

# Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



## October 2016 Trestle Board

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## GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



### October 2016

- Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> - Calendar planning meeting for all groups meeting at temple. Dates for scheduled events will be set for the next year,
- Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> - Ho-Sam Choi - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Building Association 7 PM
- Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting and Dinner - catered by Pat Wittig
- Thursday 20<sup>nd</sup> - Final Officers School of Instruction for 1026 Masonic District, hosting Greenleaf Gardens and Cornerstone Lodge. New districts planned for next year
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - leave for Grand Lodge in San Francisco No lodge meeting

### November 2016

- Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jordan Joyce 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Building Association 7 PM
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting and Dinner - catered by Excelsior DeMolay
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Degree or practice as called
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - Happy Thanksgiving
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Family Fun Night - final for year 2016
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> - Degree or practice as called



## **October Stated Meeting**

Lynn Wittig is planning our menu with a Halloween theme. Come join us for our stated meeting dinner at 6:30 PM

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 - and Leave a message to our Secretary.

### **Menu**

Chicken Legs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad and Lemon Jello Cake, with special meals if requested. Please contact Lodge office if needed.



## **From the Building** **Association**

Hello Brethren, greetings from your Temple board. We are still sorting out the glitch for the approval of our parking lot. We hope to have this resolved soon. You will notice a new ice machine. Our old one gave up and died, it was beyond repair. The new one works great.

The board met with and approved having a new event coordinator for our building. We are looking forward to working with her.

We are also getting bids to install a new sprinkler system which needs to be done before our parking lot.

We have and are getting more bids to replace the carpet in the lobby and hall area.

There have been new soap and towel dispensers installed in all the restrooms and kitchen. This should make it easier to use and reduce the cost of supplies.

As you can see your Temple board has been busy and we hope everyone enjoys the changes. Thank you to all the board members, you are appreciated!!

Ted Taylor president

## **SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

Dear Brothers,

- Bro. John Hernandez has shingles, he continues to deal with various health issues.
- Sister Betty Mulcahy, wife of Bro. Mike Mulcahy, continues to have good and bad days with cancer, when Bro Frank Gillespie spoke with her, she was having a good day.
- Bro. Bill Powers is having a problem with his balance. He said he is bruised and sore but okay.
- Bro. Jim Reyburn had an MRI of the head at the request of the family doctor. He will get a report soon of the results.
- Flora Jensen is nursing a broken foot

Best Regards,

Brother Jim Reyburn – (562) 943-9342

## **GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK HATS AND SHIRTS**

Bro. Mike Mulcahy has arranged for ballcaps and polo shirts for lodge members.

The hats are available and in stock at \$15 each to recover the costs. In addition, you can order shirts in either blue or white, embroidered with our GTN 273 logo.

Secretary Mike Winford has the order form, asking the color and size desired.

Thanks to Mike Mulcahy for handling this service to the members.



# From the East

Robert Mitchell  
Worshipful Master

Some times the greatest joy of this station is the thanks I can give to others. Our brothers and family continue to support and encourage me by word and example. Many thanks to our members and officers for the work they are doing – and some of them should get special recognition. SW Joseph Patronas was our master chef for the Lodge BBQ. His leadership kept our kitchen in great shape. Each of our officers and several of our new candidates helped, many of our others pitched in for hundreds of big and little things, and they know who they are. Thanks to all.

Mike Winford has worked tirelessly on Lodge management, helping with publicity, keeping our records and our moneys straight. Mike Heist helps with Trestleboard preparation.

Ted Taylor and our board acted quickly when we needed air conditioning repair and replacement of our ice machine.

Mike Mulcahy arranged for the new GTN 273 hats, available for \$15.

Frank Gillespie is everywhere, helping with dinners, candidate coaching, arranging buses for our trips, fixing up around the building.

Our trustees continue to keep lodge finances in good shape.

To keep this good work going, we invite our brothers to get off the sidelines, come to events and join in the work. It is a better place when you are here.

