

NOVEMBER 2021

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I can remember very vividly my attendance of the Oct-20 Annual Communication that I attended virtually, due to the effect of the pandemic. While I did enjoy attending, it was nothing compared to the joy that I always experienced by an in person attendance of the same.

Well, just about three weeks ago as I write this, the Oct-21 Annual Communication was live, in person and better than ever. MW Art Weiss had promised to make this a very special weekend to satiate all of the pent up demand for both an in person Annual Communication and Masonry in general. I can certainly say that MW satisfied his promise in every way. All of the weekend's events including Grand Lodge presentations, legislation, the Grand Master's banquet at the Fairmont Hotel and the installation of Officers on the final day, came off better than ever.

It was also a treat to both me and Worshipful Jeff Bear to have Jacob Gershbock accompany us on his first excursion to this momentous annual event. Once again, I came away assured that the Lodge will be in

excellent hands when he makes his planned ascent to his seat in the east on 12/11/21. It also reminded me of my first Annual Communication in 2016 and what a wonderful experience that was. It is my hope to attend many more as the years progress.

We have some very important events coming up besides our usual Stated Meetings. Jacob will be having his planning meeting, to set various events for his upcoming year on Monday 11/08/21. Be certain to attend this meeting and provide ideas for your desired Masonic event.

We will also be having our Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday evening 12/11/21. Details will be forthcoming shortly. I know that I can't wait to see it.

Yes, Masonry is back in full swing and better than ever. Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge and elsewhere in the big beautiful Masonic world.

Fraternally,
Steve Resnick

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2021 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Stated Meeting & Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner
RSPV Required. See below. Cost is \$20. All are welcome to the Stated Meeting.

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 7:00PM (ZOOM & IN PERSON)

Planning Session for 2022
Please join and share your input on next years program!

NOVEMBER 18, 2021 7:00PM (ZOOM)

Executive Meeting

DECEMBER 6, 2021 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Stated Meeting + Dinner

DECEMBER 11, 2021 6:00PM (IN PERSON)

Installation of 2022 Officers & Dinner

RSVP is Required. brokyleware@gmail.com / 323-300-4609

RSVP for Stated Dinners: brokyleware@gmail.com / 323-300-4609

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FROM THE WEST

Dear Brethren,

By now you should be aware that we have now entered our 100th year. Ron Koretz has been penning Tresleboard articles for it, and it has been announced in several ways. As the presumptive Master for the 100th year (if elected), it will be my duty to see that we have a good year, full of events that bring the brethren back together after our long enforced absence. To that end, I'd like to take this opportunity to begin asking the brethren what they want from me as a Master - what events they want, what kind of leadership they want, and what kind of lodge they want.

With the upcoming sale of the building (the vote at the October stated meeting having been affirmative to sell, pending Grand Lodge approval), we will be experiencing changes on a grand scale during this year, but I promise that I and the other officers of Ionic Composite will do our best to make sure that that change is a positive one. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to email me at the email listed in the Tresleboard, or contact our lodge secretary and have him give you my contact information. I look forward to speaking with each of you soon

Fraternally,
Jacob Gershbock
Senior Warden

THE 100 CORNER

Answer to October question:

Why is October 12, 2021, an important day for Ionic-Composite Lodge? It is the first day of Ionic-Composite's 100th year of operation

Question: What happens at 100° Centigrade?

Editor's note: The 100 Corner will be a feature in the Trestleboard for the next several months. It is designed to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Ionic-Composite Lodge. A grand celebration of this occasion will occur on November 19, 2022. Save the date.

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 through PayPal on our website.

If you have already done so, we thank you.

BUILDING ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Dear Brethren,

I am writing this to apprise you that at the last (October) Stated Meeting, the brethren voted to accept offers on the sale of the building. Three offers were considered and approved, in the following order: The Ahdoot offer, at \$6.75 million, the Yeshiva Menachem Mendel offer, at \$6.50 million, and finally the Dr. Ishayaa offer, at \$6.46 million. Each offer included \$200,000 deposited into escrow at opening and another \$200,000 at removal of contingencies, 6 months of free rent on the upstairs and 90 days of free use of designated areas of the downstairs and office. The offers are being sent to Grand Lodge for approval at this time, and if approval is granted, we will enter escrow with the primary (Ahdoot) buyer, assuming they don't back out (which appears unlikely at this time).

If you have questions regarding the process and where we are with it, don't hesitate to contact myself or Jeff Bear. Our contact is in the Trestle Board, or you can contact the lodge secretary Kyle Ware for our contact info.

