

# TRESTLE BOARD

March 2024



## **Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520**

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Dear Brethren,

I am pleased to announce that we have good news on multiple fronts. First, I have been informed that, according to the staff at Grand Lodge, our own Brother Stan Sax is regarded as one of the two most proactive and outstanding prospect managers *in the state*! Massive appreciation goes to Brother Sax for his ongoing and tireless work in making our prospects and guests feel seen, welcome, and at home in our Lodge. Speaking for myself, I can say without a bit of exaggeration that his help over the last two years has taken immense loads of pressure off me and other officers, as he has stepped up his levels of assistance. Brother Stan, I salute you, and keep up the good work! May your example inspire others to similarly step up and help in whatever ways they feel they can.

Next, I am pleased to say that we have two applicants for degrees pending, one applicant for (re)affiliation, and one prospective EA from another Grand Jurisdiction looking to affiliate with us and continue his Masonic journey at Ionic Composite. While we unfortunately do continue to lose of our oldest members as they are ultimately called from Labor to that Celestial Lodge above, we are starting to actively attract and bring in our own cohort of new (largely younger) men who are interested in pursuing a Masonic journey at our lodge. In short, my brothers, things are looking good, and there will likely be a fair number of degree conferrals in our near future, so stay tuned and dust off your ritual, either to help, (always appreciated!), or even just to show up and support our candidates and brothers as sideliners. The ritual is always more meaningful and impressive with a large attendance.

At our March Stated Meeting, we honored our own Worshipful Chay Alexander Wright, who was selected and installed as the 2023-2024 Junior Grand Deacon. We had a great turn-out of members, ladies and guests from the Grand Line and other lodges to show their appreciation of Wor. Chay's dedication and hard work.

Furthermore, consider enrolling your preteen (10-12) children and your teenage children in our Youth Orders. They are in so many ways the perfect answer to the social isolationism, loneliness, unrealistic expectations, and lack of community and real connection that are being reported among many teens today. Add to that the fact that they provide character building, leadership training, look great on college applications, and even come with scholarship

opportunities, and our Youth Orders are truly the answer to the problem of helping your kids get into college – and succeed both there and in life beyond. If you don't have children, consider volunteering as a mentor for one of the Youth Orders. It is the active support and guidance of our members that make these organizations different (and frankly better) than so many others.

I hope to see you all in Lodge soon. If you haven't been around recently, you really don't know what you're missing.

Fraternally,  
Jacob Gershbock, PM  
Worshipful Master

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March Schedule

**Monday, March 11th = Executive Committee Meeting and Annual Audit of the Books**

Exec meeting: 6pm

Audit: 7pm

Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, and members of the Building Association requested to attend. If unable to attend for any reason, **please contact the Master ASAP**

**Monday, March 18th = 2nd Degree Practice 7:15pm**

All Officers required to attend. Sideliners who want to participate in the 2nd Degree for March 25 also requested to attend.

**Monday, March 25th = 2nd Degree for Brother Jordan Brodie**

Degree conferral begins at 7:15 pm. Light refreshments (dessert/drinks) served following degree.

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, (no fooling!), Stated Meeting.** Lodge Opening 6:30p.m., Dinner: 7:15pm, Stated Meeting in First Degree to follow. **RSVP** to [ioniccomposite@gmail.com](mailto:ioniccomposite@gmail.com) by March 28.

**Menu**

Beet & Carrot Salad  
Red Wine Braised Lamb Shank  
Hasselback Potatoes  
Chocolate Matzo Cake

## **HOW TO GET YOUR DUES CARD**

With the installation of the iMember 2.0 online system a few years ago that all brothers can access upon registration, lodge secretaries no longer receive all the dues cards to mail out after payment.

The dues card is now online and can be printed or downloaded in an 8 ½ x 11 format which can be printed or downloaded to a phone.

There are 2 ways to get you dues card:

1. Login to [www.member.freemason.org](http://www.member.freemason.org), select Member bar, sign-in or create your account, then select Virtual Card. **You** can update all your contact information, your contact preferences, emergency contacts, other Masonic affiliations, etc.
2. Send an email to our lodge Secretary Mike Bear PM ([michael.bear@mac.com](mailto:michael.bear@mac.com)) requesting that it be mailed to you.

If you need help registering for iMember contact the Secretary.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Fellowcrafts in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees, and Master Masons in all three.

We are also looking for Master Masons who want to be officers. We have openings for 2024.

We want and need your involvement. If interested, please contact:

Bernie Morse, PM

Officer's Coach

(310)556-4463

## March Birthdays

Steven	Shapiro	2	William	Miller	17
Yefim	Ben	3	Kevin	Silver	18
Karen	Meymaryan	5	Robert	Thomas	19
Nancy	Cremona	7	James	Petersen	20
Michael	Silverman	10	Jean Claude	Aghadjanian	20
Sanford	Climan	10	Myron	Roberts	21
Paul	Firestone	11	Richard	Sharpe	21
Joseph	Epstein	11	Earl	Hellum	22
Marvin	Marshall	11	Arthur	Levy	23
Nir	Hanien	14	Ronald	Lawrence	24
Irvin	Puskin	16	Daniel	Seidner	24
Kirtland	Ash	16	Spence	Bilkiss	29

## BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

### Sick and Visitation Committee Report

Roy Steinfeld      On the mend after a fall & hip related injury.

*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.*

## BEWARE...

of scams / phishing emails asking for money or personal information.

Scammers are pretending to be Masons, even the Worshipful Master!

We'll never ask you to send money or gift cards via email.

Reach out to Lodge Leadership directly or by phone.

Master – Jacob Gershbock	Marshal – *
Senior Warden – Jeffrey Bear, P.M. (Trisha)	Senior Steward – Kerin Surents, P.M. (Suzanna)
Junior Warden – Steve Resnick, P.M. (Sheelah)	Junior Steward – *
Senior Deacon – Chay Alexander Wright, P.M	Inspector for the 626th Masonic District Gevork Asatryan P.M.
Junior Deacon – Luis Tananta (Maria)	Trestleboard Layout – Michael Mosbach
Treasurer – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)	Assistant Secretary – Michael Mosbach
Secretary – Michael Bear, P.M. (Debbie)	Tiler – Roy Steinfeld, P.M.
Chaplain – *	Officers’ Coach – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)