



TRESTLE BOARD

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies,

I am writing this while sipping on my beverage of choice, basking in the glow of this evening when we welcomed Most Worshipful John Lowe at our 43rd Annual Official Reception of the sitting Grand Master Of Masons In California. This evening would not have been such a success if it were not for the dedication and hard work of so many people.

Our Chairman for the evening, Worshipful Bob Sills, spent countless hours organizing the evening and coordinating the efforts of the Lodge. Wor. Ron Koretz worked tirelessly preparing his introductions in the traditional manner. Wor. Michael Bear coordinated with Grand Lodge and our caterer for the evening, Brother Earl Hellum who, by the way, provided his usual fantastic barbeque. Our Junior Warden, Wor. Kevin Morris, and our Stewards, Tigran Mkrtchian and Howard Hallis, made sure we were well stocked with provisions. Wor. Tim Shiner provided the beautiful lighting in the dining room and my right hand man. Our Secretary, Wor. Howard Steinore, was also instrumental in making this evening a memorable occasion. I also want to especially thank my wife, my First Lady, for all of her hard work in so many areas in making this night special for all of us.

On May 19, we will be holding our Second Annual Ionic Composite, No. 520, Festive Board when we will be honoring Michael and Rise Glaser for their years of dedication to our Masonic youth. As you know, Mike left us far too soon. This evening is not limited to Masons and is open to Masons and non-Masons, men and women. Please join us in celebrating his memory and honoring Rise for her continued exemplary work in supporting our youth programs.

On Monday, May 27, the Lodge will be dark in observance of Memorial Day, but we will be assembling in the manner of Masons as hosts to the dignitaries attending the ceremonies at the Los Angeles National Cemetery in Westwood.

Our Lodge has a very active schedule with every type of activity: Rituals for those who love the pomp and circumstance; Masonic education programs for those interested in the historical and metaphysical aspects of our Craft; and social events for the party animals. I know the officers join me in hoping that we are providing the type of activities that interested you in Masonry in the first place. All of would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact any of us in general and me in particular to tell us how we can serve you better.

Our secretary recently sent out notices of suspension to many of our members. Please pay your dues. We want your continued membership in your Lodge. If for any reason your financial situation has you in a place where you are not able to pay dues, please advise me of your situation so we can remit your dues and retain your membership. Please don't be embarrassed. We hold all such communications in the strictest of confidence.

As always, Trisha and I look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

Jeff Bear, P.M., ~ Master

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>MAY</h1>						
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5	6 Stated Meeting. Masonic Youth Orders. Lodge opens at 5:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Open meeting be- gins at 7:15 p.m.	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 7:15p.m. First De- gree Practice. 5:30 p.m. Dinner at Fu's Garden	14	15	16	17	18
19 6:00 p.m. Second Annual Ionic Composite, No. 520, Festive Board honor- ing Michael and Rise Glaser. Kerin Surents, Chairman.	20 7:30 p.m. First Degree for Mr. Raoul Rouzaud. 5:30 p.m. Dinner at Jan's.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day. Lodge Dark. Attend ceremony at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, Westwood	28	29 7:30 p.m. OSI at Ionic Composite Lodge. Second Degree complete. Hosted by Oasis Lodge.	30	31	

May Stated Meeting

Masonic Youth Orders.
Cinco de Mayo Theme

W.M. Jeff Bear, P.M. presiding
Doors: 5:30pm Open Lodge, Dinner: 6:00pm
Program: 7:15pm

Menu

Taco Bar (chicken or white fish), Guacamole, Salsa, Corn Tortillas,
Roasted Corn on the Cob, Grilled Onions and Peppers, Spanish Rice,
Ceasar Salad, Cornbread Muffins, Vanilla Flan

\$15.00 w/RSVP \$20.00 wo/RSVP*

Entertainment: TBD

Traditional ice cream sundae bar, and ladies program to follow

* Guests of the Master, and widows of Ionic Composite Lodge, who
have not remarried, are free. Menu is Subject to Change.

Do you need a ride to lodge?

No brother should be unable to come to lodge because he can't get a ride! If you'd like to attend lodge on any night and need transportation, please inform the lodge office and we will make arrangements for you to be there!

