

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



July 2016 Trestle Board

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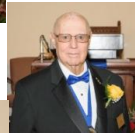
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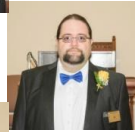
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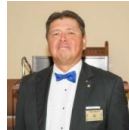
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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



July 2016

- Monday 4th - Independence Day - support our Rainbow and Jobs Daughters at their Fireworks Booths.
- Thursday 7th - Degree or practice as called
- ~~Saturday 9th - Covina Masonic Homes Picnic - cancelled~~
- 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 - Visit to Downey United Lodge 220, at 8244 E. Third St., Downey

August 2016

- Thursday, 4th - dark for summer
- Thursday, 11th - Stated Meeting and Dinner - Pasta Feed hosted by our Buena Park Rainbow Chapter
- Thursday 18th and 25th - dark for summer, return on September 1 for officer's practice

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.



July Stated Meeting

Dan White and Daisy Irene will present an inspiring message on service in the US Military, and the fortitude to do their duty to God and country.

The Lodge will address our resolution to bring the annual dues for 2017 into compliance with Grand Lodge minimum amounts.

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, July 11th, 2016 by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 - and Leave a message to our Secretary.

Menu

Grand Hamburger Bar with all the fixings, catered by our Sisters at Manchester Chapter, Eastern Star

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Wor. Ted Taylor is still pending work on his back surgery, and his spouse, Millie is having vision difficulties.

Lonnie and Marguerite Gilbert continue to struggle with health issues.

Wor. David J Alexander is receiving oxygen treatment.

Suzie Beal, wife of Brother Chuck, is in convalescent care in Nevada

Wor. Gayle Richmond is on oxygen full time.

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 enter the second half of this year, we are seeing the results of a successful 6 months. Our finances are in order, reports are timely, officers are working hard, youth groups are striving to advance their programs, and our meal events have been rewarding.

Thanks to Sr. Warden Joseph for planning a great breakfast, and for conducting our business in June while I was away in Georgia. Thanks also to Wor. Gayle Richmond for helping keep our finances in order.

Thanks to our building association, our officer and candidate coaches, and our members for the many efforts they are making to keep things in order. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the lodge picnic at Covina for July 9th.

It is a pleasure to bring our newest Entered Apprentice Masons more closely into the fraternity, to see their progress in learning our lessons, and to share their enthusiasm. We continue to focus on helping the officers and our candidates learn and grow together.

It is also time to make our plans for events later in this year, with September promising to be very busy. We are restarting the great tradition of our deep pit BBQ, to be held September 17, for the benefit of charity. Larry Orozco will be working on our Dodger Game, September 19, and Wor Frank Gillespie will be planning our annual trip to Laughlin on September 29, to return October 2.

It remains an honor to serve this great lodge.

Bob Mitchell
Worshipful Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

June was a very busy and exciting month. It started with two new candidate's initiation, followed by a couple days later, the Deputy Grand Master John Heisner celebrated with us in our Annual Saint John's day breakfast. Great speech, and good food, while spending time with our Masonic family; it was a great event.

June 9 was our monthly Stated Meeting. I would like to thank Emerald Star Chapter for the delicious meal prepared for us at the June Stated Meeting dinner and the fun didn't stop there!

On June 11th, it was the Job's Daughters installation, and on June 13th, the Rainbow's Installation. Both were very spectacular events. The young women put a lot work and pride into both flawless Installations!

We have had several other great events like the Family Fun Night on June 29th, and the 100th anniversary at the Covina Homes. Many more events are coming up in the following months.

I urge our Brothers and their Masonic families to check out our monthly Trestleboard and Hall Event Calendar at our web site -gtm273.com- for upcoming events, not only because they are missing a chance to spend quality time of friendship and fun, but also to support the hard working officers, and especially our youth Chapters, our children, and our future!

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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

YES Indeed,

Brethren and friends! It's year number two for Masons4Mitts in Los Angeles!

Last year, Southern California Masons raised more than \$40,000 – 2000 mitts – for deserving boys and girls all over this region. Our Grand Lodge Masons Night at Dodger Stadium will be on **Monday, September 19.**

Come support our Grand Master David Perry, as he presents a check at home plate and get your tickets for the event! Check out www.masons4mitts.org/#losangeles, to follow the progress of our Lodge teams. Start Donating as often as you can...

Brethren, **Please check your Dues card.** If it doesn't show the date thru Dec 2016>>, then you are late. Your Dues are what helps to support our many Great Lodge events all year. We do have ways to help you, but we need to know about it.

Our Youth groups **Thank You for your Support and NEED Volunteers** to HELP with their **Fireworks Booths - Open on July 1st - July 4th.**
Hope to see you soon in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Mike Winford, 33°
Secretary

OTHER MASONIC NEWS.

Wor Mike Winford continues to represent our lodge with the Masonic Service Bureau of Los Angeles, and the Midnight Mission we all support.

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.



MASONIC EDUCATION



This month we continue 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.

