

APRIL 2022

TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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FROM THE EAST

Dear Brethren

This past March 6th, we hosted the Grand Master and his lady, as well as several other members of Grand Lodge, at the presentation of the 75-year and 50-year pins to Brothers Irving and Steven Kierman, respectively, a father and son duo from our lodge. This was an absolutely amazing event, and my sincerest thanks for everyone who helped make it possible.

If you are a Master Mason, you should have received by now a letter from me with the wording of a resolution to amend our Charter and Bylaws to permanently meet at a new location (2244 Westwood Blvd. - aka: Liberal Arts Lodge). The vote for this resolution will be, as the letter indicates, at the April Stated meeting on April 4th.

As far as the sale of the building goes, we are, as I write this, entering the final phases of Escrow. By the time the April Stated meeting rolls around, we should have (finally) closed the deal.

I am pleased to report that we are starting to have new applicants for degrees, as well as for affiliation, and I urge all of our brethren to keep a close watch on the schedule for degree dates. It is always more meaningful to a candidate to see a strong showing of the brethren for a degree night. Furthermore, we appreciate when sideliners come to assist in the ritual. I look forward to seeing more of you in Lodge as the world returns from COVID-19 to a more normal operating mode.

Fraternally,
Jacob Gershbock
Master

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 4, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Stated Meeting + Dinner - \$20 at the Door
Dinner will be Deli Platter from Factors!

Please RSVP by 12pm on Friday 4/1: brokyleware@gmail.com

APRIL 11, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

2nd Degree

APRIL 18, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Degree Practice

APRIL 25, 2022 7:15PM (IN PERSON)

Degree or Practice



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

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FROM THE WEST

Dear Brethren,

I have always been under the belief that Masonry gets things right and does things right. Now that the masks are coming off and things are really getting back to normal, I can also say that California Masonry got the pandemic right. Back in Mar-20 Grand Lodge immediately followed the State of California guidelines, ending all in person events. But more importantly, Grand Lodge also soon after provided guidelines for Lodges to be able to hold their Stated Meetings, including fine tuning our ritual, so that it could be performed virtually. I know that for me personally, attending the virtual Stated Meetings really gave me comfort, having the chance to continue the Lodge experience from afar.

It was also quite heartening to see the continuance of the Master & Warden's retreats. Although virtual, they really did provide a link to Grand Lodge.

I made it a priority to attend the

virtual Grand Lodge installation of Officers during Oct-2020, not only to fully enjoy the experience, but to show my support for Grand Lodge.

Later that year, the Grand Master also provided script, so that Lodges could perform their own virtual Officer Installations.

When things got a little more back to normal and we were allowed to meet in person, Grand Lodge kept us safe with masking, vaccination, and testing guidelines. Most importantly, not a single Mason that I came across ever made any of these issues a political matter. We followed the rules like all good Masons and that was that.

Now that we really appear to be rapidly approaching normalcy, come to Lodge and see Masonry continue to get it right!!!

Fraternally,
Steve Resnick

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 March question:

Why is the \$100 bill referred to as a “C-note”? C is the Roman numerical symbol for 100. (The Latin prefix is “cent”, which is the reason that 100 years is called a century.)

Question:

When was the Hundred Years War fought, who fought in it, and who won?

Editor’s note: The 100 Corner will be, for most of 2022, an ongoing feature in the Trestleboard. It is designed to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Ionic-Composite Lodge. A grand celebration (black tie optional) of this occasion will occur on November 19, 2022 and will be held at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey. The cost for this dinner and evening, which will be attended by the Grand Master, will be \$ 19.22 per person. Save the date and we hope to see you there.

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.





Batter Up!

The 2022 ***Masons 4 Mitts*** Fundraiser
supporting the LA Dodgers Dreamteam Program

Kicks Off April 7

Be a Supporter by Funding a Child's Mitt

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove will be provided to a needy youth in the LA Dodgers Dreamteam program. This program is more than just baseball and softball. Kids and parents attend programs about leadership, teamwork, health, safety, finances and good citizenship.

Support your lodge's participation in this great program.

Go to www.masons4mitts.org

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Contact Bernie Morse at (310)556-4463
if you have any questions.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jon Wax 1
Mark Mischel 3
Misha Spiegel 3
Koorosh Moshtahedian 3
Andre Torosyan 4
Marc Behun 5
Brandon Koretz 7
Michael Katz 7

Shahriar Eshaghian 8
Renato Garcia 9
Luis Tananta 10
Harold Wax 13
Arnold Fazekas 13
Clayton Jones 13
Harvey Glaser 14
Cliff Dorfman 14

Michael Turner 14
Jeffrey Bear 16
Daniel Ferguson 16
Hamid Shooshani 23
Edward Segal 27
Jack Rapke 28
Michael Leiaghat 28
David Harris 30



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A MASONS4MITTS

FUNDRAISER ON

APRIL 5TH AT 7PM

**Oasis Lodge at the Shrine Auditorium
665 W Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90007**

DINNER WILL BE \$10 (Proceeds go to the Lodge)

WE WILL ALSO HAVE BASKETS FOR RAFFLE \$5 A TICKET (Proceeds go to Masons4Mitts)

Media Central Titans Team

RSVP: Worshipful Danny Fox 917.539.2174



If you have any questions about the event and parking info please
contact

Bernie Morse at (310) 704-2262

or

Michael Bear at (310) 962-4346

THINK ABOUT IT

Amy Glancy is a fourth-grade teacher in San Diego. In an effort to incorporate the school's curricular focus on understanding history from a non-white perspective, she decided to read a short poem by Countee Cullen entitled "Incident". The poem described the impact that an 8-year-old boy felt when another youngster stuck his tongue out at him and called him what is currently referred to as the "N-word". However, as soon as Ms. Glancy spoke that specific word, one of her students said "I can't believe you did that!" and walked out of class, followed by another student and a third one, while staying in the room, told her "You don't understand how hard it is to hear that word". Ms. Glancy has been temporarily suspended from her teaching duties.

This incident became the subject of a column by Sandy Banks in the Los Angeles Times. The column was entitled "Teacher's good intentions don't excuse N-word" and "The N-word doesn't belong in a fourth-grade classroom". Much of her column recalled her personal experiences of being hurt whenever the word was used. She attached the adjective "menacing" to describe the word and referred to a student of hers who used it as "clueless". Interestingly, there was little mention of the use of the same word by some current Black entertainers.

With that background, I would like to provide the wording of the poem:

"Once riding in old Baltimore, heart-filled, head-filled with glee,
I saw a Baltimorean keep looking straight at me.
Now I was eight and very small, and he was no whit bigger,
And so I smiled, but he poked out his tongue,
and called me 'Nigger'.

I saw the whole of Baltimore from May until
December;

Of all the things that happened there that's all
that I remember."

For me, this was an extraordinarily good example of how a word can be harmful and an excellent segue to beginning a discussion about the problems that its usage can create. Although Ms. Banks believes that 8 and 9 year-old youngsters do not have sufficient emotional and intellectual development to handle such a discussion, her opinion loses sight of the fact that they are already old enough to feel the negative impact to the point where not only sticks and stones, but also names, can hurt.

A subsequent letter to the editor questioned the wisdom of suspending the teacher, as that action suggests that the listeners are victims and "helpless in the face of this magical word". Furthermore, the issue is not the word itself, but rather the context in which it is used. My worry is that, if we are going to punish people for using the N-word, then shouldn't we punish them for using other derogatory ones, such as the F-word (fat), the S-word (stupid), or the H-word (hate)?

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

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 –

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