

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

California Masonry has a long history with the Midnight Mission, that offers paths to self-sufficiency to those that have lost direction. Many Masons are also on the Board of Directors, including our own Worshipful Ron Koretz. It is also customary for our Lodge to volunteer for service there.

Our last outing there occurred just recently on Sunday, June 30. At the prescribed hour of 3:00 PM, thirteen of us arrived at the Midnight Mission kitchen and dining room and reported for duty. Frank, the kitchen supervisor, quickly began having us suit up in aprons, sanitary gloves, and hairnets. Before I knew it, Worshipful Jeff and I were transferring the rice from a huge cooker to serving bins. The majority of us were then placed on the food service line and given instructions for whatever we were serving (Jeff on rice and me on the entrees). Yes, Frank was very direct in his instructions, and we all realized that they were to be followed to the fullest.

Now it was showtime, and the hungry masses started to gain admission right on time at 4:30. We were told that on the first go-around that only one serving of each item would be offered, but that seconds were available to those that got in line again. Needless to say, telling hungry people asking for more that was all they got, until getting in line again was a little bit difficult. As I was in charge of entrees, I was told to limit the portion size to one ladle full and not anymore.

While there were just a few grumblers in line, most were very thankful for the food, some

offering a very genuine how are you and thank you. I was also very surprised that some of the people in line were dressed and looked a lot like us servers. You would never know that they needed the Midnight Mission kitchen.

All of a sudden, the staff regulars realized that we had a surplus of food, and knowing that any excess would be thrown away, determined that it was time to pile it on. As such, I was instructed to switch from limited portions to getting as much on the plate as I could. As the last few people passed through the food line, we were all happy to see that just about all the food had been served up.

Now it was cleanup time, and I was immediately pushing a broom across the floor, while our other Lodge volunteers were doing similar tasks. When we were finally done, we all said our goodbyes to Frank and told him what a pleasure it was working with him.

Afterwards, we all retired to a somewhat more sumptuous meal at El Coyote Mexican restaurant, most of us also enjoying some margaritas and other libations. We all agreed that our day of service was very rewarding and that it would continue to be a Lodge tradition.

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick
Master

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 5, 2019

Stated Meeting - Hawaiian shirt night

Open Lodge 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:15 pm
Serving Hawaiian food from Rutts - BBQ chicken and beef teriyaki

Open and Tiled portions to follow

AUGUST 12, 2019

Lodge Dark

AUGUST 19, 2019

Lodge Dark

AUGUST 26, 2019

Lodge Dark

SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

Lodge Dark

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:15 pm
Dinner: Tut's Mediterranean
Open and Tiled portions to follow

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

3rd degree practice

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Masons Night at Dodger Stadium

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

OSI 1st Degree Complete plus Lecture

7:15 pm
Hosted by Ionic Composite Lodge

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Lodge Dark (Rosh Hashonah)

OCTOBER 7, 2019

Stated Meeting - Hiram Award

Open Lodge 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:15 pm
Hiram Award Presentation to Bro. Luis Tananta
Dinner: Peruvian Cuisine

Open and Tiled portions to follow

**You are invited to the
Hiram Award Presentation to**

Bro. Luis Tananta

October 7 Stated Meeting



Dinner: Peruvian Cuisine

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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.**



The 2019 Masons 4 Mitts Fundraiser

Greetings Brethren and Friends!

With your help and donations, we have raised more than \$195,000 (9,750) mitts in just 4 years for Masons4Mitts in LA. Your contributions have supported deserving boys and girls all over this region.

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove will be provided to a needy youth in the LA Dodgers RBI program which now has over 10,00 kids.

Support your lodge's participation in this great program.

Go to www.masons4mitts.org

Click Los Angeles Region > Click Media Central Titans > Click Donate

Contact Bernie Morse at (310)556-4463

if you have any questions.

