

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273



September 2016 Trestle Board

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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



September 2016

- Thursday, 1st - officer practice for 3rd degree
- Thursday, 8th - Stated Meeting and Dinner - catered by Emerald Star
- Monday, 12th - Building Association 7 PM
- Thursday, 15th - Third Degree, Nathan Aguon
- Saturday, 17th - Deep Pit BBQ 11 AM-3PM to support Angel Tree Charity for Norwalk
- Monday, 19th - Masons For Mitts Dodger Game - Bus to leave Lodge at 5 PM
- Tuesday 20th - Officer School at Greenleaf in La Habra
- Thursday 22nd - Second Degree, Andrew Demofonte
- Thursday 29th - leave for Laughlin at 7 PM to return Sunday, October 2nd

October 2016

- October 6th - Third Degree, Ho-Sam Choi
- October 13th - Stated Meeting
- October 20th - Degree or practice as called
- October 27-30 - Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California



September Stated Meeting

The theme is Constitution Observance on the virtue of JUSTICE.
Come hear an interesting presentation.

Ladies will be enjoying Country Store. (Bring a gift from your "white elephant" collection for prizes.)

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

Menu

Roast, potatoes, carrots/peas and banana pie, hosted by Emerald Star Chapter of Eastern Star

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Dear Brothers,

- 7/25/16 Bro. Ted Taylor continues to work with various medical people regarding the injury and pain in his back. Millie Taylor is on blood thinners for Blood Clots and is being checked for the source of the clots. She is addressing other medical problems.
- 7/28/16 Bro. Gayle Richmond passed away on Thursday, July 28th, 2016. His service was held at the Norwalk Masonic Center, 12345 Rosecrans Ave., Norwalk, CA. Flowers were provided.
- 7/29/16 I visited Bro. Everett Palmer at Los Alamitos Medical Center. I met Bro. Jim Nighswonger there, He was leaving from his visit with Bro. Everett as I was going in to visit with him. He was in Re-hab for a while but is now home. He did take a fall at home, his back is sore, but he is recovering.
- 7/30/16 Bro. Authur F. Gerdes passed away on Monday, July 4th, 2016. His service was held at Mc Aulay & Wallace Chapel in Fullerton on Saturday, July 30th, 2016.
- Bro. Frederick A. Dalby passed away on Saturday. July 23rd. His service was held on August 9th at Miller -Jones Mortuary. His wife, Grace, requested that we continue to send the Trestle Board as they both enjoyed reading it. Bro. Fred was born on April 26th, 1923. He was a U S Army World War II Veteran and served at the Battle of the Bulge. I was honored to attend the service and offered our Brotherly Love and Tribute to Grace and the family.
- 8/9 I received a call from Bro. Bill Powers, He has lost some of the mobility on his left side following his stroke. He has some difficulty with his balance. He does use a walker, and said he generally feels good. His wife Rosemary has Back Problems and limits what she does .
- Don Eschbach is recovering from an ailment at home.

Best Regards,

Brother Jim Reyburn – (562) 943-9342



From the East

Robert Mitchell
Worshipful Master

As we resume our active lodge calendar in September, we have a great deal of meaningful activity for you. Our candidates are advancing well in their knowledge of freemasonry, our social activities are joyful and fulfilling (and filling our stomach too), and we demonstrate our vital service to the community this month.

The brethren and family will all join together for our annual BBQ, with special attention to Angel Tree, Norwalk's favorite charity. See the article enclosed. In addition, we are generous in Masonic Charity with our donation to Masons for Mitts and attending the Dodger Giant game.

Finally, many of the lodge family will travel to Laughlin on our September 29 trip. Frank Gillespie reminds all that In-N-Out will be our stop in Barstow Thursday night, with a \$5 gift card for your meal. Then we see the wild burros at Oatman, Arizona and enjoy our desert tour.

The lodge is better when you participate. Our newest affiliate, Jose Ruiz, has agreed to serve as our Senior Stewart, and we are thankful for his active involvement.

Mike Mulcahy will have GTN 273 hats for the brothers, and we appreciate his efforts. Thanks, Bro. Mike.

Our Lodge needs joyful workers, and we will have big shoes to fill that our Treasurer Gale Richmond has vacated. He served also as a director on the building board and as a trustee of our investments. I hope a brother comes forward to volunteer and help keep the lodge on track.

Bob Mitchell
Worshipful Master



From the West

Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

August traditionally it is a “slow” month when it comes to Masonic activities, to give us a chance for vacation time, other non Masonic activities, or just to stay home and relax.

September is here though, and we are back in full gear... Ahead of us we have a quite busy month, which will continue to keep us busy until the end of the year. Many Masonic or just for fun events are coming on our way. We will try keep you posted. Also you can hear the latest news and at the same time spend a fun and meaningful time by coming to our monthly Stated Meeting and Dinner, every 2nd Thursday of the month.

As you probably already know, we were quite busy obligating our new Brothers. This month we are continue with Brother Nathan Aguon, 3rd Degree on the 15th, Brother Andrew Demofonte, 2nd Degree on the 22nd, and last but not least, Brother Sam Choi, 3rd Degree on October 6th.

