

OCTOBER 2020

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Absolutely cannot believe that Annual Communication is just around the corner again. I have been lucky enough to attend four previous Annual Communications at the California Grand Lodge in San Francisco and have thoroughly enjoyed each and every one of them.

Although unable to vote the first time in 2016, as I was just the Treasurer, I took pride in being able to cast votes for our Lodge on pending legislation from 2017 forward. Not to mention the fact that it was always a real treat to see the pro and con presentations on the juicier legislation issues.

Besides taking care of some of the Grand Lodge business, should probably also admit that there were also some excellent cocktail parties and dinners. These were made all the more enjoyable when attending with such Past Masters as Jeff Bear, Mike Bear and Bernie Morse. These three gentlemen also accompanied me on my first Grand Lodge experience in 2016 and I know that they made every effort before, during and after that magical weekend to see that I enjoyed the experience just as much as they did on their first Annual Communication.

Of course, things will be a bit different this year, as the event will be virtual due to the pandemic. I am still very happy to attend this year. First of all, I still get to vote and will actually have two votes, both for me and the Junior Warden slot.

Should also be fun to hear the Trial Review Committee Report, as I have always noted some very interesting cases in previous years. Can't wait to learn about the recent batch.

Another not to miss item will be the Grand Oration.

Yes, this year's Annual Communication will be different in a lot of ways due to the pandemic. However, it still remains an event that I am very eager to attend. Not just to take part in the fun events that I mentioned but also to show my support for the Grand Lodge Officers and all that they have done for us this year.

It is a good point to make that the Saturday Business Session of Annual Communication on October 10 is open to all Master Masons, while the Sunday Public Ceremonies and Grand Lodge Installation are open to all individuals, Mason or not. If you have never been able to attend past Annual Communications, this is your big chance to jump right in and enjoy. You can register at Freemason.org.

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
Master

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

Important: New Grand Lodge Dues Procedure

A new Grand Lodge dues paying procedure is rolling out to all lodges. To help you get ready and make the most of this exciting new development, here are a few important steps:

1. The Grand Lodge will email and send physical mail dues notices and invoices to all members directing them to make their payment either by credit card through iMember 2.0, or by sending a check to Grand Lodge.
 - If the member chooses to pay via credit card, a processing fee will be included in their payment.
 - Members of more than one lodge will receive an itemized invoice that includes the dues for all lodges of which they are a member.
2. Once posted, payments will automatically be updated on the member's record in iMember 2.0. **Members may then immediately access their virtual dues card.*** Secretaries will be able to see that they've made their payment through a special dashboard. And for lodges using Intacct, that system will also be automatically updated.
3. Every month, lodge secretaries will receive a check from Grand Lodge and an itemized report for all of funds collected, minus any credit card processing fees.

Of course, members are also welcome to pay their dues directly to their lodge secretary, who will record the payment in iMember 2.0 manually.

The first dues notices and invoices for the 2020–2021 year will be sent to all members following Annual Communication October 10–11. Please update any email and home addresses prior to this date.

*** You must be registered in iMember 2.0 to get your dues card online. Please go to www.member.freemason.org to register. You will need your member number which is on the back of your current dues card. Once enrolled you will be able to download this app to your mobile phone.**



Officers Needed for 2021

Our lodge is in need of brothers to serve as officers in 2021.

All current officers need to confirm their attentions to Bernie Morse PM by email or telephone.

Especially needed is a brother to step forward and learn the ritual for Senior Deacon.

I am ready and willing to assist all volunteer brothers and discuss many opportunities to serve our lodge.

We welcome back officers who served in the past and desire to take our lodge to future success.

Bernie Morse PM

Officers' Coach

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 5, 2020

Zoom Stated Meeting

7:00 pm

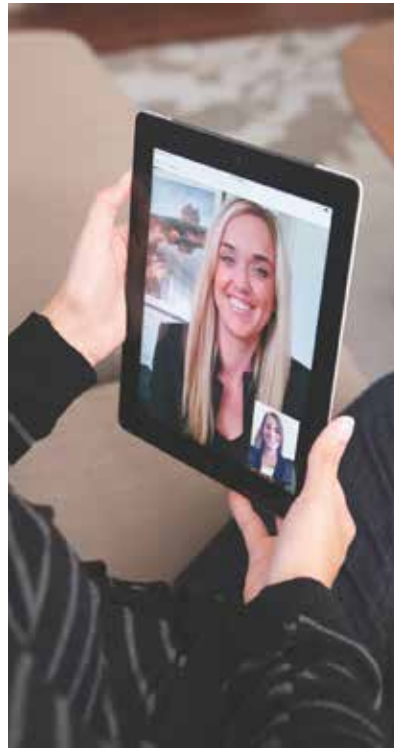
Zoom login information will be provided via email.

