

SEPTEMBER 2018

# TRESTLE BOARD

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE NO. 520

## FROM THE EAST

Brethren, ladies and friends,

This will be a short article and calendar since September is dark for the whole month as far as lodge activities go. The holidays all landed on Mondays so nothing could be planned. Things will start picking up again in October and then it will be a new start with a new Master soon thereafter.

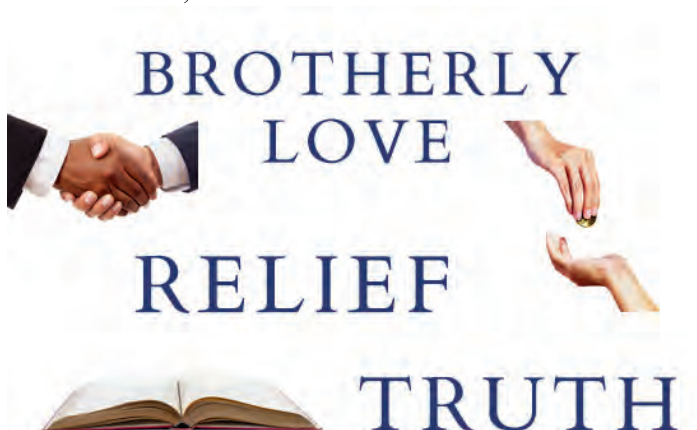
If you get this in time, come out and support Masons4Mitts Night at Dodger Stadium on September 17, and cheer-on our Boys in Blue and the play the Colorado Rockies. First pitch is about 7:05p.m., but get there about 6:15 and see our Grand Master present a check for all the money you have given to purchase gloves for these deserving kids.

For all those who are celebrating Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, may you and your family have a good and sweet new year and an easy fast for those who can do it.

Please join us on October 1 for our Stated Meeting, and on October 8 for a special Fellowship Night when we will celebrate Ionic Composite's 96th anniversary. This will be held instead of the scheduled Festive Board and will be more casual.

See you in Lodge!

Michael Bear, P.M.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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.

**Wednesday, September 26,** Dinner reservations due for October 1 Stated Meeting.

**Monday, October 1, Stated Meeting.** Review upcoming Grand Lodge resolutions. Lodge open 6:30p.m., Dinner and Open Portion 7:15p.m., Tiled portion to follow.

**Monday, October 8, 7:15p.m.** Fellowship Night. Celebrate our Lodge's 96th Anniversary.

**Monday, October 15, 7:15p.m.** Second Degree practice.

**Monday, October 22, 7:15p.m.** Second Degree

**Wednesday, October 24, 7:15p.m.** Culver City Foshay Lodge. O.S.I. Masonic Funeral Qualifications, review election procedure. Check to see if your funeral certification needs updating. Officers required to attend.

**October 29, 7:15p.m.** 2019 Calendar Planning Meeting. Help our Senior Warden plan his year. Bring your ideas. Refreshments served.



**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.

## 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  
1122 S. La Cienega Blvd  
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 MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 1

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

Menu: 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](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 University of California system has an official written policy (Regents Policy 4400) that promotes the achievement of diversity. The policy states that diversity has been the “source of innovative ideas and creative accomplishments” and goes on to note that these differences between people include “race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, language, abilities/disabilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geographic region, and more”. As a result, individual campuses have created administrative bureaucracies. For example, the one at UCLA includes a vice-chancellorship for equity, diversity, and inclusion and an annual budget in excess of \$4 million. The UCLA Intergroup Relations Office provides credit courses for students to “explore their social identities”.

In order to insure that attention to diversity remains entrenched in the system, governing rules have been written into the University of California Academic Personnel Policy (known as APM-210). That document mandates that faculty should make “contributions furthering diversity and equal opportunity” and develop or utilize techniques to address the professional advancement of individuals who are in “under-represented groups”. This mandate even includes research activities.

In a recent editorial in the Los Angeles Times, Heather MacDonald questioned the rationale behind this requirement, in particular the necessity for faculty seeking promotions to document their contributions to diversity. She pointed out that much research (e.g., various fields of science) has nothing to do with diversity. She noted that Albert Einstein would likely have failed this litmus test because he was too busy working out the theory of relativity. To quote her, “Unlocking the secrets of nature is challenge enough; scientists (and other faculty) should not also be tasked with a ‘social justice’ mission”.

I found myself strongly agreeing with Ms. MacDonald that the University of California overall is obsessed by diversity. Unfortunately, by requiring faculty to spend time in the diversity arena, the university is taking time away from them to do their primary research and teaching. Furthermore, I would submit that the premise of the University is wrong. The responsibility for innovation and creativity belongs to individuals, not to diversity. Enforcing diversity only leaves less time for those individuals to innovate and create.

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

Len Cohen  
Home with several medical problems

Earl Hellum  
In rehab after neck injury and subsequent surgery

Ruth Davis  
Recovering from hip fracture

Jay Richards  
At home with multiple problems

Geri Edelman  
Home with a variety of medical problems

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#### ***Brother Edgar Friedman Passes Away at 98.***

Joseph Fisch  
Home with multiple medical problems

Edgar Friedman, P.M. born 12/31/1919 passed 08/29/2018.  
Brother Friedman was the Master of our Lodge in 1973 and  
Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of California in 1999.

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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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Master – Michael Bear PM (Debbie)

Senior Warden – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)

Marshal – Kevin Silver (Katherine)

Junior Warden –

Senior Steward – Luis Tananta (Maria)

Treasurer – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)

Junior Steward – Varun Dadabhoy

Secretary – Tim Shiner

Tiler – Evan Weiss, P.M.

Chaplain – Roy Steinfeld PM

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