June

- 3 Stated Meeting: Inspector's Official Visit.
- 10 Lodge night.
- 17 Lodge night.
- 22 13th Annual California Masonic Symposium – South (Pasadena)
- 24 Book Club.
- 26 O.S.I. at Culver City Foshay Lodge. First Degree in full.

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Please join us as we
 celebrate Ionic Composite
 Lodge #520 Festive Board

Sunday May 19th 2013, at 6pm
 Honoring Michael and Risa Glaser.

\$52 per Person – includes firing glass.

Reservations and payment must be made by 5/13/2013



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Lloyd Obrand	01
Vartan Agvanovich Aleksanyan	02
Rick Kahn	02
Harold Kirman	02
Geoffrey Mackinlay Schumann	02
Robert Leland Sills PM	02
Frank Tellis	03
Robert Paul Gordon	04
David Luis Snyder	04
Barry Steven Sporn	05
Julius Bovill	07
Krikor Onnig Hazarshahian	09
Alfred Spivak	10
William Charles Bilkiss	11
Peter David Kaplan	11
Jordan Edward Robinson	11
Errol Henry Stambler	12
Evan Allen Weiss PM	12
Joseph Edward Brewer	13
Harvey Charles Cohn	13
Mark Thomas Crugnale	13
Robert Ivan Goldman	13
Richard Thomas Kaplan	13
Stephen Allen Rennick	14
Stafford B. Bennish	17
Matthew Scott Rodman	17
Michael Jeremy Savage	17
Leo Soloman Seidner	19
Max Solomon	19
Jacob Morris Spiegel	19
Cedric Ndoma Malambu	20
Sidney Zanvel Miner	20
Earle Gary Goodman	21
David Israel	23
David Francis Philips PM	23
Sherman Margoles	26
Robert Allen Weissman	26
Irvin Kauffman	27
Abe Perel	27
Jeffrey Samuel Platt	27
Arthur Manheim	28
Mark K Ameli	29
Neil Harvey Sherman	29
Dale Marc Effren	30
Zev Vered	30

FROM THE WEST

We had a very busy and full house for our April stated meeting, where we had the honor to receive The Most Worshipful John F. Lowe, Grand Master of Masons in California. The evening was a great success, with our lodge paying particular attention to detail and showcasing talent from our own membership to make the night as special as it was. A welcoming environment was created by lighting from Worshipful Tim Shiner; delicious food was made by Porky's BBQ, run by our very own Brother Earl Hellum; wonderful entertainment was provided by Brother Zack Lodmer; and as always, it was lovely to see all the members and guests complete the night with their warm presence! A special thanks to everyone who participated in helping to put together this memorable and time-honored night.

Brethren and ladies, please mark your calendars! On Sunday, May 19th, we are going to have our 2nd Annual Festive Board, honoring our dear Brother Michael Glaser and his wife Risa Glaser. I assure you it will be every bit as fun and enjoyable as last year if not better! Please reserve your seats now, if you haven't already done so. The cost is only \$52.00 per person, which includes a full Mediterranean feast, many toasts, and the traditional Ionic Composite firing glasses. This will certainly be a night to remember. Reservations must be accompanied by full payment received at the Lodge by our Secretary on or before May 13th.

Kerin Surents ~ Senior Warden

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 27, 2013
9:00 a.m. to noon

LOS ANGELES NATIONAL CEMETERY

950 S. Sepulveda Blvd.

(1 block north of Wilshire Blvd. at Constitution Ave.)
(Free parking at VA Medical Center, Park & Ride across the street)



Mark your calendars for this special event, which honors our country's fallen heroes. Presented by the Los Angeles National Cemetery Support Foundation, which includes four Southern California Lodge Brothers and veterans: Bros. Odas Flake, Jack De Merit, Treasurer and Support Foundation Secretary; Wor. Tony Fox, P.M., Support Foundation President; and Wor. Dave Chernik, P.M., former Support Foundation Secretary. Our Theme for this year is, "GRATITUDE: A Grateful Nation Remembered." The invited Master of Ceremonies is J. R. Martinez, Iraq War Veteran and former guest reader. Our invited Keynote Speaker is either Rear Admiral Leonard Herring or General Ruth Wong. As in years past, there will also be the Joint Services Color Guard, a fabulous flyover, CANNONS, a Bag Piper, great camaraderie,

magnificent music, water bottles and a component of civil servants and elected officials.