Fraternally,
Jacob Gershbock
President, Ionic Building Association

CASTING CALL

**Wannabe Actors, Thespians
*And Those Who Want Great Ritual***

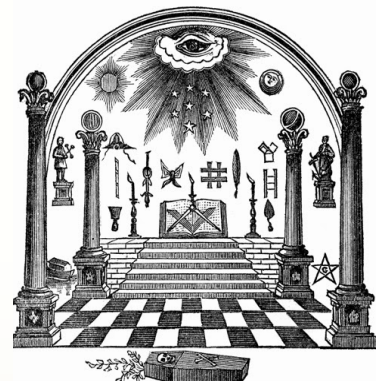
You can help enhance the Masonic degrees for our candidates by taking part in the ceremonies. We want to put together ritual teams in all three degrees that will create memorable experiences.

Note that Entered Apprentices can take part in the 1st degree, Fellowcrafts in the 1st and 2nd degrees, and Master Masons in all three.

We are also looking for Master Masons who want to be officers. We have openings for 2022.

We want and need your involvement.
If interested please contact:

**Bernie Morse, PM
Officer's Coach
(310)556-4463**



Ionic Composite Cordially Invites You...

to the INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS for 2022

Please join us in celebrating the Installation of Officers for 2022.
December 11th, 2021 at 6:00pm

Friends, Family, Fellows and Ladies are all invited to this event.
Complimentary Dinner will be served.

Please RSVP with Secretary Kyle Ware
brokyleware@gmail.com / 323-300-4609



Are You Receiving Our Email Blasts?

If not please provide your email address to our Secretary Kyle Ware. You can email him at brokyleware@gmail.com.
Currently we only have 81% of our brothers' addresses in iMember and 77% of their home phones.

If you are not signed up for iMember the California Mason online system which has many valuable features, he can help you. You can update your personal information and set preferences plus even print our your dues card.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Louis Dalesandro	3	Lawrence Lebowsky	16	Mauricio Leon	25
Laurence Friedman	3	Timothy Shiner	17	John Rasor	26
Matthew Wilson	4	Edward Trabin	19	Leonard King	27
Vincent Autiero	6	Michael Pecina	21	Zachary Lodmer	30
Gene Pira	8	Steven Bailin	22	Peter Gordon	30
JohnRobert Wilson	9	Morris Darnov	22		
Sheldon Lodmer	15	Bernard Talmas	24		

THINK ABOUT IT

What is the role of athletics in our society? For most of us, the idea of making a living in sports is a dream beyond realization, and the job of professional sports organizations such as Major League Baseball (MLB), the National Football League (NFL), or the National Basketball Association (NBA) is to provide the rest of us with entertainment. High school and college sports, however, has what I would argue is a more important role, especially for the vast majority of those players who never achieve any professional standing, and that is to develop the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, good character, and hard work. It is in this light that I would note two stories that developed about the same time involving sports teams in Los Angeles.

The first happened at the University of Southern California. That football team began the 2021 season being coached by Clay Helton, but suffered an embarrassing loss in their second game. Bill Plaschke, who is a sports columnist for the Los Angeles Times, wrote about this in his column on Monday, September 12th. He insisted that Clay Helton had to be fired right now, before the season got out of control. This demand was made even though Helton's record was 46 wins in 70 games with 4 bowl appearances including winning the Rose Bowl in 2016. Mr. Plaschke has been a long-time critic of Mr. Helton, although he has recognized that Helton is a decent,

honest individual who is well-liked by all of the people who know him. Helton was fired later in the same day. Thus to Mr. Plaschke and the officials of the USC Athletic Department, winning appears to be more important than character, or possibly anything else.

About a week later, Terry Friedl got his first major league baseball hit, a home run in Cincinnati. Mookie Betts, playing right field for the Dodgers, watched the ball go over the fence and then got the attention of the man who caught it. He persuaded that man to throw the ball back, promising him something better. Betts then threw the ball to the Cincinnati dugout as a keepsake for Friedl. During the next Dodger at-bat, Betts autographed one of his bats, brought it out to his position and gave it to the man who had caught and then thrown back the home run ball. Betts obviously had nothing personal to gain from this, but he realized the importance of a first hit to a new player and made sure that the ball was retrieved. He even gave up one of his bats to make sure that happened.

Thus, on consecutive Mondays, sports news featured stories that reflected the best and the worst values that athletics can demonstrate to society.

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/>

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
David Philips	At Masonic Home in Covina; has some medical problems
Robert Smerling	Home after COVID infection
Art Vanetek	Home after surgery on other hand
Kyle Ware	At home after orthopedic surgery

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

Officers Needed

We currently have openings for 3 officers: Senior Deacon, Senior Steward, and Chaplain. 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 – 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