

FEBRUARY 2023

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Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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Dear Brethren,

When I first applied for the degrees of Masonry, my application fee included several charitable contributions, one of which was for the George Washington Masonic Memorial, which is located in Alexandria, Virginia. Masons in states across the country contribute to the museum's upkeep, so that the memory of that truly distinguished Mason will never fade.

For those of you not already aware, the George Washington Masonic Memorial is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and on President's day (Monday, February 20, 2023), there will be a reenactment of the laying of the cornerstone of the memorial. At 1:00 pm, a parade of Masons from across the country will begin at the bottom of the hill along which the main street of Old Town Alexandria runs, and it will make its way up to the top of the hill where the memorial now stands. At 3:30 pm, the reenactment ceremony will take place. 100 years ago, 19,000 Masons marched up that long hill to the base of the secondary hill atop which the memorial now resides. I don't know how many Masons will make it this time, but it should be a sight to behold and an event the likes of which will not come again in our lifetimes.

My mother and I have plans to be there, and we hope to take my nephew (who will be turning three in March) with us. My brother and his family live in Southwest Washington DC, so Alexandria is just a water taxi away from the DC wharf, where we will stay. For anyone who has not yet made reservations and wishes to be at this historic event, I urge you to make plans soon. The parade and ceremony are free to attend. There is a formal Gala on George Washington's birthday (February 22), but tickets are already sold out, so unless you already have purchased yours, I'm afraid we won't see you there. For those who are going, feel free to contact me to discuss plans for the parade and/or the Gala. It is especially appropriate that we as California Masons should make a good showing, as one of our own Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Kenneth Nagel, is one of the leading Officers of the Memorial's Directors Association.

In other news, much of our artwork has now been hung in the upstairs foyer area at Liberal Arts, plans are in place to mount a TV with a looped, scrolling presentation of our Past Masters, we have a number of prospects knocking at our doors and getting to know the brethren, and we have an ambitious calendar of social, fraternal, and ritual events throughout the year. These plans include (in no particular order) an Isadore Moore award, several more Golden Veteran Awards, a Public Schools night, a First Responders night, a Festive Board, and of course, our annual Reception of the Grand Master (which will be at the March 6th Stated Meeting). Add to that a slew of out-of-lodge social gatherings, prospect/candidate events, and of course ritual and degree conferrals, and I hope you appreciate that we are setting down roots and getting back to work.

I urge you all to make a concerted effort to come to lodge more often, either for a Stated Meeting, a degree conferral, or just to one or more of our social events. We are a fraternity built, first and foremost, on the connections that bind us one to the next, and those bonds are only maintained when they are regularly renewed by coming together as brethren. We are a community - a place where you can bring your family, celebrate your joys, find comfort in times of sorrow, and spend some refreshingly peaceful moments surrounded by those that have only best wishes for you and yours. Masonry has so much to offer, but as with so many things, what we get out of it is often proportional (though not equivalent) to what we put into it.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jacob Gershbock PM
Master

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 6, 2023 7:15PM

Stated Meeting & Dinner

Dinner is \$15 / Please RSVP for Headcount

RSVP to brokyleware@gmail.com no later than the Friday before!

Wedge Salad
Blue cheese, red onion, hard boiled egg
5 cheese Fondue Mac and cheese
Pecan pie

*Official Visitation of our Inspector
Jhairo Echevarria P.M.*

FEBRUARY 13, 2023 7:15PM

Possible Degree Practice

FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Dark in Observance of Presidents Day
Cornerstone reenactment at the George Washington Masonic Memorial
in Alexandria, Virginia

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Annual Lodge Audit

Senior Lodge & Association Officers required.
Contact the Master ASAP if you cannot attend.

MARH 6, 2023 6:00PM

*You are Cordially Invited to the 2023
Reception of the
Grand Master of Masons in California
Most Worshipful Randall L. Brill*

Dinner + Reception open to Masons, Ladies, Prospects, and Friends
Stated Meeting to Follow for Masons Only

DINNER MENU - \$25

Caesar Salad

Croutons, Cherry Tomatoes,

Choice of: Grilled Tri Tip or Soy Ginger Glazed Salmon

Potatoes Au Gratin Mixed Roasted Vegetables

Vegetarian Options Available

Reservation Required for Dinner w/ Entree Choice

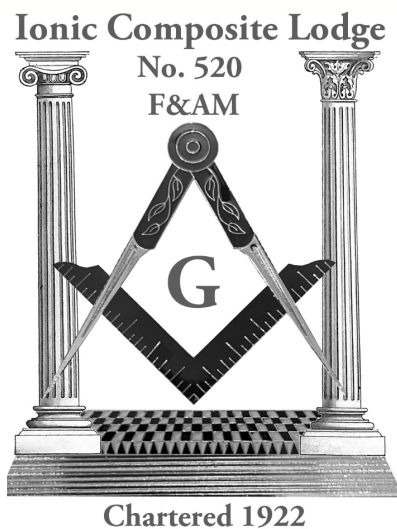
RSVP TO: Wor. Jacob Gershbock

jgershbock@gmail.com

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BY ORDERING AN

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ORDER WILL BE PLACED BY THE MARCH 1 STATED MEETING.

