

**GOLDEN TROWEL  
NORWALK LODGE E  
#273**



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**MARCH 2012  
TRESTLEBOARD**

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# GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



## March 2012

Thursday, Mar 1st, 7 P M - **1<sup>st</sup> Degree Practice**

Sunday, March, 4<sup>th</sup>, L.A. Service Bureau Breakfast-Hilton Hotel

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

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM – **1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Officers TUX**

For Mr.s Michael Hannum and Jose Piceno

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM - 3rd Practice

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, O S I @ Downey United - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 8 AM, - **Palm Springs Follies**

## April 2012

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

Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM - 3rd Degree - **Officers Tux**

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> \* **Happy Easter** \*

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM Practice

Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 PM, O S I @ Metropolitan

Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM - 2nd Degrees - **Officers TUX**

## May 2012

Thursday, May 3rd, 7 PM – **1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Officers TUX**

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

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

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

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

Thursday, May 31st Family Night Social Event



## March Stated Meeting



Please Make your dinner reservation by Sunday,  
Mar. 4th, 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 & calls (562)826-80000 x 6124 / John is in Pod “X” Room #11

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

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:** \* Jim Reburn \*, Sherie Gustafson, PGM; Debbie Lytle-WM; Kevin McAfee...

**SICK LIST:** Frank and Mary Jo Gillespie; Jeannie McQueen

### Up Coming Events

- L A Service Bureau Men’s Breakfast - Mar 4th
- Emerald Star –**SPRING TEA** - Sat-Mar 10th, 1-3 PM
- **Vietnam Wall Experience** March 23-30, 2012  
At Rose Hills Memorial Park
- MASONIC HOMES Sat-May 12th - PICNIC & TOURS
- Grand Lodge \* A Hawaiian Festival \* Sat- June 16th, 2012



# From the East

## Mike Winford, PM Worshipful Master

Brethren, and Ladies,

The month of March will be dedicated to bringing many of our Injured, and recovering Members back to a Healthy and Active Social Status. We have missed many of you these past weeks and look forward to your return with the warmer Spring activities. Our Degree Work has continued and We extend our Congratulations to Brother Billy Aceerbon on his Proficiency and receiving his 2nd Degree. He has an intriguing story to tell on how he returned back for his Degrees in Masonry.

Our Officer Workshops and Retreats are fast approaching, and We look forward to joining in with the unified approach to enhancing these Leadership Retreats that will be designed to strengthen our Lodges now and in the future.

On March 15th, You will have the Distinct Opportunity to be part of the Initiation of two Young Men into Masonry. **Michael Hannum**, a Past Master Counselor of our Excelsior DeMolay will become part of Three Generations of Masonry as he receives his First Degree. Also receiving his 1st Degree in Masonry will bring **Jose Piceno** on the floor to start his own Masonic adventures.

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 –

Good things continue to happen at our Lodge. We have new applications for degrees, our annual reports have all been submitted to the Lodge, we have many degrees scheduled (please consider showing up for the degrees), and our Lodge appears to be financially sound. All this effort is due to the Brethren who continue to diligently serve your Lodge. I am proud of all that we have accomplished, and proud of the direction we are headed...and you should be just as proud.

We had 36 Brethren, family, and friends at the Annual Superbowl Party this year. The food was plentiful, the comradery was friendly, and the game was exciting...it couldn't have been better. My thanks to all of those that showed up and made this event a success. My congratulations go out to the Giants fans, and my condolences to the Patriots fans. The Annual Superbowl Party was a big hit and a lot of fun. Maybe my Green Bay Packers will be in the Superbowl next year...OK, so I had to put in a word about my Packers....I can't help myself....

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.

Gary Iverson  
Senior Warden



# From the South

Andrew Macias  
Junior Warden

Brethren –

It's hard to believe that we are already into March! I hope that everyone enjoyed their Valentine's Day, as well as their President's Day celebrations. It was a great weekend to celebrate one of our Founding Fathers, as well as our Brother, George Washington. We have some exciting times ahead of us in the lodge and I am pleased to say that we are going to be initiating one of our DeMolay members who has petitioned the lodge to receive the Degrees of Masonry. Mr. Michael Hannum will be initiated on **THURSDAY, MARCH 15!** Along with Mr. Jose Piceno. We are expecting a large turn out, so please extend a courtesy RSVP, to ensure arrangements for the Degree may be completed.

This Degree is an exciting event, not merely because we are initiating new candidates, but rather, because we are initiating the first of our present DeMolay members into our lodge. This is possible because you, the brethren, have acknowledged and become active with our youth groups! Your support is greatly appreciated, and this is a sign that we are creating a true Masonic family. Remember, the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** Monday-Wednesday-Saturday are the days that they meet and all are welcome to come and visit! Again, thank you for the support of the youth, and I look forward to the month ahead.

