

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



November 2016 Trestle Board

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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



November 2016

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

December 2016

- Monday 5th - Building Association 7 PM
- Thursday 8th - Stated Meeting and Dinner - catered by Manchester Eastern Star
- Saturday 10th - Annual Installation of Officers
- Thursday 15th - Degree or practice as called
- Friday 16th - La Mirada Theater Christmas Show
- Sunday 25th - Merry Christmas



November Stated Meeting

Kat Farris is planning our Thanksgiving themed dinner in support of Excelsior DeMolay. Come join us for our stated meeting dinner at 6:30 PM

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, November 7th, 2016 by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 - and Leave a message to our Secretary.

Menu

Turkey, dressing, potatoes vegetables and pumpkin dessert with special meals if requested. Please contact Lodge office if needed.



From the Building Association

Hello Brethren, greetings from your Temple board We have submitted the papers to grand lodge for parking lot approval.

We will be electing new board members at our November 10 meeting. If you can serve up to a three year term, please let me know, and submit your name at elections.

Several projects are being handled by Socrates Patronas, our Maintenance Inspector, so we can keep our building functioning and up to date.

Ted Taylor president

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Dear Brothers,

- 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.
- Nathan Aguon and his wife survived a serious auto collision that totaled their car.
- Ed and Dorothy Nelson have entered hospice care in Utah
- Ted and Millie Taylor have health issues.

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

It was a joyful occasion to share the Norwalk Parade with our Masonic Family on October 15. It was good to see our three youth groups looking dignified and friendly on the float. The Los Nietos Shrine Club was very supportive and provided our float as well as their mini-cars to run around the parade route.

After return from Grand Lodge at the end of October, we will be in a new Masonic District 646 with a new Assistant Grand Lecturer for Division VI, Wor. Charles Cross, a long-time friend from 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.

Our officers will be busy conferring degrees through year end, and working toward their new stations.

We are also working through the leadership at Nettie Waite Middle School to support a community project to encourage personal values and pride in their school. Larry Orozco is coordinating our part.

This Lodge continues to have an active and productive year, and it is better when members are involved. I salute those who have made that effort.

Bob Mitchell
Worshipful Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

It's amazing, that this year is almost gone. October was a busy and fun month. Came back from the annual Laughlin trip in September and on the 6th, we made Brother's Sam Choi a Master Mason. Congratulations Sam! – and last but not least at the end of October, I attended the annual communication at the Grand Lodge in San Francisco.

The new year is almost around the corner, but our Lodge is still busy conferring Degrees to our newest Brethren.

Mark your calendars... On Thursday, November 3rd, we are looking forward to Obligate Brother Jordan Joyce in his 3rd Degree. But wait; that's not all! On Thursday, November 17th, we are also going to have one more 3rd Degree; that would be for Brother Andrew Demafonte.

And of course don't forget our Stated meeting, Thursday, November 10th.

We are looking forward of all these events, and hoping to see many Brothers to spend some quality time together, and at the same time to show your support and Brotherly love to our candidates!

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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IS THERE ANYTHING ON YOUR TABLE? ... Brother Secretary,

YES indeed,

With the conclusion of the 2016 Annual Communications for the California Grand Lodge, we extend our fraternal Congratulations to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John Heisner and our California Grand Lodge Officers for 2017.

The results of the Grand Lodge legislation in San Francisco may be viewed on the freemason.org web site.

The Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau will be collecting donations of adult and children's clothing in support of the Midnight Mission's clothing drive on Sunday, November 6th, 2016. Donations of clothing may be left at the Norwalk Masonic Center, or notify the Secretary to assist in collecting your donations for this worthy event.

A Masonic Tri-centennial Journey, - Our modern Masonic Fraternity will be 300 years old in 2017! California Masons are being offered an exciting opportunity during this Tri-centennial year to visit the places where our organizations began- England, Ireland, and Scotland. To check out and join this upcoming adventure in June of next year, visit the Grand Lodge web site for registration details.

