

JUNE 2018

TRESTLE BOARD

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE NO. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brethren, ladies and friends

In my first article of the year I started with the word, "Change". It is now the middle of the year and those that are keeping track have noticed the several changes that have occurred so far. Nothing that changes the character or soul of our lodge, just things to make the stated meetings go a little faster and smoother, (sorry, we still must read the minutes and bills). We also have had more social and educational nights. I'd like to start having some more community service activities and, maybe so off-site social activates. Suggestions anyone?

Since my last column I have a major change in my title. No, I'm not a "Grand Poohbah, or some other Masonic title. I have become one of the highest title I could hope to achieve in life after husband and father. My son and his wife gave birth to a wonderful baby girl so I am now a grandfather, or "Papa". Now those of you who know me know that I need to reflect on what that means to me. Having arrived at this next stage of life, it caused me to think that I am in the last stage of my life. I don't mean for that to sound morbid or depressing. I see it in a very positive light. I have passed through my youth when I thought I knew everything yet had everything yet to learn. I lived through my adulthood and was successful in my career. More importantly I was successful in finding a wife

who has been more wonderful than I deserved. We have two great children who make me proud and happy and are good people. Now, as I enter my last stage of life, being a "senior", one of my children has started the next generation of my family. How will they be as parents? Did I pass-on good advice and set good examples as a parent for my children to follow? What wonders will my children and their children experience or see in their futures? What will Debbie and I do when she retires in another year? There are so many things to do and see now that we will have the time.

Does this bring to mind the lessons of the three degrees of Freemasonry? I hope so.

Please let Br. Steve Resnick or myself know what you would like to see the lodge doing. We are always looking for ideas on how improve things.

If you are not current on your dues, please pay them now. Suspension notices will be mailed soon. If you cannot afford to pay your dues, contact me, Br. Resnick or Wor. Tim Shiner and let us know your situation. Even if you have had your dues remitted in the past you must let us know each year of your circumstances.

See you in Lodge!
Michael Bear, P.M.

Worshipful Master	Leaps tall buildings in a single bound	Is more powerful than Locomotive	Is faster than a speeding bullet	Walks on water	Gives policy to god
Senior Warden	Leaps small buildings with a short run up	Is more powerful than a goods train	Is just as fast as a speeding bullet	Walks on the water if the sea is calm	Often talks to god
Junior Warden	Leaps very short buildings with a running start and a favourable wind	Is almost as powerful as a goods train	Can just about keep up with a speeding bullet over a 100m	Walks on water but gets his cuffs wet	Talks with God if special dispensation is given
Master Masons	Barely clears a garden hut	Loses a tug-of-war with a train	Can fire a speeding bullet	Swims well	Is occasionally addressed by God
Fellow Craft	Runs into buildings	Recognizes trains two out of three times	Can't be trusted with ammunition	Can stay afloat with a life vest	Talks to himself
Entered Apprentice	Falls over doorsteps when trying to enter buildings	Often refers to trains as choo choo's	Wets himself with a water pistol	Passes water	Argues with himself
Past Masters	Lifts buildings and walks under them	Kicks trains off the tracks	Catches speeding bullets in his mouth and eats them	Freezes water with a single glance	Gives advice to God

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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. "Masonic History and Philosophy: An Overview". Open to all so invite you friends. Light refreshments to follow. Dress: Business casual

Monday, June 18, 7:15 p.m., 2 Degree for Brother Alperen. Let's have a great turnout. Coaching available.

Monday, June 25, 6:00p.m. Building Association and

7:15p.m., 3rd degree or practice.

All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

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-Foshey 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. Reception of our Inspector, Wor. O. Gary Pealer, P.M., Hawaiian Shirt Night! Tiled portion to follow.

July 16, 7: 15p.m 3rd degree practice, Officers and interested Master Masons.

July 23, 7: 15p.m 3rd degree or practice. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

July 24, 7:15p.m. Officers School of Instruction, 2nd Degree and lecture in advanced stations, Beverly Hills Lodge. All officers expected to attend. Master Masons welcome. Casual.

July 30 7:15p.m., Fellowship Night



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

Masons Night at Dodger Stadium

**Monday, September 17
LA Dodgers vs Colorado Rockies**

\$34/TICKET

Our lodge has a block of 36
Reserved Level Seats near Home Plate

RSVP: Bernie Morse (310)556-4463

Send checks payable to Ionic Composite Lodge to:
Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520
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Los Angeles, CA 90035

For Information & Tickets

Checks can be mailed to:

NEP, 711 Nile River Dr., Oxnard, CA 93036

Cut-off date for tickets – June 29, 2018

Checks can be made out to: Ventura County Scottish Rite

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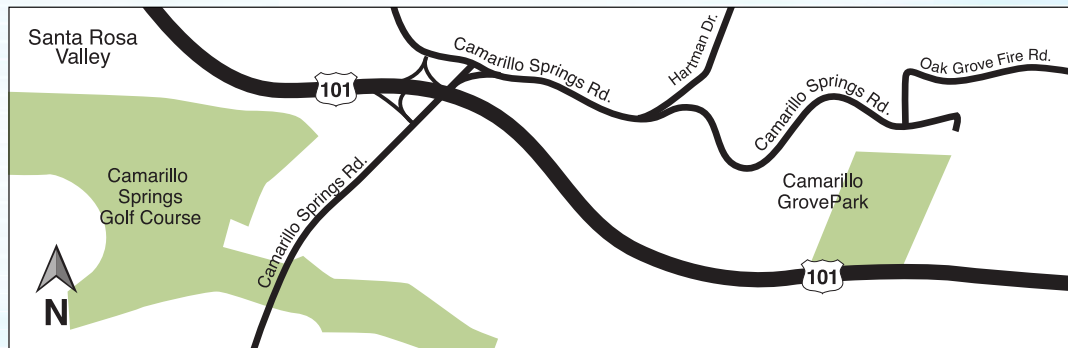
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The Twenty Eighth Annual New England Summer Picnic Saturday, July 7th, 2018