After return from Grand Lodge at the end of October, we will be in a new Masonic District with a new Assistant Grand Lecturer, Wor. Charles Cross, a long-time friend from the Demolay leadership. Thanks to Wor. Doug Eichen for his many years of service to Grand Lodge. And congratulations to Wor. Roy Pool, serving as Assistant Grand Tiler.

Bob Mitchell  
Worshipful Master



# From the West

Joseph Patronas  
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,  
September was another busy and productive month. The annual BBQ took place with good food, and many participants who worked hard to make that event possible!

We have had one 3<sup>rd</sup> and one 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. I would like to welcome our newly obligated Brother Master Mason Nathan Aguon. His brother – also a Master Mason, and a member of our Armed Forces, came to be with him in that special day!

Also Brother Andrew Demofonte was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft Mason, and we are looking forward to his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

This month, we are expecting and looking forward for another 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of our Brother Sam Choi, which will take place on October 6th.

We are hoping that more brothers will come not only to enjoy the Degrees, but also to support our new Candidates and make them feel welcome.

And last but not least, October is the month where the Annual Communication will take place in the Grand Lodge of California.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Patronas  
Senior Warden



# From the Secretary

Michael Winford

**IS THERE ANY THING ON YOUR TABLE? ... Brother Secretary,**

YES indeed,

The Lodge BBQ for the City of Norwalk Angel Tree Project was a tremendous success. The donations are still coming into the Lodge Office, toward the support of this worthwhile project sponsored for the under-privileged kids. Many Thanks for all your support and donations.

The 2016 Annual Communications of the California Grand Lodge is getting very close! Its formal opening is at 1:00 P.M. Friday October 28th and concludes with the Installation of the next year's Grand Lodge Officers at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 30th. Master Masons only may attend the sessions. Other events are open to all. Don't forget to bring with you your current Dues Card for registration. No charge parking at the Grand Lodge Garage will again be available, but with no in-out privileges.

Just announced is the 2017 Grand Masters Trip - is a visit to the United Kingdom to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry, June 12-26. Sign up and information at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org).

Your 2017 dues notices will be mailed soon reflecting the dues increase of \$75.00 annual membership. We have had some members purchase Life Membership gifts for that Special Master Mason / something you may want to consider for yourself.

Note: A NEW Downtown Masonic Lodge (UD) was instituted on September 30th at the L. A. Athletic Club facilities.

Fraternally,

Mike Winford, 33°  
PM Secretary  
Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No 273





# MASONIC EDUCATION



This month we will be talking about Brotherly Love. One of our three important tenants of Freemasonry.

This article was taken from The Masonic Trowel web site at:  
[themasonictrowel.com/masonic\\_talk/old\\_past\\_master/brotherly\\_love.htm](http://themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talk/old_past_master/brotherly_love.htm)

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"Brotherly love?" commented the Old Past Master. "Oh, yes, the lodge is full of it. It is curious the way it manifests itself, sometimes, but when you dig down deep enough into men's hearts, you find a lot of it.

"A lot of them never show it, then," said the Very New Mason.

"Oh, no, certainly not! Men don't go around demonstrating their affection like a lot of girls, you know," answered the Old Past Master. "But you don't have to see a demonstration to know the feeling is there. The trouble with so many young Masons is their misunderstanding of the term 'brotherly love,' though high heaven knows the words are sufficiently easy to understand.

"'Brotherly,' now, means 'like a brother.' I know a lot of brothers hate each other, but they don't act like brothers. There have been cowardly soldiers, and forsworn ministers, and corrupt judges, but when you say a man is 'like a soldier,' you mean 'brave and true'; when you say he is 'good as a minister' you mean one who 'truly does his honest best.' When you say 'upright as a judge' you mean 'as straight as the best of judges.' And when I say 'brotherly' means 'like a brother,' I mean like a brother who is acting as a good brother likes to act.

"As for 'love' there are more definitions than there are words in my mouth (which are several). But in connection with the 'brotherly' the word means that true affection which first considers the good of the person loved.

