

FEBRUARY 2021

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Have to say that in my opinion, our 99th (virtual) Installation of Officers at Ionic Composite Lodge #520 went off quite well, as we closed out the year. We had the most excellent Installation team of Worshipfuls Ron Koretz as Installing Officer, James Peterson as Master of Ceremonies, and Tim Shiner as Chaplain. Following the Installation script provided by Most Worshipful Art Weiss, we were able to perform a very satisfactory and fulfilling ceremony. Thanks to the far reach of Zoom, we actually had attendees from as far away as Nigeria, Ivory Coast, and Indonesia. Yes, in a lot of ways, this was a very special Installation and helped to remind us all that Masonry continues to go forward, even

in these troubling times.

Also, as you may recall, we were due to host our annual reception of Most Worshipful John Trauner, at that time Grand Master of Masons in California, just a few days before we were hit with the lockdown. Well, I am glad to say that Most Worshipful John and his lovely wife Dana have agreed to join us virtually on Monday, 3/15/21 at 7:00 PM. We will be forwarding them their reception presents, and they will be opening them during the meeting. It will definitely be a blast! Let's all be sure to attend.

Fraternally,

Steve Resnick

FROM THE WEST

Dear Brethren,

As I write this article, it is Martin Luther King Jr. day, and it occurs to me that he in many ways preached several of the lessons of Masonry. As Masons, we are taught to be both good and true, and to regard no man on account of their worldly status. We are taught that all men are created equal, and that they are inherently worthy of our love and support.

While he focused on the African American community, his lessons are in fact universal in application. Where we see suffering, it is our duty to extend relief. Where we see hate, we are to offer only brotherly love. Where

we see inequality, we are to remember the message of the Level, the symbol of strength, which continually reminds us that we are all descended from the same stock, and that we all will ultimately come to the same end.

Though Dr. King's work was inherently political, and we as Masons stay away from discussing politics or religion in lodge, it is important that we take note of the lessons we can learn from the life and work of a truly great man, despite its political nature.

Fraternally,

Jacob Gershbock

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Zoom Stated Meeting
7:00 pm

MARCH 1, 2021

Zoom Stated Meeting
7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Zoom Fellowship Night and Building Association Meeting
6:00 pm Building Association Meeting
7:00 pm Fellowship Night

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6:00 pm Building Association Meeting
7:00 pm Fellowship Night

*Gift presentation to
Past Grand Master John E Trauner*

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Zoom Officers Schools of Instruction
7:00 pm

MARCH 22, 2021

Zoom Officers Schools of Instruction
7:00 pm

Up to date events and Zoom login information will be available on the Lodge website or sent to members' personal email addresses. <https://www.ioniccomposite.com/events/>

TO OUR LIFE MEMBERS

To help the lodge finances it would be most appreciated if you could donate this years Per Capita of \$55.25 by check or \$57.15 through PayPal (which includes the Service Fee) on our website.

If you have already done so we thank you.

UPDATED LODGE iMEMBER PROFILE STATISTICS

As of January 16 the iMember 2.0 Administrative Dashboard revealed some slightly improved signed-up statistics regarding our member profiles. Grand Lodge currently has only:

- 76% of member emails
- 39% of member mobile phones
- 79% of home phones
- 30% signed up for iMember 2.0

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

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. In some cases mobile phones are listed under home phones which needs to be corrected.

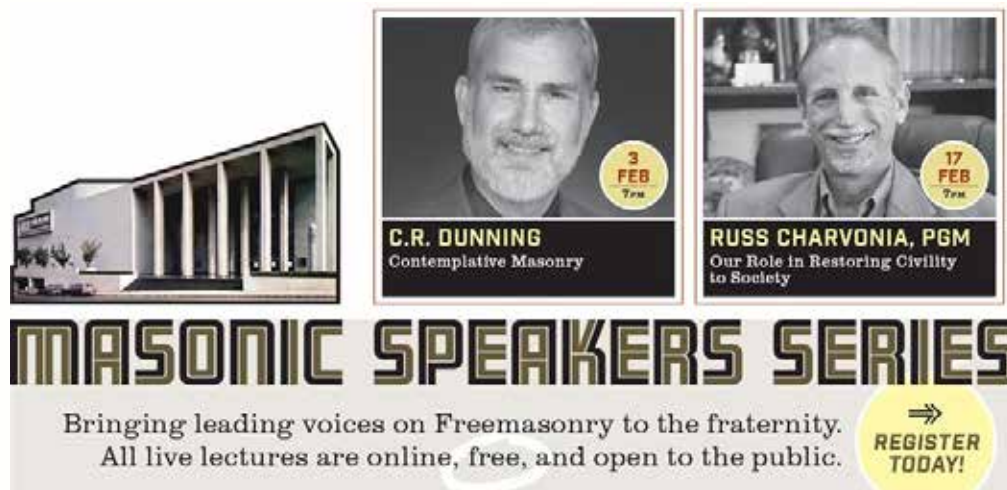
We are asking all our brothers to insure we have your complete and accurate contact information. You may correct this yourself by registering for iMember 2.0 and updating your Member Profile. To register go to www.freemason.org and click "For Members" in upper right corner.

