

MARCH 2020

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brothers, ladies and friends;

As I write this, Sheelah and I just had a wonderful outing with Worshipful Mike Bear and his lovely wife Debbie, to have a great Mexican meal and then take in the Pasadena Symphony. As Sheelah and I piled into their car when they picked us up, I remarked to Mike and Debbie that this was our first double date together. However, I then realized that it was actually our second, as we had previously gone to a Dodger game, just the four of us. Well just like the Dodger game, this was a wonderful evening too. So why am I writing about our double dates with the Bears? Well for a very simple reason. If it weren't for Masonry, Sheelah and I never would have had the pleasure of meeting them and then seeing them quite often. Yes, we see the Bears quite often, whether in Masonic pursuits or just sharing a Dodger game or a classical concert.

Hey, wait a minute, it's not just the Bears that we see. What about Jeff & Trisha Bear, Bernie & Carolyn Morse, Ron & Grace Koretz and Kyle Ware and his partner James. For that matter what about all the other wonderful couples and individuals that we regularly see due to Masonry.

Of course, I should also mention our attendance of the Grand Master's trip, celebrating 300 years of Masonry in the United Kingdom a few years ago. What a great experience that was traveling with 150 Masons and spouses, most of whom we met for the first time on that trip.

Yes, walk into a room of Masons that you have never met before, and you are more actually walking into a room of friends and Brothers, that will treat you accordingly.

The truth is that Masonry does bring likeminded people together to share all kinds of events. Coming to Lodge is always a joy for so many reasons like a ritual, fellowship and just plain schmoozing. I can guaranty that the more that you come to Lodge, the better that your life will be.

Come to Lodge and then tell me if I'm wrong.

See you in Lodge!!!!

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick
Master

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL PROFILE ON FREEMASON.ORG

Log in to freemason.org

Under "My Profile" click "Change my contact information"

Enter changes in selected sections, Click Save

If you have any questions contact Member Services (415)292-9180

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2, 2020

***DATE CHANGED* Stated Meeting - Moved to March 16th.
LODGE DARK.**

MARCH 9, 2020

Grand Master Reception Practice

Grand Master Reception
Practice: 6:30 pm

100th Anniversary Committee
meeting at: 7:15pm

MARCH 16, 2020

**Stated Meeting & Reception Of The Grand Master of Masons
Golden Veterans Award Presentation to Past Master Jack Revel**

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
ioniccomposite@gmail.com

MARCH 23, 2020

Officer Meeting

Officer Meeting: 7:15pm

MARCH 30, 2020

Fellowship Night

Fellowship Night: 7:15pm

APRIL 6, 2020

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:15 pm

Open and Tiled portions to follow

MAY 4, 2020

Stated Meeting

Open Lodge 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:15 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Roll Call Meeting & Dinner Monday
June 29, 2020

Scotch Tasting Saturday
October 3, 2020

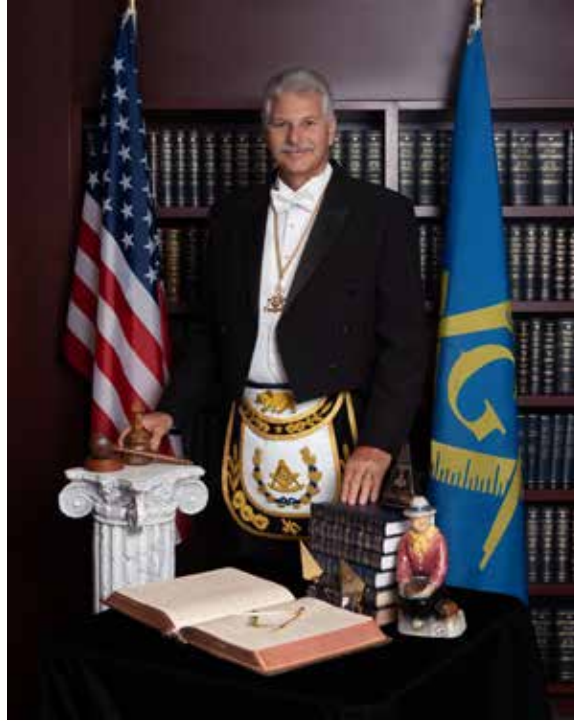
Obligation Renewal
November 9, 2020

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

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Attendance at the Reception Ceremony is free

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FROM THE WEST

Why do Freemasons end their prayers with the phrase “So mote it be”?

