and Open Portion 7:15p.m., Tiled portion to follow.

**Monday, June 11, 7:15 p.m.** Presentation by M.W. R. Steven Doan – "Masonic History & Philosophy, an Overview". Open to all Masons, family and friends.

**Monday, June 18, 7:15 p.m.**

**Wednesday June 27, 7:15 p.m.** Officers School of Instruction, 3\* second section, lecture, and 3\* proficiency. All positions to be selected by the Inspector. Know your parts! Culver City-Foshay Lodge. All officers expected to attend. Master Masons welcome. Casual.

**Monday, July 2,** Lodge Dark

**Tuesday, July 3,** Dinner reservations due for the July 9, Stated Meeting.

**Monday, July 9,** Stated Meeting. Lodge open 6:30p.m., Dinner and Open Portion 7:15p.m., Tiled portion to follow.

# Get Social!



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with our Social Media Apps!**



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dar, Degrees, Activities. Need  
help?--call or email:**

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**Our Lodge's 48 th Annual Reception  
Honoring**

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





**The 2018 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](http://www.masons4mitts.org)  
Click Los Angeles Region  
Click Media Central Titans  
Click Donate

Contact Team Leaders Mike Bear (310)962-4346 or Bernie Morse  
(310)556-4463 if you have any questions.



## **Festive Board**

**Saturday, October 13, 2018  
7:00pm**

Please join us for what has been our most fun and well attended  
events.

**Honoring Wor. Kerin and Suzanna Surents  
and  
celebrating our 96th anniversary**

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 and tie

Ladies: Cocktail attire

By Reservations only

\$35.00 per person

to Lodge office no later than October 8, 2018



## FROM THE WEST

Does Masonry really bring people together that might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance? No doubt, absolutely!

When I made my first trip to the Philippines in 2013, I was not yet a Mason. Unbeknownst to me on this trip, Nicky, the husband of my wife Sheelah's best friend Lucy, was a Mason. When I met this gentleman, we exchanged a few pleasantries during our time together, but no real connection was established. On my return to the Philippines in 2015, I had mentioned to Sheelah that it was my true desire to attend a Stated Meeting in Manila. After this statement, she first informed me that Nicky was also a Mason and would be accompanying me on this quest.

While on my Manila vacation, Nicky picked me up on a Saturday afternoon at 1:00 for the Stated Meeting. We were together after midnight, enjoying the Stated Meeting and the fellowship afterwards. Through our common bond in Masonry, we quickly moved from brief greetings and farewells to being true Brothers.

As another example, Sheelah and I were signing our will in our lawyer's office, along with notary Lydia Alvich. Except for a momentary hi, we had barely spoken to this woman. However, after Lydia noticed my Masonic ring and asked if I was a Mason, magic suddenly happened. Now out of nowhere we were discussing her husband's involvement at Culver City Foshay Lodge, as well as the goings on at Ionic Composite Lodge.

Alperen (Alp) Guman had been coming around to our Lodge for over a year until I had the pleasure of initiating him as an EAM. I was also appointed his Candidates Coach. To celebrate, Sheelah and I invited Alp to our home for dinner where he was served a home cooked meal and some 22-year-old single malt Scotch. The following week Alp took me out to dinner at Canter's Deli for some fine Jewish cuisine. Here we were, a 61-year-old Jewish man and a twenty

something of Muslim descent bonding over brisket and corned beef.

Needless to say, these are only a few of the fine experiences that I have had thanks to Masonry. Because of the Masonic bond, I have been truly coming together with both men and women that I otherwise would only have spoken a few words with, if any.



### STATED MEETING MONDAY MAY 7

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

May 7 menu:

Tacos in honor of Cinco de Mayo

W.M. Michael Bear presiding

RSVP by Wednesday of the prior week and invite a friend.

Dinner is \$20.00

Reservations are Mandatory

Reservations must be made on sign-up sheet, or (310) 657-2628, or [ioniccomposite@gmail.com](mailto:ioniccomposite@gmail.com), and may be made and paid for on the lodge website: <https://ioniccomposite.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.

# THINK ABOUT IT

The 2018 major league baseball season has now arrived. For the first time since 1968 (and there were only 20 teams at that time), all of the teams were scheduled to begin official play on the same day. Sports writers were quick to complain that there was too much to see and absorb, but I thought that it was nicer that no single pair of teams started before most of the others. With regard to too much to absorb, each of these 30 teams will be playing 162 games over the next six months. If this is too much for the sports writers, do we have too many teams?

A minor league pitcher named Devin Smeltzer will be playing in the Dodger farm system this year. Just before his 10th birthday in August 2005, he was diagnosed with a malignant tumor near his bladder. He underwent treatment for it and was ultimately cured. At that time, he was living in Philadelphia and, during the treatment process, he met two up and coming Philadelphia Phillies players, Chase Utley and Cole Hamels, when he saw a game at Citizens Bank Park. He had his picture taken with both of them and that picture became a fixture in Devin's home.

Angeles Dodgers. This year during spring training Devin told the Dodger manager, Dave Roberts, about his childhood experience and was able to meet Chase Utley, who now plays for the Dodgers. Thus, both men are now in the same major league system.

Devin's comment was that it has always been humbling for him to see that picture, given what he lived through and where he is today. Utley, speaking about the relationship between a major league player and a young fan, said: "To be able to give back in any way, I think is important. To put a smile on their face, to have them step into a big league stadium, meet some of their idols, people that they look up to – it's important."

Chase Utley, as does Mike Trout (about whom I wrote a similar story several years ago), understands the important role that professional athletes play in young fans' lives. I would submit that, if all major league ballplayers were just like Utley and Trout, not only would 30 major league teams not be too many, but really would not be enough.

Think about it.



Devin went on to play youth and college baseball and he was drafted in 2016 by the Los

Ron Koretz, P.M.

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Alfred Spivak .....	10
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# 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

Jay Richards .....

At home with multiple problems

Joseph Fisch .....

Home with multiple medical problems

Len Cohen .....

Home with several medical problems

Robert Reed .....

Home with medical problem

Earl Hellum.....

In rehab after neck injury and subsequent surgery

Brethren Please, a Telephone call from you could brighten their day.

To get the contact information of those listed please contact the lodge Secretary or Master.

If you know of a Brother or a member of a Brother's family who is ill, please contact the Lodge Office.

Funeral Telephone list: Any brother who would like to be placed on the funeral notification call list, your presence would be deeply appreciated. **Lodge Office telephone: 310. 657.2628**

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