OCTOBER 12, 2020

Zoom Ionic Composite 98th Anniversary Gathering

7:00 pm

Zoom login information will be provided via email.



Telehealth: Help Wherever Your Family Needs Us



If a young person in your life is struggling with behavioral, educational, or emotional challenges, we can help – no matter where you live in California.

Through new telehealth services, the Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCYAF) offers professional consultation services over a secure video connection for parents, couples, families, and youth.

To learn more about telehealth, contact inquiries@mcyaf.org or (877) 488-6293.

Find out how MCYAF's professional therapeutic services help families thrive at mcyaf.org.



My Brothers,

As you may have heard due to Covid-19 and the inability to meet and hold ev
Masons4Mitts program is having some difficulty hitting their 2020 fundraising
Although the kids may not be playing baseball and softball in their park leagu
Dodger Foundation will be continuing their virtual programing for Dodg-
ers 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 thanks you and hope you can contribute this year. I would also appreciated 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 Fraternaly,

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

THINK ABOUT IT

I was fortunate to have been able to obtain my undergraduate education at Caltech, graduating in 1963. A 1985 alumnus, Michael Chwe, who is now a professor of political science at UCLA, has submitted a petition to eliminate the “institutional recognition” of some individuals who played prominent roles in Caltech’s development by removing the names of five luminaries, including Robert Millikan, all over the campus. Apparently all five were members of the Human Betterment Foundation, an organization in southern California that promoted eugenics (a movement that called for the forced sterilization of individuals who are viewed as being defective) in the years between the World Wars.

The other four, Henry Robinson, Harry Chandler, Thomas Watson, and Albert Ruddock, were all benefactors, donating their own money and finding financial support elsewhere; all have buildings named after them. In fact, Watson’s family paid for his building. However, the most intense focus has been on Robert Millikan, who worked at Caltech and was arguably the person most responsible for revamping the entire university. Millikan, a physicist from the East coast, had been working at the school, then known as Throop College of Technology, on a part-time basis, since 1917, along with the astronomer George Hale and the chemist Arthur Noyes. The three of them decided to make the college a national institution dedicated to pure science and Millikan assumed the role of

developing it, serving as its chief executive officer from 1921 to 1945. Along the way, Millikan became Caltech’s first Nobel Laureate in 1923. Departments of geology, biology, aeronautics, and mathematics joined those of physics, chemistry, and engineering. Eschewing government money, Millikan obtained funding from many private sources. Albert Einstein was a visiting professor in 1931, 1932, and 1933. Other similarly distinguished scientists regularly appeared there; Linus Pauling was a full-time faculty person during my tenure. Jet Propulsion Laboratory evolved at Caltech. When I enrolled as an undergraduate student in 1959 (and lived in Ruddock House), I was told that the goal of Caltech was to produce one Nobel Prize winner annually.

Given all of his successes, I am not sure how much time and effort Millikan actually provided to the Human Betterment Foundation. At Caltech, he is revered for his many scientific and administrative works. While I cannot justify eugenics, we need to be careful not to let political correctness obliterate the memory of those who may have had some connection with it until we have weighed this one aspect of their lives against the totality of their deeds. In Millikan’s case, his other accomplishments were enormous.

Think about it.
Ron Koretz, P.M.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Allen Block	05	Ronald Stephens	19	Ray Friedman	28
Alfred Sapper	07	Lawrence Field	21	Robert Nairin	28
Thomas Currie	09	Sanford Gage	21	Aaron Sklarsh	30
Arthur Dakessian	09	Dale Rumsey	22	Roy Steinfeld	30
Mark Neander	09	Rafael Montejano	24	Marvin Kirkwood	31
Jorge Gutierrez	11	Bruce Shaphran	26	Arnold Schoenfeld	31
Albert Kaplan	14	Robert Fletcher	28		

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. Mario Sherman

Born 1/16/1934 Raised 8/26/1974 Died 09/21/2020

“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)

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

Assistant Secretary - Tim Shiner, P.M.

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