

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



February 2016 Trestleboard

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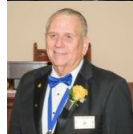
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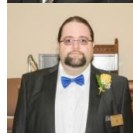
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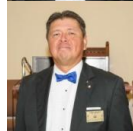
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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



February 2016

- *Thursday, 4th - 7 PM Officer Practice*
- *Sunday, 7th - 2:30 PM Superbowl Party @Frantone's in Norwalk*
- *Thursday, 11th - 6:30 PM Stated Meeting and dinner- Public Service Recognition - Reception of Inspector Don Muller Officers in formal attire*
- *Thursday, 18th - 7 PM Officer's School of Instruction at Norwalk*
- *Thursday, 25th - 7 PM First Degree scheduled, officers in formal attire*

March 2016

- *Thursday 3rd - 7 PM Officer Practice*
- *Sunday 6th, -8 AM Grand Master's Breakfast - Masonic Service Bureau at LA Hilton*
- *Thursday, March 10th- 6:30 PM Stated Meeting and dinner - Honoring Youth Orders*
- *Friday 11th, The Spirit of Hiram Pasadena Scottish Rite - reservations required. See Mike Winford for details*
- *Wednesday 16th - 7 PM Officer's School of Instruction at Cornerstone Lodge in La Habra*
- *Thursday 17th - 7 PM Officer Practice or Degree*
- *Thursday 24th - 7 PM Officer Practice or Degree*
- *Wednesday 30th - Family Fun Night*
- *Thursday 31st - 7 PM Officer Practice or Degree*



February Stated Meeting

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, February 8th 2016 by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 - and Leave a message to our Secretary.

Menu

We are having a catered meal in the Dining Room starting at 6:30pm. There will be salad, pork chops, mashed potatoes, vegetables, apple sauce and Valentine's Day dessert, along with chicken and vegetarian servings for those with special needs.

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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Do you know a brother or widow that is 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

- Jim Reyburn, HA, is still recovering from his treatments.
- Kevin Bulanek's father was in an accident and was hospitalized in December. He was moved into a nursing home for physical therapy and rehabilitation.



From the East

Robert Mitchell
Worshipful Master

Welcome and Greetings to all,

Happy Valentine's Day, as we share our love for our family and loved ones. May we always meet together in common affection and joy at each other's company.

The officers and members of our Lodge have started off the year with an ambitious schedule, and we hope to provide entertaining and useful events for the brethren and our family.

Our officers are pursuing continual improvements in their skills, traveling to educational activities and supporting the Masonic activities that shine a good reflection onto our Lodge.

Congrats to Kevin Bulanek, Mike Winford, Bill Tripler, Doug Eichen and Larry Orozco for taking leadership roles this year in our youth groups and related Masonic bodies. Your lodge experience will be the better for attending some of their events.

We hope some will travel to Pasadena on March 11 to see the Spirit of Hiram presentation, and we look forward to the Grand Master's Breakfast on March 6 for the Masonic Service Bureau.

The Norwalk Masonic Building Association is planning some important maintenance, including our parking lot, and we are looking at plans to replace our 50 yr old sign that was in the front of the building.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Mitchell - Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

The New Year started slowly but surely – we are still recovering from the Christmas and New year Holidays – and we are getting back to full speed.

We already have had the first diner and Stated Meeting. Also the Hall Association meeting took place, electing the Officers, and of course, working to fix and maintain our beautiful Lodge.

A few of our brothers attended the Annual Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau Meeting in Pasadena, where one of our Lodge members, our Secretary Mike Winford, was elected as a member of the board. Congratulations and much more!

And last but not least, I am pleased to say that we already have a petition for a new candidate. It's nice to see our Masonic family getting bigger. I hope many will follow!

Fraternally,

Joseph Patronas

Senior Warden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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

YES, Indeed,

Again, our Thanks to all the Brethren that have promptly mailed in their 2016 Dues of \$50.00.

