

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



May 2016 Trestle Board

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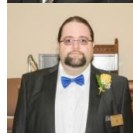
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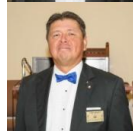
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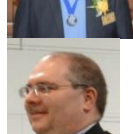
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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



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 - 4 PM Lowell Nichols, PM Memorial
- Thursday 26th - 7 PM Degree
- Saturday 28th - 2 PM Gil Buck, PM Memorial

June 2016

- Thursday 2nd - 7 PM Degree
- Sunday 5th - 8:30 AM Saints John Day Breakfast
- Monday 6th - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 9th - 6:30 Stated Meeting and Dinner - Masonic Homes, Joseph Patronas presiding
- Thursday 16th - 7 PM Degree
- Sunday 19th - Fathers Day
- Thursday 23rd - 7 PM Degree
- Sunday 26th - Covina Home 100th Anniversary
- Wednesday 29th - Family Fun Night

July 2016

- Monday 4th - Independence Day - support our Rainbow and Jobs Daughters at their Fireworks Booths.
- Saturday 9th - Covina Masonic Homes Picnic, all day.



May Stated Meeting

We will honor the people who are part of our family, Our Masonic Youth Groups will provide ceremonies to honor Mothers and Fathers in the Lodge Room.

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, May 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. This will be a Mexican Fiesta, with lighter fare for those with sensitive digestion. Catering this month is provided by Emerald Star Chapter of Eastern Star.

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

Ted Taylor, PM is hopeful now that surgery is planned for his back.

Mike Mulcahy is recovering from heart problems.

Our sympathies go to the family and friends of those brothers who have gone before us this past month.



From the East

Robert Mitchell
Worshipful Master

Welcome and Greetings to all,

This month is a time for reflection of what is gone and what is before us.

Looking back, we have worked on better fraternal relations, better communications, replacing our dinner catering, involving our local police, fire, health workers, celebrating our schools, and our youth.

We have also faced the sad fact that not all change is for the better. Brothers Lyle Hood, Gil Buck and Lowell Nichols were three of our Hiram Award recipients, each of whom gave much of their time and talents to many of us. Each touched us in their own way, keeping the wheels turning, presenting great ritual, running programs, serving us all.

My journey in Freemasonry started right before Lowell, and we had the splendid coincidence to each serve as Master in 1983. He was the very spirit of love for the fraternity, involving his family, sharing his home, serving as an officer, and being my friend.

Looking forward, we have many great programs to celebrate, new members to educate, officers and committee members to guide and assist with the work of your Lodge. Let us keep up our great traditions by showing up, volunteering, helping, coaching, and especially caring about each other.

Thanks go to Gary and Janet Iverson, Frank and Marijo Gillespie, Mike Winford and others for the show at La Mirada Theater. Thanks also to Joe for the new phone app, and to Michael Heist for the trestleboard work.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Mitchell - Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

We are so pleased each time, when our Masonic family it's getting bigger by initiating new members, I know I am! Unfortunately, it also comes a time when we lose a member due to sickness, an accident, or old age. I know it's a part of life, but still it hurts! Especially if you know them very well. I am sure many of you already know whom I'm talking about: **Lowell Nichols** and **Gil Buck**. A couple brothers which I, not only new them personally, but they were dear friends of mine since the day I became a part of this big family. They were my friends, my big brothers and also my mentors, who always supported and encourage me. Rest in Peace my brothers, you will be Missed.

In April, another Masonic event took place. It was the Master /Wardens Workshop at the Irvine Marriott hotel. The Worshipful Bob Mitchell and I, attended it. It is a very educational and necessary annual event full of seminars and workshops. Even though it was a hard work, I was very excited and I am looking forward to the next year's event.

One of the new opportunities for members of Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge is to join our Membership App to keep in closer touch with your brethren. See the article following to learn more about this exciting new development.

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

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.



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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

Brethren, Many 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 and the Grand Lodge of California.

Some Inquires have been made regarding our Lodge **LIFE Memberships of Dues**, which are Adopted by a resolution of a lodge. That resolution is then approved by The Grand Lodge and becomes part of the Lodge By-Laws.

The table below will aid in finding the amount of Your Life membership would cost while our Annual Membership dues are at \$50.00 per member. Example:
[Age 56 years] 17 times \$50.00, equals \$850.00

\$809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:

- A. A sum of money which is not less than 20.83 times the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or
- B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

Under age 49, 21 times annual dues;
50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
65 and over, 11 times annual dues.

The Secretary shall send to each life member a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar Year.

We have approximately 86 Life Members with this Lodge.



