

TRESTLE BOARD



August 2024

Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520

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Dear Brethren,

On July 21st, we hosted our 54th annual reception for the Grand Master, honoring Most Worshipful G. Sean Metroka. We had a good turnout of grand lodge officers, brethren, and guests, and a good time was had by all. Special thanks go to Faith Gershbock, “first mom” of the Lodge, for catering the event, to Cody Blair, Eduardo Cortes, and Michael Mosbach for helping serve food, and to Stan Sax, Wor. Steve Resnick, Wor. Jeff Bear, Trisha Bear and her granddaughter Maya, Wor. Roy Steinfeld, Wor. Bernie and Carolyn Morse, and all others who helped pitch in to make the event a success, including Honored Lady Cindi Tabrisky for tie dye.

We have a busy lineup of events for the rest of the year, starting with our August 5th Stated Meeting, at which we will be honoring Firefighter Joshua Martinez and Police Officer III Andrew Taylor at our First Responders night. In September, we are hoping to have our first event with Charnock Elementary, at which we will hopefully formally adopt the school and provide much needed field trip funding and resources. At our October stated, our very own Worshipful Steve Resnick will be invested with the prestigious Hiram Award. Finally, at our December stated meeting, our own Wor. Roy Steinfeld will be invested with his Golden Veteran’s award from the Grand Lodge of Florida, using *their* ritual, which should be interesting and something not to be missed.

Between all those events, we have upcoming degrees, lots of time for socializing, and we plan to hopefully find some opportunities for service work.

One item that is very important, however. **PLEASE** do your best to **RSVP EARLY!** <https://www.ioniccomposite.com/lodge-events/stated-meeting-2/stated-meeting-rsvp/> I cannot stress enough how difficult it makes things for event organizers when we don’t have a proper headcount in advance. It makes setting up tables, ordering food, and planning decorations difficult in the extreme. Part of being a Mason is about treating people by the square, and doing to them, as, in similar situations, you would that they should do unto you. If you were putting together an event, I suspect most of you would be incredibly frustrated if, after advertising and promoting it for months, asking people to register and reminding them frequently, most of the reservations (and cancellations, for that matter) came in the day before or the morning of the event. It’s just not a tenable situation. Please brethren, I understand that in life, stuff happens. Man plans, and God laughs, as they say. Nevertheless, take a moment to mark your calendars and commit to Masonry in advance, and then *let the lodge know you committed by sending in an rsvp form!!*

Our events are good, and those who have been attending them (both from the lodge and guests) are saying that we are even improving their quality, month to month, year to year, but that is only possible through a lot of hard work. Please don’t make that hard work even harder and more stressful for those who have already put in a great deal of effort on your behalf. Instead, I encourage you to plan ahead, reserve early, and – dare I hope? – maybe even consider helping out with one or two by getting involved with an event planning committee or offering to help do some set up or clean up. Everything in Masonry is of your own free will and accord, but what you get out of it, while exponentially greater than that which you put in, is still *dependent* on what you put in.

So, get more from Lodge. Come to events and bring friends and family to open events like those mentioned above at our various Stated Meetings. You quite literally don't know what you're missing out on by staying away – regardless of the reasons. I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
Jacob Gershbock, Master

August Calendar

Monday, August 5th: First Responders Night

See insert for details

Monday, August 12th, 7:15pm Open to All information Night and Socialization

Bring your friends and join us for this fun evening of socializing and discussion of a topic that is both relevant and timely: Social Media. We may even post some as we finish getting ready to launch our own Lodge's new campaign!

Open to all - Masons and non-Masons, men and women. Light refreshments will be served.

Please email the Secretary to let us know how many people plan to attend. ioniccomposite@gmail.com

Monday August 19th 7:15pm 1st Degree Practice

All officers required.

All Masons welcome! EA's are especially encouraged to attend. Brush up on your proficiency. Coaching available.

Monday, August 26th 7:15pm: 2nd Degree Practice

All Officers required.

FC's are especially encouraged to attend. Brush up on your proficiency. Coaching available.

Just a Reminder that September 2nd is DARK in observance of Labor Day. Stated Meeting is on September 9th.

**SPECIAL EVENT Open to all
Let's Honor our First Responders
At our August 5, 2024, Stated Meeting
LAFD Firefighter Joshua Martinez, our local Station 92
& LAPD Officer III Andrew Taylor, W.L.A. P.D.
Your attendance will be greatly appreciated
Dinner 7:15 pm \$15.00/person
chopped green salad, Salisbury steak, smashed potatoes,
cornbread and flourless chocolate cake**

**Click the link below to RSVP for dinner by
August 4, 2024**

**<https://www.ioniccomposite.com/lodge-events/stated-meeting-2/stated-meeting-rsvp/>
(424) 273-1054**

**SPECIAL EVENT Open to all
Welcome our new public-school relationship with
Charnock Elementary
At our September 9, 2024, Stated Meeting
California Masonry and Ionic Composite Lodge have
A long and important history supporting public schools
Your attendance will be greatly appreciated**

**Dinner 7:15 pm \$15.00/person
Antipasto Salad, Lasagna Bolognese, Pasta Marinara, (V),
Garlic bread and panna cotta**

**RSVP for dinner reservations by
September 6, 2024**

**Please use Link only after August Stated Meeting
<https://www.ioniccomposite.com/lodge-events/stated-meeting-2/stated-meeting-rsvp/>
(424) 273-1054**

Save the Date!

