

JULY & AUGUST 2018

TRESTLE BOARD

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE NO. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brethren, ladies and friends,

Is the glass half empty or half full? Is the year half over or half yet to be? Welcome to the July and August Trestleboard and the dilemma I am facing.

We have had a really good first half of the year so far. We have a number of really bright, interested young men who are in the process of looking to join our lodge. We have had several petitions of some great prospects and some really great activities. I was really excited by the attendance at our recent Masonic Education Night when M.W. R. Stephen Doan, P.G.M., spoke. Not only did he do a great talk but the questions that he was asked showed great thought and knowledge.

We have been having either Fellowship Nights or Masonic Education Nights almost monthly and they have been a big hit. On July 30, we will meet at Natalie Thai on the corner of Olympic Blvd and Robertson Blvd. for a night of food, fun and fellowship. Come and bring a friend as well.

I think the best part of the year has been seeing brothers step up and start to take on more of the

leadership roles as well as voice their opinions on where they want to see the lodge go in the future. At the recent Masters and Wardens Retreat, it was emphasized that we should plan things for the brothers that attend and not always because we did so in the past. I don't want to only have events for "tradition's" sake, but Br. Steve and I need to hear from you so we can know what you want.

Looking at things in the "half full" light, August will have some lodge dark nights, and due to the holidays, we will be having our September Stated meeting on August 27. Yes, you read that right. I need to ask you to keep checking the lodge web calendar or the app. calendar to keep up with possible changes. If you're not on the app. just contact Wor. Tim Shiner, our Secretary to get the link. September brings us the Masons4Mitts game on 9/17 against the Colorado Rockies. We have a few tickets available. Contact Wor. Bernie Morse. Remember, \$20.00 buys a deserving child not only a really good glove, but all the benefits the Dodgers' RBI program brings. I know we will have a busy schedule from October to December, so enjoy the summer break.

See you in Lodge!



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, 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.

Monday, July 16, 6:00p.m. Building Association Meeting

AND

Monday, July 16, 7:15p.m. 2nd degree practice, Officers and interested Master Masons.

Monday, July 23, 2nd degree for Br. Alperen Guman. All Fellowcrafts and Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, 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.

Saturday, July 28, 11:00 a.m.-3:00p.m. Covina SummerFest: An Old-Fashion Country Fair. FREE for all Masonic family members. Food, petting zoo, swimming, games, crafts and more. Masonic Homes, 1650 E. Old Badillo St., Covina, 91724 Reservations by 7/14 to (626)251-2215

July 30 7:00 p.m., Food and Fellowship Night at Natalie Thai, 998 S. Robertson Blvd. Beverly Hills, 90035. Br. D'Angelo Jones in charge. Sunlotus19@gmail.com or (424) 239-9956. Open to all. Invite a friend

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

Monday, August 13, Tentative Dark. Check lodge website or app. calendar.

Monday, August 20, Lodge Dark

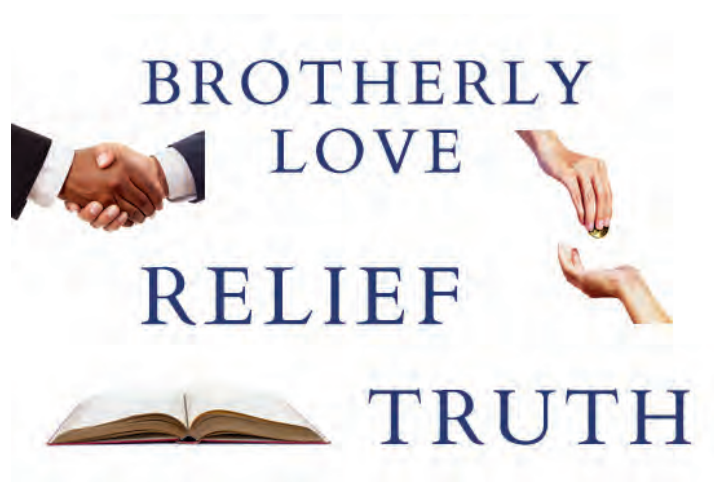
Monday, August 27, September Stated Meeting. Review up-coming Grand Lodge resolutions. Lodge open 6:30p.m., Dinner and Open Portion 7:15p.m., Tiled portion to follow.

Monday, September 3, LODGE DARK FOR LABOR DAY.

Monday, September 10, LODGE DARK for Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 17, 7:00 pm. Masons4Mitts game at Dodger Stadium. Colorado Rockies Vs Los Angeles Dodgers. Contact Bernie Morse, P.M. for tickets

Monday, September 24, 7:15p.m., Officers School of Instruction at Ionic Composite Lodge. First degree in full, advanced stations. All officers expected to attend. Master Masons welcome. Casual.





**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
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.

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

FROM THE WEST

I am still enjoying my Masonic journey, which began on July 7, 2014, the first time I entered our Lodge in over 42 years. Yes, I mark the beginning of my Masonic journey before I even became a Mason. This is because my experience as a non-Mason, visiting a Masonic Lodge was still very moving and educational.