"Masonry teaches brotherly love. Many of its scholars are a long way from 100 per cent perfect in their lessons. But a lot could get an 'E' on their report card if the Lodge gave out evidence of scholastic standing!

"For instance, there was B'Jones. That is not his name, but it will serve. B'Jones undertook to do a piece of work for a hospital. It took him a year. At the end of the year his business was in shreds and tatters. He had one of those businesses that needs a man's personal attention.

"His attention had gone to his hospital, which, by the way, was built and flourishes, to the everlasting credit of his city. It ought to be called the B'Jones hospital, but it isn't.

"A lot of his brethren in his lodge got to know about B'Jones. They called a meeting, called it the B'Jones meeting, issued stock in the B'Jones association, bought the stock, started B'Jones off all over again, and let him pay them back as he could. All this, without B'Jones ever asking for help. Brotherly love, my son, in the best meaning of the word.



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"There was poor old Smith. Smith, during his lifetime, came to the lodge every night. He wasn't very bright, was Smith. He couldn't learn the work and had no presence. Couldn't make a speech to save his life, so he never was called on at banquets. He never did anything audible, but he was always on committees and he always passed around refreshments and he attended every funeral, and he was always down ahead of the meeting to see if the room was clean, and if it wasn't, he'd sweep it out.

"He gave the best he had in service. Well, Smith died. Men do, you know; and awful lot have, already. At the funeral, we found out Smith left an invalid wife and two half grown children and no assets. It's the lodge's business to take care of such, and we did it. But three men in the lodge with more money than ability to keep it to themselves, subscribed enough cash to put the boy through a good business school and the girl through a normal school, so they could earn their own living. Charity? Nonsense! The lodge attended to the 'relief.' The three attended to brotherly love. They just remembered what old Smith was and how he gave, and so they turned to and gave. Actually, Smith did most of the loving. The three just acted in reflex to Smith's loving heart, that so cared for his brethren and his Lodge he was always engaged in brotherly work. "Do you know Brown? Brown runs a garage. Also, Brown ran a temperature until the doctors took him off to the hospital to cut out his something-or -other. Well, the garage was about to cash in. Garages don't run themselves, and there wasn't any one we could hire to run it. So six brothers of this lodge spent two hours a day each at the place, looking after it. We didn't do a very good job, I'm afraid: Brown says we are the worst garage keepers in the world, but we saved the shop from being wrecked and looted, and Brown thinks Masonry means something. One reason we did it was because of brotherly love in spirit of the fact that sitting around a cold garage selling gasoline is about the uneasiest apology for loafing I know!

"I could talk all night about it. But what's the use? Those to whom 'brotherly love' is just words won't listen to what I say and those who know what they really mean don't need to hear it."

"Well, I am glad I heard it!" answered the Very New Mason.

"Then," went the Old Past Master, "get it firmly fixed in your mind, young man, more than one man has gone into a lodge and curled his lip when he learned that he was supposed to be a brotherly lover, and turned around and wept when he found that he was being loved like a brother by men he didn't know cared what became of him.

"Masonry works miracles all the time, and the commonest of them and the one she works oftenest is teaching hard-hearted citizens to be soft-hearted Masons; teaching men the real meaning of the words 'brotherly' and 'love' until they, too, become teachers."



## **Emerald Star #143**



I would like to say Thank You for letting Emerald star Work the Stated Dinners. You have helped us in a big way and we at Emerald Star have enjoyed the Family Fun Nights. I would like to welcome you all to some of our money maker events. The next one is our Halloween event on October 29<sup>th</sup> here at Norwalk.

Now that we have come back from summer vacation, we have been having a lot fun! We would like to invite you to join us at Emerald Star; we're a fun group to be a part of!

I would also like to inform everyone that our Sister, Lynn Tripler, will be a Grand Star Point officer (Grand Martha) for the year 2017.

Unfortunately, I am sad to inform you that my year as Worthy Matron will be up in November but, I hope you will keep on supporting us in 2017. I know Lynn and Bill Tripler will do a great job next year!

