

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



April 2016 Trestle Board

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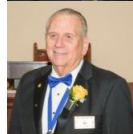
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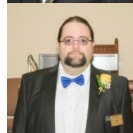
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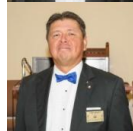
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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



March 2016

- Wednesday 30th - Family Fun Night
- Thursday 31st - 7 PM Officer's School - GTN

April 2016

- Monday 4th - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 7rd - 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

May 2016

- Monday 2nd - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 5th - 7 PM Officers Practice or Degree as called
- Sunday 8th - Mother's Day
- Thursday 12th - 6:30 PM Stated Meeting and dinner - Honor Family
- Thursday 19th - 7 PM Officer's School of Instruction
- Saturday 21st - Picnic at Masonic Home in Covina -
- Thursday 28th - 7 PM Degree



April Stated Meeting

We will honor the people who work in Public Education, as the Nettie Waite Middle School presents their Top-20 distinguished performers among the students, faculty and staff who have achieved distinction in the past year.

After dinner and the award program we will have a chorale group for our sweethearts.

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, April 4th 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, ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and apple cobbler 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

No new report at this time, as Gil Buck is recovering from a stay in the hospital, while Ted Taylor is waiting word on his back surgery.



From the East

Robert Mitchell
Worshipful Master

Welcome and Greetings to all,

It is a pleasure to share that our April Stated Meeting dinner will celebrate the TOP 20 achievers at Nettie Waite Middle School. We are pleased to have the mutual respect and support of their staff and Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District. Some of our Youth Group leaders are on staff in the District, and we appreciate the hard work they do for our future.

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.

As noted by our Secretary, we will need to raise our annual dues to comply with Grand Lodge rules, and this will be up for discussion later this year. Our financial affairs are in order, and the investment funds are meeting our needs now and into the future.

Thanks also to Emerald Star for help on the Family Fun Night. We hope many of the Lodge brothers can attend.

In addition, we are making plans for our picnic visit to the Covina Home in May and our Saints John Day Breakfast on June 5, capped off with the 100th anniversary of the Home on June 26.

Finally, we have agreed to partner with Long Beach Lodge to sponsor a fireworks booth in Norwalk. More detail to come.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Mitchell - Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

March has all ready passed. As we do every year, 10 brothers from our Lodge went to the Annual Grand Master's breakfast put together by the Masonic Service Bureau at the L.A. Hilton.

This month, another annual event takes place. It's the Master and Wardens Workshop at the Irvine Marriott Hotel. It is a very educational and necessary event for us to go to, full of seminars and workshops. Even though it's a hard work, I am very excited, and looking forward to attend it.

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden



From the Building Association

Hello Brethren,

Well brethren, here it is April already. Boy the time seems to be going faster and faster! As many of you know, the stage doors have been repaired and they look great. We also got the approval from the Lodge for the parking lot, now it goes to Grand Lodge for their approval.

I would like to thank Brother Socrates Patronas, for all his hard work removing the broken sign post in the front yard. We are still working on the drinking fountain installation, due to a small plumbing problem, we hope to have this finished soon.

Thank you!

Ted Taylor, PM, President



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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

Yes indeed,

The Grand Lodge Secretary/Treasurers Work Shop was well attended this past month in Irvine. The range of Lodge Secretary experience was surprising. Those attending ran from some recently installed Officers in January 2016 though one Brother having held the Office for close to 50 years as Secretary.

Some of the many outstanding topics presented dealt with planning and goals of our Lodges, Officer line progression, and some of the programs available thru our Masonic Outreach Assistance programs. Calls may be made to the toll-free Masonic Assistance line at [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 communities.

Noting that request for assistance may be initiated by a member in Good Standing, or by someone in his family, or by a Lodge seeking assistance for a member or a widow that has identified a need for assistance.

One of the key Topics involved and hit on target with Lodges that "DUES THAT DON'T ANYMORE" Are we keeping up with inflation? Imagine that, a Lodge still charging dues that are exclusive of Grand Lodge Assessments, and look at the operating revenue.

Well brethren, with all due respect a close review of the alternatives are close at hand, to maintain a premier society of membership and our properties.



MASONIC EDUCATION



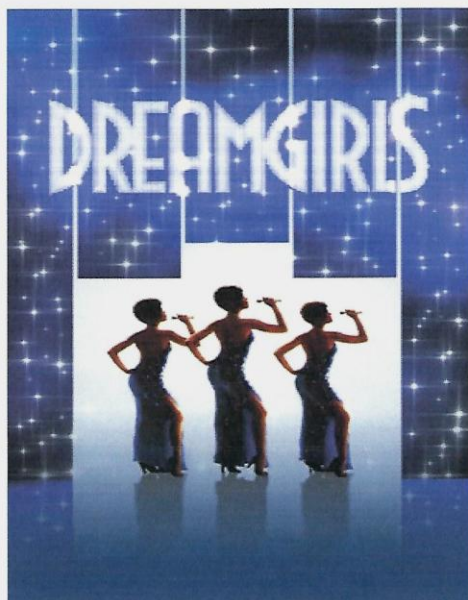
M. W. Sidney Kase, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, wrote: Freemasonry wishes to build better people and better tomorrows. Freemasonry is firmly committed to building a better community and a better world. For these reasons, we feel the nurturing of the leaders of tomorrow's society is vitally necessary! Freemasons, collectively, must support the public school system. We recognize the unique opportunity that scholarship and awards programs offer in recognizing and supporting tomorrows leadership. That, in a "nutshell", is what school awards and scholarship programs are all about.

