

MAY 2019

# TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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## FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

As I am writing this today, I am anticipating my attendance at the Masters & Wardens Retreat in Irvine this weekend. This venue is the perfect place to immerse yourself in Masonry. Many of the Grand Lodge Officers should be there and there will be numerous workshops available to provide ideas and tools to improve the Lodge experience. I always come away from these retreats with renewed energy and optimism regarding both Masonry in general and our Lodge in particular.

However, the fact remains that we still need greater commitment and support from our members. I say this as currently we do not have a full Officer line, nor anyone currently in line to replace me as Master. Many Brothers tell me how committed they are to Masonry and our Lodge, but the time to truly step up is now. I myself have always enjoyed supporting the Lodge, filling in as Junior Steward as soon as I was raised to the degree of Master Mason, becoming Treasurer the following year, then Junior Warden and Senior Warden. In fact, when I was asked if I wanted to run the chairs, I immediately signed up for all four Lodge Management Certificate Program courses. Many of the Past Masters of this Lodge have devoted so much time and leadership to us, that it was truly a pleasure to assist them as I progressed as an Officer.

When I first came in to the Lodge, I immediately noticed that it seemed to be run by and supported by Past Masters. I also have to admit that

I was a bit concerned that no newbies were really that involved. Were the Past Masters trying to find a way to cling to power, was there some nefarious plot under way? Well as time progressed, I have actually discovered that the much more correct conclusion is that this is the case, because so few of the newer or less active Members have really stepped into Officer and other leadership roles. I personally know that the Past Masters welcome new Officers to rise just as fast and far they want to.

So, what is the best way to support the Lodge? Well, of course that depends on how much free time each of us has. The simplest way is to attend as many Stated Meetings as possible. Beyond this, there is volunteering for committees and special events, such as the Grand Master's reception, Festive Boards and others. We also could use some assistance on degrees. A Brother does not have to be an Officer to learn ritual parts and help with the degrees. Finally, if you are typically free on Mondays, talk to me or Bernie about Officer possibilities.

Speaking of special events, don't forget our upcoming Scotch tasting on Saturday May 11 at 7:00. Worshipful Shawn Donohugh will be providing his renowned Scotch collection including some that are 25 years old. We will also be serving wine and sumptuous appetizers. The cost is just \$15 per person. Of course, nonalcoholic beverages will be provided as well.

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 6, 2019

## **Stated Meeting**

Open Lodge 6:30pm,  
Dinner 7:15p.m, Taco Bar  
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.  
Hors d'oeuvre cost is just \$15/person.

MAY 13, 2019

## **Building Association Meeting**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## **2nd Degree Practice**

7:15 pm - 10:00 pm

MAY 20, 2019

## **2nd Degree Practice**

7:15 pm - 10:00 pm

MAY 27, 2019

## **Lodge Dark in observance of Memorial Day**

JUNE 3, 2019

## **Stated Meeting**

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

JUNE 30, 2019

## **An Evening of Service at the Midnight Mis- sion**

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Please join us in serving dinner to those less fortunate at  
the Midnight Mission. Many of them on the road to sobri-  
ety and a return to joining the society.  
We will also be going to dinner afterward.  
Dinner location TBD.

JULY 1, 2019

## **Stated Meeting**

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

JULY 13, 2019

## **Cornerstone for the new Skilled Nursing Facility on the Covina campus**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



**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.

Hors d'oeuvre 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.**



## The 2019 Masons 4 Mitts Fundraiser

### 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 Give a Mitt

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## MASONS NIGHT AT DODGER STADIUM

Tuesday, September 17

LA Dodgers vs Tampa Bay Rays

**\$42/TICKET**

**Our lodge has a block of 24 (regularly \$54)**

**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



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](mailto:brnhrd18@yahoo.com).

# FROM THE WEST

Masons are driven by a commitment to take care of one another and their communities. This has improved lives in California since before the state was formed. During the gold rush, and the severe hardship that followed, Masons in the area provided food and relief to struggling families. When cholera swept through Sacramento in 1850, Masons helped build a hospital at Sutter's Fort. You can read more about this legacy of giving and the history of Masonic charity in California in the California Freemason magazine.

