

JUNE 2021

# TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Looks like we're finally getting back to somewhat of normalcy. Starting with Saturday 5/15/21, I had a very enjoyable day. Probably my most enjoyable one since the pandemic hit us. What made this day so special? It was my nephew's party, celebrating his graduation from UNLV. There were about 30 people in attendance throughout the day. This was made possible, as all of the attendees were vaccinated. A wonderful day of sandwiches and celebratory cake, including a round of tequila shots to toast the graduation, and plenty of beer. The party continued into the evening as we watched UFC 262. What a fine day, the type of which was not possible for over a year.

Since then, I have been fortunate enough to see my dentist for the first time in about a year and a half and have started to enjoy lunches and dinners out. What a joy it is to start having such normal occurrences, that were not

available to me just a few weeks ago.

The good times will continue in my Masonic world as well, as I now have a bunch of Masonic activities on my calendar. Tonight, being Monday 5/24/21, I will be attending the first in person Stated Meeting of the Los Angeles Scottish Rite, while Wednesday will be my first OSI in person.

Further down the road, is the first in person Stated Meeting for Ionic Composite Lodge on Monday 6/07/21, and the Master & Warden's retreat during the weekend of 6/11/21.

Yes, getting back out there in the now normal everyday world, including the Masonic one, is a truly exciting experience for me. Can't wait to see you back in Lodge and elsewhere in the big, beautiful, Masonic world.

Fraternally,  
Steve Resnick

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## FROM THE WEST

Dear Brethren,

This month I would like to send a special message to all the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts of the lodge.

As you know, we are finally getting back to in-person Masonry, and that means that now is the time to step up and get in contact with your coach to start getting going on your proficiencies. We want to see you move ahead in Masonry and go through your degrees, and we are here to help. We know that it can seem a daunting task to memorize a lot of material, and many people have trouble with memorizing material in general. It may surprise you, but this is nothing new to Masonry.

Masons have been dealing with learners of all speeds for as long as we've been around.

So please, if you haven't been active in your coaching lately, find a minute to pick up the phone and call me or email me. I'm available to help, and so are several of our other brothers, under the direction of our head candidate's coach, Wor. Michael Bear, PM. We're all here to help you whether you do long form or short form. We hope to see you soon back in lodge and look forward to seeing you move through your degrees soon.

Fraternally,  
Jacob Gershbock  
Senior Warden

# UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 7, 2021

IN-PERSON!!! Stated Meeting  
7:00 pm

JUNE 21, 2021

Zoom Fellowship Meeting  
7:00 pm

JUNE 24, 2021

2nd Degree Practice (Open to all Master Masons)  
7:15 pm

JUNE 28, 2021

OSI 2nd Degree in Full (Open to all Master Masons)  
7:30 pm

JULY 5, 2021

IN-PERSON!!! Stated Meeting  
7:00 pm

JULY 19, 2021

Zoom Fellowship Meeting  
7:00 pm

**SAVE THE DATE: September 13:**

**Ionic Composite Reception Of the Grand Master.**

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

## **GRAND MASTER ANNOUNCES BACK TO LODGE REQUIREMENTS**

On Wednesday April 14 Most Worshipful Arthur Weiss sent out the requirements for a lodge to meet in-person for meetings and events. This will require our submittal of a Site Inspection Plan (SPP) to our Inspector Wor. Gary Pealer and his approval. Work on this plan is underway and we expect our first in-person stated meeting to be on June 7. This plan must adhere to all California and Los Angeles County requirements.

Among the lodge requirements for each meeting is to have a guest list and seating chart. This means that RSVPs will be required so that an appropriate seating chart can be produced.

For each attendee it is mandatory that:

- Attendee is fully vaccinated at least 2 weeks before the meeting and brings the CDC COVID-19 vaccine card or other documentation to the meeting
- Or attendee brings a document showing a negative COVID-19 test result within the last 72 hours before the meeting
- Face masks are worn throughout the meeting

Two brothers will be assigned to check documentation at the door and no one will be admitted without it.

Greetings Brethren and Friends!

**Dodgers RBI is a youth development program that uses the power of sport to provide critical resources and services to communities who are experiencing social injustices.**

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove will be provided to a needy youth in the LA Dodgers RBI program which now has 9,000 kids.



Support your lodge's participation in this great program.

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Contact Bernie Morse at (310)556-4463 / [brnhrd18@yahoo.com](mailto:brnhrd18@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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**We have a block of seats for The Band's Visit Sunday, December 5, 2021 6:30PM  
\$84/person at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood**



THE BAND'S VISIT was the winner of 10 Tony Awards, making it one of the most Tony-winning musicals in history. It was also the 2019 Grammy Awards® winner for Best Musical Theater Album.