We are again fortunate to be allowed to support this ceremony with our presence as Masons. Those of us who can, will serve as greeters, along with the support other Masonic Lodges, to usher the VIPs to breakfast, then head out to the ceremony are a to help seat the audience and guide the color guard. For this we will request dispensation to dress in Masonic regalia. Masons helping out should arrive at the Cemetery Chapel by 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help out or just attend, please contact Bro.

Jack De Merit or Wor. Dave Chernik, P.M.

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE #520

FROM THE SOUTH

What kind of Mason am I?

We have all, I would hope, asked this question of ourselves from time to time.

I once heard that there are 5 types of Masons;

The Historical – He knows the dates of when the Lodge was built, how much it cost, and all the Past Masters.

The Mathematical – He is most interested in the 47th problem of Euclid, how long a cable-tow actually is and the correct degrees in which the compasses are set.

The Mystical – He is interested in the esoteric, hermetic and delves into the deeper mysteries of the Craft.

The Political – He is interested in moving up in the Fraternity. He likes to be in a leadership position.

The Social – He participates in Lodge events for the camaraderie. He enjoys the “boys club” aspect of Freemasonry.

I don't believe there is a wrong category or that one is better or worse than another.

One of the many beauties of Freemasonry is that there is something for everyone to enjoy about it. It is multi-faceted. As I ask myself what category I am in, I find that it is different now than when I first began my journey. In fact, I have passed through most of them in my short 6 ½ years since I joined.

The second part of my question of, “What kind of Mason am I” is, “How have I benefited the Fraternity and the Brethren?” After all, it comes natural to us to want to know, “What's in it for me?” But, the more important question is, “What have I given back?”

Is it enough that I show up, chat with my friends and go home?

Is it enough that I am an Officer, Past Master, Temple Board member, co-webmaster, unofficial photographer etc.? Is there really a limit as to how much is enough? I say NO.

I guess it all comes down to what value I have placed on the Fraternity.

I have grown so much since I joined Freemasonry. I know that I still have much growth ahead.

So, the answer to my question of, “What kind of Mason am I” is, the kind that should continually evolve, look for ways to give back to the Fraternity and the Brethren, and like the Jewel of my current office – “To walk upright!”

quaerentes semper magis lux lucis

With all my gratitude,
Kevin Morris, P.M. ~ Junior Warden



**IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE
#520 F&AM
HONORS
ROY ELLIS STEINFELD, P.M.
WITH THE HIRAM AWARD**

MONDAY JULY 1, 2013

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE CEREMONY WITH
OPTIONAL DINNER PRECEDING

DINNER – 6:00 PM

SPACE IS LIMITED (RSVP REQUIRED)

\$15.00 PER PERSON

MUST RESERVE BY

JUNE 24, 2013

CALL THE LODGE OFFICE AT:

(310) 657-2628

DINNER WILL BE \$20.00 IF RSVP IS RECEIVED LATE

CEREMONY – 7:15 PM

**ATTIRE - WESTERN WEAR. (JEANS,
COWBOY SHIRT, COWBOY BOOTS ETC.)**

LOCATION

1122 S. LA CIENEGA BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90035-2592

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



THINK ABOUT IT

A recent article in the medical literature called gastroenterologists to task for performing too many colonoscopies on a certain class of patients; the guidelines called for the procedures to be done no more often than every three years in these patients, but a survey of medical records indicated that many were being done after only two years or even more frequently.

The authors of the article wrote that, if the doctors would cut down on doing these procedures, there would be more resources available to do colonoscopies on other patients. For me, this was a peculiar recommendation. However, it was reminiscent of what happened when the tax hike was approved by California voters last November. Sacramento politicians almost instinctively began finding new projects to spend the extra money on. It did not seem to occur to them to use the money to cut the deficit.