So the question that you should be asking right now is why I was in our Lodge, some 42 years before that day in 2014. Actually, I was a DeMolay in 1972. Unfortunately, the timing wasn't right for me at that point in my life and I left the craft after my first year.

Well, the timing must have been perfect for me when I returned to the Lodge in 2014, for I immediately felt a connection. Of course it is a little difficult to walk into a room full of strangers and introduce yourself. But then again when those "strangers" are Masons, that is a whole different story. After my first Monday night in the Lodge, I knew that I would be returning again and again.

So just what has been so enjoyable on my Masonic journey? Just about everything. As far as the actual list, here we go. Attending the Secretaries and Treasurers retreat, Annual Communication at Grand Lodge, The Grand Master's trip celebrating 300 years of Masonry throughout the United Kingdom, the Master and Wardens' retreat, etc. These are just some of the highlights, because if I mentioned all the wonderful stops on the journey, I'd be writing forever.

But what has the journey done for me? We're here to improve ourselves in Masonry. Well I can attest to the fact that this has been one of the benefits of the journey. Besides this, have just been having so much fun in all things Masonic, whether in our Lodge or in the Masonic world beyond.

I always know that no matter how challenging life may seem regarding work or even just surviving life on day to day basis in Los Angeles, that when I return to the Lodge or any other Masonic venue, it will be a safe and rewarding experience.



STATED MEETINGS

MONDAY JULY 9
MONDAY AUGUST 6

SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 27

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

Menu:

July: Hawaiian food. BBQ chicken and teriyaki beef.

August: TBD

September: TBD

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

For years, the University of Southern California has recurrently appeared in the news because of problems with its moral compass. There were

Reggie Bush, O.J. Mayo, Steve Sarkisian, and Tony Bland from the athletic department. But athletes are not the only sinners. What about the medical doctors at USC? Dr. Carmen Puliafito was the medical school dean who lost his job (and his license) because of substance abuse. His successor, Dr. Rohit Varma, was promptly fired when it was realized that he had previously been accused of sexual harassment. Most recently there is the case of Dr. George Tyndall, who has been accused of molesting student patients in his gynecology clinic at the USC Student Health Service for decades.

In 2010 Max Nikias became the President of USC, and, since then, a very large amount of money was raised for the university. Of course, many of the personal behavior issues have also occurred under his watch. Because of pressure from students, faculty, news media, and the public over the more recent news stories, he will be resigning from the presidency. I was thus intrigued by a column in the Los Angeles Times written by Leo Braudy, an English professor at USC. Braudy stated that many faculty members not only did not sign the letter

urging Nikias to resign, but actually supported him.

Braudy's emphasis was on the good things that the money that Nikias had raised had done. These items including more than 100 new endowed chairs, new research centers, renovation of old buildings and construction of new ones, an increased focus on students from underprivileged environments, and a dramatic increase in financial aid for students.

I was not taken with Braudy's argument; the ends do not justify the means. The problems at USC have been there for a long time and were almost assuredly known to people on the campus who chose to remain silent and left to fester until they became news stories. I can only wonder what is still going on there that we do not know about. Whoever becomes the new president of USC needs to have, as his or her first priority, the creation of a major culture change at that university. Money cannot remain the main goal of the institution. The school needs to focus on developing character, not only in its students, but, and perhaps more importantly, in its faculty and staff.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Julian Rothholz Black	02	Arnold Bennett Bristol	11	Alan Villas Nisperos	26
Morton Carroll Devor	04	Timothy Harrison Slone PM	16	Carmel Levy	27
Albert Frankel	04	Paul Troy	16	Arthur Berman	28
Melvin Philip Bayer	07	Michael Jay Bear PM	17	G. Richard Green	28
Arthur Abram Eberstein	08	Stephen Michael Fenster	18	Howard Larry Hallis	28
Reuben Payne	09	Robert Andrew Nelli	21	Richard Samuel Ellman	29
Kenneth J. Bourguignon	10	Glenn Antonio Edwards		Theodore Jack Blumenfeld	30
William Jacob Dankers III	10	Ardizzone	24	Barry Charles	30
Bahram Raeen	10	Howard Brandes PM	25		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Martin Jeffrey King	03	Clifford Wolosin	11
Albert Solnit	04	Sheldon Stanford Ellis Dr.	12
Steven Resnick Mr.	05	Robert Paul Craig	16
James Gus Selimos PM	05	Harry Barron	22
Ronald Stiles	05	Sarkis Babian PM	25
Fred Alan Gross	08	Gene Roy Horst	25
Allen B. Sackler	08	Marc Allen Seidner	28
		Philip Jay Roman	31

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

Len Cohen

Home with several medical problems

Joseph Fisch

Home with multiple medical problems

Earl Hellum.....

In rehab after neck injury and subsequent surgery

Jay Richards

At home with multiple problems

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**

2018 OFFICERS

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