

FEBRUARY 2020

# TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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## FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

Even though this is for the February Trestleboard, as I am writing this, we are just coming out of the Holiday Season. As always, the month of December is typically where we only have a few events scheduled. While it was a great month celebrating the holidays, I am also looking forward to getting back into the full swing of Masonry.

Speaking of getting back into Masonry, I just wanted to remind you of some of our upcoming events. We will be having our annual Super Bowl Party at the Lodge on Sunday, February 2. The cost is just \$10 per person and we will be featuring some great appetizers, as well as bringing in some pizza. I am also fairly certain that there will be some donated beer there. Okay, make that 100% certain.

March 16 will be our annual reception of the Grand Master. This is always our Grandest event of the year and will feature the usual tri-tip or fish, as well as our ever-famous ice cream sundae bar. Rounding out the evening will be Worshipful Ron Koretz performing his Grand Line introductions in

his own unique and usually quite a humorous manner. The cost is just \$35 per person. Please RSVP to our Secretary, Worshipful Mike Bear ASAP to guaranty your reservation.

To be certain of a full year of great events, we will be having our planning meeting Monday, February 17. Please be sure to attend if you want to have one of your favorites put on the calendar.

I also wanted to check and see how your New Year's resolutions were progressing. Well, I have a great resolution for all of us. Let's all be resolved to greater attendance of Lodge events. Certainly, both a very enjoyable resolution and one that is easy to keep going.

See you in Lodge!!!!

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick  
Master

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A decorative graphic for 'Sweet Heart Night'. The words 'Sweet Heart' are written in a large, pink, cursive font, with a solid pink heart replacing the letter 'e' in 'Heart'. The word 'Night' is written in a smaller, pink, cursive font to the right. The background is white with faint pink hearts and swirls.

**FEBRUARY 3 AT 7:15 PM**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

## **Super Bowl Party**

3:30 pm

Appetizers, soft drinks, donated beer and pizza.

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

## **Stated Meeting and Sweethearts' Night**

Open Lodge 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:15 pm

Lasagna and pasta

A great singer for entertainment

Brothers' ladies and partners are also guests of the lodge

Open and Tiled portions to follow

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

## **Planning Meeting**

February 10, 2020 7:15 pm - 9:45 pm

Light refreshments

FEBRUARY 17, 2020

## **Officers meeting**

7:15 pm

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

## **Fellowship night**

7:15 pm

Including non-Masons, wives and partners

MARCH 2, 2020

## **Stated Meeting**

Open Lodge 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:15 pm

Open and Tiled portions to follow



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*Post your pictures*

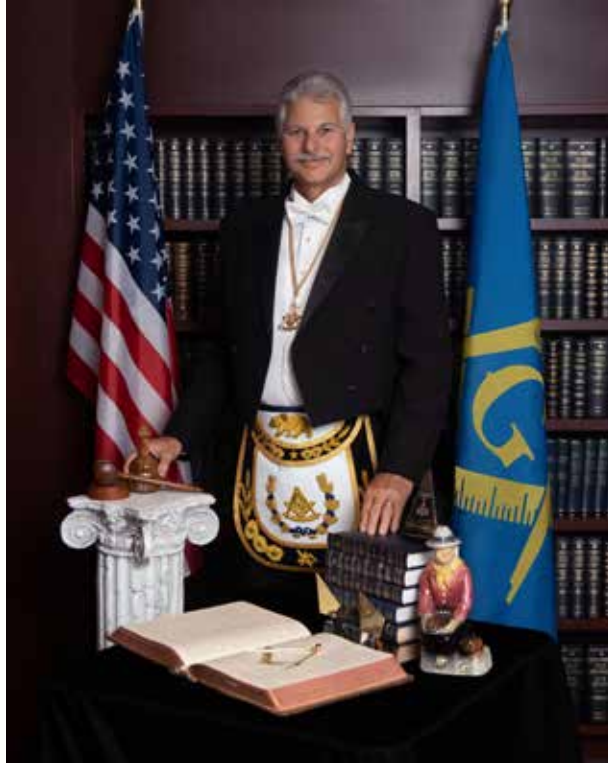
*Meet brothers*

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

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

# IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE No. 520

1122 South La Cienega Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90035



*The Master, Officers and Brethren  
Invite You To Attend Our Lodge's 50th Consecutive Reception  
Of The Grand Master of Masons.*

## John E. Trauner, Grand Master of Masons

**March 16, 2020**

Lodge Opens: 5:00 pm

Social: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:00pm

Reception 7:15pm

Menu is choice of Tri Tip or Sea Bass and includes our famous Sundae Bar

Welcome: All Masons and Non-Masons, families and friends

Attire: Grand Lodge & Lodge Officers: Tuxedo.

Other men: Dark suit and tie

\$35.00 per person

Reservations Required, RSVP by March 9, 2020

Pay via PayPal on the Lodge website

<https://www.ioniccomposite.com/events/reception-of-the-grand-master-of-masons>

or contact Lodge Secretary @ 310-657-2628



# FROM THE WEST

I've been known to tell my favorite joke as an opening to speeches I've given in the past, so some of you may have already heard this. If so, my apologies. . . and, sorry, you may hear it again in the future.

