

OCTOBER 2019

# TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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## FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

As I write this, we are just coming out of our usual rather dark August, regarding Lodge activities. As such, I am eagerly awaiting the September Stated Meeting, which by the way, will already have come and gone by the time that you are reading this. Nonetheless, I am very happy about getting back into the full swing of Masonry.

Regarding the October Stated Meeting, this indeed will be a very special event, as we will be honoring Brother Luis Tananta, our beloved Junior Deacon with his well-earned Hiram Award. This award is the highest honor that a Lodge can bestow upon one of their Brethren.

Brother Luis has certainly met all the rigid requirements for this award. Ever since becoming a Master Mason, Luis has served our Lodge as an officer and is known for his word-perfect Charges. Yes, Luis takes his ritual very seriously and is also very conscientious about attending OSI (Officer School Instruction). We are also lucky enough to have him serve on the Board of the Building Association.

I can say that every time coming to Lodge, it is always a very pleasant feeling to know that Luis will be there as well. Just seeing him smile, I am immediately cheered up by his rather infectious good nature. Without even being prompted, he is always Johnny on the spot in setting up for our Stated Meetings and jumping in as a food server when necessary.

Yes, when it comes to good fellowship, ritual and overall service to Ionic Composite Lodge, Luis

proves himself to be a very worthy Hiram Award recipient. Let's all return the favor to Luis by being sure to attend the October Stated Meeting and taking part in his award presentation.

I am also happy to say that during the next few months we are scheduling second degrees for Nick Smith and Joseph Brewer. Also, during that time, we are set to raise Kyle Ware to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Yes, some very good things are happening at Ionic Composite Lodge, as we move into the last quarter of the year. Please join us as the good times roll!!!!

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick  
Master

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 7, 2019

**Stated Meeting - Hiram Award**

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

Open and Tiled portions to follow

OCTOBER 14, 2019

**2nd Degree**

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

OCTOBER 21, 2019

**3rd Degree practice**

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

OCTOBER 28, 2019

**3rd Degree**

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

OCTOBER 29, 2019

**OSI**

7:15 pm  
Hosted by Beverly Hills Lodge

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

**Stated Meeting - Election of officers**

Open Lodge 6:30 pm  
Dinner 7:15 pm

Open and Tiled portions to follow

DECEMBER 2, 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.

# FROM THE WEST

**A**s Senior Warden, it is incumbent on me to discuss matters of Masonic education. In my studies as a Mason I have, like every other Mason, had to memorize pages of Masonic Ritual. Personally, I cannot do this without taking the time to actually understand, or trying to understand, the words. Otherwise I'm nothing more than a trained parrot.

**C**urrent events have called my attention to a particular monitorial portion the Ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree: "Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. . . . Hence while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and with heart and tongue, we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity."

**T**he language of our Ritual is constructed very carefully. As a lawyer, I appreciate its precision. Read these words carefully. Truth is divine, that is,

holy. It is the foundation of every virtue: Without it, every other virtue is unsupported and will crumble. Truth is the first lesson we are "taught" in Masonry, which, as my brother, Brother Michael often reminds me, does not mean it is the first lesson we actually learn. Unfortunately, only while we are influenced by this principle, are hypocrisy and deceit unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and with heart and tongue, we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity. When we are not so influenced, we cave in to falsehood, lying, envy and jealousy. Such conduct has no place in our lodge or in Masonry.

**I** hate to end on such a down note, but I did give you the good news first. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Bear, P.M.  
Senior Warden

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

**Bro. Luis Tananta**

October 7 Stated Meeting



Dinner: Italian Cuisine

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# THINK ABOUT IT

Earlier this season, batters on two Chicago baseball teams hit foul balls into the stands that struck and injured fans. This has been a potential problem for people attending baseball games for as long as I can remember, but the situation may have become more common as the owners of baseball teams have redesigned their parks to bring seats closer to the field. (One explanation for why baseball games take so much longer to play is that foul fly balls that previously would be outs were instead lost in the stands, thereby requiring additional pitches.)

Recently the two US Senators from the state of Illinois wrote to Rob Manfred, the commissioner of Major League Baseball (MLB), asking for data regarding which seats in parks were most likely to be the places where injuries occur. It was not clear if the two senators were seeking information merely as concerned citizens or as representatives of the United States Senate, although they claimed that their only purpose was to create a public database so fans could be informed about the safest places to sit. The senators' letter contained an estimate that almost 1800 people are injured annually from foul balls, although there were no further details regarding how that number was collected and what proportion of those incidents happened to fans at professional baseball parks versus recreational or youth baseball.

Individual teams are responding to this problem by installing protective netting that extends, in some cases, from foul pole to foul pole. Of course, the netting does nullify some of the reasons that people like to sit close to the field, namely to try to get a souvenir baseball and/or to make some kind of contact with the players.

So far, MLB has left these netting decisions to each team. However, the specter of a legislative body is now looming. Will these presumably well-meaning lawmakers be passing laws to protect fans because they believe that the fans do not have the ability to protect themselves? (Whatever happened to individual responsibility?) Would the laws also apply to other sports, such as golf tournaments or tennis matches? Since barriers close to the field of play may pose a risk to basketball players who run into them pursuing a ball, will courtside seats be outlawed? If these senators are really concerned about safety, perhaps they should also collect data regarding how many people are injured traveling to or from baseball games; I suspect that that number is greater than 1800 each year.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Allen Block	05	Dale Rumsey	2 2
Alfred Sapper	07	Rafael Montejano	2 4
Thomas Currie	09	Bruce Shaphran	2 6
Arthur Dakessian	09	Robert Fletcher	2 8
Mark Neander	09	Ray Friedman	2 8
Jorge Gutierrez	11	Robert Nairin	2 8
Albert Kaplan	14	Aaron Sklarsh	3 0
Ronald Stephens	19	Roy Steinfeld	3 0
Lawrence Field	21	Marvin Kirkwood	3 1
Sanford Gage	21	Arnold Schoenfeld	3 1

# BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

## Sick and Visitation Committee Report

### We Wish Everyone a Full and Complete Recovery

**Len Cohen** .. Home with several medical problems

**Geri Edelman**.. Home with a variety of medical problems

**Earl Hellum**.. Home after some recurrent symptoms from his previous illness

**Bruce Shaphran**.. Home after knee surgery and other 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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