Your Dues card is your record of "Good Standing" in this Lodge. Please read the Important information on the back side that should be discussed with your family.

Many exciting events are up coming on our calendar and your participation is needed.

One in particular is the Tiled performance for Master Masons only. The return of the dramatic presentation of the "**SPIRIT OF HIRAM**".

This outstanding performance has been performed by the Pasadena Scottish Rite for decades and will return for one night only on Friday, March 11, 2016.

Be part of the Legend * Join Us ** RSVP's to the Lodge phone for the car pools to Pasadena, and additional dinner information.

Fraternally,
Mike Winford, PM
Secretary



MASONIC EDUCATION



Public Service and American Presidents

During February, we celebrate President's Day, traditionally for Washington and Lincoln. One of the ideas that inspire us as Masons is to provide service to others, including our community. When looking at the job of American President, we see the countless hours of demands, and the grey hairs they earn during their term of office. However, the reward is satisfaction for serving our country. We as Masons should honor their service, and the service of many others who sacrifice and serve for the good of their fellow citizens.

This applies to our many public safety, health care and other workers who daily take risks, undergo hard work, train constantly, and try to protect us all. We thank our police, fire, safety inspectors, hospital workers, and many others for looking out for our needs.

Our Masonic Teachings include these words from the Entered Apprentice Degree: *As a citizen you are enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or countenancing any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society, by paying due obedience to the laws under whose protection you live and by never losing sight of the allegiance due to your country.*

In the Master Mason Degree Lecture we learn: *The beehive is an emblem of industry...as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our powers to relieve them without inconvenience to ourselves.*

Let us celebrate that the United States was founded and continues to function because we are hard-working citizens who believe that we do best by serving others. Happy President's Day.



From the Building Association

Hello Brethren,

Your Temple board had its first meeting January 4th and elected new officers. They are:

- President- Worshipful Ted Taylor
- Vice president-Brother Mike Wittig
- Secretary-Brother Kevin Bulanek
- C.F.O. is still open.

Some of the things the board is working on or have completed are

- A/C and heating unit in the Lodge Secretary's office.
- New drinking fountain installed.
- We are still in the process of choosing a bid for resurfacing the parking lot outside.

The American Red Cross is now renting the lodge for their blood donations so find out when they are there and come over and give blood. Café 'N Stuff has provided catering services, using the NMBA facility and their contract will expire in April. The board is considering other vendors.

These are a few of the changes you will see at Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge. If you have any suggestions or ideas for improvements for our Lodge please contact a Temple board member.

Thank you!

Ted Taylor, PM
President



Emerald Star #143



Emerald Star meetings are held every First and Third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. We just had our All Member Instructional on January 9th, and I would like to say Thank You to the members of Norwalk that helped with the setup and takedown.

On February 11, There will be a Dine out fundraiser at Frantone's. (Sorry that is on Stated Meeting day – editor)

On March 30th, we will have a family fun night with the youth. Please come out and support our youth groups.

On April 2nd, We will be hosting a Spring Tea. More details to follow. On April 9th, we will be honoring Lynn Tripler, Deputy Grand Matron for District #31.

Thank you from Karan Mann, Worthy Matron
Emerald Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.



DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

Thank you to Worshipful Mitchell in allowing us to have this space to communicate with the brethren of Golden Trowel Lodge. We have a very active chapter and are always looking for more members and adults to assist with us.

Southern California DeMolay are having a major membership event on March 12th, at the Pasadena Scottish Rite. It is our annual Membership class in which we perform both degrees for all candidates from everywhere in the Jurisdiction. If you can attend, that would be great. Start time is 10 AM.

Excelsior Chapter made a visit to Long Beach DeMolay chapter on the 27th to put on a DeMolay Degree for our newest members. Excelsior has initiated 2 new young men and are reading 3 new petitions. If you know of anyone of age, 12-20 who would like to join, Contact Dad Dana Vrsalovich.

