

APRIL 2019

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

As I write this, I am home recovering from two recent hospital visits, including minor surgery. As such, this will probably be a rather short article. On the bright side, by the time that you read this, I will no doubt be back in Lodge, fully returned to good health.

While I was able to attend the 8th Annual International Conference on Freemasonry at UCLA and the LAMSB Grand Master's Breakfast the next day, I did miss our Grand Master's Reception the following Monday. However, I have since heard that the event went off flawlessly and that the Most Worshipful Stu Wright was received in the Grand style that Ionic Composite Lodge is known for.

Looking forward to some upcoming events, don't forget that we will be having a very exciting presentation by Jordan Yelinek from Grand Lodge "Tools

of the Craft, an introduction to Masonic History and Symbolism" on Monday, April 15 at 7:15. I have heard Jordan speak at the retreats that I have attended and he is definitely the kind of speaker that you will not want to miss. All Masons and non-Masons are welcome to attend.

We will also be having our long awaited Scotch Tasting at the Lodge on Saturday, May 11 at 7:15. This event is being put on with the assistance of Worshipful Shawn Donohugh who is well known for both his rare Scotch collection and his expertise for this type of event. We will also be serving wine and appetizers, and the cost is just \$15/person.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick

Master

Tools of the Craft, an introduction to Masonic History and Symbolism Presentation by Jordan Yelinek



Monday 4/15 at 7:15 pm

Open to both Masons and non-Masons.
An event that you will definitely not want to miss.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April - May, 2019

APRIL 1, 2019

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30pm,
Dinner 7:15p.m,
Open and Tiled portion to follow.

APRIL 8, 2019

Second degree practice.

7:15 pm - 10 pm

APRIL 15, 2019

Tools Of The Craft, An Introduction To Masonic History And Symbolism

7:15 pm - 10 pm

Presentation by Jordan Yelinek who works at Grand Lodge.

Open to both Masons and non-Masons. An event that you will definitely not want to miss.

APRIL 22, 2019

Second degree or practice

7:15 pm - 10 pm

APRIL 29, 2019

Fellowship night

7:15 pm - 10 pm

MAY 6, 2019

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30pm,
Dinner 7:15p.m,
Open and Tiled portion to follow.

MAY 11, 2019

Scotch Tasting

7:00 pm

Scotch collection of Worshipful Shawn Donohugh.

Accompanying the scotch will be sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and a nice selection of wine.

The cost is just \$15/person.



Saturday May 11

Featuring the scotch collection of Worshipful Shawn Donohugh.

Accompanying the scotch will be sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and a nice selection of wine.

The cost is just \$15/person.

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

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

PAGEANT of
the MASTERS



ROW SEAT

ROW SEAT

ADMIT ONE
8:30 PM

Admission
to Festival
Art Show
is included

FESTIVAL
of ARTS

Amazing Laguna Art Festival

Pageant of the Masters

Where Art Comes to Life

“The Time Machine”

Sunday, August 4

8:30PM-10:30PM

We have purchased 16 tickets

\$52/person

Attending the Pageant of the Masters should be on everyone's bucket list

For information and reservations please contact

Bernie Morse PM at (310)556-4463 or email brnhrd18@yahoo.com.

FROM THE WEST

First, I want to thank all those who were so helpful in putting on our very successful 49th consecutive reception of the Grand Master of Masons in California. Our Master, Wor. Steve Resnick, oversaw the preparations for an evening with aplomb. Wor. Ron KorteZ did his usual excellent job introducing the Grand Family in the form and style of our own M.W. Mel Nahin. Wor. Bob Sills was my right arm in getting out the invitations and coordinating the evening in general. Wor. Evan Weiss covered reservations and covered the door. And, of course, my partner in arms, Trisha, made sure everything was perfect and designed and executed the beautiful centerpieces.

I just read an interesting post on Facebook, which I'm going to paraphrase here. It told the story of a new first-time Master who, being excited about presiding at his first Stated Meeting, personally visited every Lodge member and invited him to attend. When it came time to open Lodge, he was dismayed that no one attended. The new Master then mailed all the members a Summons to attend a Masonic funeral for their deceased Lodge the following Monday night. Curious about there being a funeral for a dead Lodge, the members all attended and, when they arrived, there was a coffin elaborately draped in flowers. After the coffin was opened, the young master requested the Brethren to file past the coffin view their dead Lodge. As the Brethren filed past the open coffin and looked inside they each saw themselves reflected in a mirror that had been strategically placed in the coffin.