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 Kyle Ware at brokyleware@gmail.com or calling him at (323)300-4609.

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The graphic features a central image of a classical building with columns. To the right are two speaker portraits: C.R. Dunning on February 3 and Russ Charvonia on February 17. Below the portraits is the text 'MASONIC SPEAKERS SERIES' in large, bold letters. Underneath that, it says 'Bringing leading voices on Freemasonry to the fraternity. All live lectures are online, free, and open to the public.' A yellow button with an arrow and the text 'REGISTER TODAY!' is in the bottom right corner.

February Speaker Series: Restoring Order With Masonry

<https://freemason.org/speakerseries/>

How can Freemasonry help to create peace and goodwill within our society? Learn more starting February 3 in the newest [Online Masonic Speaker Series](#) as author and academic C.R. Dunning explores how meditation and mindfulness are intertwined with the contemplative elements of the Masonic ritual. On February 17, Past Grand Master Russ Charvonia will discuss how we can help improve our civil society by improving ourselves.

These lectures – as well as all other [Masonic Speaker Series](#) events – are entirely free and open to the public. Simply register in advance to secure your spot.

Wednesday, February 3, 7 p.m.

C.R. Dunning

Contemplative Masonry

[Click to Register Here](#)

Masonic ritual involves the development of the psyche through contemplation of allegories and symbols. Join us as author and academic C.R. Dunning explores the ways that meditation and mindfulness are intertwined with Freemasonry and the contemplative elements of the ritual. Dunning is an author and consultant on issues of contemplative practices, mental health, and Freemasonry.

Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m.

Russ Charvonia, PGM

Our Role in Restoring Civility to Society

[Click to Register Here](#)

It seems that more than ever we see incivility all around us. What tools does Freemasonry provide to help cope with the current state of affairs? Can Masons help restore civility in society? Join Past Grand Master Russ Charvonia as he discusses how the fraternity can help improve our civil society by improving ourselves.

THINK ABOUT IT

The professional football team that currently is in Washington DC has been called the Redskins since 1933. Its fight song, "Hail to the Redskins", was played whenever the team scored a touchdown. However, the team name created controversy because some thought it was degrading to Native Americans. Last year, the team dropped that name, becoming the Washington Football Team; the fight song was not played in 2020 and official team merchandise no longer display the logo (a profiled Indian similar to what is seen on the buffalo nickel). Now the professional baseball team in Cleveland is abandoning the name it had since 1915 (Indians). The name transition will be completed by 2022 and the team logo, known as Chief Wahoo, has already been removed.

Many would argue that it is appropriate to eliminate from our society any references that disparage certain individuals. On the other hand, I wonder when this will stop. What will happen to the Atlanta Braves, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Cincinnati Reds? Will the Buffalo Bills have to change the name of their city as well? Since children play Cowboys and Indians, what about the Dallas Cowboys or even the Texas Rangers or Houston Texans?

The potential problem extends beyond Native Americans. Are the Cleveland Browns showing disrespect to Latin Americans? If we do not want to slight people who have different, or even no, religious beliefs, what should be done with

the San Diego Padres, New Orleans Saints, and Anaheim Angels? The Kansas City Royals name is close to the team from the same city that played in the old Negro Leagues (Kansas City Monarchs). The organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is, according to its website, opposed to "speciesism" (which is defined as a human-supremacist worldview); being sensitive to its members means abandoning Marlins, Cardinals (Arizona and St. Louis), Cubs, Diamondbacks, Blue Jays, Orioles, Rays, Tigers, Falcons, Panthers, Bears, Lions, Rams, Eagles, Seahawks, Ravens, Bengals, Broncos, Colts, Jaguars, and Dolphins. If the image of having women raped at sea by hostiles on other boats is an affront, say goodbye to the Pittsburgh Pirates, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Minnesota Vikings, and even the Las Vegas Raiders. If you are not tall, Giants (New York football and San Francisco baseball) and Titans are not acceptable. If you do not drink alcohol, what about the Milwaukee Brewers? Prospectors in the old west were virtually all men; will women object to the San Francisco 49ers?

Are all of these teams out of sync with our current times? Or is it simply the failure of many of us just to grow a thicker skin?

Think about it.
Ron Koretz, P.M.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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**

2021 OFFICERS

Master – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)

Marshal – Yuriy Kotlyar

Senior Warden – Jacob Gershbock

Senior Steward –

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

Junior Steward – Renato Garcia (Minerva)

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

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

Secretary – Kyle Ware

Tiler –

Chaplain – Roy Steinfeld, P.M.

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

Senior Deacon –

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

Junior Deacon – Luis Tananta (Maria)

Trestleboard Layout – Yuriy Kotlyar





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