

June 2016 Trestle Board

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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



<u>June 2016</u>

- 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

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- Monday 4th Independence Day support our Rainbow and Jobs Daughters at their Fireworks Booths.
- Saturday 9th Covina Masonic Homes Picnic, all day.
- Thursday 14th Stated Meeting and Dinner Summer BBQ and election vote on Bylaws Change for dues.
- Thursday 21st Degrees or practice as called
- Friday 22nd Golden Veteran Award presentation to The Worshipful Roy Pool, Assistant Grand Tiler, and Past Master of GTN, presented at Destiny Lodge on the campus of the Masonic Home in Covina
- Thursday, 28th Degrees or practice as called

Plan your calendars for September 17 for our Deep-Pit BBQ to support Angels Flight, our participation in Norwalk's favorite local charity. We will also attend Dodger-Giant game on 19th, and leave for Laughlin on the 29th.





June Stated Meeting

We will honor the people who are long-time members of the Fraternity, especially those who are now in the Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina.

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, June 6th, 2016 by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 - and Leave a message to our Secretary.

<u>Menu</u>

We are having a catered meal in the Dining Room starting at 6:30pm. Joseph Patronas has promised a special dinner treat.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

While we mourn the loss of several brothers who leave a legacy of service to the Fraternity, we recognize that some of our active members are also struggling with their own personal challenges.

Bro. Mike and Sister Betty Mulcahy are facing individual health issues.

Wor. Frank Gillespie is fighting influenza.

Wor. Gayle Richmond is facing the challenges of regular dialysis and the health issues that accompany it.

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



From the East

Robert Mitchell Worshipful Master

Greetings, Brothers and Friends;

As we complete the first half of this Masonic Year, the brethren of Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge have several important and pleasant duties before us. First is our annual St. John's Day breakfast, under the guidance of our Sr. Warden Joseph, as we embrace our duty to provide for Masonic Charity while hosting Right Worshipful John Heisner, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in California. Please plan to attend, showing our support.

We look to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Masonic Home in Covina on June 26. Log in to <u>freemason.org</u> and register for this gala event.

By the time of our Stated Meeting, we hope to have initiated four new brothers, and we will continue helping our candidates advance. Thanks to Wor Frank Gillespie for taking on coaching duties. I will be looking for other brothers to assist these new Masons advance in their knowledge.

Thanks also go the Emerald Star Chapter for the dinner service at our last meeting. For June we will have a special meal under Joseph's guidance. Though I will be out of state at our June meeting, I am confident that the Lodge will be in good hands.

The Family Fun Night is a valuable tool for keeping peace and harmony among our Masonic Family and for having fun together. Please join us on Wednesday, June 29 for dinner and entertainment.

Bob Mitchell Worshipful Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

Time is going so fast and we are already in June! We have many important and wonderful events for this month!

On our Trestleboard, we have two 1st Degree Initiations. We hope that all the brothers will come and not only enjoy the Initiations but also so support to our new Candidates.

On June 5th, is our Annual Saint John's Day breakfast with our guest of honor, and speaker, Deputy Grand Master, John Heisner. The event starts at 8 am with coffee, juice, and breakfast sweets, followed with a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, home country potatoes, sausage and bacon – all paid courtesy of our Lodge. Just come and enjoy couple hours with our Masonic family. Every one is invited...

June 9th, don't forget is our Stated diner at 6:30 pm, with good food and followed by our Stated Meeting at 7:300 pm.

On our June Stated Meeting, we will present a resolution, changing our By-Laws effective January 1, 2017 to raise the annual dues to \$75. This change will be presented at the June meeting that we can give 30 day advance notice for a vote on our July Stated Meeting.

Fraternally, Joseph Patronas Senior Warden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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

YES Indeed,

Brethren and Families, If you had forgotten to make your reservations - **Do** it NOW. This Event is FREE.

You and your family members are cordially Invited by the MW David Perry - Grand Master of Masons in California, to the Masonic Home at Covina for the "Covina Centennial Celebration" commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Masonic Relief in Southern California.

BBQ Picnic | Rededication Ceremony | Live Entertainment | Family-Friendly Games | Swimming Pool | Craft Booth.

Sunday, June 26th, 2016 10 a. m. to 3 p.m. Masonic Home | 1650 E. Old Badillo St. Covina <u>RSVP by June 10th</u> (626) 251-2215

About twenty nine years ago while walking through the Del Mar County Fair booths two Brothers came upon a booth that was affording parents a way to finger print their children for Free.

The Rusty Trowel Committee, has continued this event at the upcoming Los Angeles County Fair. The **Masonic Child ID program,** is a great way in getting involvement in your community in which both Lodges and the Masonic Family reap the Benefits.

The Committee is asking for your assistance, and **Needs Volunteers to man the booth every day it is open.** Parking and admission passes are provided >> Contact: Alfonso Sanchez, PM President, (909) 239-0827 or <u>sanchezaj52@gmail.com</u>. OR Gene Bowman, PM Advisor (951) 315-6451 genebowmansr@hotmail.com

Fraternally,

Mike Winford, 33°

OTHER MASONIC NEWS.

RESOLVED, effective January 1, 2017, ARTICLE III, Section 2 of The Uniform Code of By-Laws of Lodges shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$75.00 per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

Voting on this Resolution shall be at the July 14, 2016 Stated Meeting. This resolution will bring the GTN 273 dues structure into compliance with Grand Lodge requirements, such that the dues will exceed annual per-capita Grand Lodge fees by at least \$12.