(MINIMUM QUANTITY - 20)

\$36 (SMALL-XL); \$38 (2XL); \$40 (3XL)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

BERNIE MORSE

2142 CENTURY PARK LANE #114

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

OR BRING TO LODGE

CALL (310) 704-2262 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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/>

FROM THE WEST

Dear Brethren,

In Masonry we often talk about “Ancient Landmarks” and “The General Regulations Of Freemasonry” but does anyone actually know what these terms mean? How can we take an obligation to abide by these Masonic laws without knowing what they are? A hint – Every Master Mason was given a copy of both of them.

The Ancient Landmarks are the unwritten law of Freemasonry. While different sources allude to different Landmarks, or at least word them differently, our Grand Lodge recognizes the twenty-five Ancient Landmarks set forth by Albert G. Mackey in his seminal work “Jurisprudence of Freemasonry”. The term “Ancient Landmarks” is best defined as being those characteristics without which Freemasonry would not be Freemasonry, such as requiring a belief in a Supreme Being, being a man, the modes of recognition, and that none of the Ancient Landmarks may be changed.

The General Regulations are the written laws of Freemasonry as it existed prior to 1721 and includes The Old York Constitutions of 926, the Constitutions of Edward III, the Regulations of 1663, the Ancient Installation Charges, the Ancient Charges At Makings and the Regulations of 1703, 1717 and 1720.

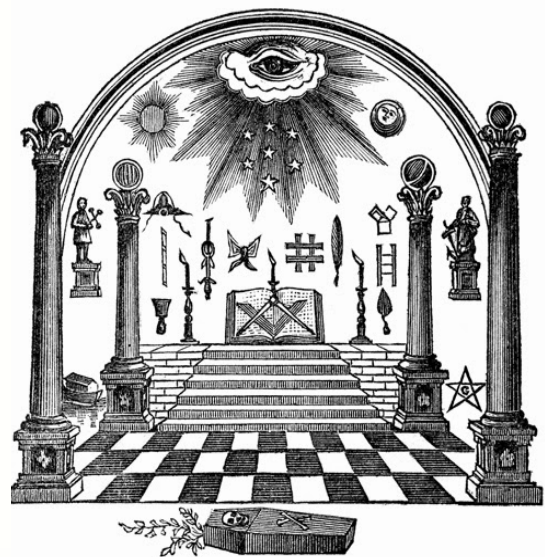
Oh, where can you find these writings? Master Masons: Check out the “Constitution And By-Laws” you received when you were Raised. Everyone else can refer Mackey’s books on the subject or just look them up online.

While we are on the subject of Masonic education, let me give you a

head’s up about the upcoming 11th Annual International Conference On Freemasonry on April 8, 2023, at UCLA. The subject will be “From The Attic Of Grand Lodge.” This series of lectures bring renowned Masonic scholars from around the world and are always interesting and informative. The conference is open to Masons of all Degrees as well as non-masons and women. More information is available on the Grand Lodge website.

As always, we look forward to seeing you in Lodge: Not just at stated meetings and degrees, but at all our social and educational events.

Fraternally,
Jefff Bear, P.M.
Senior Warden





Masonic Homes of California

Join Masonic Homes for an Informatinal Online Q&A FEBRUARY 23rd

The Masonic Homes of California is here to help you live your best life, no matter what level of care you need. And, with new facilities and services, we have the capacity to serve our members and their families better than ever.

Please join our senior care experts Sabrina Montes and Sol Silverman in an online informational meeting and Q&A to teach you all about the services and levels of care we offer. Learn about the services that you and your family have access to:

- Care at our campuses
- Care in your own home
- Easy new ways to pay for services
- Who can access services
- New assistance programs

Now is the time to learn more, as our waiting lists are currently low, and we've opened up new, easy ways to pay and access our services.

Online Informational Presentation and Q&A

Thursday, February 23 6pm – 7pm

If you would like to discuss services now, please give us a call at (866) 466-3642. Masons, spouses, widows, and children all have access to our services.

