

JULY 2019

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

For as long as I have been attending Ionic Composite, it has always been a pleasure whenever I saw Worshipful Bill Miller there. It was obvious that Bill had a world of knowledge regarding Masonry and parliamentary procedure. While he was soft-spoken, he always got his message across 100%. Yes, as far as I could tell, Bill was always an upstanding Mason and a gentleman. He also took the time and effort to serve twice as Master and was a longstanding Candidate's Coach.

As Bill was approaching his 80th year, it was becoming a little harder for him to make it to Lodge on a regular basis. Needless to say, whenever he was able to attend, he definitely made the Lodge that much better. Well much to my pleasure, Bill showed up at our May Stated Meeting and of course I was very happy to see him there. Towards the end of the open portion of our meeting, Bill announced to all of us that this would be his last regular attendance, as he and Bonnie were moving to Sun City, Arizona. We all said our goodbyes to Worshipful Bill and mentioned how much we appreciated his service to our Lodge.

Fortunately for us, Worshipful Jeff Bear realized that we had not yet seen enough of Bill. Jeff was well aware of the fact that Bill was just barely eligible for the Golden Veteran Award. Jeff then made some calls to Grand Lodge and put things in place to authorize the slightly early delivery of Bill's award.

Well, thanks to the velvet tongue of Worshipful Jeff, we were going to have one more chance to give Bill and Bonnie the sendoff that they so genuinely deserved.

I am very happy to say that Bill's farewell went off splendidly at the June Stated Meeting. Bill was presented his Golden Veteran Award by our Inspector Worshipful O Gary Pealer and Jeff then presented Bill his certificate that Jeff had personally framed himself, while his wife Bonnie looked on with admiration. A splendid evening indeed.

Let's all honor Worshipful Bill by following in his footsteps and being true to our Lodge by regularly attending Stated Meetings and stepping up to serve as Officers when we are able.

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick
Master



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 1, 2019

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:15 pm
BBQ food from JR's, casual attire.
Open and Tiled portions to follow

JULY 8, 2019

Candidates coaching for all degrees

7:15 pm

JULY 13, 2019

Cornerstone for the new Skilled Nursing Facility on the Covina campus

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

JULY 15, 2019

Fellowship & Masonic education night

7:15 pm

JULY 22, 2019

Planning night with Past Masters and all Officers

7:15 pm

Past Masters and all Officers requested to attend.
Open to all Masons

JULY 29, 2019

Lodge dark

JULY 31, 2019

OSI at Culver City Foshay

July 31, 2019 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm

2nd Degree Complete

AUGUST 4, 2019

Laguna Pageant of the Masters

Only 2 tickets remain!

We have purchased 16 tickets for the Amazing Laguna Art Festival Pageant of the Masters Where Art Comes to Life "The Time Machine"

8:30PM-10:30PM
\$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.

AUGUST 5, 2019

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:15 pm
Open and Tiled portions to follow

SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

Lodge dark

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:15 pm
Open and Tiled portions to follow

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

Click Los Angeles Region > Click Media Central Titans > Click Give a Mitt

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:

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FROM THE WEST

On June 22, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the California Masonic Foundation, yet many of us have little or no knowledge of its many great works. The Foundation is the core of California Masonic charity.

The Foundation builds community partnerships by building strong relationships with community organizations that share our values allows us to make a difference at a local level.

The Foundation supports our Masonic youth orders. By providing leadership grants to Masonic youth, the Foundation helps ensure that our Masonic values will endure for future generations.

For many years, the Foundation has awarded nursing grants. By increasing the number of oncology certified nurses through By Your Side nursing grants, California Masons help ensure that cancer patients have access to the best possible care.

The Foundation provides scholarships to support high school seniors who demonstrate an active pursuit of education, despite hardships. We also help connect children in our Masonic family and other students with awards administered through Masonic organizations.

The Foundation awards annual Teacher of the Year awards. Each year, the fraternity awards \$1,000 to each of the five California teachers of the year in recognition of their important contributions to public education in our state.

Literally, Masons have supported education “from time immemorial. Education is a part of our DNA. The earliest operative master masons taught their apprentices how to safely build strong and beautiful castles and churches.

When our country was in its infancy, Grand Master Benjamin Franklin urged the adoption of public education and was one of the founders of the University of Pennsylvania.

In California, Dr. Robert Semple, A Mason and President of the first California Constitutional Convention, stated, “I regard education as a subject of particular importance here in California, from our location and the circumstances under which we are placed, the immense value of our lands and the extent and wealth of the country.” John Swett, a Mason and Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1863-1867, first instituted free public education in our State and is referred to as the Father Of California Public Education.

Today, California Masons continue to support public education through relevant, impactful programs that reach some of the most disadvantaged communities in our state - including a special focus on early childhood literacy.

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

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

THINK ABOUT IT

Cultural appropriation is alive and well in Escondido. In the past couple of years, I have commented about this issue in attempts to defend boys who have hair styles, or girls who wear prom dresses, that are not consistent with the tradition of the ethnic group to which they belong. Apparently some people who are members of the “appropriate” ethnic group take offense and believe that their culture is being insulted when non-members use their fashions.

This time the offending group was the Language Department at San Pasqual High School. At the beginning of the school year, these teachers posed for their identification pictures wearing clothing that represented the cultures that spoke the languages that they taught. The specific problem was the fact that the six Spanish teachers wore sombreros and ponchos. Interestingly they wore those identification badges all year long without incident. However, when these pictures were published in the yearbook and the teachers were referred to as “Senor” or “Senora”, a freshman student (whose name was C.J. Craig) complained to the local San Diego newspaper that the material was “racist”.

The principal of the school quickly responded with what seemed to me to be a politically correct apology and one that I have could have predicted. He stated that cultural appropriation was “offensive”, “unacceptable”, and had “no place in our school”. The principal

did note that he was a member of the “Latinx and Chicano community”, inferring that the pictures were a personal affront to him. School District officials joined in the criticism, calling the pictures “culturally insensitive and in poor judgment”. No official made any effort to support the teachers. On the other hand, one parent (Merced Juarez) thought that the teachers were trying to pay tribute to Latinos. Interestingly, there was no comparable reaction to a photograph in the same yearbook of a French teacher wearing a beret and being referred to as “Madame”.

I wonder what long-term lesson these education officials want to teach their students. It certainly does not seem to be one of discouraging whining and growing a backbone instead. They also do not seem concerned about distinguishing culture from race, but rather seem to be at least tolerating, if not encouraging, the use of the word “racism” whenever a wrong is perceived. I fear that our society is spending far too much time getting people to be overly sensitive to trivial situations.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Julian Black	02	Robert Nelli	21
Morton Devor	04	Glenn Ardizzone	24
Albert Frankel	04	Howard Brandes	25
Kenneth Bourguignon	10	Alan Nisperos	26
Arnold Bristol	11	Carmel Levy	27
William Ellison	11	Howard Hallis	28
Timothy Slone	16	Richard Ellman	29
Paul Troy	16	Theodore Blumenfeld	30
Michael Bear	17	Barry Charles	30
Stephen Fenster	18		

BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Sick and Visitation Committee Report

We Wish Everyone a Full and Complete Recovery

Len Cohen .. Home with several medical problems

Joseph Fisch.. Home with multiple medical problems

Geri Edelman.. Home with a variety of medical problems

Irv Kierman.. Home recovering from surgery

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**

2019 OFFICERS

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