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

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FROM THE WEST

Lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon, who was said to have been our first Most Excellent Grand Master. But Masons in modern times dedicate theirs to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were said to be two eminent Christian patrons of Masonry; and since their time, there is, or ought to be, represented in every regular and well-governed lodge a certain Point within a Circle. The Point representing an individual brother, the Circle the boundary line of his duty, beyond which he is never to suffer his passions or prejudices to betray him. This Circle is bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; upon the top rests the Holy Writings. In passing around this circle, we necessarily touch upon both lines, as well as upon the Holy Writings, and while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed, it is impossible that he should materially err.

In ancient times buildings were consecrated to God and dedicated to an idea, a virtue, or a person who embodied that idea or virtue. If a building had a sacred purpose, then it was consecrated to God and dedicated as stated before. If a building was not for sacred use, then it was usually just dedicated. Masonic temples are seen as sacred places amongst the craft, so they are both dedicated and consecrated.

Solomon's Temple was consecrated by God himself when a cloud entered and engulfed the temple in both cloud and lightning. Solomon then dedicated the courtyard before the temple and the temple itself with prayer, oil, cleansing, horns of brass, and the sacrifice of 22,000 bulls and 120,000 sheep.

Enough background. Why the Holy Saints John? Why John the Baptist and John the Evangelist? Simple answer because of the values they upheld and personified. John the Baptist, who is said to have been born at the time of the summer solstice, was an extremely moral and righteous man. His zealotry for morality was what made him famous in his own time. The Jewish people and other cultures of the time had ceremonies of ritual washing so his baptizing was not what made him well known. Here was a man who

held himself to the highest standards, standards he was unwilling to compromise. John the Baptist spoke out in public against any lack of morals in society and even condemned the king publicly for his lack of morals. Later he would condemn both the king and queen to their face for their lack of morality.

For calling out the king and queen John was imprisoned. He was given the chance to recant his accusations, knowing that his death would be certain he refused. John the Baptist preferred death than compromising his morality, his virtues, not unlike a certain widow's son.

John the Evangelist, who is said to have been born at the time of the winter solstice, dedicated his life to charity and brotherly love. He spoke and wrote about caring for widows and orphans, brotherly love, and charity. The traditions surrounding John the Evangelist are all ones of giving to the less fortunate and forgiving and upholding others.

Therefore our lodges are dedicated to virtue and brotherly love/charity. Masonically these men represent two extremes of our nature: John the Baptist our desire for a correct moral and upright walk (The common gavel, square, and plumb); John the Evangelist our desire for brotherly love and to be of service to our fellows (The twenty-four-inch gauge and the trowel).

In our lectures, we talk about a point, within a circle, bounded by two parallel lines representing these two men. This lecture uses these two men because of their passions. As Masons, we should touch upon morality, and we should touch upon charity. Both of these it is easy to become overzealous about. The circle represents the due bounds in which we should attempt to live. Warning us to emulate the virtues of both but to guard against the zealous nature of them both, The Holy Writings serving as a guide for employing both in due measure.

Fraternally,
Jeff Bear, P.M.
Senior Warden

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 “Latin 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.



AUG/SEPT BIRTHDAYS



Albert Solnit	8/04	Arthur Vanetek	09/05	Paul Lenz	09/18
Steven Resnick	8/05	Daniel Ferszt	09/10	Eddie Madick	09/18
Fred Gross	8/08	Patrick Levy	09/12	Bernhard Morse	09/18
Allen Sackler	8/08	Allen Steiner	09/12	Barry Hinden	09/21
Clifford Wolosin	8/11	Leonard Tiep	09/12	Alvin Kasselmann	09/21
Harry Barron	8/22	Leonard Cohen	09/14	Jack Revel	09/21
Sarkis Babian	8/25	Sanford Paris	09/14	Ken Duke	09/24
Gene Horst	8/25	Norman Crosby	09/15	Stanley Getz	09/24
Marc Seidner	8/28	Arnold Gooze	09/16	Robert Reed	09/27
Philip Roman	8/31	Seymour Roberts	09/17	Jeffrey Rose	09/30

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**

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