

SEPTEMBER 2021

# TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Wow, lots of great Masonic events coming up this month and beyond. First of all, we have the LAMSB Grand Master's Breakfast on Sunday 9/12/21, 8:00AM at the LAX Hilton. This is a fantastic event, featuring the largest gathering of California Masons other than Annual Communication. Of course, last year's breakfast was cancelled due to the pandemic. In fact, that was the very first weekend that the California lockdown was implemented. Now that we can finally meet again in such a large group, this should be a very special event indeed.

What makes this event doubly exciting this year, is the fact that this is Worshipful Jeff Bear's year as President of the LAMSB. By attending the breakfast, we will have the good fortune of both sharing Jeff's experience and having probably the best table location of any Lodge. Should be a fantastic morning that I will be certain to attend.

The excitement continues the very next day on Monday 9/13/21, as we will be having our 51st annual reception of the Grand Master at Ionic

Composite Lodge. Like the previous year's breakfast, this event was also cancelled last year, just a few days before it was to take place. It would be difficult to come up with any reasons to miss this event featuring Most Worshipful Art Weiss, the choice of sea bass or tri-tip and our ever famous sundae bar. But wait there's more. Worshipful Ron Koretz is known for his very own personal take on a very humorous introduction of the Grand Officers.

Lastly, it will be my extreme pleasure to make my 6th excursion to Annual Communication at the Grand Lodge in San Francisco. Of course, last year's excursion was by way of Zoom, making this year's trip all the more exciting. While I still felt fully connected to Masonry during the darkest days of the pandemic, it is so wonderful to finally be available to attend all of these wonderful events in person.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge and elsewhere in the big, beautiful Masonic world.

Fraternally,  
Steve Resnick

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

*51st Annual Reception Of The Grand Master Of Masons In California at Ionic Composite*



5:00 p.m.: Open Lodge  
5:30 p.m.: Social  
6:00 p.m.: Dinner  
7:30 p.m.: Program



(Welcome to attend even if cannot join us for dinner)

Menu choices: Choice of Tri-Tip or Sea Bass. Traditional Sundae Bar

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Reservations & Choice(s) of Main Course Required - Nobody without a reservation will be served.

### SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 7:15PM (IN PERSON & ZOOM)

Fellowship Night + Light Refreshments

### OCTOBER 4, 2021 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Stated Meeting - RSVP Required

### OCTOBER 18, 2021 7:15PM (IN PERSON & ZOOM)

Fellowship Night + Light Refreshments

RSVP for Stated Dinners: [brokyleware@gmail.com](mailto:brokyleware@gmail.com) / 323-300-4609

[IonicComposite.com](http://IonicComposite.com)

# FROM THE WEST

---

## BUILDING ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Dear Brethren,

This month I'm writing not as the Senior Warden, but as the President of the Ionic Building association. I'm sorry to have to announce that our buyer pulled out of our deal at the last minute after we received approval from Grand Lodge. We have contacted previous bidders and it looks like several of them will be re-bidding, but for the moment, the building is not sold. When the building association decides on a new offer, we will vote, and notice will be sent to the brethren regarding another vote of the Lodge.

To repeat, a new vote will have to be taken by the Lodge to vote on terms when the Ionic Building association agrees on a new buyer. We are still committed to getting the best possible terms on the building. Stay tuned for further details, and know that due notice will be given before any vote of the Lodge takes place again.

Fraternally,  
Jacob Gershbock  
Senior Warden

---

**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.**

**Go to [www.masons4mitts.org](http://www.masons4mitts.org)**

**Click Los Angeles Region**

**Click Media Central Titans**

**Click Donate**

**Contact Bernie Morse at (310)556-4463**

**if you have any questions.**

---

### **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.



## **DODGER MLB AUTHENTICATED ITEMS**

### ***TO BENEFIT MASONS FOR MITTS***

As Masons4Mitts Co-Captains we are excited to announce we have received from the Dodger Foundation some MLB authenticated signed items:

**AJ Pollock Photograph**

**Justin Turner Photograph**

**2 Tony Gonsolin baseballs**

**Justin Turner Jersey**

**Walker Buehler Jersey**

As an incentive to donate mitts and support the kids we will be doing the following:

1. For the signed photos and baseballs any individual who donates 3 mitts (\$60) or more will be given tickets in a raffle, which will be conducted on September 17. Raffle tickets will be awarded as follows:

1 ticket – 3-4 mitt donation

2 tickets – 5-9mitt donation

3 tickets – 10 or more mitt donation

To donate go to [www.masons4mitts.org](http://www.masons4mitts.org) , then click Los Angeles Region, Media Central Titans, Give a Mitt and remember to include your lodge name and number.