So, three people are being interviewed to determine differences between professions: An engineer, a mathematician, and (of course) a lawyer. The question comes up, "What is two times two?"

The engineer replies, "A given two plus a given two equals a given four." The mathematician answers, "A known two plus a known two yields a known four." The lawyer thinks a bit and whispers, "What do you want it to be?"

Well, it's a new Lodge year. My question to each of you is, "What do you want it to be?"

We already have several events on the calendar. Our traditional Sweethearts' Night will be on February 3. We invite each of our Sweethearts to join us as guests of the Lodge for a wonderful dinner and entertainment. If you have a caregiver, of course, they are also welcome as guests of the Lodge. If you require transportation, please call our Secretary and it will be arranged. We truly look forward to seeing you and having an opportunity to talk about "the good old days" at Ionic Composite be brought up to date on how you are doing.

Our March Stated Meeting will not be on the first Monday. Instead, it will be on March 16, when we will be celebrating the 50th consecutive Reception of the Grand Master in the Ionic Composite style of M.W. Mel Nahin. Our Reception has become a Grand Lodge tradition, and many of the Grand Family will be in attendance. Please make your reservations now as we always have a full dining room for this event.

These are both terrific events and traditions at our Lodge, but now let's talk about what you want our Lodge to be in the future. You will have that opportunity at our Lodge Planning Meeting on Monday, February 10, when we be discussing, not just events for the coming year, but what we want our Lodge to be like over the next 100 years. That's right, the next 100 years. Our Lodge will be celebrating its 100th Birthday in a couple of years, so we need to start planning for that momentous occasion and begin looking forward to our next century. Let's all plan on being at this important and, if you like, bring your memories and memorabilia with you to get our 100th birthday party started.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Jeff Bear, P.M.

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## Brethren

## Please don't forget to pay your dues!

# THINK ABOUT IT

In the 1890s, a local entrepreneur in Sonoma County, in northern California, named James Patrick, opened a general store and post office that he named after himself, Jintown. While that store remained in business for some time, it ultimately was abandoned and fell into disrepair in the early 1980s. In 1991, John Werner and his wife Carrie renovated it and opened it up again as a boutique bistro in this rural area, keeping its name as Jintown. Over the next three decades, Jintown became a local attraction and a thriving business. The owners even published a cookbook ("The Jintown Store Cookbook") and created a line of condiments. Jintown became a resting place for people who participated in a lengthy bicycling event, the Blue Monkey, that originated in nearby Santa Rosa.

Things went well until 2017, when the Tubbs fire destroyed structures in Santa Rosa and killed 22 people. This was followed in 2018 by the Camp Fire, which was actually 160 miles northwest but created such bad air pollution that a number of outdoor events scheduled by Jintown had to be canceled. The coup de grace for Jintown was the Kincaide fire in 2019, which destroyed 374 structures including a winery about 1.5 miles up the road. However, the Jintown building was not damaged, leading Carrie to post an Instagram story stating "We are still standing". Unfortunately, that

statement was not quite true.

As a consequence of the fires, the local electric company adopted a policy of shutting off the power for any perceived threat of fire. When the power is off, the water pumping system for Jintown cannot function. In addition, many potential tourists canceled their plans to hold outdoor events because of the fear of fires. Another adversity occurring in the region was a housing crisis that resulted in population losses and the subsequent lack of adequate help being available. Thus, and not surprisingly, even though the building had not been destroyed, Jintown closed its doors in December.

To the casual news reader, it was a cause for celebration that Jintown had not burned down. However, when catastrophe strikes, the early survivors usually do not just return to their pre-disaster lives. The lesson for all of us is that, when our friends and acquaintances suffer some major difficulty, our response should not be just to tell them to call us if they need anything. Rather, we should take it upon ourselves to keep in contact with them and, when we see some need arise, we should try to assist, even before we are called.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Harry Sussman	01	Amir Jandaghi	14
Robert Malinow	03	Stanley Sax	14
Richard Shapiro	03	Norman Weinstock	15
Joseph Michael	05	Robin Silverman	17
Joseph Fisch	06	Tony Napoli	21
Varun Dadabhoy	10	Eugene Fink	22
Carl Smith	10	Victor Pinkerton	22
Joshua Jason	11	Robert Rosenstein	26
Benson Turner	12	Robert Feiles	28
Charles Francis	13	James Kraus	28
Bruce Gary	14	Howard Steinore	29

# 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**.. In and out of hospital with various 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**

## 2020 OFFICERS

Master – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)

Marshal – Yuriy Kotlyar

Senior Warden – Jeffrey Bear, P.M. (Trisha)

Senior Steward – Roy Steinfeld, P.M.

Junior Warden –

Junior Steward – Renato Garcia (Minerva)

Treasurer – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)

Assistant Secretary -

Secretary – Michael Bear, P.M. (Debbie)

Tiler – Evan Weiss, P.M.

Chaplain – Kyle Ware

Officers' Coach – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)

Senior Deacon – Jacob Gershbock

Inspector for the 622nd Masonic District  
O. Gary Pealer PM (Lelah)

Junior Deacon – Luis Tananta (Maria)

Trestleboard Layout – Yuriy Kotlyar