It was in this spirit of charity that California Masons created our Masonic Homes. In 1898, in what is now Union City, the fraternity opened the first California Masonic Home in order to care for Masonic widows and orphans. About 16,000 members donated all funds for the land, materials, and building construction. Eleven years later, the fraternity opened a second home in Southern California in Covina. More than a century later, these original two buildings have evolved into our present-day retirement communities in Union City and Covina.

Over the years, we have also developed outreach and youth programs that are able to reach every community in California. These support services are

relied upon by hundreds of families, both with and without Masonic affiliation. New and expanded facilities are currently under construction on both the Union City and Covina campuses. In fact, the Cornerstone for the new Skilled Nursing Facility on the Covina campus is scheduled for July 13, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this historic occasion.

The Masonic Homes Of California continue to be funded by the donations of California Masons. For many years, Ionic Composite Lodge has been one of the most charitable Lodges in California. If you haven't already made your donation to the Masonic Homes of California, what are you waiting for? Please make your donations now. It's easy to make your donation on the Grand Lodge website.

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

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## Cornerstone Ceremony for Covina's New Skilled Nursing and Memory Care Building

**July 13, 2019**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Join Grand Lodge Officers, civic leaders, friends, and family for this time-honored ceremony to dedicate the cornerstone of our newest building. Before the ceremony enjoy a buffet breakfast, fun and Masonic family time on the Covina Campus.

For more information, contact Judy Figueroa at [JFigueroa@mhccov.org](mailto:JFigueroa@mhccov.org)

# THINK ABOUT IT

I am hardly a fan of most current music. I occasionally hear the name of some popular entertainer, but it goes completely by me. My usual response, when I have to respond (as when my grandchildren are discussing the topic with me), is to ask who he or she is. Usually the person is famous for some song that I also did not know.

Thus, when the news came out that Nipsey Hussle was shot and killed in Los Angeles, it had no immediate impact on me. In fact, I first thought the story was about Nipsey Russell, a comedian with whom I was familiar from his appearances on television in the 1960s and 1970s, but I quickly realized that that Nipsey had died over a decade earlier.

For those of you who, like me, were unfamiliar with Nipsey Hussle, let me begin by telling you that he grew up in south-central Los Angeles and was involved with the gangs in his neighborhood. His name at that time was Ermias Davidson Asghedom. However, he did go on to become a rap music artist and achieved much success in that field. He has been nominated for Grammy awards in the past and he was a very popular person among the younger set.

But it was not the entertainment aspect of his life that led me to reconsider what he had already accomplished in his life and where that life was going when it was prematurely terminated. Like many other successful entertainers, Hipsey made a substantial amount of money. However, he plowed much of those proceeds back into his old neighborhood, opening up businesses that serviced his community and provided jobs for other disadvantaged young people. In fact, while he recognized that most fans follow sports stars and entertainers, he observed that it would be more appropriate to model oneself after successful entrepreneurs instead. He was supposed to meet with law enforcement officials on the day after the shooting to discuss methods to curtail gang violence.

While I suspect that I still will not care for his music, I now have a much more favorable perspective of his character. Having learned about the man, I truly regret his passing, especially since it was unnecessary and premature. Hipsey Russell reminded me to should judge a person by his or her actions, not by his or her image.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



Arthur Obrand	01	Joseph Brewer	13	David Israel	23
Joseph Reinke	01	Mark Crugnale	13	David Philips	23
Harold Kirman	02	Robert Goldman	13	Robert Weissman	26
Bob Sills	02	Richard Kaplan	13	Jeffrey Platt	27
Robert Gordon	04	Edward Novshad	14	Mark Ameli	29
Barry Sporn	05	Stephen Rennick	14	Neil Sherman	29
William Bilkiss	11	Matthew Rodman	17	Dale Effren	30
Peter Kaplan	11	Michael Savage	17	Zev Vered	30
Errol Stambler	12	Leo Seidner	19		
Evan Weiss	12	Max Solomon	19		

# 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**

## 2019 OFFICERS

Master – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)

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Senior Steward – Roy Steinfeld, P.M.

Junior Warden –

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