Place: Camarillo Grove Park – 6968 E. Camarillo Springs Road
(101 Exit – Camarillo Springs Road)

Location of event - Area #1 - Open around 10:00AMish to 4:00PMish

Parking Fee Paid



"Bring Your Own Large Platters"

Serving Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Serving: 1 ½ lb. Maine Lobster – Cost - \$45.00

Serving: 1 lb. New York Steak – Cost - \$35.00

With: Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread,
Mussels (if available), Free Hot Dogs for Kids
Coffee, Water & Lemonade

Entertainment: SheriMerry ADD, Raffle & Bake Sale

Contact Erik Cortez ASAP 805/760-5085 to donate raffle prizes.



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FROM THE WEST

Wow, we were invited to the Grand Master's party at the Master and Wardens retreat. Or did we crash it? Well either way, it was a great time.

This was my second Master and Wardens retreat and no surprise to me, it really was a fantastic experience. On Saturday evening, just before the dinner for all in attendance, Wor Mike and I were trying to buy RW Stu Wright a scotch. However, as he had to make a presentation right after dinner, he really preferred to be 100% sober. Obviously, a wise choice, because it was a presentation worth seeing and hearing. Right afterwards, we approached Julie Wright, to tell her what a great job Stu did and how it should now be okay to find that elusive scotch whisky. We mentioned that even though the bar set up for the dinner had a pretty weak scotch lineup, we could find a much better one at the lobby bar. Julie replied by saying that we should just show at the hospitality room and have drinks there.

When Stu returned to his table, we told him that his wife had invited us to the hospitality room. Seeing as he didn't seem to be upset about this comment, we figured it would be alright to show up and attend.

Mike made it clear to me, that since this was not the strongest of invitations that we should not overstay our welcome. Luckily when we entered the room we felt quite welcome and were immediately directed to the bar set up there. While sipping my scotch, I had the extreme pleasure of having some excellent conversation not only with Stu, but also Grand Master Bruce Galloway, Senior Grand Warden John Trauner and Junior Grand Warden Art Weiss. All those that had attended the Grand Master's reception at Ionic Composite couldn't stop talking about what a fine event we put on. They all especially loved our Magician. Much thanks to Wor Bob Sills for lining up this entertainment.

After about an hour and half of Scotch and

conversation, the room was really beginning to fill up and Mike and I thought it might be a good time to thank our hosts and leave before taking up too much space as either party crashers or invited guests.

Obviously, I wasn't sent there to just party. Also learned quite a lot from all the presenters and from our attendance of all the elective sessions. These included Plan for the Future, Engage Your Members and Making Brothers and Friends.

All and all it was a very satisfying and engaging weekend. Mike and I both learned a lot that we will be using in our Lodge going forward.



STATED MEETING

MONDAY JUNE 4

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

Menu:

Italian Cuisine: Beef lasagna, chicken pasta and veg pasta.

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, 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

A couple of years ago, I wrote a column about a white male student at San Francisco State University who was criticized by an African-American female student because he wore his hair in dreadlocks, as I had been introduced to the phrase “cultural appropriation”. My point then was that we, as a society, have become overly sensitive to political correctness and that some perceived insults should just be disregarded for the benefit of a smoother life style.

Unfortunately, it does appear that this concern about cultural appropriation has not gone away. The case in point is Keziah Daun, a high school senior in Utah who wore a traditional Chinese-style dress to her prom. She tweeted a picture of her in that dress that was retweeted over 6,000 times and “liked” almost 100,000 times. However, not all responses were positive. Keziah is not Asian and an Asian-American man responded by saying that his culture was not her prom dress. His response was retweeted about 7 times, and liked about two times, as much. Of course, Keziah never represented her dress as a manifestation of Chinese culture; in fact, her response was that she wore the dress out of respect for that culture.

When I read this story in a

column by Michael Levin, I found myself sharing his perspective about how things have gone too far. Mr. Levin proposed that, if we are really going to avoid cultural appropriation, only Asians or Latinos could respectively eat in Chinese or Mexican restaurants. He wondered what we should do with most of our clothing, since the majority of our wearing apparel is made in China. He stated that, if our first language is not Latin, we should not be allowed to use any words that have a Latin derivation.

What has struck me as particularly confusing, if not disingenuous, about the proposal that we avoid cultural appropriation is that the people who defend this principle are largely the same ones who are strongly encouraging the admission into the United States of as many immigrants as possible from as many countries as can send them. In defense of massive immigration, these people argue that America is the melting pot of the world and that the strength of our society is due to the incorporation of ideas and philosophies of many disparate people. These two thought processes seem to me to be antithetical. How can different cultures amalgamate if cultural appropriation is important and is to be forbidden? I guess that these proponents plan to segregate the members of each immigrant group according to their particular culture once they enter the country. And these new immigrants will only be allowed to enter if they are wearing their own cultural attire when they reach the United States.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.



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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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