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[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

IC520 THEATER NIGHT

We have a block of 24 seats for



Sunday, May 28, 2023

6:30PM

\$92/person

at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood

SIX is a modern musical comedy retelling of the lives of the six wives of Henry VIII presented as a pop concert, as the Queens take turns singing and telling their story to see who suffered the most due to Henry and should, therefore, become the group's lead singer.

For information and reservations please contact Bernie Morse PM at (310)704-2262 or email brnhrd18@yahoo.com.

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.



IMPORTANT: 2023 DUES ARE DUE ALTERNATIVES FOR PAYMENT

This year there are 3 methods of payment for your 2023 dues of \$185.00. Grand Lodge this year prefers credit cards and not checks.

1. Check payable to Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520.

**Mail to Treasurer: Bernie Morse
2142 Century Park Lane #114
Los Angeles, CA 90067**

OR bring check or cash to stated meeting

2. Pay Grand Lodge directly by logging into www.member.freemason.org and use either Mastercard or Visa. Processing fee is \$6.03. If you have not already logged into this system click Member Registration. You will need your Member ID, your lodge number, and your email address to register. Follow prompts to Pay Dues.

3. Pay via PayPal. Processing fee is \$7.23.

If you are unable to pay your dues or can only afford to pay a portion of your dues, please contact
Kyle Ware Secretary at brokyleware@gmail.com



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Robert Malinow 3
Richard Shapiro 3
Joseph Michael 5
Roberto Jo 7
Carl Smith 10
Varun Dadabhoy 10
Joshua Jason 11**

**Benson Turner 12
Bruce Gary 14
Amir Jandaghi 14
Stan Sax 14
Norman Weinstock 15
Robin Silverman 17
Chay Wright 17**

**Tony Napoli 21
Victor Pinkerton 22
Robert Rosenstein 26
Karam Al Yateem 28
Robert Feiles 28
Ira Steinore 29**

THINK ABOUT IT

Valery Fabrikant was born in Russia in 1940, where he obtained a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. He then worked there, largely doing research in various institutions. In 1979 he emigrated to Canada as a political dissident and was subsequently employed at Concordia University in Montreal in 1980. While he began as a research assistant, after several years he was added to the academic faculty and, by 1992, was an associate professor. He was a somewhat disruptive person during that time and had an ongoing history of complaining about fraud, unethical publication practices by his colleagues, and other unacceptable behaviors in his department. On the other hand, he apparently was a productive academician; he currently has 149 publications listed in Google Scholar, including at least one book (published in 2010). In fact, unlike most academicians, the majority of his papers (and the one book I found) are single author ones. As part of preparing this column, I tried to read one of those papers, but the mathematics were well beyond my understanding. Presumably the work was valid, however, as the journals in which he published were peer-reviewed ones.

On August 24, 1992, he went to his office with three handguns and proceeded to shoot five colleagues; four of them died as a result. He was arrested on the same day and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Although he was eligible for parole in 2015, that was denied to him. The most remarkable thing about this story is that he has continued to publish scientific papers; he is writing them in prison up to this time. He makes no secret of his current living accom-

modations; the paper that I looked at had an author identification of "Valery I. Fabrikant, prisoner #167932 D, Archambault jail". This is likely the reason why his papers only have a single author.

When he began to submit papers from prison, the family members of his victims, as well as the rector at Concordia University, tried to convince journal editors that the manuscripts should be rejected or the already published papers be retracted. The argument was that, as a convicted murderer, he had forfeited his right to make any scientific contributions. However, the reaction from the majority of the scientific community has been to separate his personal actions from his intellectual efforts.

The editors that have opined on all of this seem to believe that he is an accomplished engineering mathematician albeit a disgraceful human being. His story has been an ongoing topic of debate in scientific ethical discussions for three decades. At the end of the day, however, since his work can be objectively judged by his colleagues, allowing him to continue to submit papers for publication has become an acceptable practice. From my point of view, he has found something productive with which to occupy his time.

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

Earl Hellum

Home with long-standing medical problems.

**Wellness Calls And Funeral Notification List Please Contact Bro. Stan Sax
310-429-6785 / stan456sax@gmail.com**

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.

2023 Officers Needed

**If you would like to serve your lodge as an officer in 2023 please contact Officer's Coach
Bernie Morse PM at (310)704-2262**

2023 OFFICERS

Master – Jacob Gershbock

Marshal –

Senior Warden – Jeffrey Bear, P.M. (Trisha)

Senior Steward – Varun Dadabhoy

Junior Warden – Steve Resnick, P.M. (Sheelah)

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 – Chay Alexander Wright, P.M

Inspector for the 626th Masonic District
Jhairo Echevarria P.M.

Junior Deacon – Luis Tananta (Maria)

Trestleboard Layout – Kyle Ware