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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



April 2012

Monday, April 2nd, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg.

Thursday, April 5th, 7 PM - 3rd Degree - **Officers Tux**

Bro Billy Acerbon

Sunday, April 8th * **Happy Easter** *

Thursday, April 12th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thursday, April 19th, 7 PM Practice

Monday, April 23rd, 6 PM, O S I @ Metropolitan

Thursday, April 26th, 7 PM - 2nd Degrees - **Practice**

May 2012

Thursday, May 3rd, 7 PM – 2nd Degree - **Officers TUX**

Bro's. Michael Hannum, and Jose Piceno

Monday, May 7th, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg

Thursday, May 10th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Saturday, May 12th, **Masonic Family Picnic @ Covina -M Home**

Thursday, May 17th, 7 PM, Practice / 1st Degree

Thursday, May 24th, 6 PM, O S I @ **GTN - 3rd Degree**

Monday, May 28th, * MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY *

Thursday, May 31st 7 PM – 1st Degree - **Officers -TUX**

June 2012

Monday, June 4th, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg

Thursday, June 7th, 7 PM, Practice / Degree

Thursday, June 14th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thursday, June 21st, 6 PM, O S I @ **Downey United**

Sunday, June 24th, ST JOHNS DAY BREAKFAST

Thursday, June 28th, 7 PM, Practice / Degree



April Stated Meeting



Please Make your dinner reservation by Sunday,
April 8th, 2012,
by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call: (562) 863-9101 - Press
5# to leave your reservations.

*** SICKNESS AND DISTRESS ***

Do you know a Brother, Sister, or one of our Lodge Sweethearts, that are sick or in distress?

Please contact us so that we can try to provide comfort or support in their time of need. **Brother Jim Reyburn – (562) 943-9342**

Wor John Jansen – Needing your Prayers and Cards >>Has MOVED to the V A Hospital ReHab- Village... Cards & Visits (562)826-80000 x 6124 /

John is in Pod “X” - New Power Chair - Its “Blue”

Zane Watts –Needing Prayers/Calls & -Bill too !! Doing Great !

Up Coming Events

- **Lodge Family Picnic @ The MASONIC HOMES—Covina**
Sat-May 12th - PICNIC & TOURS
- Grand Lodge Picnic * A Hawaiian Festival * Sat- June 16th, 2012-Covina
- SAINT JOHNS DAY BREAKFAST - June 24th, 2012
- **HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION-** August 30th, 2012
Honoree- Ted Taylor, P M



From the East

Mike Winford, PM Worshipful Master

Brethren, and Ladies,

The month of April brings us into our warmer Spring activities. Our Degree Work has continued and We extend our Congratulations to Brothers Billy Aceerbon on his Proficiency and his upcoming 3rd Degree on April 5th.

Our Lodge Officer's and sideliner's had the Distinct Opportunity to be part of the Initiation of two Young Men into Masonry, **Brothers Michael Hannum**, and **Jose Piceno**. It was hard to tell who was more proud and excited than GrandPa—Worshipful Max Rush, in the East OR the Senior Deacon-Dad – Worshipful Jim Hannum. Please add their Second Degree dates to your calendars for the month of May.

Our Officer Workshops and Retreats have been completed, and the Officers, have returned with some workable solutions, that will spark your Masonic interest that will be designed to strengthen our Lodge now and in the future.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 12TH>>> I look forward to Joining our Golden Trowel Norwalk Masonic Family members, along with our Invited Ladies from the Eastern Star –Senior Living Facility in Yorba Linda. For **Our Lodge Family Picnic at the Masonic Home in Covina .**

The BBQ Lunch, will start serving at 11:30 AM, with a lot of Good things to eat, Social Time and catching up on who's done this and that...Home tours, and crafts will be available from the Homes Store . **Please Mark Your Calendars & RSVP>>>**

The Officers and myself all look forward to Your Continued Support and attendance that always make our events so very special for our members.

I truly appreciate and Thank all of the young Ladies from the youth groups for helping out with our **country store program**...

Mike Winford - Master

****Ladies please remember to bring your gifts for Country Store****



From the West

Gary Iverson, PM
Senior Warden

Brethren –

Several members have come up to me recently and asked about Life Membership. I always encourage Brothers to get a Life Membership, and here's why:

For example - If you are 35 years old and live to 90 years old (which is quite common today) and you paid dues every year (at the current \$50 per year dues rate) the amount you would have paid is \$2750.00. So if you purchased a Life Membership today what would it cost you? There is a formula that tell you how much a Life Membership would cost you right now. The formula is outlined in the California Masonic Code, and is as follows:

Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues;
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
65 and over, 11 times annual dues.