We are looking forward, and hoping that many brothers will come to enjoy the Degrees, but also to support our new Candidates.

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Senior Warden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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

YES Indeed,

Congratulations to our Officers and Members that have participated in the Grand Lodge Management Certification

Program - Webinars again this year by registering on the freemason.org web site.

Home for Masons The future is already here! Cutting edge technology is to be added soon to our Masonic Homes to improve senior care. Two model apartments have been developed at our Union City Masonic Homes to demonstrate how "tech tools" may work together to improve safety and quality of life. Sensors will trigger lights when someone gets out of bed at night, also when leaving or returning to the apartment.

Our GTN 273, request to the Grand Lodge of California to Amend the Uniform Code of by-Laws of Lodges was presented and Was approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master David Perry, to increase the dues and fees effective upon the start of the fiscal year of this lodge following the Grand Master's approval.

Have you thought or considered a Life Membership for a Gift to that Special Mason ??

Join Us for **Masons night at Dodger Stadium on September 19th,2016** (**Masons 4 MITTS**) - This is our second season for this outstanding Charity - IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE..

Safe Travels, Fraternally,

Mike Winford, 33°
Secretary



From the Building Association

Hello Brethren, I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to Wor. Gayle Richmond's memorial, it was greatly appreciated by his daughter and family. This last month, we had to have our AC repaired, the one that cools the lodge room. I hope everyone feels cooler now. We also had our main entry door – lock replaced. Brother Mike Wittig and I will be redoing the keys for our lodge groups and renters. Reporting on our parking lot repairs, we ran into a little glitch which we hope to have straightened out soon.

Once again, if you see or feel something needs attention in our Masonic center, please feel free to call me. Thank you!

Ted Taylor president

The board of the Norwalk Masonic Building Association is:

Ted Taylor, PM	President
Mike Wittig	Vice President and Building Rental Agent
Joseph Patronas	Financial Officer
Kevin Bulanek	Secretary

Directors are:

Socrates Patronas	Building Maintenance Manager
James Reyburn	
Larry Orozco	
Bill Tripler	
Bob Mitchell, PM	Worshipful Master (ex-officio)

We lost two directors this year, Gil Buck, PM and Gayle Richmond, PM

BBQ at 12345 Rosecrans Ave, Norwalk



Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge 273, F & A M is continuing the tradition of our September BBQ on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

The net proceeds will benefit Angel Tree Project, a non-profit program providing support to needy families in the Norwalk community at Christmas time, and a program long supported by GTN 273.

Brothers will be needed to man the stations to help with cooking, setup, parking, serving and cleanup. A few will be needed to help tend our deep pit BBQ for the week before the event.

We have a great supply of firewood stored up and ready to go, and will be preparing the site and lodge room with the help of our committee.

While supporting this great public charity, we are encouraged under Masonic guidance to invite the general public to participate, so here is the challenge to our Brethren:

Who can be our best ticket salesman?

In past years, we have had members sell several dozen tickets each to their friends, neighbors and business associates.

The Masons of California are teaming up with the San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers, and the San Diego Padres to bring the fun of baseball to more kids. Each region is facing off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can, through each MLB team's foundation. The team from each region that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts will publicly present their check, along with the grand master, on Masons Night at the ballpark in AT&T Park in San Francisco, Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, and Petco Park in San Diego.

Join us for Masons Night

San Francisco: at AT&T Park on Wednesday, September 28

Los Angeles: at Dodger Stadium on Monday, September 19

San Diego: at Petco Park on Thursday, September 22

For more information on purchasing tickets, contact your lodge secretary, or email Joshua Castro at jcastro@freemason.org.





MASONIC EDUCATION



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

Justice is the ability to act with fairness and without bias toward others. The idea was published in the works of Plato, the Greek philosopher, adopted by Christianity, and embraced by Freemasonry. It is often represented by the balancing scale.

Larry Roberts 32° KCCH, Portland Valley Scottish Rite wrote:

The laws of a moral society are there to protect man's inalienable, God-given rights. If we are going to live in such a society and partake in all the qualities that it has to offer us then we too must also live within the laws governing such a society.

The administration of such laws is a very sacred duty and the commitment to justice by its administration is the very foundation for a government of free people. Furthermore, those given the job of determining whether a just society's laws have been broken must act impartially, without prejudice, uprightly, with patients and charity.

I fully believe in the adage by Hermes from the Emerald Tablet, *“What is above is like what is below, and what is below is like that which is above. To make the miracle of the one thing.”* We are a reflection of God and the wrong done to another is a wrong done to us all and an affront to the nature of God. The laws and justice against such a wrongdoing are given to us by God in order to better live within the laws enacted by Him as the creator and legislator of the universe.

“Whoever sheds the blood of man by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.” (Genesis 9:6)

The most obvious and grave injustice is the taking of the life of another human being. Given that we are a reflection of God when the unjust murders another human being it is a murder of a creation that is most like God—and the most loved by God, and is therefore an attack upon God Himself.