Brethren - keep our Thursday night's open for the upcoming Degree's and support our NEW Master Masons.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Mike Winford, 33°

PM Secretary

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No 273

We note with sadness the list of brothers who are no longer with us, but rejoice in their elevation during 2017 to eternal light with the Supreme Grand Master.

Gilbert Buck, PM
Lloyd Bulloch
Fredrick A Balby
James M Downes
Donald R Edwards
Arthur F Gerdes, PM
Robert E Gound
H. Lon Henry, PM
Lyle E Hood, PM
Fred L Hooper, PM
Edgar E Moore
Gene F. Moore, PM
Donald L Nassar
Lowell L. Nichols, PM
Frank M. O'Farrell
Richard E Perry, PM
Gayle D Richmond, PM
Richard J Sammartano
Alexander Tuger
John R Turnbull
Joseph D Watson
William D. Watts, Jr.
Stephen A Welch, Jr.



MASONIC EDUCATION



This month we will be talking about Relief. One of our three principal tenets of Freemasonry.

In the public part of the lodge ritual, it states that “Relief is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly our brethren in Masonry.” This tenet extends to our members and their families so that we can give a helping hand when needed, that we can listen to people in their troubles and give them comfort and sympathy, that we can help them work through stresses and difficulties with good counsel and advice, and that we can show that they are part of our extended family, so they are not alone.

The Midnight Mission is one such example, where we can provide assistance to those who have little or nothing left to themselves. This program continues to provide Masonic Relief under the guidance and support of our Masonic Service Bureau, of which Wor. Mike Winford is a Director.

The Angel Tree project of the City of Norwalk is a way to provide relief within our own community, and we are proud to support it.

Similarly, the freely given care by the Scottish Rite Masons for children with learning struggles and hearing issues is worthy of our support.

The Shriner Childrens Hospitals are an excellent example of Relief as well.

But a more fundamental point of this great tenet is that we as Masons embrace in our hearts those acts and attitudes which are consistent with this belief. Act from your heart that all are entitled to be treated with kindness, respect and empathy for their feelings and needs, that sometimes they are discouraged, sad or disappointed with events in life, that each deserves to be comforted and lifted up in spirit.

Let the Attentive Ear be part of your daily practice as Masons, that you can give Relief where you see the need.

From our Masonic Library, we can find many discussions of the subject, and here is one from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut:

Masonic charity differs in its under-lying assumptions and in its style from civic charity. In Connecticut charity was available to the settled members of a town, regulated by law, and invoked in times of extreme need and as a last resort. Persistent vestiges of the older Puritan ethic; which associated misfortune with divine retribution, made appeals to civic charity a painful necessity. Masonic charity, more broadly defined than its civic counterpart, was available to its members in times of personal crisis wherever they were.

Masonic charity was secret unlike civic charity whose administration made the entire town privy to the needs of each recipient. The derogation of character implicit in acknowledging poverty must have compounded suffering. In contrast the Masons asked, What has the world to do with private transactions, whether a widow, an orphan, or a pilgrim has obtained relief ?

A touching example of this private, com-passionate relief during personal crisis is cited by Prof. Dumenil. Federal Lodge in Watertown, Connecticut purchased a cow for the use of a widow and her children, and the cow was carried on its books for several years as a Lodge asset, presumably to spare the family the embarrassment of accepting charity.



Emerald Star #143



As the Eastern Star year makes its transition in November, I am pleased that Emerald Star has had an active and joyful year. We enjoyed sharing our time with many throughout California, and celebrated when our own Lynn Tripler was installed as Grand Martha at our 2016 Grand Chapter.

Thanks to the GTN Lodge and its officers for your cooperation. We were able to have shared experiences through our Family Fun Nights and serving the Stated Meeting dinners, and we look forward to the final night of this year on November 30.

Lynn and Bill Tripler will be assuming the duties of the East for the coming year, and we hope to see you at our events. In particular, we will install the 2017 officers on Saturday, November 26, a time of promise for the future and celebration of the year completed.

It was an honor for WP Jerry Quimby and I to serve this year.