Fraternally,

Andrew Macias



# From the Secretary's Table

Bill Sizemore, PM

**Brethren,**

The dues have been coming into the Lodge very nicely. I am still working on them, trying to get them logged in and mailed back out to you. This year they all came in a big bunch and its been difficult to get them turned around and back to you.

The change in the dues annual amount and getting out the dues notices at the last part of the year slowed down the process. Next year it will be smoother. Please be patient.

Your 2012 Officers are working hard to make the Lodge function well and there are many Degrees planned for the immediate future. Read your Trestle board, find out when the Degrees are taking place and be there to help your NEW OFFICERS as they do their floor work.

Our food has always been good and those they come to the Degrees and Programs leave with a full stomach and a smile on their face. You will enjoy being there and shaking hands with all your old friends. You will meet new brothers as well.

Our Stated Meeting Dinners are lots of fun and the food is great.

Cost is minnimum. Bring your Lady and enjoy.

Fraternally,

Bill Sizemore, P. M.



**GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE**  
**No. 273**  
**BY LAWS AMENDMENT TO**  
**SECTION 1, ARTICLE IX - DUES**

Be it hereby resolved that Section 1, Article IX of the Lodge By-Laws be amended as follows:

The Dues of each regular Dues Paying Member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$50.00 (Fifty U. S. Dollars) per Annum, payable in advance on the First day of January of each calendar year.

This amendment is to take effect on January 1, 2012 and is to apply to the 2012 Annual Lodge dues and each year thereafter until changed at a Lodge Stated Meeting by two-thirds vote of the members present.

This amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the **October 2011 Stated Meeting**. This approval shall have no effect until approved by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and until that approval has been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

Michael T. Winford, Master

## 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, March 12th - 7 P.M.. Meeting

Monday, March 26th - 7 P.M. – Meeting

### Job's Daughters – Bethel #241



Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 A.M. - Meeting

Saturday, March 24th – 9:30 AM – Meeting

Contact: Mrs. .Debora Fogal 562 587-4971

### DeMolay–Excelsior Chapter



Wednesday, March 14th - **Dinner 6:30 p.m. \$5.00**

7:30 PM - **Meeting**

**Saturday, March 24th, - Medieval Dinner & Show**

Wednesday March 28th - 7:30 PM - Degree Meeting

Contact: Mr.Jim Hannum 562 926-5169

**In Loving Memory**

**BRO STEVE HATFIELD, E. A.**

Initiated Entered Apprentice: December 15, 1987

In Anchor Lodge No 273—California

Entered into Rest: November 17, 2011

**BRO GULAMHUSEIN MUSTAFA SHEIKH, P. M.**

Born: July 18, 1925—India

Initiated Entered Apprentice: October 6, 1964

Passed Fellowcraft: February 2, 1965

Raised Master Mason: July 20, 1965

In England Lodge #7504, London England

Past Master of Aretsia Sunrise Lodge No 377 –1995

Entered into Rest: February 12, 2012

**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.

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# **IN MEMORIAM**

## **ILL. Joseph W.R. Ashwill 33°**

**Past Grand Treasurer  
October 11, 2000 – October 16, 2002  
Former Junior Grand Deacon  
October 10, 1991 – October 9, 1992  
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
of the State of California  
Born July 2, 1929  
Entered Into Rest February 9, 2012**

**A Memorial Service will be held on  
Saturday, March 17, 2012 - 11:00am  
Long Beach Scottish Rite Center  
855 Elm Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90813-4414  
(562) 436-3983  
Reception to follow in the banquet room**

**Cards of Condolence may be sent to  
Mrs. Barbara Ashwill  
3647 E. Colorado Street  
Long Beach, CA 90814-2731**

**In lieu of flowers, the family has requested  
donations be made to  
the Long Beach Scottish Rite Cathedral Association  
(Building Fund)  
855 Elm Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90813-4414**

**“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves  
a memory no one can steal.”**

**ALLAN L. CASALOU, Grand Secretary**

## 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
Keith, William. R.	1972/78	Swanston, David III	1976/87/88/01/02
Kidder, David W.	1979	Taylor, Howard	1970/78/79
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Taylor, Ted R.	2004
Koomen, Ronald H.	1992/96/97	Thompson, James R.	1984
Ladnier, Michael	1984	Walthall, Leonard S.	1971
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Watson, Carl F.	1971
MacCallum, M. David	1978	Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97	Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87
Masson, John P.	1988	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**

Café ‘n Stuff (Catering) 562 940-4494 - Rita

## **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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