FORTITUDE

The second principle under consideration is that of Fortitude. It is closely related to Temperance because very often the use of Fortitude is necessary to being temperate in a specific situation.

In Freemasonry Fortitude is defined as that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient. The word is related to the word "fort," which originally denoted a structure built around something for protection. It is a word that comes to us from the Latin and indicated not so much a moral attitude, but rather the true quality of manhood, as is implied that one had strength and courage.

Fortitude, therefore, is that quality of character which gives a person strength to withstand temptation and to bear all suffering in silence. Fortitude is a virtue, for it permits one to do his duty undisturbed by evil distractions. It is in great measure a frame of mind to regulate one's words and deeds with courage and with determination. It is both a positive and a negative quality in that it creates courage to do what is right and also creates strength or character to withstand intemperance. Above all else, it also creates the mental attitude to bear one's burden bravely when all other remedies fail.

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



Emerald Star #143



The chapter calendar for July and August has no scheduled meetings. Please remember our Triple B Burger Bash on August 8. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable summer, and may the weather stay nice. We hope you have enjoyed the Stated Meeting dinners, and we look forward to serving September.

~~We will resume in September. It was a pleasure to help with the Golden Trowel Norwalk dinners these past three months. We look forward to helping in September again.~~

~~Initiation was beautiful, and we look forward to having our new members join in the activities. Meanwhile, July and August are busy on weekends with receptions and revealing. Who will be next year's Associate Patron? We want to know.~~Karan Mann
Worthy Matron of Emerald Star



From the Building **Association**

If you know of any events to be scheduled for our Norwalk Masonic Center, please contact Wor. Ted or myself to check our master calendar and to arrange the details. We require all tenants to provide insurance and cleanup as well as safety and security for the event. See me for details.

See you at Lodge!!

Mike Wittig, Vice President



Job's Daughters - Bethel #241



Congratulations to Savannah Patton who was installed as Honored Queen on June 11th. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our girls. It was a beautiful ceremony. The installing team did an amazing job. Our installing Honored Queen, Alexzandria Bulanek in her final duty as Honored Queen was word perfect with her ritual. Katrina Bulanek filled in as Bethel Guardian, so Alexzandria was with her mother and father in the East. After the Ceremony, everyone joined Savannah in the dining room for fried chicken, cake and dancing.

Please come down to our Fireworks Stand and support our girls.

Calendar Of Events For Job's Daughters

**July 1st - 4th Firework Stand In The KFC Parking Lot At The Corner Of
Rosecrans & Shoemaker**

July 9th @ 9:30AM – School Of Instruction

July 23rd @ 9:30AM – Regalia Meeting



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



Buena Park Assembly would like to thank everyone for their support at our installation; it was absolutely amazing to see so much support from our Masonic family here in Norwalk. As the officers head into July and start another great term, we look forward to supporting each of the orders and getting to know everyone a little better.

Upcoming Events for Rainbow Girls

July 1st-4th: Fireworks booth on Knott Ave. and Lincoln Ave.

July 16th: Southern Instructional at Norwalk Masonic Center

July 20th: Christmas in July at Shriners Hospital

July 23rd: Fun Trip to see Finding Dory

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!

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

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

twitter.com/bprainbowgirls



DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

Hello everyone. June and July are very busy months for Excelsior. On June 20 we held a joint initiation with several chapters providing officers and initiates. Excelsior had one candidate.

We just transitioned to summer dress at our meetings, which means polo shirts and slacks. We invite you to attend any and all meetings at your convenience. On July 1, we are at Dodger Stadium for a game.

Fraternally, Alex Farris, Excelsior Master Councilor

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

A Night at the Ballpark

Join Excelsior Chapter on a beautiful summer night at Dodger Stadium as the Los Angeles Dodgers face the Colorado Rockies.

If 30 go, ticket prices for **EVERYONE** goes down!



Don't miss out on **Friday Night Fireworks**. All fans are able to go **onto the field** to view the fireworks. The theme of the show is "Music of 1961"

For tickets please contact **Alex Farris** at (714) 737-7956, or **Dana Vrsalovich** at (562) 715 3676



Friday July 1st, 2015
Top Deck seating

Tickets are \$22 per person

First Pitch: 7:10

1000 Vin Scully Ave. (nr. Hyland Park Ave),
Los Angeles, CA 90012

WE LOVE
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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

Wor. H. Lon Henry, PM 1965
Golden Veterans 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
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 #
Hofmann, Ivan A.	1966	Richmond, Gayle*	1988 #
Fred Hooper	1975	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Iverson, Gary	2009	Rodriguez, George	1989
Johnston, Harry S.	1977	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Keith, William. R.	1972/78	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80 #
Kidder, David W.	1979	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14#
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Taylor, Ted R.	2004 #
Ladnier, Michael	1984	Thompson, James R.	1984
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Tripler, William *	1984/91 #
MacCallum, M. David	1978	Watson, Carl F.	1971
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97 #	Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
Masson, John P.	1988	Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87 #
		Williams, Larry D.	1997
		Winford Mike T.	1988/2011/12 #

*Affiliated

Hiram Award Recipient