In both scenarios, the underlying situation was an environment in which a deficit existed because spending was exceeding income and a few of the people who actually were in charge of deciding how resources would be spent were now being offered new resources. In both instances, those few people took it upon themselves to try to direct the new resources toward their own self-

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interests (economic or political) instead of using them to reduce the deficit as a whole.

In both healthcare and government spending, too many resources are already being expended; we have reached the point in both where we simply cannot afford to spend more. Californians did not pass the tax hike because they thought that

they were not being taxed sufficiently already; they probably chose to take an extra hit in order to preserve some of the services that they already had and saw being threatened. I cannot speak to why some gastroenterologists were doing more procedures than the guidelines suggested, but I am willing to give them the benefit of the doubt and believe that their reasons were nobler than just making more money.

Nonetheless, in both cases, the problem was limited resources. That problem will never get fixed until those who are responsible for allocating the resources take a more global view. These decision-makers need to do what is best for society as a whole, not just what is best for small special interest groups, even ones of which they happen to be members.

Think about it.

Ron Koretz, P.M.

July

- Stated Meeting. Fourth of July BBQ and theme. Western attire. Hiram Award to Wor. Roy Steinfeld.
- 8 Lodge night.
- 10 Masonic Discussion Night.
- 15 Lodge night.
- 22 Lodge night.
- 29 Masonic Lecture Series #2—M.W. Ronald Robinson, Past Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, Inc., "Prince Hall Masonry". Business attire.
- 30 O.S.I. at Beverly Hills Lodge. Second Degree in full.

August

- 4 Laguna Beach Pageant Of The Masters. Wor. Bernie Morse, Chairman. Sold out.
- 5 Stated Meeting. Past Masters' Night. Business casual attire. Treasurer's Report (C.M.C. \$805.050). Secretary's Report (C.M.C. \$805.220). Hall Association Report (C.M.C. \$900.050).
- 12 Lodge dark
- 19 Lodge dark
- 25 Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau (Grand Lodge Resolutions)
- 25 Fiesta La Ballona Child Identification Booth
- 26 Book Club.

IONIC COMPOSITE LODGE #520

BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS Sick and Visitation Committee Report

We Wish Everyone a Full and Complete Recovery

Bernice Cohen
Home with several problems

Geri Edelman
Still having swallowing difficulties, and other medical problems.

Arnold Fazekas
Home after total hip replacement in October

Leonard Hess
Confined mostly to home because of stroke

Harry Karpman
Elderly brother in chronic care facility with several problems

Art Manheim
At home after hospitalization for broken leg (phone number is for wife Jackie)

Tom Minahane
Home with a variety of medical problems

Arkady Petrowizky
Living with daughter in northern California after suffering major stroke in late 2009; cannot talk but wife (Reisa) will relay thoughts

Jay Richards
At home – limited to wheelchair for ongoing weakness

Bruce Shaphran
Still having problems from hand injuries, ankle injury; unrelated surgery in December

Nate Shaphran
Variety of problems – at home

Oscar Siegel
Elderly brother with several problems

Brethren Please, a Telephone call from you could brighten their day

If you know of a Brother or a member of a Brother’s family who is ill, please contact Lodge Office: Tel: 310. 657.2628

Funeral Telephone list: Any brother who would like to be placed on the funeral notification call list, your presence would be deeply appreciated. Please contact the Lodge Office

Please Remember

My brothers and their families

Please remember to let your family know what your wishes are when you pass to that Lodge Above, Do you want a Masonic service? Where is your white apron? What type of burial do you want? I know, I know we don’t want to think about these topics, but we know not when our time on Earth will be completed.

I would also like to ask you to please remember the Lodge and any other Masonic or other charities you would like to give a gift to at your passing.

Lastly, my Brethren, remember that your visiting a distressed or ill brother and his family, and your attendance at his funeral are the greatest gifts that a Brother can bestow on another, for it is a gift that cannot be paid back by that brother. Please attend Masonic funerals whenever possible.

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Did you take some great photos of the last Stated Meeting? Have an Event or Announcement? Write a Masonic Paper?

We would love for you to submit them to the Trestleboard.

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