In this delightfully offbeat story, set in a town that's way off the beaten path, a band of musicians arrive lost, out of the blue. Under the spell of the desert sky, and with beautiful music perfuming the air, the band brings the town to life in unexpected and tantalizing ways. Even the briefest visit can stay with you forever.

With a score that seduces your soul and sweeps you off your feet, and featuring Tony-winning performances and thrillingly talented onstage musicians, THE BAND'S VISIT rejoices in the way music makes us laugh, makes us cry, and ultimately, brings us together.

**For information and reservations please contact Bernie Morse PM at  
(310)556-4463 or e-mail [brnhrd18@yahoo.com](mailto:brnhrd18@yahoo.com)**

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### **SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau's Breakfast Reception for the Grand Master of Masons in California**



**Hilton Los Angeles Airport  
5711 W. Century Blvd, Los Angeles**

This will be an in-person reception for Most Worshipful Brother Arthur H. Weiss, Grand Master of Masons in California and other family of Freemasonry leaders.

NOTE: Current COVID19 restrictions will apply and attendance will be limited.

More detail will be available via our website at [LAMSB.org/calendar](https://LAMSB.org/calendar), and future mails from our Executive Secretary to participating lodges.

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**SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 13, 2021 AT 9:00 AM**  
 Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau presents  
 A VIRTUAL program honoring our Masonic Youth Orders



Because of the lingering effects of the COVID19 pandemic, this will be a VIRTUAL event to honor the leaders of our Masonic Youth Orders. More details, including the Zoom link, will be available via our website at <http://lamsb.org/calendar/>, and future emails from our Executive Secretary to participating Lodges. Please save the date.

## THINK ABOUT IT

Vancomycin is an antibiotic that is commonly used in medical practice. When it is administered intravenously, especially at a rapid rate, it can cause the sudden release of histamine, a chemical that can cause the small blood vessels in the skin to dilate and the skin to become erythematous (reddened). This reaction is not a true allergy to vancomycin, as it can be prevented with slower infusions or with a pretreatment with antihistamines. The phenomenon has been called "Red Man's Syndrome" since it was first described in 1959.

A recent commentary in the New England Journal of Medicine advocated that this name be abandoned because of its racist and sexist implications. First, it brings to mind the same historical narratives that are attached to the word "redskin" (a word that has already created concern in professional football). Secondly, it infers that this is a disease limited to white males and creates opportunities for non-whites to have the diagnosis missed entirely or attributed to some other process. In such cases, some non-whites who were misdiagnosed as having a real drug allergy could face future situations in which vancomycin would be withheld because of a fear of producing a more severe "allergic reaction" such as anaphylaxis.

Of course, anybody who develops this "vancomycin infusion reaction" (the suggested new name) has a risk of having the condition misunderstood. What is necessary for the diagnosis is a knowledge by the healthcare provider that such infusion reactions can occur. If the knowledge is present, the correct interpretation of the event will occur regardless of the gender or skin color of the patient. If the knowledge is not present, even the white male will be labeled as having a vancomycin allergy. Additionally the new name would not be appropriate if something else causes the same problem.

With regard to the concern that the condition is derogatory to native Americans, this was never the intent or meaning of the appellation. Changing the name because a person does not understand why that name was originally employed is not a unique demand of politically correct medical practitioners. In San Francisco, activists wanted to change the name of a school because they believed that it was named after a conquistador when it was actually named after a street. I fear that, in our rush to combat bias wherever it is, we think we see racism and sexism in places where it does not even exist, or as Freud was supposed to have said, "sometimes a cigar is just a cigar".

Think about it.  
 Ron Koretz, P.M.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David Golde	02	Lazlo Borsai Jr.	12	Daryl Bristol	23
Robert Abelson	02	Robert Goldman	13	Lloyd Robinson	24
Henry Koffman	03	Joseph Mayesh	14	Michael Berner	26
Irving Kierman	05	Axel Del Cid	15	Norman Feinstein	26
Jacob Gershbock	08	Don Wijesinghe	18	Justin Koretz	27
Ernest Dancy	09	Martin Levine	18	Milton Berman	28
Yuriy Kotlyar	09	Robert Black	18	Aaron Ganz	29
Trevor Nathaniel	10	Hyman Walter	19	D'Angelo Jones	30
Alvin Livingston	12	Robert Thomason	21	Howard Fabrick	30
		Sol Marco	22		

# 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	Recovering at home
Arnie Schoenfeld	Hospitalized in January for severe infection; home now and much improved

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

#### Officer Volunteers Needed

We currently have openings for 3 officers: Senior Deacon, Senior Steward, and Tiler. If you are interested or have questions please contact Officers' Coach Bernie Morse PM at (310)556-4463 or email him at brnhrd18@yahoo.com.

## 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