2. We now are holding a simplified auction for the 2 jerseys, which based on Dodger website information have a minimum \$500 value each.

Minimum bids for each jersey are \$360. Bids are to be emailed to Bernie Morse Media Central Titans Co-Captain (brnhrd18@yahoo.com). Anyone who wants to kept informed of the current bidding can send an email to the same address and will receive an email every time the bid is raised. Bidding will close September 17 at Noon and the bidder will be notified. After the bidder donates through [www.masons4mitts.org](http://www.masons4mitts.org) and it is verified, the bidder will be contacted for delivery of the jersey. Remember to specify if you are bidding on the Justin Turner or Walker Buehler jersey.

If you have any questions please email either Bernie Morse or Michael Bear (Michael.bear@mac.com).



*Inspiring Kids, One Mitt at a Time*





**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**

---

### **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://lambsb.org/calendar), and future mails from our Executive Secretary to participating lodges.

This event is open to all Masons of all Degrees.

Please email Secretary Kyle Ware if you would like to attend - [brokyleware@gmail.com](mailto:brokyleware@gmail.com)

# THINK ABOUT IT

On an almost daily basis, I see examples of people with strong beliefs about one thing or another, be it political points of view, sports teams, forms of entertainment, or many other topics, being unable to say what they think without some type of verbal, and even occasionally physical, assault in response. Just in the past couple of days, the Speaker of the House called the Minority Leader a moron and he responded with a threat to hit her with a gavel (allegedly made as a joke), gymnastics fans made demeaning commentary about Simone Biles, and pro-maskers and anti-maskers have continued their antagonistic and occasionally violent demonstrations.

Contrast these behaviors with how Masonry deals with disagreements. Ionic-Composite Lodge meets in a two-story building that we bought in the late 1950's. The lodge is on the second floor, with the first floor largely used as rental space. Several years ago we had a flood that gutted that entire first floor; the damage was so severe that our insurance and/or our other resources could not pay for the necessary repairs and we lost the rental income. After receiving an unsolicited bid to buy the building and subsequently investigating the real estate situation, the Building Association decided that the sale of the building would be the best course to pursue. As it is not a straightforward matter to sell a Masonic property in California, we went through a number of administrative hoops to list the property and

then decide on which of several bids to accept. Once that decision was made, the process requires a 2/3's vote of approval by the lodge. This became the main business topic at the July Stated Meeting.

When the discussion began, there were a number of members who were passionately opposed to the sale for a variety of reasons, often related to the fact that that building was the only Masonic home that they knew, and they provided alternative plans. Proponents of the sale also made cogent arguments. Virtually every member who was present at the meeting spoke at some time. In spite of the strong feelings on both sides, the remarkable thing about the discussion was that it was cordial. Everybody listened carefully to all of the opinions that were expressed. Unlike most public discussions that we are used to seeing in person or in the media, there was no shouting, name-calling, personal attacks, or doubts expressed about the sincerity of the other speakers. At the end of the discussion, one of the brothers commented that he was very glad that he came because it reminded him of why he became a Mason in the first place. At the end, all of the Masons who were present agreed that the main thing that the lodge needed to do was to be successful, and we truly departed in peace and harmony.

Think about it.  
Ron Koretz, P.M.

---

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/>

---

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Vanetek	5	Leonard Tiep	12	Bernie Morse	18
Shaharam Namdaraghi	9	Sanford Paris	14	Barry Hinden	21
Daniel Ferszt	10	Leonard Cohen	14	Jack Revel	21
Roberto Morales	11	Arnold Gooze	16	Ken Duke	24
Patrick Levy	12	Seymour Roberts	17	Stanley Getz	24
Allen Steiner	12			Ehron VonAllen	27

# BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

## Sick and Visitation Committee Report

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
Robert Smerling	Home after COVID infection
Art Vanetek	To have had hand surgery in late August
Kyle Ware	At home after orthopedic surgery in July
Note: Brother Stan Sax will also be keeping track of our sick and ailing brethren and family members.	

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](mailto: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 – Roy Steinfeld, P.M.
Chaplain –	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