The lesson, my Brothers, is that the Lodge is you: Each and every one of you. A "Lodge" is a gath-

ering of Brothers together in the style of Masons. It is NOT a building or a room. You will notice that I capitalize the word "Lodge." I do this to set it apart from the word "lodge" which is merely an edifice.

If any Lodge is going to succeed, including our own, it is up to each and every Brother to make it so. That means paying dues on time; Attending Stated meetings, Degrees and events to the greatest extent possible; Donating to Masonic charities within your means; Advancing through the Degrees; Becoming an officer or participating in one of the many committees; Calling or visiting ailing Brethren; Treating your Brothers as brothers even when you disagree with each other.

I could go on and on about what it takes to be a Mason and not just a member, but hopefully, you get it by now. It takes more than just "showing up" to be a good Mason, but it does take showing up. Remember that when you complain that events aren't to your liking or the food at Stated Meetings is "no good." If you don't like something, do something about it. Plan an event. Chair a Stated Meeting dinner. This is your Lodge. Without YOU, it's only a lodge.

As always, we look forward to seeing you in Lodge: Not just at stated meetings and degrees but at all our social and educational events.

Fraternally,
Jeff Bear, P.M.
Senior Warden

THINK ABOUT IT

For much of my life, going to the movies was an exciting and fun event. It was an opportunity to get away from real life and just be entertained for a couple of hours. Most years, I then looked forward to watching the Oscar ceremonies, in part to relive some of those moments. However, in the more recent past, the Oscars have become an event for me to avoid. The 2019 version occurred last night and there were a number of articles about it in today's LA Times. These articles reflect my growing disenchantment with the process.

Mary McNamara wrote that the Oscars have not changed enough in that there are still inadequate numbers of women and minorities being recognized. She described the appearance of Mike Myers and Dana Carvey together as the "sight of two white men" and that the evening ended "with a bunch of white guys thanking the academy". Josh Rottenberg began with a story that was purportedly about the winning picture, "Green Book", but contained much commentary about diversity. He focused on winners who were women and/or of non-white ethnicity.

Justin Chang had some less than flattering comments about Green Book. "Green Book might make audiences feel good. But given its pat handling of the subject, they shouldn't." His concern appeared to be that the movie

did not explore racism and homosexuality in enough detail and from the black or gay perspective. He referred to viewers as a "white audience that still believes stories of justice and progress will always have to be negotiated on their terms".

Interestingly, in a tribute to the recently-deceased choreographer Stanley Donen, Kenneth Turan praised the old MGM musical "Singin' in the Rain". He called it "the most durable example of the Hollywood musical, the real tinsel underneath all the fake stuff".

I guess that my problem is that I want to pay my money to see a movie that will entertain me; as an aside, I was entertained by Green Book (and previously by Singin' in the Rain). If I want to support political issues, I can make donations to various causes, but I certainly would not do so with an expectation that that money will provide me with entertainment. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is composed of individuals whose job in life is to create stories that will give me an opportunity to forget the day to day stresses of reality. I do not need a system that rates the worth of movies on perceptions of social justice.

Think about it.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Jon Wax	01	Shahriar Eshaghian	08	Michael Turner	14
Mark Mischel	03	Renato Garcia	09	Jeffrey Bear	16
Koorosh Moshtahedian	03	Luis Tananta	10	Edward Segal	27
Alan Gediman	04	Arnold Fazekas	13	Michael Leigahat	28
Andre Torosyan	04	Clayton Jones	13	Jack Rapke	28
Marc Behun	05	Harold Wax	13	David Harris	30
Brandon Koretz	07	Harvey Glaser	14		

BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Sick and Visitation Committee Report

We Wish Everyone a Full and Complete Recovery

Mike Bear .. Home with several medical problems **Irv Kierman..** Home recovering from surgery

Len Cohen .. Home with several medical problems **Jay and Felicia Richards ..** Both home with multiple problems

Geri Edelman.. Home with a variety of medical problems

Bruce Shaphran.. Recovering from knee surgery

Joseph Fisch.. Home with multiple medical 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**

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