Excelsior is having a Paintball Tourney at the Hollywood Sports Complex in Bellflower on the first Saturday of February, the 6th. If you would like to join us, please contact Dad Dana Vrsalovich at the above number. The cost is \$25 a person and we start at 8:30 AM and play all day. We have 120 tickets available, so bring your friends. The cost covers the rental of a gun(marker), face mask, air and paint. If enough adults join us, the boys would like to have a challenge game or 7!! Lots of fun and we play until sunset!

Excelsior has its biggest fundraiser of the year on the first Saturday of March, the 5th, at Norwalk Masonic Center. It is our Medieval Dinner! The theme this year is St. Patrick's Day, so wear medieval garb, or green, or both with fabulous Irish food, excellent fighters in full medieval armor and entertainment to DIE for! Bring a date and help raise money for your favorite DeMolay Chapter.

Paradise DeMolay League and its 4 chapters are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and auction this month, on February 20! All you can eat for spaghetti, \$10, and plenty of great prizes to bid for! The dinner starts at 6 PM at the Bellflower Masonic Center.

Dana Vrsalovich,
Chairman, Excelsior Chapter
562-715-3676
thegrimrapier@hotmail.com



Job's Daughters - Bethel #241



We would like to thank everyone for their continued love and support. This year has already started off with many challenges, but with the many challenges has come a great out pouring of support from our Masonic Family. We are so lucky and blessed to be part of such a great organization.

The girls look forward to getting to know all the Masons better. For everyone participating in our "Adopt A Mason" program, the girls hope you liked the magnets and photos of some of their events. In the coming months, the girls will be providing information about themselves to help you get to know them better.

Calendar Of Events:

February 13th - 9:30am Regalia Meeting Followed By A Valentines Craft

February 27th - 9:30am Regalia Meeting Followed By A Mystery Trip



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



Hi! We are excited to have articles in the trestle board again!

Buena Park's Installation of Officers is coming up on February 6th at 7pm. The theme is "Just Play, Have Fun, and Enjoy the Game" It is board game themed and afterwards we will be having a board game party! Join us! We love seeing our masonic family!

At the Masonic Dinner on the 11th we will be selling Valentine goodies to raise money to throw an Easter Party for a local shelter. Please support us at the dinner for a service project!

We will be painting ceramics on the 13th @ 10am at Paint 'n Glaze in Long Beach.

On the 27th we will be seeing Kung Fu Panda 3. Time and location will be posted on our Facebook page!

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7pm. We would really love to see your faces on the 8th and the 22nd!

With all our Rainbow Love,
Buena Park Rainbow #231

Join us on social media to stay up to date with Rainbow Girl Events!

facebook.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls

instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls

twitter.com/bprainbowgirls



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

Onis G. Mc Carrell

Entered into Rest October 31st , 2015

Donald L. Nassar

Entered into Rest December 20th ,2015

Stephen A. Welch Jr.

Entered into Rest December 20th , 2015

Golden Veterans Award.

Joseph D. Watson

Entered into Rest December 21st , 2015

**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
Buck, Gil	2007/08 #	Moss, Clive W. *	2001/02/03/04/09 #
Colon, Felix	1972	Nichols, Lowell L.	1983 #
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	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
Hood, Lyle E.	1999 #	Rodriguez, George	1989
Iverson, Gary	2009	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Johnston, Harry S.	1977	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80 #
Keith, William. R.	1972/78	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14#
Kidder, David W.	1979	Taylor, Ted R.	2004 #
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Thompson, James R.	1984
Ladnier, Michael	1984	Watson, Carl F.	1971
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
MacCallum, M. David	1978	Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87 #
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97 #	Williams, Larry D.	1997
Masson, John P.	1988	Winford Mike T. *	1988/2011/12 #

Hiram Award Recipient

* By Affiliation

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