

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



March 2016 Trestleboard

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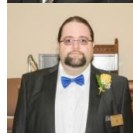
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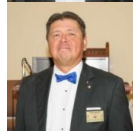
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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



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

April 2016

- Thursday 7nd - 7 PM Officer Practice
- Friday 8th - Master /Wardens Workshop at Irvine Marriott thru Sunday 10th.
- Thursday 14th - 6:30 PM Stated Meeting and dinner - Public Schools Night
- Saturday 16th - 5:00 PM Dinner at La Mirada Sizzler and Musical Production - Dream Girls at La Mirada Theater
- Saturday 16th - Demolay Installation of Officers at Norwalk Masonic Center
- Wednesday 20th - 7 PM Officer's School of Instruction at Cornerstone Lodge in La Habra - 2nd Degree
- Thursday 21st - 7 PM Officers Practice or Degree as called
- Thursday 28th - 7 PM Officers Practice or Degree as called



March Stated Meeting

Our program will salute the Masonic Youth Groups, their members and leaders. After dinner, Detective Dave Vivona from Norwalk Sheriffs will speak with our ladies.

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, March 7th 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, corned beef and cabbage along with chicken and vegetarian servings for those with special needs.



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

Lowell Nichols has a new pacemaker.

Jim Reyburn is still recovering from a fall.



From the East

Robert Mitchell
Worshiful Master

Welcome and Greetings to all,

For an evening of fun, good food and entertainment, we will be at the Medieval Dinner on March 5 from 6 to 10 PM. This is an important fundraising and social event for Excelsior Chapter DeMolay, and they have planned an Irish feast for us. See the attached flyer.

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.

Our Youth Groups hold a special place in my heart, having served as an advisor for each. We will have a great chance to enjoy their company on March 30 for a Family Fun Night. Food, line dance, games, and much more. Thanks to all helping with the planning for this event.

Thanks to Wor. Don Muller, Inspector of District 1026 for the program on lodge best practices. We enjoy seeing our officers learning and growing in their roles for the lodge. Quality ritual, good programs and involved members are all part of a great Masonic Lodge. Several have complemented our editor, Michael Heist, for his work.

In April, we will enjoy a dinner and play in nearby La Mirada to see the musical DREAM GIRLS arranged thru Wor. Gary Iverson. Plan to attend for a nominal price of \$25. We have 40 tickets available.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Mitchell - Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

February was a good Masonic month! A Few brothers from our Lodge attended the Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau Meeting in Pasadena. Our Deputy Grand Master John Heisner was the main speaker. As many of the other brothers, I also had the chance to have a nice, and quite, long conversation with him. It is our Lodge's tradition to invite the Deputy Grand Master to come and visit us at the Saints John's Day Breakfast, so I reminded him about the email I sent in January on behalf of our Lodge. He told me that he would like to come, and he will let me know for sure in a few days, which he did.

Many of our brothers, family, and friends attended the Superbowl Party over at Frantone's Pizza in Norwalk, organized by brother Garry Iverson. Fellowship and food was great. Looking forward for the next year.

Finally, the Stated Meeting dinner was great. Our Worshipful Bob Mitchell had a Public Service Recognition day which was followed by the Reception of the Inspector, Don Muller of the 1026th Masonic District in the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Joseph Patronas

Senior Warden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

IS THERE ANY THING ON YOUR TABLE? ...

Brother Secretary,

Yes Indeed,

Congratulations, to our 2016 Golden Trowel Norwalk Officers, that have been working together to put on a Fantastic First Degree. We are on a roll now...

We welcome Brother Andrew Demonte, EA to our Masonic Family. Please make him feel welcome, and reach out to introduce yourself to our new Brother.

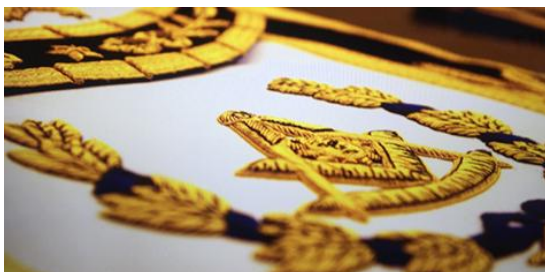
You may find him to have a considerable interest in Archery.

Please show your Outstanding SUPPORT for our Youth Groups: WOW >>

DeMolay - Medieval Dinner Saturday March 5th @ 6:00 PM

Rainbow For Girls - Getting ready for Grand Assembly ***

Jobs Daughter's - The Gift of Honeybees **



Brethren, This year the Grand Lodge of California introduced new aprons for Grand Lodge officers, designed by Brother Patrick Craddock of The Craftsman Apron. To honor the dignity and history of California Masonry, The shape of the apron reflects those worn by past generations of brothers, while at the same time defining a modern look to acknowledge Grand Lodge's movement into the future. The body and bib of each apron is made of lambskin, and the ornate embroidery is applied by hand. The aprons embellishments are connected to both the state and Freemasonry.

May these aprons be worn with pleasure to each officer and with honor to the Fraternity.



MASONIC EDUCATION



Youth and Our Future



DeMolay International

DeMolay International is one of the largest youth fraternities in the world. The organization is dedicated to promoting leadership skills, civic awareness, and fellowship in young men between the ages of 12 and 21. DeMolay members govern and direct their own activities under the advisorship of adults, and are responsible for planning and managing their own programs and projects. Chapter activities include public speaking, athletics, education, social functions, travel, and community service.

Job's Daughters International

Job's Daughters is a vital youth organization that develops leadership, respect, responsibility, and confidence within a fun and friendly environment. Open to young women ages 10 to 20 with a Masonic heritage, Job's Daughters prepares members to face life's challenges with courage, confidence, and poise. Job's Daughters are active in their communities, plan and participate in numerous philanthropic activities, and are devoted to helping disadvantaged children.