In masonry we seek the most effective method of enforcing just laws and the prevention of wrong and or injustice. I believe that we find this justice in temperance between the egocentric and the altruistic. Just as an unjust man will find his ruin in a just society so to will a just government find itself when a corrupt hierarchy overseeing its administration.

Socrates contends, and I agree, that justice is the principal virtue of the human soul. Justice serves as one of the four columns of the cardinal virtues of mankind, (justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude) and is very closely linked to the practice of charity. Justice then connects the human experience with others regardless of status, color, creed, wealth or standing. Therefore, Justice is fundamental to virtue because it regulates our understanding of man and his reflection of the divine spirit of God.

I find that there is no better curriculum with regard to the importance of Justice and its influence upon our country, city and neighborhood than Freemasonry. We as masons must seek daily a way to hold these lessons dear and articulate them well within the lodge so that we may carry these sacred lessons home to bear fruit within our own communities.



Emerald Star #143



Hi!

I've seen some of you around at some of our Masonic events, and you think that I am that Eastern Star person (right)? Yes I am. Would you like to know a little something about Eastern Star? Yes, you would.

Are you looking for a Masonic group for your wife and yourself to join? So you would have something to do together? Can I tell you a little about Eastern Star and do we have fun? Yes I can Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization for men and women. Ok that's good but do we have fun? Our fundamental landmarks include; believing in a supreme being, lessons that are scriptural, teachings that are moral, and purposes that are beneficent. Ok that all well and good, but do we have fun? We are guided by the tenets of free mason, which are brotherly love, relief and truth. Our teachings are based on the lesson of the heroines of our order which include fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. The picture below is from Emerald Star party night in June and yes, we have fun!!!

We are looking forward to see all of you at the family fun night August 31 Wednesday

Star love

Karan Mann

Worthy Matron



Job's Daughters - Bethel #241



Being dark in August, we had plenty of time for some special events. The first weekend of August, we went to Soak City. The second weekend of August, we had our Mystery Trip to San Francisco and Google. And the last weekend of August, we went to Disneyland.

Please feel free to ask the girls about all of these adventures. It was an amazing month full of fun, friendship and learning.

A special thank you to the San Jose Masonic Center, Janet Mills Guardian Secretary and Brother Kirk Wells Associate Bethel Guardian for their hospitality.

Also, special thanks to Brooke Basinger of Google who gave us an amazing tour of the Google Campus and inspired our girls to reach for their dreams.

Calendar Of Events For Job's Daughters

Saturday, Sept 10th @ 9:30am – DGOV

Saturday, Sept 24th @ 9:30 am – Regalia Meeting

Sunday, Sept 25th @ 10am – South Coast Picnic



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



Buena Park Assembly is having a fundraiser to support the Grand Service Project which is A Place Called Home. This organization does so much for kids and teens in the South Central Los Angeles community. If you would like more information on this wonderful organization, check them out at www.apch.org/about/. The fundraiser is called Mixed Bag Designs and they have a great assortment of tote bags, purses, lunch bags, shopping bags, and much more. There is also an assortment of cool kitchen gadgets. You can shop for items at www.mixedbagdesigns.com and input the number 292264 as the fundraiser ID at checkout or contact any member of our assembly for a catalog. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who supported our spaghetti dinner.

Upcoming events

The assembly will be playing miniature golf on September 17th at Boomers in Fountain Valley. Everyone is welcome to join us and this is a good event for new prospects. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month.

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



DeMolay-Excelsior Chapter

Hello Norwalk Masonic Family,

As most of you know, one of our brothers has passed away recently and Excelsior Chapter cannot thank you enough for your support. We are currently planning a fundraiser to start a scholarship program in our brother's memory. The next few events for Excelsior are the Paradise League Conclave Kick-Off Dance at the Bellflower Masonic Lodge on Friday August 26 at 7:30p.m., the Paradise League Honors Night on Saturday August 27, at the Long Beach Masonic Lodge at 7:00p.m., and SCJ's Conclave, DeMolays version of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter. Thank you again for your continuous support.

Fraternally,

Alex Farris, Excelsior Chapter Master Councilor

Dana Vrsalovich, Chairman Excelsior Chapter, Order of DeMolay
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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

Edgar E. Moore entered into rest on June 9th, 2016
Golden Veterans Award

Gayle D. Richmond, PM entered into rest on July 28th, 2016
Hiram Award 2014

Fredrick A. Dalby entered into rest on July 23rd, 2016.

Richard J. Sammartano entered into rest on August 4th, 2016.

**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, 2005	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	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Fred Hooper	1975	Rodriguez, George	1989
Iverson, Gary	2009	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 #
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Thompson, James R.	1984
MacCallum,M. David	1978	Tripler, William *	1984/91 #
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97 #	Watson, Carl F.	1971
Masson, John P.	1988	Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
		Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87 #
		Williams, Larry D.	1997
		Winford Mike T.	1988/2011/12 #

*Affiliated

Hiram Award Recipient