

JANUARY 2022

# TRESTLE BOARD

## Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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## FROM THE EAST

Dear Brethren

Thank you for your confidence in selecting me to be your Master for this auspicious year. It will be a bittersweet year, full of changes, but I fully intend to see to it that it is also a successful year.

My theme for this year is Rebirth. Change is never easy. It is often messy, often painful, and often accompanied by regret. While some measure of regret is natural in cases such as ours, where we are leaving a building that has long been home to many of us, I hope it will be possible to move past it to see the good in the changes we will be making. We will be resuming activities this year, and I hope to see many of you at those activities.

At Installation I spoke briefly about the 2025 Fraternity Goals, and how our Lodge will be changing to align with those goals. One of those goals is Public Awareness, which requires that we as a Lodge get out

and start working with the community, to showcase the good work that we do as Masons. If anyone has ideas about where or how we can work with the community at large, please don't hesitate to contact myself or the Lodge secretary and let us know about your ideas.

I know that change is slow to come in Masonry, and in fact that we do not countenance changes to the body of Masonry itself, but this year, for our Lodge at least, it is undeniable that changes are coming. I hope that you will all bear with us as we all adapt to these changes, and hopefully come out stronger on the far side.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Fraternally,

Jacob Gershbock  
Master

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Stated Meeting + Dinner - \$20 at the Door  
Dinner from Panda Express at 7:15pm  
Stated Meeting to follow at 8:00pm

JANUARY 10, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Executive Meeting

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

1st Degree Practice

JANUARY 24, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Practice for OSI

FEBRUARY 7, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Stated Meeting + Dinner - \$20 at the Door

*Presentation of the Golden Veterans Award  
to Bernie Morse, P.M.*

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



# FROM THE WEST

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Dear Brethren,

As I write this, I am still in midst of the holiday season, enjoying all of the parties and other festivities. Even so, I still am looking very much forward to the coming Masonic year. We have some exciting times ahead of us, as our building is currently in escrow to be sold. I believe that Worshipful Jacob plans to remain at our current Lodge location until sometime in April 2022.

After that we will be moving to Liberal Arts Lodge, for our usual Monday events. It will definitely be an interesting journey and one that also leaves Ionic Composite in a much better position to both retain and attract members.

I know that I will be sure to attend all remaining events at the LaCienega location, getting my fill before our pending departure.

Also wanted to check and see how your New Year's resolutions were progressing. Well, I have a great resolution for all of us. Let's all be resolved to greater attendance of Lodge events. Certainly, both a very enjoyable resolution and one that is easy to keep going.

Wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

See you in Lodge!!!!

Fraternally,  
Steve Resnick  
Senior Warden

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**Annual Reception of Grand Master Jeffrey M. Wilkins**

**Sunday, March 6 - 1:00PM**

***Watch for Details***

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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 \$57.50 by check through PayPal on our website.

If you have already done so, we thank you.

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# THE 100 CORNER

## **Answer to December question:**

What do the following quotes have in common?

**They all refer in some way to the number 100 (which is the point of this column).**

If you want someone you agree with 100% of the time, go home and look in the mirror  
(Chris Christie)

I'm 100% certain, but I don't know why (Willie Robertson)

It's like Google maps, but 100 times better (Mat Matthews)

In some places, we had 100% mortality (Jeffrey Moore)

I've told you a hundred times... (anybody's mother)

You miss 100% of the shots you never take – Wayne Gretzky

**Question: Which of the following books was a 7-season series on the CW Network and now is streaming on Netflix?**

1. One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez book
2. A Hundred Summers by Beatriz Williams
3. The 100 by Kass Morgan
4. A Hundred Sweet Promises by Sepehr Haddad
5. A Hundred Small Lessons by Ashley Hay
6. A Hundred Flowers by Gail Tsukiyama
7. A Hundred Suns by Karin Tanabe

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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### ***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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# CASTING CALL

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

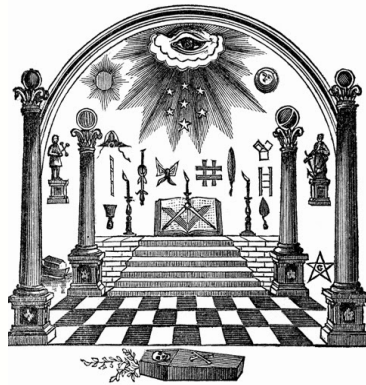
You can help enhance the Masonic degrees for our candidates by taking part in the ceremonies. We want to put together ritual teams in all three degrees that will create memorable experiences.

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**



## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Dennis Goldberg	2	Andre Richardson	12	Nazareth Guluzian	20
William Weiss	5	Kerin Surents	13	Stuart Horwitz	27
Jay Markoff	7	Steven Kierman	14	Bradley Zalben	29
S Samuels	7	Edwin Siegel	16	Michael Mosbach	31
David Green	11	Vrej Eskandarian	17	Kyle Ware	31
Ronald Koretz	11	Donald Gordon	19		

# 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
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

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, Marshal, 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.

## 2022 OFFICERS

Master – Jacob Gershbock	Marshal –
Senior Warden – Steve Resnick (Sheelah)	Senior Steward – Varun Dadabhoy
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 – Kyle Ware