

NOVEMBER 2018

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

Before I get into my message, I want to invite you to a very special December 3rd Stated Meeting at which we will have two very special events. If you have celebrated your 25th anniversary of becoming a Master Mason and not received your 25 year pin for all years before the end of 2018, I will be happy to recognize you and present you your pin. Please RSVP to the lodge so there will be a sufficient number of pins. The Lodge will also be presenting the prestigious Vierling Kersey Award for outstanding service to youth to Wor. Bernie Morse. I know that you will want to be there to honor his hard work.

I am writing this shortly before I depart to go to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. I look forward to attending, not only to represent our Lodge, but to once again meet with those brothers, that in many cases, I have not seen since the previous year or more. Brothers from all over California, from big lodges and small, rural and big city, greet each other with warmth and affection that is far too rare in today's everyday environment.

How different things would be, if instead of yelling and screaming, and occasional violence, people could communicate their differences and really listen to what the other side has to say. It is possible, and if done, perhaps a better decision could be reached. But when only the extremes of opposing sides can be heard, and when truth is not important, the best decisions cannot be reached. Those who express a more moderate way are trampled by both sides.

I love going to the Annual Communication, because on the various resolutions and decisions that are brought up, there is rarely any screaming or disharmony. That is not to say that there are not any strong arguments presented for and against resolutions, there are. But the brothers act toward each other with respect and it is extremely rare for someone to interrupt a speaker or raise their voice.

This is why I love going to the Annual Communication and it is the same reason I love being a Freemason. Where else can I meet with so many people from different countries, religions, occupations, and opinions, and each of them is my brother?

If you haven't been to lodge in awhile, make it a point to attend. I promise you that you will be greeted as a brother. If you forget your ritual, we will whisper it to you. That is what brothers and friends do.

If you need assistance getting to lodge, give me a call.

Fraternally,

Michael Bear, P.M.

Master

NOVEMBER EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:15pm – Senior Warden's calendar presentation AND Fellowship Night. Celebrate IC's 96th anniversary.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Stated Meeting. Election of Officers.

6:30pm - Open Lodge, Dinner

7:15pm -Tiled portion to follow. Masons only.

Sorry, no ladies tonight.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Veterans Day – LODGE DARK.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:00pm – Building Association

7:15pm – 1st Degree Practice

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:15pm – Fellowship Night.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:15pm O.S.I. – Beverly Hills Lodge host

Master & Wardens Q & A

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Stated Meeting - **25 year Pin Presentations, Vierling**

Kersey Award to Bernie Morse, P.M.

6:30pm - Open Lodge, Dinner

7:15pm - Open Portion

8pm - Tiled portion to follow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:15pm – Mandatory Installation Practice for all incoming officers. Casual

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Annual Installation of Officers

3pm – Officers set-up and pictures.

5pm – Reception and hors d'oeuvre.

6pm SHARP – Installation Of Officers. Italian buffet to follow. Open to all Masons, family, friends, and public. RSVP to the lodge office for dinner. Tuxedo for The officers, formal for their ladies. Suit for men, dressy dress for the

Save the Date *97th Installation of* *Officers*

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Reception: 5:00p.m.

Ceremony: 6:00p.m. Sharp
Italian dinner buffet to follow

Dress: Officers: Tuxedo, Ladies:
Cocktail

Men: Suit, Ladies: Dressy dress
RSVP for dinner reservations by
December 4, 2018

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**PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL
EFFORT TO JOIN US FOR
THESE EVENTS.**

**WE REALLY VALUE YOUR
PARTICIPATION IN THE
RUNNING OF THE LODGE.**



STATED MEETING



MONDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

Open Lodge: 6:30 p.m. | Dinner: 7:15 p.m.
W.M. Michael Bear presiding

Masons only. Sorry, no ladies.

Dinner is \$20.00



RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY

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

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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://ionic-composite.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.

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FROM THE WEST

Well, how a year flies by. I can't believe that it's already time for Annual Communication at Grand Lodge. Really looking forward to the pleasure of attending this event for the third time. As I have told you twice before, attending Grand Lodge and all the related activities during the weekend is truly both a humbling and enjoyable experience.

