

GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE E #273



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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



January 2012

Sunday, Jan 1st, ** Happy New Year **

Monday, Jan 2nd, 7 PM – NMBA Hall Association Mtg.

Thursday, Jan 5th 7 PM - NEW OFFICER MTG

Saturday, Jan 7th, *El Bekal Shrine Center* –Officer Installation

Bill Sizemore –Illustrious Potentate

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

Thursday, Jan 19th - 3rd Degree Practice

Saturday, Jan 21, 7AM- 11:30 AM DeMolay Breakfast

Thursday, Jan 26th – 6 PM, OSI @ GTN - **HOST LODGE**

February 2012

Thursday, Feb 2nd, 7 PM **3rd Degree *Officers Tux***

Sunday, Feb 5th, 3 PM **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

Monday, Feb 6th, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg.

Thursday, Feb 9th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

>>> **Inspector's Official Visit**

Thursday, Feb 16th, 2nd Degree Practice

Thursday, Feb 23rd, **2nd Degree - Officers TUX**

March 2012

Thursday, Mar 1st, **2nd Degree - Officers TUX**

Monday, Mar 5th, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg

Thursday, Mar 8th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thursday, Mar 15th, 7 PM - Practice

Saturday, Mar 17th, El Bekal Ball

Thursday, Mar 22nd, 7 PM - Practice

Thursday, Mar 29th, 7 PM - Practice



November Stated Meeting

Please Make your dinner reservation by Sunday, Dec. 4th, 2011, 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**

Our Wor John Jansen – Needing your Prayers and Cards
>>Has **MOVED** to the V A Hospital ReHab- Village...

Wor Jim Nighswonger Cards & Encouragement/ Home from the Hospital..

Zane Watts – Needing Prayers, Calls & Encouragement

>>Bill too !!

Up Coming Events

- 7th ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PARTY - 3 p.m.
- HIRAM AWARD - PRESENTATION
- MASONIC HOMES - PICNIC & TOURS



From the East

Mike Winford, PM Worshipful Master

Brethren, and Ladies,

The Lodge **Annual Sweetheart event**, was one of the nicest programs we have had the pleasure of hosting again this year. Again many Thanks for the organizing and making the Reservations for our Lodge Sweethearts. All due to Wor Frank Gillespie **and Mary Jo's**, with their extended friendships and devotion in making this event so very special to these Honored Ladies of our departed Brother.

Our Degree Work continues to be truly awesome, as our Team of Officers exemplify their Ritual work. Congratulations Are extended to our Brother Socrates Patronas, as he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Joining the Lodge Officers in this special degree was Wor Clive Moss and Brothers John Patronas along with Joseph Patronas. The sideliners continue to be a strong force of support for these candidates and are truly appreciated.

We also look forward to raising Brother Jasun Donaldson on his 3rd Degree, on Thursday, December 1st at 7 PM.

The Officers and myself all look forward to your attendance at the Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, Dec 17th at 2 PM.

Holiday Greeting are extended to all of our Masonic Families - YES We are spread across this Beautiful Country, as We all Share and Enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

Happy New Year to all >>>>>

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 -

It is hard to believe that we are already in December. This has been a great year for our Lodge. We have initiated, passed, and raised about 10 new members and have conferred degrees to many more. The best news is that it doesn't look like the flow of new members is going to slow down any time soon. I look forward to seeing all of you at the next Degrees coming in January.

As you may know, Brother James Arend (the 2011 Junior Warden) was deployed to Iraq and has now been transferred to Afghanistan as part of our military operations there. I am asking you to keep Brother James in your thoughts and prayers.

With Brother James deployment we found a hole in our Lodge Officers succession (line). It was decided for the good of the Lodge that Worshipful Mike Winford would serve again as Master in 2012, and I would remain as Senior Warden in 2012. This would allow Brother Andrew Macias to set in as Junior Warden in 2012, and assure we had a full line of Officers. As you know the Lodge has Officer elections in November each year, and the above offices were elected by vote of the Lodge. Also elected were Brother William Sizemore, PM as Secretary and Brother David Swanston III, PM as Treasurer. I want to thank the Brethren for again electing me to serve you as Senior Warden. I will do my best to serve all the members and sweethearts (windows).

With the election of the Officers listed above and the appointed Officers, your Lodge has a strong leadership core and a bright future. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve our great Lodge as Senior Warden once again. See you at the next Degree, Meeting, or event.

Gary Iverson, PM - Senior Warden



From the South

Andrew Macias
Junior Warden

Brethren –

Another year is upon us. New applications keep coming in. More Degrees are scheduled. Your Officers have been installed (a full line of officers with no vacancies...a rarity today). The Hall Association keeps making improvements to the Norwalk Masonic Center. All in all - We are off to a good start. I personally couldn't be happier with the way things are progressing in our Lodge, and you should too.

Speaking of good things. Our 7th Annual Superbowl Party is set for February 5, 2011 starting at 3PM. Don't forget to call me at (562) 863-0319 before January 29, 2011 and make your reservations. We will again be at the Frantone's Pizza Restaurant at 10808 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 in our own private room. The cost is still \$15 per person and includes the all-you-can-eat buffet, all you can drink non-alcoholic drinks, and dessert. Every year we have had a lot of fun (it is even more fun when my Green Bay Packers win...GO...PACK...GO!!!!). Brethren, Spouses, Family, Friends, and Neighbors are invited. Hope to see all of you – no matter which team wins. It's always a good time for all.

My thanks to Brother Mike Frias (your Junior Deacon), Brother Roland Cerna, and Brother Bill Sizemore, PM (your Secretary) for their help in sending out the dues notices. Others are scheduled to help as I write this, and we appreciate their help as well (I just don't have their names yet). Brothers are starting to send in their annual dues (now \$50), and we are looking for yours. Remember, keeping your dues current allows you to your Masonic benefits. We had one situation this year where a

Andrew Macias - Junior Warden

The Palm Springs Follies has gained a worldwide reputation for glamour and excitement. It has been featured in countless television specials, and played to packed houses at every performance. Age doesn't matter unless you're a cheese."

On Saturday, **March 31st, 2012, at 8:30 AM**, Our Chartered bus will be leaving the Lodge for our first outing of the year, to beautiful Palm Springs. On arriving in the downtown Palm Springs our first stop will be for Lunch at the "Rock Garden Café, Then travel to The Historic Plaza Theater for the Follies performance. The Headliners for this zany performance will be "The Four Aces ". After the Show we will board our bus and head for Home with a refreshment stop at the Famous Hadley's Roadside Fruit Stand. Arriving back at the Lodge between 8:30 and 9 PM. Reservations for this event will open at the January 12th, Stated Meeting Dinner. The Cost for this trip will be \$25.00 each and make your Checks should be made payable **to Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge.**



If mailing your check the Reservation should be mailed to: Frank Gillespie.

.Reservations will start at the January Stated Meeting

DO NOT MAIL reservation checks to the Lodge.

The Menu choices for Lunch will be: Steak, Chicken, or Fish.

Please WRITE your food choice on your check! The cut-off date for Reservations will be at the **February 09th Stated Meeting OR** if our "50 seat" limit has been reached. There is a "**Stand – by List**".

Please remember to bring jackets, as the Theater and bus ride could be very cold.

Fraternally,

Frank Gillespie

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