

DECEMBER 2021

# TRESTLE BOARD

## Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I enjoyed attending our Lodge and will continue to do so this year as well. I Have also always mentioned that I really enjoy venturing out into the big beautiful Masonic world. With Jacob destined to be installed as Worshipful Master of our Lodge on December 11, 2021, I will get a little more time to continue my journeys elsewhere.

I remember how much I enjoyed being made a Scottish Rite Mason, back in 2017 in the Vally of Pasadena. This was a very moving experience for me and I promised myself to get back to Pasadena as often as possible. Alas, the very lengthy ride from Beverly Hills to arrive in Pasadena by 6:00PM on Friday evenings, got the better of me. As such, I didn't get back nearly as often as I had planned. Well, let's face the facts, actually it soon became almost never.

Through my friendship with our Inspector O. Gary Pealer, I rediscovered Scottish Rite Masonry, but now at the much more commute friendly Santa Monica-Palisades Lodge. I had initially made a date with Worshipful Gary to attend the Apr-19 Stated Meeting

there. However, this was obviously and unfortunately postponed by the pandemic.

Gary and I finally did make our long awaited joint journey to Santa Monica, just about two years later. The Stated Meeting that we attended was so enjoyable, that it wasn't long at all that I found myself affiliating with the Los Angeles Valley that meets at the Santa Monica-Palisades Lodge.

Just recently, I also had the pleasure of helping out with the ritual work at the latest reunion. Looks like I'm finally fulfilling my promise to myself to become more involved in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Yes, no doubt about it, should be another very enjoyable year in Masonry for me at both our Lodge and elsewhere in the big beautiful Masonic World. Wishing you and your families a very Happy Holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!! Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Steve Resnick

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Stated Meeting + Dinner - \$20 at the Door

**Dinner from Norm's**

*Chicken Gumbo Soup + Salad*

*Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast*

*Rice Pilaf & Vegetables*

*Dessert*

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

Installation of 2022 Officers & Dinner

**RSVP for Installation Dinner:**

**brokyleware@gmail.com / 323-300-4609**

**JANUARY 3, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)**

Stated Meeting + Dinner

**JANUARY 17, 2022 7:15PM (ONLINE & IN PERSON)**

Hybrid Fellowship Night



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

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# FROM THE WEST

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Dear Brethren,

Having just recently signed the escrow papers for the sale of the building, I am proud to join you in taking the next step in our shared Masonic Journey. While it is always hard stepping into the unknown, unwelcome change is sometimes a necessary catalyst for growth.

In this, my last article as Senior Warden, I would like to talk about just that: growth. For years, our Lodge has slowly been shrinking, as our elder members died and few, if any, new Masons took their places. It is time to reverse that trend. It is time to grow again. We need to begin to do things that will attract membership, encourage activity in our current membership, and bring us back together now that pandemic restrictions are being eased.

We need to be welcoming to prospects, but take their full measure before handing them an application. That which is hard won is treasured, while that which is easily gained is easily forgotten. Masonic values and teachings are worth the trouble, and I hope you all agree that they make our lives better.

I look forward to being installed as Master on December 11th, and I extend my personal invitation to each of you to come and celebrate our 100th annual installation with us. Please rest assured that I have every intention of seeing our Lodge grow in the future, and that I do not take your faith in me lightly.

Fraternally,  
Jacob Gershbock  
Senior Warden

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We are considering getting a block of seats for the

**2022 Laguna Art Festival Pageant of the Masters**

*Where Art Comes to Life*

***"Wonderful World"***

Attending the Pageant of the Masters should be on everyone's bucket list

If you are interested contact

Bernie Morse PM at

**(310) 556-4463** or email **brnhrd18@yahoo.com** by December 13.

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## *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.

# THE 100 CORNER

Answer to November question:  
What happens at 100° Centigrade? Water boils.

**Question: What do the following quotes have in common?  
(extra credit if you know who said them)**

**If you want someone you agree with 100% of the time, go home and look in the mirror**

**I'm 100% certain, but I don't know why**

**It's like Google maps, but 100 times better**

**In some places, we had 100% mortality**

**I've told you a hundred times...**

**You miss 100% of the shots you never take**

Editor's note: The 100 Corner will be, for most of 2022, an ongoing feature in the Trestle-board. 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.

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## 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



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***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](mailto: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.

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## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Gary Cremo 1	Marshall Krupp 13	Yukihiro Matsumoto 22
Morris Lazar 4	Etan Goldman 16	Michael Maroko 23
Vartan Gukasyan 6	Norman Langer 19	Ezra Ozer 24
Wesley Challacombe 7	Bruno Samuel 20	Stanley Ziegler 27
Jason Louv 11	Harold Forster 22	Jordan Maxwell 28

# THINK ABOUT IT

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The topic of political correctness has been finding its way into these columns on a regular basis; in fact, this column written in October will be the third time in 2021. In principle, practitioners of political correctness believe that their concerns are sparing the feelings of groups of people who are offended or otherwise put down by particular words or phrases. However, this movement may now have met a new high (or perhaps low).

The organization PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has long waged a verbal campaign against “speciesism”, which it views as a “human supremacist worldview”. PETA believes that we need to stop using terms that “trivialize cruelty to animals” and instead appreciate animals for “who they are”. For example, they want the phrases “packed like sardines” and “bring home the bacon” to be replaced with “packed like pickles” and “bring home the bagels”. They also want us to start crying over “burnt toast” instead of over spilled milk (although I do not understand why spilled milk is viewed as anti-animal terminology). Now PETA is going after Major League Baseball.

A bullpen is the area of the field where pitchers warm up before entering a game. However, PETA notes that a bull’s pen is an area where bulls are kept prior to slaughter or to being electrically prodded in rodeos, so the baseball term is a word with “speciesist roots” and “mocks the misery

of sensitive animals”. PETA went so far as to claim that the word bullpen devalues talented players. Their Executive Vice President, Tracy Reiman, has offered the term “Arm Barn” as alternative nomenclature. I guess that Ms. Reiman did not find that term potentially offensive to amputees.

I am not sure how seriously PETA took this matter, since, in their press releases, their spokespeople employed various baseball terms in what appeared to be a spirit of humor. For example, they suggested that we “strike out the word bullpen”, asked fans to “changeup their language”, and stated that the term “Arm Barn” would be a “home run for fans, players, and animals”.

My comments about political correctness are not intended to denigrate the fact that there are words and thoughts in our community that are capable of doing real harm. However, in this case I was not sure how any non-human creatures (the lives that PETA focuses on) were being adversely affected. PETA did not provide any evidence that cows took offense at the word “bullpen” (or even understood English) or follow baseball. Rather, I fear that PETA has raised this issue during the World Series to bring attention (and perhaps more importantly, donations) to itself.

Think about it.  
Ron Koretz, P.M.

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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/>

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# BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

## Sick and Visitation Committee Report

Len Cohen	Home with several medical problems
Jacob Gershbock	Recent Surgery
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

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](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