So how do you apply the formula to your situation?

For example, if you are 35 years old the formula would be:

$\$50 \text{ dues (current dues rate)} \times 21 \text{ (the multiplier for the formula for someone under 49 years old)} = \$1050.00 \text{ total for a Life Membership.}$

Now take that \$2750.00 and subtract it from the \$1050.00 = \$1,700.00. This \$1,700.00 is what you save by buying a Life Membership today.

While this looks like a lot of money right now (and it is), a Life Membership means that you never have to worry about paying your dues again, you will save yourself money in the long run, and you don't have to worry about any future dues increase. Unfortunately, there isn't a payment plan for a Life Membership (I wish there was).

If you have a Life Membership you also don't have to worry about your Master Mason rights and benefits continuing for you and your family because you failed to pay your dues (see my previous article on the importance of keeping your dues current).

If you have any others questions, please feel free to ask.

Gary Iverson
Senior Warden



From the South

Andrew Macias
Junior Warden

Brethren –

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Picnic at the Covina Masonic Homes on May 12. If you haven't been to this wonderful facility, and you haven't shared our barbeque with the residents of the home, you need to show up this year. Of course, we are planning on having a tour of the facility for those who want to view the Covina Home. This event is always fun and well attended. I hope to see all of you there.

Fraternally,
Andrew Macias



From the Secretary's Table

Bill Sizemore, PM

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Bill Sizemore, P. M.

THE MASONIC DUES CARD

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends. It tells me that my loved ones and my home are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to defend and protect mine as I have sworn to defend and protect theirs. It tells me that if I should ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason will be stretched forth to assist me.

Finally, it tells me that when my final exit has been made, there will be gathered around me friends and brothers who will recall my virtues and will forgive my faults. It tells me that, and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.

I hope you enjoyed reading this.

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Masonic Youth Group Events

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge will continue to support our youth groups in the coming year. With your continuing support, we will be able to continue to accomplish this for years to come. Support of our Masonic Youth groups helps to ensure the future of our Great Masonic Family.

~ Mike Winford, Master

Rainbow Girls Buena Park Assembly #231



Monday, April 09th - 7 P.M. Meeting

Monday, April 23rd - 7 P.M. Meeting

Job's Daughters – Bethel #241



Saturday, April 14th - 9:30 A.M. Meeting

Saturday, April 28th - 9:30 A.M. Meeting

Contact: Mrs. Debera Fogal 562 587-4971

DeMolay–Excelsior Chapter



Wednesday, April 11th - **Dinner 6:30 p.m. \$5.00**

7:30 PM - **Meeting**

Wednesday, April 25th - 7:30 PM - Degree Meeting

Contact: Dad Jim Hannum 562 926-5169

In Loving Memory

BRO WILLIAM R. KEITH, P. M.

Born: November 3, 1935 - Oklahoma

Entered in Rest: February 28, 2012 -
Winterhaven, California.

Initiated Entered Apprentice: March 9, 1960

Passed Fellowcraft: June 8, 1960

Raised Master Mason: November 23, 1960

In Two Rivers Lodge NO. 731—California

Age: 76 Years / 3 Months / 25 Days

**Almighty Father, into thy hands we commend the
souls of our departed Brothers.**

Amen.

* Grand Master Loui's Project *

We will turn the page for child literacy in California



The facts are startling

The vast majority of low income families don't have a single book in their homes

California ranks near the bottom of the United States for child literacy

90% of children who cannot read at grade level by 3rd grade will never catch up

Together, the Masons of California and Raising A Reader will make a profound difference in child literacy for those who need it most: kindergartners in low-performing public schools who are at high risk for educational failure.

We will circulate children's books to homes, engage families in shared reading of those books, and help thousands of children develop reading readiness skills.

Your **generous contributions** will support our goal to significantly improve child literacy in California, changing the lives of thousands of vulnerable children.

 [Give Online](#)  

Public Schools Month April 2012

In 1920, as California's public schools struggled to survive teacher shortages during the aftermath of World War I, California Masons led a community movement to address the crises. It was the first Public Schools Week.—a powerful example of our commitment to public education.

This Year, Public Schools Month bears a special resemblance to its first occasion in 1920. Once again our Fraternity has stepped forward to address a critical area need: CHILD LITERACY.

We will bring “Raising A Reader’s nationally– acclaimed literacy program to schools whose students are at the highest risk for learning failure. We can change the course of their future and turn the page for child literacy here in California.