International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Rainbow for Girls is a dynamic and fun organization that embraces all young women between the ages of 11 and 20, motivating them to achieve their life goals and helping them make a difference in their communities. Rainbow encourages excellence in learning and leadership, promotes fun and fellowship, and is a source of lasting friendships. Members will realize personal growth and satisfaction through service and community involvement.

www.masons4youth.org

*Excelsior Chapter
Order of DeMolay*

Medieval Dinner

Saturday, March 5, 2016

6:00 PM—10:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day Theme / Irish fare
Medieval garb appreciated

Norwalk Masonic Center
12345 Rosecrans Ave.
Norwalk, CA 90605-5053

Donation \$20.00
Children under 12: \$10.00



From the Building Association

Hello Brethren,

Thank you to the brothers and their family who helped with the building work party on January 30. We had a good time helping and working on projects to clean the storage unit, parking lot, lawn areas and especially the flower beds. The AC unit in the secretary's office is installed, and we are working on some plumbing items.
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. Two of our newest members attended our last meeting as we exchanged officers with our sister chapter Whittier 144. Thanks to all for your attendance.

On March 30th, we will have a family fun night with the youth. Please come out and support our youth groups. On April 2th, we will be honoring Lynn Tripler, Deputy Grand Matron for District #31. On April 9nd, We will be hosting a Spring Tea. More details to follow.

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

Job's Daughters - Bethel #241



We would like to thank everyone for purchasing our Valentine Day Cards, we were able to raise over \$100. February's Adopt A Mason featured our Honored Queen Alexandria Bulanek. We hope you enjoyed learning a little bit about her. For March, we will be featuring girls from our line.

March 12th - 9:30am Regalia Meeting

March 19th - 9:30am Regalia Meeting & DGOV

Masonic Assistance

888/466-3642

masonichome.org

- » **Masonic Homes of California**
- » **Masonic Outreach Services**
- » **Masonic Homes of California Residential Communities**

Call the toll-free Masonic Assistance line (888/466-3642) to speak with a trained social worker who can help identify your options for California Masonic Assistance or admission to the Masonic Homes residential senior communities.

Request for assistance may be initiated by a member, someone in his family, or a lodge seeking assistance for a member or widow.

Children's health care services provided at no charge by Masonic organizations:

Dentistry for children with special needs

*Humanitarian Foundation
Grottoes*
(Provide support statewide)
614/933-0711
hfgrotto.org

Childhood speech and language development centers

(14 in California)
California Scottish Rite
Foundation
714/541-7600
casr-foundation.org

Pediatric orthopaedics, burn care, cleft lip and palate, and spinal cord injury care

Shriners Hospitals for Children
(Los Angeles and Sacramento)
800/237-5055
shrinershospitalsforchildren.org





DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

March is DeMolay month in the world of DeMolay. All chapters throughout the world are coming together to have membership classes to commemorate the history of Jacques DeMolay, who was burned at the stake on March 18, 1314.

Southern California Jurisdiction (SCJ) Order of DeMolay is hosting a membership class on Saturday, March 12, 2016. The site is still up in the air, but we will post the site as soon as possible on the SCJ calendar found at scjdemolay.org. The next day is DeMolay Family Day at Magic Mountain, Sunday, March 13 for \$35 a ticket. See any league officer from Paradise DeMolay League for a ticket.

Every year Excelsior Chapter has a huge Medieval Dinner. This year's dinner is scheduled to be at Norwalk Masonic Center on Saturday, March 5th, 2016. The dinner is Irish themed and plenty of food for \$20 a plate, \$10 for kids under 12.

The dinner has a cast of men who are going to fight for your entertainment and pleasure. The fighting is real, not choreographed. The men will be in full suits of medieval armor. The room will be decorated in bright, medieval style and ready for your appetites, both gastronomically and mediievally!!!!

There will be an LOH dinner on the night of March 18 at the DeMolay Center in Anaheim. All members of the LOH Preceptory are invited to attend. Please make reservations with the Preceptory. Lastly, as the term winds down, we will join the Norwalk Masonic Family on the 5th Wednesday of March for a night of games and refreshments.

Our Installation is April 16, 2016. The ceremony begins at 7:30 PM. We understand the Lodge has a event that night, but any members who are unable to attend the Lodge event are most welcome to join us for our semi-annual change of officers.

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



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



Buena Park Assembly would like to thank everyone for their support of our coin drive. In just a few short weeks, this assembly alone raised \$240 and all of California Rainbow raised over \$3,000 just by doing coin drives.

We would also like thank you for your support in our efforts to raise money for our Children's Shelter Easter Party service project on March 26th.

Coming up, the assembly will be going to see Kung Fu Panda 3 on Saturday, February 27th, and our area ritual competition is on March 6th in Upland.

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7 pm. The meeting on March 14th will also be Grand Cross of Color announcements, which is the highest honor a girl can receive.

"A Hollywood Scene in 2016" Grand Assembly sessions will be held in Fresno, CA from March 19th-22nd and the Grand Master will be speaking Sunday evening.

With all our Rainbow love,
Buena Park Assembly #231

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

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

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

GENE F. MOORE, PM

Entered into Rest January 31, 2016

At the Age of 82 years 6 mos 5days

Golden Veteran Award -50 Year

Past Potentate – Al Malaikah Shrine

JAMES M. DOWNES

Entered in to Rest February 8, 2016

At the age of 100 Years 2 mos 5 days

WILLIAM G. WATTS Jr.

Entered into Rest February 15, 2016

At the Age of 94 years 9mos 23 days

Golden Veteran Award - 50 year

Hiram Award

**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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