Thank You,  
Star love  
Karan Mann  
Worthy Matron



## **Job's Daughters - Bethel #241**



October is turning out to be another busy, fun filled month. We will be joining the rest of the Masonic Family for the Norwalk Halloween Parade. We will also be going to the Shriner's Halloween Dance, as well as several other events that we are still finalizing.

With the year quickly coming to an end, we are already planning for next year. We would love any suggestions or ideas for this next year. We are so lucky to have all the support from the Masons and Eastern Star and there is so much experience that we would love to tap into from both groups. If any Mason or their wife would like to join us at our meetings, we would love to have you. Our council and the girls would love to get to know you better and would love any guidance or knowledge that you are willing to share. Over the next year, we would love to have some of you drop by and talk to us.

### **Job's Daughters Calendar Of Events**

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** @ 9:30AM - Meeting Followed By Worship

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** – Norwalk Halloween Parade

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** @ 9:30AM – Meeting

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Shriner Halloween Dance in the Evening



## Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



Please join us for our 190th Installation of Officers on October 1st at 4 o'clock pm.

### This terms theme is:

**Dance** like nobody's watching, **Love** like you've never been hurt,  
**Work** like you don't need the money, **Live** like it's heaven on earth.

### New Officers:

**Worthy Advisor**, Angelina Robles

**Hope**, Ally Bulanek

**Confidential Observer**, Karly Kimes

**Chaplain**, Desiray Medrano

**Religion**, Domonique Guldimmann

**Service**, Maritza Marcelino

**Charity**, Kaitlyn Doktorczyk

**Faith**, Sabrina Coddling

**Recorder**, Elizabeth Guldimmann

**Drill Leader**, Miranda Coddling

**Nature**, Tiffany Marcelino

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

### Upcoming events

**Installation** Oct 1st at 4 o'clock (refreshments to follow)

**Seal Beach Wildlife Refuge Clean Up @ Naval Weapons Station** Oct 8th  
from 8:30-10:30 am

**Pumpkin Decorating** at the Lodge for CHOC Hospital Oct 8th 12 noon-2:30  
pm

**Abigail Anthony's Majority** Oct 24th @ 7 pm

**Tanaka Farms Pumpkin Patch/Corn Maze** Oct 29th time TBD

**Long Beach Aquarium** Nov 12th time TBD

**Fireman Fun Friday @ Buena Park Fire House** Nov 18th 6-8 pm

Don't forget to keep up with our social media accounts for more updates!

[facebook.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls](https://facebook.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls)

[instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls](https://instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls)

[twitter.com/bprainbowgirls](https://twitter.com/bprainbowgirls)



## DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

Greetings from Excelsior Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Excelsior has recently come back from Southern California Jurisdiction's annual Conclave. An exciting weekend full of fun, DeMolay, and brotherhood. The highlight of the weekend was Sunday, where we installed all League and Jurisdiction officers for the upcoming year.

The new Paradise League officers are listed below.

President: Alex Farris (Excelsior)

Vice President: Curtis Phillips (Downey)

Vice President: Ryan Alford (Downey)

Senior Deacon: Matthew Aguirre (Excelsior)

Chaplin: Mikko Santiago (Long Beach)

Marshall: Joshua Arroyo (Long Beach)

Scribe: John Logan (Downey)

Excelsior Chapter would like to thank Golden Trowel for the "Masons for Mitsu" night at Dodger Stadium.

As Excelsior finishes off the term we would like to thank all of you for your continuous support. Our officers (listed below) are looking forward towards the next term. Two young men, Matthew Aguirre, and Jacob Lytle, have returned their second degree proficiencies and are now allowed to vote, and run for a Councilor.

MC: Alex Farris

SC: Aron Lamb

JC: Donovan Romero

SD: Matthew Aguirre

JD: Andrew Lira

Mar: Jacob Lytle

SS: Christian Laufer

Once again, thank you for all your support as we continue to persevere.

