

SEPTEMBER 2020

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Yes, our Lodge and the whole Masonic world has been impacted by the pandemic. However, we have begun to meet together again virtually. While the Executive Board and the Building Association Board Members have been having regular Zoom meetings to tend to the business of the Lodge and the Building Association, our first virtual meeting open to all the Brothers occurred on 7/21/20. We then had our first Zoom Stated Meeting for all the Brothers on 8/03/20. I am happy to report that our attendance for both events rivaled and exceeded our pre-pandemic events. Many of the Brothers that live some distance from the Lodge made good use of the virtual meetings to get the opportunity to easily attend without any commute worries. It was also great to hear that, for the most part, all of the attendees were surviving these troubled times fairly well.

Going forward, we will most likely have about two virtual meetings per month: our usual Stated Meeting and one other special meeting.

Some other good news comes from the Grand Lodge program to reinstate Brothers that had been suspended for non-payment of dues. Ionic Composite created a list of Brothers that we thought should be given the opportunity to be so reinstated and forwarded it to Grand Lodge, who then contacted all the listed Brothers. I am very happy to say that about twenty of our previously suspended Brothers stepped up and made payment to Grand Lodge to be made members in good standing. It was also a pleasure to see many of the returning Brothers at our virtual meetings.

Now more than ever, attendance of Ionic Composite Lodge meetings, virtually speaking, is extremely beneficial to keep up with Masonic developments and updates in these times of trouble.

Looking forward to seeing everyone physically back in Lodge and elsewhere in the Masonic world, just as soon as it is safe to do so.

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick

All future in-person meetings have been cancelled pending authorization from the Grand Master.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Open Ionic Composite Meeting

Login via Zoom
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Contact information provided nearer to event date

You are invited, along with your friends and adult family for an open lodge Zoom get-together.

Share what you have been doing, ask questions, and find out what is happening in Masonry.
September 14, 2020

OCTOBER 5, 2020

Zoom Stated Meeting

7:00 pm

Zoom login information will be provided via email.

OCTOBER 12, 2020

Zoom Ionic Composite 98th Anniversary Gathering

7:00 pm

Zoom login information will be provided via email.

My Brothers,

As you may have heard due to Covid-19 and the inability to meet and hold events, the Masons4Mitts program is having some difficulty hitting their 2020 fundraising goals.

Although the kids may not be playing baseball and softball in their park leagues, the Dodger Foundation will be continuing their virtual programming for Dodgers RBI for the rest of the year. That will include baseball and softball videos, fitness and nutrition videos, coaches' training, parent workshops, and additional programs and resources. The RBI Program is exploring in person camps later this year but nothing is finalized yet.



It is again time to look to all of the hope and excitement that the Masonic tradition of giving can produce and we ask you to consider making a donation to one of our most fulfilling charitable programs, Masons4Mitts. With each \$20 donation (or multiple thereof), a boy or girl in our community gets a mitt of their very own; quite possibly the very first mitt they will get in their lives.

At this time, the Media Central Titans team is unfortunately far behind its pace for donations for the year and time is running out. If you have donated in past years I thank you and hope you can contribute this year. I would also appreciate new donors to this great Grand Lodge charity. The donation process only takes a couple of minutes and all you have to do is go to the link below and follow the instructions. Any amount you donate will be greatly appreciated by the children that benefit from this worthwhile cause.

<https://masons4mitts.org/teams/media-central-titans>

If you have any questions or I can assist in any way please contact me.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bernie Morse PM (brnhrd18@yahoo.com), (310)704-2262
Media Central Titans Co-Captain



THINK ABOUT IT

Clancy Imislund passed away on August 24, 2020, at the age of 93. It is likely that most of you have never even heard of him. However, for those of us who have had some type of association with The Midnight Mission (TMM), a Skid Row institution in Los Angeles, Clancy's passing was truly, in the words of a press release from TMM, the end of an era.

In his teenage years, Clancy, who grew up in Wisconsin during the Great Depression, joined the US Navy and, after the war, developed a fondness for alcohol that soon overwhelmed his life. Over a 10-15 year period, he went from a successful executive to a resident on Skid Row, losing his family in the process. He finally reached his rock bottom in October 1958 when he was thrown out of TMM for a rules infraction. He then entered a rehabilitation center in west Los Angeles and began his lifelong recovery. In the 1960s he reunited with his family and also became an executive at KHJ radio and television.

He also found his primary purpose in life, namely helping others get past alcoholism. He was able to relate to people with this problem, regardless of whether they lived on the streets or in expensive homes. He became one of the international voices of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). In 1974, he agreed to take an interim position as the Managing Director

of TMM until the job could be permanently filled. That temporary tenure lasted for some 46 years. During that time, he brought the 12-step program to Skid Row, adding addiction treatment to the role of food provision. He influenced hundreds, if not thousands, including now nationally-known celebrities and business people, assisting them in returning to productive and rewarding lives. He was dubbed "The King of Skid Row".

It was impossible not to like Clancy from the first time you met him. He was unassuming, personable, and always willing to listen. I had the opportunity to know him for about 20 years through my position on the Board of Directors of TMM. As I never had a substance abuse problem, I did not experience what Dick van Dyke described: "How many of us owe our lives to him?" However, I did know him as a human being who was passionate about helping others, not for any personal gain, but because it was the right thing to do. Clancy Imislund spent 93 years on this planet and returned the world in a better condition than he found it. This was the lesson that he taught me and I hope that I can do the same thing.

Think about it.
Ron Koretz, P.M.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Arthur Vanetek | 09/05 | Sanford Paris | 09/14 | Bernhard Morse | 09/18 |
| Daniel Ferszt | 09/10 | Norman Crosby | 09/15 | Barry Hinden | 09/21 |
| Patrick Levy | 09/12 | Arnold Gooze | 09/16 | Alvin Kasselmann | 09/21 |
| Allen Steiner | 09/12 | Seymour Roberts | 09/17 | Jack Revel | 09/21 |
| Leonard Tiep | 09/12 | Paul Lenz | 09/18 | Ken Duke | 09/24 |
| Leonard Cohen | 09/14 | Eddie Madick | 09/18 | Stanley Getz | 09/24 |

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 with long-standing medical problems

Bonnie Miller Is in care facility to build up strength

Evan Weiss Is at care facility in Chino but eye problem resolved

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Jeffrey Rose

Born 9/30/1944 Raised 4/27/1981 Died 08/26/2020

“Soft and safe to thee my brother be thy resting place”

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)

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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