Star love
Karan Mann
Worthy Matron



Job's Daughters - Bethel #241



October was another busy fun filled month. We started off the month making banners for the Norwalk Halloween Parade. Followed by riding in the parade with the rest of the Masonic Family the following week. We ended the month with the Shriners Halloween Dance, followed by broom ball and a lock in at the lodge. A special thank you to the Shriners and Golden Trowel Norwalk for including us and supporting us.

This year has flown by. I guess it is true what they say about time flying when you are having fun. This year has been amazing. We could not have done all the fun stuff without the lodges support. With Thanksgiving approaching, we would like to take this time to say thank you. We love all of you and our very appreciative of all of your support. We hope you all have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Job's Daughters Calendar Of Events

Saturday, November 5th @ 9:30AM - Meeting

Saturday, November 19th @ 9:30AM – Meeting

Saturday, January 14, Annual Installation of Officers



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



The **International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG)** is a [Masonic youth service organization](#) which teaches leadership training through community service. Girls (ages 11–20/21) learn about the value of charity and service through their work and involvement with their annual local and Grand (state or country) service projects.

The order came into existence in 1922, when the Reverend W. Mark Sexson, a Freemason, was asked to make an address before South McAlester Chapter #149, [Order of the Eastern Star](#), in [McAlester, Oklahoma](#). As the [Order of DeMolay](#) had come under his close study during his Masonic activities, he suggested that a similar order for girls would be beneficial. The first Initiation consisted of a class of 171 girls on April 6, 1922, in the auditorium of the [Scottish Rite](#) Temple in McAlester. The original name was "Order of the Rainbow for Girls".

Upcoming events

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

instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls

twitter.com/bprainbowgirls



DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

Members of the Norwalk Masonic Family,

Hello! DeMolay has a few events coming up. First is the Paradise League Breakfast & Boutique on Sunday November 6th at the Bellflower Masonic Lodge from 8am to 12pm. Tickets are \$7 pre sale and \$10 at the door. See any Paradise League Officer for tickets. It is a pancake breakfast with all the fixings. On Tuesday November 8th, DeMolay Internationals is observing Franks S. Land Day, and on that day, Chevaliers are to break bread together. Our next meeting is on November 9th at 7:30. We will be dark on November 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next Paradise League meeting is on Friday November 18th also at Bellflower, and will start at 7:30 pm. Following the meeting there will be a pool tournament. We are always looking for new members. If you know a young man between the ages of 12 and 21 please let us know!

Fraternally,

Alex Farris,
Excelsior Chapter Master Councilor.



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

Fred L. Hooper, PM entered into rest on October 10, 2016 at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 23 days. He served as Master of Centennial Lodge 729 in 1975, and received his Golden Veterans Award on February 12, 2006

**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	Moss, Clive W. *	2001/02/03/04/09 #
Booth, William M.	2010	Nighswonger, James	1994/05 #
Colon, Felix	1972	Noble, Douglas A.	1983
Cowart Jr., Joseph W.	1974	Ogden, Charles J.*	2001/2002
Eade,Jack W.*	1978 #	Palmer, John M. *	1974 #
Earl, Richard G.	75/80/81/82#	Patronas, John E.*	2013
Easley, Ronald T.	1975	Patton, Mark F	2016
Eichen, Doug	1987/93 #	Perry, James	2000
Evans, Rick A.*	1991, 2005	Pool, Roy *	1973/1999
Gerken, Gary D.	1995	Powers, William. B.*	1981 #
Gillespie, Frank	86/87/2000 #	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Grubb, Joseph Jr	2016	Rodriguez, George	1989
Gustafson, Warren *	1969 #	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Iverson, Gary	2009	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80 #
Kidder, David W.	1979	Sickles, Robert Jr.	1985
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14#
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Taylor, Ted R.	2004 #
MacCallum,M. David	1978	Thompson, James R.	1984
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97 #	Tripler, William *	1984/91 #
Masson, John P.	1988	Watson, Carl F.	1971
		Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
		Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87 #
		Winford Mike T.	1988/2011/12 #

*Affiliated

Hiram Award Recipient