

MARCH 2022

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FROM THE EAST

Dear Brethren

At our February Stated Meeting, Past Grand Master Russ Charvonia presented our very own Treasurer and Past Master Bernie Morse with his 50 year pin in style. He also gave a compelling talk about the need for and role of civility in our society, and what he and a group of others are doing to try to combat the decline of civility in public discourse. He lately wrote a book on the subject, titled "The Civility Mosaic", which I bought a copy of and recently finished reading. It was a worthwhile read, and I recommend it highly to all of you. It's available on Amazon.

I'd also like to quickly update you with regards to the building. Escrow has been pushed one last time to March 15, for which privilege the buyers have already given us an additional \$200,000 towards the purchase price, but which is nonrefundable in the event that they default. That brings us to a total of \$800,000 already received to

this point. As I mentioned to the brothers present at the February stated meeting, a letter will be forthcoming including the text of a resolution to change our permanent meeting place to 2244 Westwood Blvd. (aka: Liberal Arts Lodge). This vote will occur (as the letter states) at the April 4th stated meeting.

Finally, I urge you to consider coming to the Grand Master's Reception on March 6th, where we will see the GM honor a father/son duo from our lodge (Irving and Steve Kierman) with their 75 and 50 year pins, respectively. The program starts at 2pm sharp. This is a once-in-a-lifetime convergence, so it should be well worth attending.

I hope to see you all in lodge in the near future.

Fraternally,
Jacob Gershbock

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 6, 2022 1:00PM (IN PERSON)

Reception of the Grand Master of Masons in California
(See Page 2 for Details)

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

Stated Meeting + Dinner - \$20 at the Door
Norms Lemon Pepper Chicken, salad, gumbo, etc.
Please RSVP by 12pm on Friday 3/4: brokyleware@gmail.com

MARCH 14, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Second Degree Practice (sideliners needed! Please contact Wor. Bernie Morse or Wor. Jacob Gershbock for JS, Chaplain, or SD)

MARCH 21, 2022 6:00PM (IN PERSON)

Building Association Meeting & Possible Second Degree

MARCH 28, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Executive Committee Meeting



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

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*The Master, Officers and Brethren
Invite You To Attend Our Lodge's 52th Consecutive
Reception for the Grand Master of Masons.*

Jeffrey M. Wilkins
Grand Master of Masons

*75 Year Pin Presentation to Irving Kierman
50 Year Pin Presentation to Stephen Kierman*

March 6, 2022 at 2:00pm
Dark Suit Preferred

**Lunch will be served at 1:00pm
for those who sent their RSVP.**



FROM THE WEST

Dear Brethren,

When I wrote last month, I had mentioned how much I was looking forward to the February Stated Meeting. As I promised, it was truly one of our most memorable Stated Meetings ever. Our own Worshipful Bernie Morse received his Golden Veterans Award, with a multitude of friends and family in attendance, and the presentation being made by MW Russ Charvonia, Past Grand Master of Masons in California. It was a real pleasure to see Bernie receive his award with so much deserved attention.

Following the Golden Veteran presentation, MW Russ provided a rousing presentation on Civility, briefly summarizing his recent publication of the Civility Mosaic, a tool to use civility to work more productively with all our brothers and sisters for the greater good of

society, in these dark and turbulent times of discord. I brought my own copy of his book to the meeting and was honored to have MW sign it for me. I have really enjoyed reading his book and recommend it heartily.

Speaking of great upcoming events, we will be having our 52nd reception of the Grand Master of Masons in California on Sunday March 06th at 1PM. This kosher meal should be awesome as it is being prepared by Faith Gershbock, Mom of our Worshipful Master.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge and elsewhere in the great Masonic world!!!

Fraternally,
Steve Resnick
Senior Warden

We are planning an
All Day Summer Sightseeing Tour of LA
Conducted by Roy Steinfeld PM
Watch for details!

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520
100th Anniversary Gala Reception
Saturday November 19, 2022
Watch for details

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.

Check Out Our Website for Up to Date Information

<https://www.ioniccomposite.com/>

THE 100 CORNER

Answer to February question:

Using only the numbers 0 and 1 as well as mathematical symbols (+, -, X, ÷, !, Σ), how many ways can you write a series that represents the number 100?