Through efforts at the Lodge level, combined with statewide fundraising for our Raising a Reader program, each member can help re-establish our fraternity as a champion of public schools. Most importantly you will improve the lives of thousands of children.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of California, **April, 2012 is proclaimed “Public Schools Month”**. The theme is: **Together we make a profound difference for public education.**

Living Past Masters of Golden Trowel Norwalk

Alexander, David J. *	1986	McAdam, Theodore	2002/2003
Alexander, David R, *	1998	McAdams, Richard	1986/87
Ankenbauer, William.	1994	McElroy, Glenn	1972
Beckman Jr., Frank H.	1980/99	McWilliams, Ivan S.	1976
Berg, Charles M.	1972	Miller, Everett E.	1991/93/94/99/03/06
Bodnar, Bart J.	1985/90/91	Miller, George C.	1982
Bohn, Hans F.	1974	Mitchell, Robert R *	1983
Booth, William M.	2010	Moore, Barry D.	1993
Buck, Gil	2007/08	Morrissy, Scott T. *	2005
Collins, Eugene	2001	Moss, Clive W. *	2001/02/03/04/09
Collins, Robert C.	1978	Nichols, Lowell L.	1983
Cowart Jr., Joseph W.	1974	Nighswonger, James	1994/2005
Creswell, Frank L.	1951/80	Noble, Douglas A.	1983
Eade, Jack W. *	1978	Ogden, Charles J. *	2001/2002
Earl, Richard G.	1975/80/81/82	Palmer, John M. *	1974
Easley, Ronald T.	1975	Perry, James	2000
Eichen, Doug	1987/93	Perry, Richard E.	1965
Evans, Rick A. *	1991	Poole, Roy *	1973/1999
Fulbright, Ross E.	1960	Powers, William. B. *	1981
Gerken, Gary D.	1995	Richmond, Gayle*	1988
Gillespie, Frank	1986/87/2000	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Gustafson, Warren *	1969	Rodriguez, George	1989
Henry, H. Lon	1965	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Hintergardt, Jay	1971	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80
Hofmann, Ivan A.	1966	Sargent, Terry T.	1979
Hood, Lyle E.	1999	Sickles Jr., Robert	1985
Hooper, Fred L.	1975	Simmons, Alfred R.	1962
Iverson, Gary	2009	Singer, Albert F.	1977
Jansen, John *	1958	Sizemore William. F.	1985/*93
Jensen, Carl A. *	1977	Spann, LeRoy E.	1984
Kidder, David W.	1979	Swanston, David III	1976/87/88/01/02
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Taylor, Howard	1970/78/79
Koomen, Ronald H.	1992/96/97	Taylor, Ted R.	2004
Ladnier, Michael	1984	Thompson, James R.	1984
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Walthall, Leonard S.	1971
MacCallum, M. David	1978	Watson, Carl F.	1971
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97	Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
Masson, John P.	1988	Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87
		Williams, Larry D.	1997
		Winford, Mike T.	1988/2011
		Wohlfrath, Fred C.	1967

* By Affiliation

Hall Association Members

Gary Iverson, PM – President, Senior Warden
Andrew Macias- Vice President
Charlie Dunn - Secretary
Michael Frias – Chief Financial Officer
Gil Buck, PM – Building Manager
Bill Powers, PM
Joe Laing
Don Eschbach
Eric Taylor
Mike Wittig
Mike Winford, PM – Master

Building Manager – Gil Buck, PM

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Trustees

David Swanston III, PM - President
Ben Carr - Secretary
Warren Gustafson, PM
Mike Winford, Master
Gary Iverson, PM

2012 Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge Committee Chairs

Activities – Frank Gillespie, PM

Auditing – Ben Carr

Bar-B-Q – Joseph Patronas, and Socrates Patronas

Budget – Mike Winford, WM and David Swanston, PM

Charity – Mike Winford, WM and Gary Iverson, SW and JW

Constitutional Observance – Bill Sizemore, PM

Funeral Services – Lowell Nichols, PM; Jim Reburn

Greeting Committee – Fred Gladstone and Gonah Schreckengast

Public Schools – Mike Winford, WM

Masonic Service Bureau – Mike Winford, PM

Masonic Homes Bar-B-Que – Gayle Richmond, PM

Masonic Family Picnic – Frank Gillespie, PM

Membership Committee – Frank Gillespie, PM, Gil Buck, PM, Warren Gustafson, PM, Officers and Members

Membership Retention – Mike Winford, WM, Gary Iverson, PM

Roster Update – Dave Swanston, PM

Sickness and Visitation – James Reyburn, Officers, and Members

St. John’s Day – Gary Iverson, PM

Sweethearts – Frank Gillespie, PM

Youth Committee – Andrew Macias, J W

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