October 7, 2024

Dinner: 7:15p.m.

Ceremony: To follow

Wor. Steven Resnick, P.M.

**Has been selected to receive the prestigious
Hiram Award**



The Hiram Award is the highest California Freemasonry's Award that a lodge can bestow upon a brother for his outstanding support of the fraternity.

**Greek salad, Smoked Beef Brisket burnt ends, Impossible Burger-V,
Coleslaw, Fried Okra, Fudge Brownies**

Your attendance will be appreciated

RSVP link to follow soon

Save The Date!

At the December 2, 2024, Stated Meeting

Dinner 7:15pm

Our dedicated Tiler,

Wor. Roy Steinfeld, P.M.



**Will receive the Golden Veteran's Certificate from
The Grand Lodge of Florida, using Florida Ritual**

Dinner and the ceremony are open to all.

Dinner: \$15.00/person by reservation

Arugula Salad-v

Chimichurri Picanha Steak

Roaster Red Potatoes-v

Cream Corn

Apple Cobbler

RSVP link to follow soon

Masons4Mitts
Masons Night at Dodger Stadium

Padres vs Dodgers

Thursday, September 26, 2024

First Pitch 7:10pm, but get there about 6:30pm to see the Masons present our donation.

I am currently in the process of identifying seat location options and price. For information when details are available contact Bernie Morse PM at (310)704-2262 or brnhrd18@yahoo.com.



Batter Up!

**Be a Supporter by Funding a Child's Mitt
For the 2024 Masons4Mitts Fundraiser
supporting the LA Dodgers Dream Team
Program**

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove will be provided to a needy youth in the LA Dodgers Dream Team 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

Click LA Dodger Logo

Click Media Central Titans

Click Give a Mitt

Click Donate

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

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, select “Composite Lodge” bar, then select Virtual Card.
2. Send an email to our lodge Secretary Mike Bear PM (michael.bear@mac.com) requesting that it be mailed to you.

If you need help registering for iMember contact the Secretary.

Think About It – Ron Koretz, P.M.

Think About It

Sometimes, things are not as bad as they seem to be. Consider Triston Casas. He is a 24 year old young man who grew up in Miami, Florida, graduating from high school in 2018. At that time, he was a promising baseball player and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox. He spent four years in their minor league system until he was called up to play in Boston late in the 2022 season. He was their regular first baseman for much of the 2023 season and continued in that role until Aril 2024 when he sustained a rib injury that is currently slowly resolving.

He was in the Red Sox dugout in a game against the New York Yankees on Fathers’ Day when he was interviewed by ESPN. Not surprisingly, he had a story about his own father to relate. When he was 6 years old, he played Little League baseball and, at one game, he was having some adverse feelings while sitting on the bench and decided not to go onto the field when his team went on defense. To continue the story in his own words, “My dad, being the dad that he is, trying to teach me the lessons that he did in his own special way, came into the dugout. He actually grabbed me by the shirt, dragged me to the line, and ‘Looney Tunes’-style kicked me out onto the field.

This all occurred in front of the fans in attendance. One mother, whose son later became one of Tristan's friends in high school, saw these events transpire and did what all of us are encouraged to do, namely "If you see something, say something". This mother called Child Protective Services. A short time later, Tristan's father was arrested at the field, driven away in a police vehicle, and wound up spending the night in jail.

Tristan's take on the incident was not the same as his friend's mother. Again, in his words, 'But that day my dad taught me a super valuable lesson that not a lot of people know, and it's that I had a responsibility to my teammates. I had a responsibility to my coaches, to the parents that showed up that day, all of the fans who were at the Little League game to go out there and give my best effort no matter how I was feeling on the bench".

I do not know what would have happened if his father had just done the politically correct thing by sitting down next to Tristan in the dugout and calmly discussing what was going on and encouraging him to go play. Had he chosen that route, he probably would have avoided spending the night in jail. However, the lesson that Tristan learned would very likely not have been made. From my perspective, Tristan's perspective, and, I hope, his father's perspective, the message made was worth the price paid and then being publicized on Fathers' Day.

Think about it.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Albert	Solnit	8/4
Steven	Resnick	8/5
Fred	Gross	8/8
Allen	Sackler	8/8
Clifford	Wolosin	8/11
Sheldon	Ellis	8/12
Jesse	Rivas	8/13
Harry	Barron	8/22
Sarkis	Babian	8/25
Gene	Horst	8/25
Marc	Seidner	8/28
Jordon	Brodie0	8/31
Phillip	Roman	8/31

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 2024. We want and need your involvement. If interested, please contact:

Bernie Morse, PM
Officer's Coach
(310)556-4463

BRETHREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Sick and Visitation Committee Report

Bernie and Carolyn Morse = Back after nasty bout with COVID
Roy Steinfeld = Back after hospitalization for several issues
Mike Bear = Back with us after COVID and severe sinus infections

Fraternally,
Stan Sax

BEWARE...

of scam / 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.

Brethren,

The master would like to arrange a date for planning the 2025 Lodge Calander. Please send your available dates in October and November to Wor. Jacob Gershbock jgershbock@gmail.com

2024 OFFICERS	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 and Jacob Gershbock
	Treasurer – Bernie Morse, P.M. (Carolyn)	Piano –
	Secretary – Michael Bear, P.M. (Debbie)	Tiler – Roy Steinfeld, P.M.
	Assistant Secretary - Michael Mosbach	