MASONIC EDUCATION



As we look ahead to Mothers Day and Fathers Day, to graduations, weddings, this month of May, we contemplate the meaning of FAMILY. Many of us are blessed with close family ties, and we bring those feelings and lessons to our Masonic experience. Others of us learn to have a deeper family experience within our Masonic family, especially for our children and our ladies as they involve themselves in our youth groups and Eastern Star, Amaranth, and others. Masons are taught to protect the interests of their own and brothers' families, no matter where they are in the world. We adopt new brothers into the Fraternity, and then make their families our own.

If you have times of loneliness or separation, feeling the loss of contact with loved ones, the Lodge and its members are here to look out for you. We have many outreach programs, we help our aged and dependent, we provide social enjoyment, and build ties of kindness and brotherly love.

If you would like further examples of this thinking, type this link into your computer:

http://www.themasonictrowel.com/leadership/management/renewal/family_and_community_relationships.htm

Emerald Star #143



The second part of what is Eastern Star, a family that works together with community service and Charity work. The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization of men and woman committed to providing an environment of friendship, regardless of age, by implementing innovative idea's, facilitating positive change and planning for the future, while working cohesively with our Masonic family.

Thank you for letting us serve at your Stated Meeting dinner last month and we are looking forward to serving the May dinner as well.

Our next event is:

Emerald Star Champagne Brunch,

Saturday, June 18, 2016

10am to 1pm at the Orozco's clubhouse.

Donations are \$7.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children.

(all proceeds support our fraternal order).

We will have tickets available at the stated dinner in May.

We are also are taking orders for The Pampered Chef, so please let us know if you would like to order something from them.

Thank you and Star love

Karan Mann

WM Emerald Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Job's Daughters - Bethel #241



We have a hole in our hearts - we have lost a friend and great supporter. We sometimes take for granted all the love and support we get from the lodge. Gil Buck was one of those people that always supported our girls. Not enough can be said for all the love and support he provided to our youth over the years. You will always have a place in our hearts, you will be missed. Till we meet again.

For everyone participating in the Adopt A Mason program, we hope you liked their Umbrellas that the girls made.

Calendar Of Events For Job's Daughters

Bethel No. 241 Norwalk

May 14th - 5:30 PM

"Bids for Bees"

**Spaghetti Dinner And Blind Auction Fund Raiser At
The Norwalk Masonic Lodge. Casual Wear.**

Tickets are \$5.00

Bethel 241 is sponsoring a project "Bids for Bees" to bring honey bee hives to local communities in disadvantaged countries.



DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

The Chapter installed new officers Saturday, April 16, and is proud to welcome back Alex Farris as Master Counselor. We benefit from the participation and active involvement of the Lodge when possible, and we hope to see you at our meetings.

Dana Vrsalovich, Chairman Excelsior Chapter, Order of DeMolay
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From the Building **Association**

Hello Brethren,

I'm sorry to report that we lost one of our board members. Worshipful Gil Buck passed away on April 18th. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his wife Peggie and their family.

We would like to thank Brother Socrates Patronas for his hard work in finishing the installation of our new drinking fountain. It looks great!

We are in the process of working with Edison and one of their contractors to review and install new lighting equipment. This is at no cost to us.

See you at Lodge!!
Ted Taylor, PM, President



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



We would like to take this time to thank the members of our fellow Masonic orders for your support. The continued support of the entire Masonic family plays a key role in each order's success and we greatly appreciate the time you take to help us thrive.

In an initiation, at the station of love, girls are reminded to love their home and every member of their family because our love for one another makes us stronger. In addition to this, Rainbow encourages its members to strengthen their kinship within the assembly and with their Masonic family. Our head adult advisor, ***Jennifer Smith***, is the Mother Advisor and, in the Installation ceremony, she is reminded that she should guide the girls as a mother and should serve as a motherly figure in their lives. We are so grateful for our Mother Advisor who encourages us all to be the best person we can.

Upcoming events:

April 30th, 12 pm – Prospect event at Brewbaker's in Huntington Beach

May 9th, 7 pm – Elections

May 14th, 2 pm – Disney Scavenger Hunt

May 21st, 9:30 am – Service hours at Heritage Museum

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7 pm.

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

Frank M. O'Farrell
Entered into Rest February 2, 2016
At the age of 84 years, 10 months and 17 days
Golden Veterans Award

Lowell Nichols, PM 1983
Entered into Rest April 6, 2016
At the age of 87 years, 3 months and 20 days
Hiram Award 1999

Lyle Hood, PM 1999
At the age of 83 years, 3 months and 27 days
Hiram Award 2001

Gil Buck, PM 2007 2008
At the age of 81 years and 15 days
Norwalk Masonic Building Association
Hiram Award 2010

**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	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	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	Tripler, William *	1984/91 #
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Watson, Carl F.	1971
MacCallum,M. David	1978	Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97 #	Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87 #
Masson, John P.	1988	Williams, Larry D.	1997
		Winford Mike T.	1988/2011/12 #

*Affiliated

Hiram Award Recipient