It is customary amongst the monotheistic religions to end prayers with a hearty “Amen,” (“Amin” in Arabic) a word meaning “So be it.” Thus a congregation saying “Amen” is literally saying “So be it.” The word “mote” is an archaic verb that means “may” or “might,” and traces back to Old English. The phrase “So mote it be” means “So may it be,” which is the same as “So be it.”

Having established the equivalence of “Amen” and “So mote it be,” the question remains, “Why do Masons end their prayers with ‘So mote it be’?” The answer may well go back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by

early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history, regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The poem ends famously with this couplet: “Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity.”

Thus Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you’re in lodge and say “So mote it be” after the Chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600-year-old Masonic tradition.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Jeff Bear, P.M.
Senior Warden

**We have a block of seats for the
Tony Award Winning Musical
The Band’s Visit**

Sunday, July 26, 2020

6:30PM

\$84/person

at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood

For information and reservations please contact Bernie Morse PM at (310)556-4463 or email brnhrd18@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

During the 50th consecutive

Grand Master Reception

on March 16,

We will be presenting

1978 Past Master Jack Revel

with his Golden Veteran Award.

Brethren

Please don’t forget to pay your dues!

If you paid and do not have your dues card or if your dues card was not signed, please contact the Lodge secretary.

THINK ABOUT IT

The following details about recycling come from an article written by James Rainey in the January 13, 2020 issue of the Los Angeles Times. Because of concerns about the environmental impact of discarded containers, many years ago the California legislature passed a law mandating buyers of canned or bottled drinks to pay a deposit fee. The money would then be refunded when the container was returned. Recycling centers were opened around the state because the recycled metal and glass could be resold at a profit. Unfortunately, over time, the price for the recycled material dropped and the cost of operating the recycling centers rose, due in part to increasing rents as well as other legislation raising the minimum wage.

Over half of these centers have closed and people living in many areas of the state have no convenient place to take their empty containers. A person living in Malibu has to drive to Inglewood. San Francisco has four centers to service 900,000 people. Many cities have no centers. While a portion of the law required the selling store to provide the refund, those places usually refuse to do so. Adding to the problem is that many of the stores that do redeem them just dump the containers someplace. The state has estimated that only 68% of the deposits have been claimed. The money

that was not returned (about \$450 million last year) is held by the state; while some of that money is subsequently returned to the stores mandated to pay the redemption fee, the current fund still contains over \$300 million.

So we now are faced with a conundrum. A law passed with good intentions has increased the cost of the beverages while still leaving a significant residual of containers in the environment. Curiously, one action being considered by the state legislature is to pass a new law that extends the deposit fee to wine and liquor containers and requires the manufacturers and distributors of all of the covered beverages to produce a workable recycling plan (something that the legislature could not do). I do not understand how either component of this proposed legislation addresses the root causes of the problem, but it does appear that it would further raise the cost of the beverages as well as the amount of money that the state would then receive. I fear that this represents an example of government believing that one can solve problems created by previous laws by passing new laws.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Steven Shapiro	02	Bill Miller	17
Yefim Ben	03	Kevin Silver	18
Karen Meymaryan	05	Robert Thomas	19
Sanford Climan	10	Jean Claude Aghadjanian	20
Michael Silverman	10	James Petersen	20
Joseph Epstein	11	Myron Roberts	21
Paul Firestone	11	Richard Sharpe	21
Marv Marshall	11	Earl Hellum	22
Irving Simon	13	Arthur Levy	23
Nir Hanien	14	Ronald Lawrence	24
Kirtland Ash	16	Daniel Seidner	24
Irvin Puskin	16	Spence Bilkiss	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

Earl Hellum.. Home after recent hospitalization

Bruce Shaphran.. Home after knee surgery and other medical problems



It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that the following Brothers have laid down their working tools and have been called to that Celestial Lodge above.

Alvin Kasselmann 9/21/1930-2/18/2020

Lawrence N. Field 10/21/1930-1/28/2020

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