This will affect our budget for 2017, although we will still remain as one of the lowest dues paying lodges in California.

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 <u>device's</u> 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.



This month we start a series of four topics close to the Fraternity, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.

This Short Talk was written by Illustrious Brother Alphonse Cerza, 33d. The Masonic definition of Temperance may be stated briefly as follows: Temperance is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. Every Mason is then told that Temperance should be the constant practice of every Mason, as he is taught to avoid excess in all things, such as contracting any licentious or vicious habit, the indulgence of which might lead him to- suffer, or to lose his health, or cause him to lose his reputation.

In a general sense it means that one must exercise a degree of selfrestraint and self control at all times, in all the activities of life, including both words and deeds. The key idea is "moderation in all things." The idea is well illustrated in the old statement: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." It does not mean abstinence except in matters which are inherently bad or harmful.

The word "temperance" comes to us from the Latin, which means to temper or harden according to the use intended. As a consequence, we must recognize that there cannot be hard and fast rules in this subject. Each person must decide for himself how much restraint and self-control must be exercised in a particular situation. For example, I like to eat apple pie; one small piece is adequate to satisfy my desire after a hearty meal. My neighbor might not eat as hearty a meal, but might desire a larger piece of apple pie. Both of us by the exercise of self-control and by being temperate refrain from having a second helping.

http://www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talk/stb/stbs/77-11.htm

Emerald Star #143



Thank you for your time and all the support you have given to Emerald Star. We are looking forward to the family night June, 29, 2016 at Norwalk and if you didn't get a chance to attend the last family night, you missed out on a lot of fun! So please try to come in June and bring your family with you.

We would also like to welcome to our order, our 4 new members Charles Cross, Sandra Cross, Gabby Vander Hill (a Job's Daughters and DeMolay league Sweetheart) and Sanannah Gray (Rainbow Girl and a past DeMolay Sweetheart). As you can see we are growing and would like to welcome you as a new member of our order, please let us know if you would like to be apart of Eastern Star.

We are currently looking for donations for the Brain Injured Children Inc. Schools located in LA Habra and serves the communities of Norwalk, Whittier, Bellflower, Downey, Brea, Covina and many others.

If you would like to donate any items here is a list of some items we need:

- Antibacterial wipes
- Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt)
- Food trays (dark material)
- Writing pens
- Facial tissue
- Toilet paper
- White copy paper
- Paper towels
- Non-latex (m-xl)

If you have any questions, please contract Kalyn Knoll at <u>damedorian@gmail.com</u>

Thank you and Star love Karan Mann Worthy Matron of Emerald Star

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Job's Daughters - Bethel #241



We would like to thank everyone for supporting our Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser.

For everyone participating in the Adopt A Mason program, the reveal will be at the stated meeting this month. We have enjoyed doing this and thank everyone for participating.

We would also like to invite everyone to our Installation on Saturday, June 11th

Calendar Of Events For Job's Daughters Bethel No. 241 Norwalk

June 11th @ 7PM – Installation June 23-25 Grand Bethel Session Visalia, CA



Buena Park Assembly #231 would like to invite each of you to our Installation of Officers on Monday, June 13th at 7 pm. The Worthy Advisor-Elect, Abbey Anthony, who will be going into office for the third time, has chosen the event's theme to be "I've Got A Dream" from Tangled. We would love to see you there!

Also, as we make our way through June, the assembly will be preparing for our annual fireworks booth. Our fireworks booth at Knott Ave. and Lincoln Ave. in the Northgate Market parking lot will be open from July 1^{st} -4th and is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Thank you for all of your continued support and we hope to see you all soon!

Upcoming events:

June 13th, 7 pm – Installation of Officers June 24th- 26th – Rainbow Camp July 1st-4th – Fireworks Booth

Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7 pm.

Don't forget to keep up with our social media accounts for more updates! <u>facebook.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls</u> <u>instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls</u> <u>twitter.com/bprainbowgirls</u>



DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

Greetings from Excelsior DeMolay! I hope everyone is having a great graduation/Father's Day season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge for their continued support, especially Mr. Winford.

We are currently working on membership with some activities to interest the boys, and we've even participated in the Masonic dinner servings. If you know of a young man who could benefit from our fabulous Order, please contact me and I can take it from there. Looking forward to seeing you at our Chapter meetings. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Fraternally, Alex Farris, Master Counselor.

For more information, contact: Dana Vrsalovich, Chairman Excelsior Chapter, Order of DeMolay 562-715-3676 <u>thegrimrapier@hotmail.com</u>



<u>From the Building</u> <u>Association</u>

We are waiting Grand Lodge approval for our parking lot work, and we are working to fill the big role played by our departed brother Wor. Gil Buck. He served this Lodge in many roles, managing the building, rentals, maintenance and relations with our fraternal family through the scheduling of events. Bro. Mike Wittig is now our agent for rentals and scheduling. Bro. Socrates Patronas will oversee the building maintenance. We look forward to this transition and to the continued health and beauty of our facility.

See you at Lodge!!

Ted Taylor, PM, President



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

Alexander Tuger Entered into Rest April 21, 2016 At the age of 93 years, 1 month and 16 days Golden Veterans Award

Donald R. Edwards Entered into Rest May 01, 2016 At the age of 87 years, 11months and 17 days Golden Veterans Award 10-7-2008

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