

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Well, as promised, I attended the virtual Annual Communication during the weekend of 10/10/20. Just as for all other Grand Lodge events, everything seemed to go quite well. The total program was just the right length to both keep your attention and demonstrate the momentous nature of the event. Hearing the messages from both the outgoing and incoming Grand Masters was indeed very inspirational and gave me some much-needed hope, considering the events that we are going through right now.

When Most Worshipful Art Weiss was speaking on his election to Grand Master, he mentioned that the part he missed the most was the chance to stand at the head of the reception line and personally greet every person in attendance for the installation. He then made the plea that in lieu of greeting him in the reception line, that he should instead receive written messages.

The moment that the ceremonies came to an end, I did, in fact, write MW Art. I told him what a pleasure it was to see him and all the other Grand Lodge Officers installed that day, offering both my congratulations and thanks for their service.

I also assured MW Art that I had made a note of his three priorities at the Lodge level and that the Officers of Ionic Composite Lodge #520 and I would do everything in our power to see them

fulfilled. These priorities are as follows:

1. Implement year one of the 2021 five year plan at the Lodge Level.
2. Increase Masonic family unity among the concordant and appendant bodies.
3. Raise public awareness of Freemasonry, particularly our charitable foundations and contributions.

I was deeply honored when MW Art wrote I back, thanking me for the kind words, and also for taking on his three priorities. I was especially moved when he stated that "Ionic Composite has always been a leadership Lodge, and I will look to you guys for your help in reaching the next level of Masonry after this pandemic and during the next thirty years."

Yes, as MW Art mentioned, Ionic Composite does have a most illustrious history. Let's all work together to make certain that the proud legacy is continued.

We are 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.

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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IMPORTANT LODGE MEMBER PROFILE STATISTICS

On October 30 the iMember 2.0 Administrative Dashboard revealed some sobering statistics regarding our member profiles. Grand Lodge currently has only:

75% of member emails

39% of member mobile phones

79% of home phones

17% signed up for iMember 2.0

If we do not have your email you are not receiving our email blasts.

If we do not have your mobile phone we will not be able to send out a text blast when it is important to do so.

You may correct this yourself by registering for iMember 2.0 and updating your Member Profile. To register go to www.freemason.org and click "For Members" in upper right corner.

iMember 2.0 has tremendous features for all brothers including member posts, lodge calendar, deciding how you want to receive communication from our lodge and printing your 2021 dues card.

You can also update your info by emailing Secretary Michael Bear at Michael.bear@mac.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Zoom Stated Meeting
Election of 2021 Officers
7:00 pm

Zoom login information will be provided via email.

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Zoom Fellowship Night

7:00 pm

Zoom login information will be provided via email.

DECEMBER 7, 2020

Zoom Stated Meeting

7:00 pm

Zoom login information will be provided via email.

DECEMBER 21, 2020

Zoom 2021 Installation of Officers

7:00 pm

Zoom login information will be provided via email.

NEW VIRTUAL STATED MEETING RULES ANNOUNCED BY GRAND MASTER

Beginning this month Lodges may hold virtual Stated and Special Meetings, Some of the key requirements follow.

1. The meeting must allow each member of the Lodge participating in the meeting to communicate with all of the other members concurrently. Each member participating must be provided the means of participating in all matters before the meeting, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the Lodge.
2. Such meetings must be held without the Lodge opening or closing ceremonies in the Ritual and without any other esoteric or secret portion of the Ritual.
3. **The following business may not be conducted at any such virtual meeting: reports of investigating committees, balloting, examining a candidate in the Candidate's Lecture of any degree or conferring of degrees.**
4. During a virtual meeting, all questions should be decided either by a voice vote or by hand. Some virtual meeting software has polling and raise hand features which can be used for voting. If three members request a written ballot on any matter, the presiding officer may specify how the written ballot shall be taken. Among other possibilities, he could specify the polling feature in the virtual meeting software or the distribution of written ballots by mail to those who were in the virtual meeting when the question was called.
5. A Lodge's virtual Stated Meetings shall be held on the same date and at the same time as provided in its Bylaws for in person Stated Meetings. Notice to the Lodge members of the means of electronic access to the virtual Stated Meetings must be given by four days' written notice if mailed or forty-eight hours' notice if delivered personally or by telephone or other electronic means. No notice is required for virtual Special Meetings.

Check out our website for the up to date event information

<https://www.ioniccomposite.com/>

THINK ABOUT IT

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many scientific societies have been forced to hold their conferences on-line. On occasion, hackers and other individuals with less-than-honorable intentions have managed to insert inappropriate content. In response to such threats, companies that manage these internet meetings have developed software that will screen for profanity or other unwanted material in text and images and actually censor such content in real time.

Paleontology is the study of life in previous geological periods and the source of that research is fossils and old bones. Hell Creek Formation is a rock unit in Montana where the remains of giant dinosaurs that roamed in America have been found. Thomas Holtz is an expert on Tyrannosaurus rex who made a presentation at the 80th Annual meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology recently. As part of that presentation, he was asked a question and attempted to type in his answer on his computer. However, when he typed "Hell Creek Formation", what came up was "**** Creek Formation". The software recognized the word "Hell", censored it, and substituted asterisks.

Unfortunately other words were also treated similarly, including words that are part of the common parlance of paleontologists. The list of filtered words included "pubis" (which is the

name of part of one of the bones in the pelvis), "knob" (a protuberance on a bone), and even the word "bone" itself. Some of the attendees, when they were informed about the problem, viewed it from a lighter side. A paleontologist from Tennessee began calling the rock formation in Montana Heck Creek. A few of them began typing in words at random to see what would be accepted, only to discover that any participant named "Wang" was now "****", but "Johnson" was still "Johnson".

This word and picture censorship has not been restricted to paleontologists. For example, the Swedish Cancer Society needed to use graphic representations of squares in order to create an acceptable video about breast examinations.

While this story certainly does have its amusing aspects, it also reflects what happens when people do not consider what they are doing and fail to recognize that individual situations usually require individual solutions. If one is going to act like a mindless machine and impose the same answer to every problem, one may wind up with more chaos than if one just left the problem alone. As a former mentor of mine once put it, "Don't just do something - Stand there!"

Think about it.
Ron Koretz, P.M.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Louis Dalesandro	11/03	Michael Pecina	11/21	Jason Louv	12/11
Laurence Friedman	11/03	Steven Bailin	11/22	Marshall Krupp	12/13
Matthew Wilson	11/04	Morris Darnov	11/22	Etan Goldman	12/16
Albert Canter	11/06	Mauricio Leon	11/25	Norman Langer	12/19
Gene Pira	11/08	John Rasor	11/26	Bruno Samuel	12/20
Clarence Neal	11/09	Leonard King	11/27	Harold Forster	12/22
JohnRobert Wilson	11/09	Peter Gordon	11/30	Yukihiro Matsumoto	12/22
Sheldon Lodmer	11/15	Zachary Lodmer	11/30	Michael Maroko	12/23
Lawrence Lebow sky	11/16	Lutfallah Hay	12/04	Ezra Ozer	12/24
Timothy Shiner	11/17	Morris Lazar	12/04	Stanley Ziegler	12/27
Edward Trabin	11/19	Wesley Challacombe	12/07	Jordan Maxwell	12/28

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. Jerome Zerg

Born 6/7/1927 Raised 2/28/1951 Died 10/15/2020

"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