From freemason.org **Supporting today's public schools**

Today, through numerous programs and services in support of California youth - including the Raising A Reader child literacy initiative, Investment in Success scholarship program, and other scholarship opportunities - the California Masonic Foundation is committed to making a profound difference for public education in our state.

The fraternity's support for public schools is headed by our Public Schools Advisory Councils. Located in communities statewide, these groups of Masonic leaders collaborate with school districts, community leaders, and guidance counselors to promote critical and innovative measures in support of public schools.

Thanks to Wor. Dave Swanston III for his work on behalf of our Grade Incentive Program, as we consider how to extend it the middle school students.



**Our Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge
is attending a performance of:**

DREAM GIRLS

**April 16, 2016
8PM**

**La Mirada Center for the
Performing Arts
14900 La Mirada Boulevard
La Mirada, CA 90638
(corner of Alondra Boulevard and
La Mirada Boulevard)**

Cost is only \$25 per person

Tickets available now from Brother Gary Iverson

Emerald Star #143



Thank you for giving us the time to be in your newsletter.

What is Eastern Star? Family, friends and most important your family...

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star strive to live our lives by the enduring beliefs of brotherly love, relief, and truth, along with certain core values.

Eastern Star is an organization that is made up of females and male, of the masonic family. The order is based on the teachings from the bible, but our membership is open to people of all religious beliefs. The age required to become a member of the Eastern Star is 18 years old and must have a blue lodge relationship. Rainbow Girls on the other hand, are able to join if they have received their majority in good standing. One must also, have a belief in the Supreme Being.

That is just a little bit about our order and there is so much more to learn and know the best way is to come and meet us April 9, we are having our spring tea and yes you guys can come and have fun just ask sometimes of your brothers.. Here at Norwalk lodge time 11 to 2pm donation \$10. Lots of food, friendship, and fun. Our meeting nights are ever first and second wed. of each month time 7:30 pm but we are dark in July and August. I invite you to come out and meet us.

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 the Masons for their generosity in supporting our Bethel and supporting the girls academically by rewarding them for their grades. A special thank you to Frank Gillespie for updating our Past Honored Queen Triangle.

March's Adopt A Mason featured our Senior Princess Savannah Patton, our Junior Princess Jasmine Baker and our Guide Sage Davis. We hope you enjoyed learning a little bit about them. For April, we will be featuring the rest of our girls.

Calendar Of Events For Job's Daughters Bethel No. 241 Norwalk
April 8th - 10th – Leadership Camp
April 12th - 7pm Grand Guardian Official Visit (At Whittier Bethel)
April 23rd - 9:30am Regalia Meeting & Worship Trip



DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

Happy Easter and Spring Cleaning to the brothers of Golden Trowel Lodge!

The month of April is the month of change in leadership for many DeMolay chapters in the Southern California Jurisdiction. Excelsior is having its installation on the night of April 16th, at 7:30 PM. 4 other chapters are having their installations that evening as well. Every other Saturday in SCJ are at least 2 installations for other DeMolay chapters. Pick a Saturday and see if you would like to visit. Bro. Alex Farris has stepped up to the plate to be the next MC of Excelsior Chapter and we wish him the best as he guides the young men of Excelsior in a journey of brotherhood and leadership.

The weekend of the 22nd to the 24th, Paradise League and Titan League are combining forces to have a Brotherhood Camp up in the mountains. That is main focus for the young men right now. If you know of any young man of eligible age, 12-21, good character (not just a character), and would like to recommend him for membership in our chapter, contact dad Dana Vrsalovich at 562-715-3676 or at thegrimrapier@hotmail.com to expedite a petition!

Dana Vrsalovich, Coach, Salle Excelsior
Grim Rapiers Fencing Club

Dana Vrsalovich, Chairman Excelsior Chapter, Order of DeMolay
562-715-3676
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Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



"A Hollywood Scene in 2016" Grand Assembly sessions was held in Fresno, CA from March 19th-22nd

Friday evening April 1, (no fooling) we will take a Mystery Trip.

Sunday morning April 3, we will attend the church services at Whittier Area Community Church, reflecting the respect we give to Reverend W. Mark Sexton, founder of our Order.

April 17 will be a "Spring Cleaning" service project at the Norwalk Masonic Center.

April 30 at noon, we will hold a fun project as our Sister Faith leads a prospect party.

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

JAY E HINTERGARDT
Entered into Rest November 18, 2015
At the Age of 75 years 11 mos 29days
Golden Veteran Award -50 Year

**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
Fred Hooper	1975	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Iverson, Gary	2009	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80 #
Johnston, Harry S.	1977	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14#
Keith, William. R.	1972/78	Taylor, Ted R.	2004 #
Kidder, David W.	1979	Thompson, James R.	1984
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Tripler, William	1991
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 #

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