Fraternally,

Alex Farris

Baseball? Yeah! Thanks to Larry Orozco, Frank Gillespie, Mike Winford, and Mark S Patton, our bus trip to Dodger Stadium was a complete success, joining the Grand Lodge for a donation of more than \$50,000 to the Masons For Mitts Program in its second year in Los Angeles. Dodgers even won the game in the bottom of the ninth inning.

### **Get in touch using the Golden Trowel Norwalk APP**

For your Smartphone, we have adopted the Golden Trowel Norwalk application/program/app with the help of our Senior Warden, Joseph Patronas.

Created and supported by the Grand Lodge for Lodge members. It's something like "Facebook" but with many advantages. The biggest one is that it's available only to Masons – and not to a friend of a friend or any other stranger, like "Facebook" does! Also, anything that is posted in this application, all active members are instantly notified and can respond. It's something like Texting, Instant Messenger, and Facebook combined! A member can write or view posted messages, photos, Lodge's activities – especially last moment's changes or cancellations – there is an event calendar, and it can be also used as a very handy members directory - all lodge members are listed there!

To become a member, it's quite easy! All you need is a "smart phone" – any iPhone or Android brand or a tablet with internet or Wi-Fi. Just copy the link below, onto your **device's** internet browser and follow the instructions.

**<http://ourapp.link/golden-trowel-norwalk>**

For Apple, after downloading the app., don't forget to go and give permissions for this App. to Run: Open **Settings > General > Device Management > GRAND LODGE FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Inc.** Tap **Trust** on the next screen.

For Android: **Allow installation**, Navigate to your device's **Settings**, select **Security** or **Applications** (depending on device) and check the **Unknown Sources** box.



The acacia reminds us of the eternal part, the spirit or soul of man,  
which shall live when time shall be no more.

## **In Loving Memory**

**Richard E. Perry, PM** entered into rest on June 3rd, 2016

At the Age of: *103 Years and 1 Month and 5 days*

Master at Bell Lodge #483 in 1965

Golden Veteran Award - 2004

**Almighty Father, into Thy Hands we commend the souls of our  
Beloved Brothers**



## Living Past Masters of Golden Trowel Norwalk

Alexander, David J. *	1986	McAdam, Theodore	2002/03
Alexander, David R*	1998 #	McAdams, Richard	1986/87
Ankenbauer, William.	1994 #	McWilliams, Ivan S.	1976
Arend, James	2015	Miller, Everett E.	91/93/94/99/03/06 #
Beckman Jr., Frank H	1980/99 #	Miller, George C.	1982
Berg, Charles M.	1972	Mitchell, Robert R.	1983/2016
Bohn, Hans F.	1974	Moore, Barry D.	1993
Booth, William M.	2010	Morrissy, Scott T. *	2005
Colon, Felix	1972	Moss, Clive W. *	2001/02/03/04/09 #
Cowart Jr., Joseph W.	1974	Nighswonger, James	1994/05 #
Eade, Jack W. *	1978 #	Noble, Douglas A.	1983
Earl, Richard G.	75/80/81/82#	Ogden, Charles J. *	2001/2002
Easley, Ronald T.	1975	Palmer, John M. *	1974 #
Eichen, Doug	1987/93 #	Patronas, John E. *	2013
Evans, Rick A. *	1991, 2005	Perry, James	2000
Gerken, Gary D.	1995	Perry, Richard E.	1965
Gillespie, Frank	86/87/2000 #	Pool, Roy *	1973/1999
Gustafson, Warren *	1969 #	Powers, William. B. *	1981 #
Henry, H. Lon	1965	Richmond, Gayle*	1988 #
Hofmann, Ivan A.	1966	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Fred Hooper	1975	Rodriguez, George	1989
Iverson, Gary	2009	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Johnston, Harry S.	1977	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80 #
Keith, William. R.	1972/78	Sickles, Robert Jr.	1985
Kidder, David W.	1979	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14#
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Taylor, Ted R.	2004 #
Ladnier, Michael	1984	Thompson, James R.	1984
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Tripler, William *	1984/91 #
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.	1988/2011/12 #

\*Affiliated

# Hiram Award Recipient