100

10 X 10

100 X 100

1000 X 10⁻¹

100/1, 1000/10, 10000/100, etc.

101 – 1, 110 – 10, 111 – 11, 1110 – 1010, 1111 – 1011, etc.

10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10

10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 – 10, etc.

1100100*

*** Our numerical system (the decimal system) is based on the number 10, so the number farthest to the right represents the product of that number times 100, the number just to the left of that number represents that number times 101, and so on. However, any number can be a base. The number 1100100 is the number 100 in the decimal system but expressed in the base 2 system. In other words, it represents the total of [0 X 20] plus [0 X 21] plus [1 X 22] plus [0 X 23] plus [0 X 24] plus [1 X 25] plus [1 X 26], or 0 + 0 + 4 + 0 + 0 + 32 + 64, or 100.)**

Question: Why is the \$100 bill referred to as a “C-note”?

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.



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**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Steven Shapiro	2	Nir Hanien	14	Richard Sharpe	21
Yefim Ben	3	Kirtland Ash	16	Myron Roberts	21
Karen Meymaryan	5	Irvin Puskin	16	Earl Hellum	22
Sanford Climan	10	William Miller	17	Arthur Levy	23
Michael Silverman	10	Kevin Silver	18	Daniel Seidner	24
Marvin Marshall	11	Robert Thomas	19	Ronald Lawrence	24
Joseph Epstein	11	Jean Claude Aghadjanian	20	Spence Bilkiss	29
Paul Firestone	11	James Petersen	20		

THINK ABOUT IT

We have all been affected by the COVID-19 epidemic. While new vaccines and other therapeutic interventions have substantially lessened the risk of developing severe medical outcomes (e.g., prolonged hospitalizations, death), there has not been a corresponding presence of societal cooperation and optimism. Instead, we are seeing considerable strife about what rules need to be enforced or slackened to achieve the best solution.

Consider the situation at the different campuses of the University of California. After mostly holding in-person classes throughout the fall semester, the emergence of the omicron variant led to a decision to revert to remote instruction in January. Since the surge appeared to have peaked and the vaccination rates were high, it was planned to begin in-class education in February. While that decision may have been intended to be university-wide policy, it is being implemented differently at different campuses. For example, at Berkeley, a full return to classes is being undertaken immediately, at Merced a phased-in plan has begun, and at Riverside and Irvine the “appropriate policy” is being left to deans and department chairs.

Students have become involved. Overall, they seem to be evenly split between those who want to return (at least in part to regain interaction with friends) and those who are more concerned with the risk of infection. Their common objective appears to be to have the university provide a mixture of both, with the student then having the ability to choose whichever they want on any given day as well as whenever they wanted it. More pertinent to this discussion, students at Irvine, UCLA, and Davis are undertaking sit-ins and walkouts to achieve this goal. Yoseph Ghazal, the

student body president at Irvine, decried having to pay thousands of dollars each year for tuition and housing without having a say in how his education should be delivered, although I did not understand how walking out of classes promoted his personal education at all.

Mr. Ghazal did not comment on the arguments against this mixed (and possibly helter-skelter) plan. University campuses are probably among the safest places in the community (low transmission rates, mandatory vaccination, ongoing screening, required use of masks, etc.); as such, they may be better places for people to be. Furthermore, some classes (e.g., those that require a dedicated facility in which to practice procedures or that depend on interactive discussions) cannot be conducted remotely and/or not in real time. Such hybrid plans are certainly likely to be more resource intensive.

Robert Horwitz, the Academic Chair of the University of California, summed up the current conundrum by stating that there was “no way faculty leaders on campus can deliver policy on teaching modality without some key constituency of students or faculty being unhappy.” Of course, this is not the first time that people have found themselves in situations in which not everybody can be happy with a decision. Unfortunately, protests and other public demonstrations by groups with their own agendas just add to the chaos. Hopefully the University of California has the leadership capacity to find its way out.

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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
David Philips	At Masonic Home in Covina; has some medical problems
Wor. Bill Miller	Condolences to on the passing of his wife Bonnie.

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 –
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