But for that matter, this whole Masonic year has been extremely enlightening and enjoyable for me. For any of you that might not grasp the reason for my enthusiasm, allow me to elucidate. Just as Masonry is a progressive science, taught in degrees only, so is the enjoyment of Masonry a progressive experience. The more that you allow yourself to be exposed to Masonry, both inside and beyond our own Lodge, the greater both your understanding and enjoyment will be.

For me the Lodge, and world of Masonry beyond, is a refuge I can retreat to at pretty much anytime, to escape the pressures of the

outside world. I think that if you take a minute and compare and contrast the Masonic environment to your every day experiences, you too will realize that due to our shared values and civility, the Masonic word is definitely a place we should attend as often as possible.

Actually, the lessons and experiences received in Lodge will also carry over to make non-Masonic world more enjoyable as well. The more we spread our Masonic values in everyday life, the better the outside world will be become as well. I know that for me personally, carrying my Masonic values wherever I go, makes even the non-Masonic world seem a better and friendlier place.

Give it a chance, come to Lodge and jump in!!!!

Steve Resnick – Senior Warden



THINK ABOUT IT

Hailey Dawson is an 8-year-old girl from Henderson, Nevada, who was born with Poland Syndrome. This is an in utero anomaly in which the chest muscle on one side of the body fails to develop. As a common associated problem, the fingers in the hand on that side also fail to form. The condition was first described in 1841 by a surgeon, Dr. Alfred Poland. Hailey is missing the middle three fingers on her right hand. Since 2015 (at the age of 5), Hailey has worked with bioengineers at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to develop a prosthetic device to replace those missing fingers and allow her to grab, grasp, and throw.

Hailey's father grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and he is an avid fan of the Baltimore Orioles. That team invited her to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at one of their home games in August 2015. Shortly afterward, the Washington Nationals provide her with a similar invitation. After a sports site tweeted a video of her throwing out a pitch, the rest of Major League Baseball (28 remaining teams) sent her invitations. Thus began her "Journey to 30" as she embarked on a national campaign to bring awareness of the problem and the possible solution.

On September 16, 2018, she made her last stop on this tour of baseball parks and became the first person ever to throw out the first pitch at

every one (including last year's World Series). This occurred in Anaheim at Angel Stadium and, not surprisingly, the catcher for that historic moment was Mike Trout about whom I have written columns of praise in the past. Even more significantly, she was accompanied on the pitcher's mound by Jim Abbott, a former left-handed pitcher for the Angels who pitched in the major leagues for 10 years in spite of having been born without a right hand.

Abbott's comment was: "It's tremendous. What she's done to create awareness for kids with limbs differences and the possibilities of using a prosthetic – you can do anything you want to do. I love her message, I love her spirit and her energy, and we're happy to be a part of it."

There are countless people who deal with tragedy on a daily basis. For many of them, life largely ends at that point. For those who are able to see opportunities beyond the tragedy, life becomes a fulfilling experience. Hailey Dawson's more important message to all of us is to always move forward regardless of how steep the hill appears to be.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Louis Roman Dalesandro	03	Wesley D. Challacombe	07	Edward Albert Trabin	19
Laurence J. Friedman	03	Jason Frederick Louv	11	Michael Anthony Pecina	21
Matthew Langston Wilson	04	Marshall Bennett Krupp	13	Steven L. Bailin	22
Albert Paul Canter	06	Bernard Rabins	15	Etan Boaz Goldman	16
Gene V. Pira	08	Harry G. Golden PM	16	Maverick Brown	19
Clarence Neal Jr.	09	Harry William Tepper	10	Norman Harris Langer	19
JohnRobert Paul Wilson	09	Sheldon Ira Lodmer	15	Bruno Verghese Samuel PM	20
Lutfallah Hay	04	Lawrence Michael Lebowsky PM	16	Harold Maurice Forster	22
Morris Irving Lazar	04	Timothy Joseph Shiner PM	17	Yukihiro Matsumoto PM	22

BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Sick and Visitation Committee Report

We Wish Everyone a Full and Complete Recovery

Len Cohen ...Home with several medical problems

Ruth Davis. . . Recovering from hip fracture

Geri Edelman...Home with a variety of 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

Bruce Shaphran... . . .Recovering from knee 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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