

GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE NO. 273



Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No.273
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Stated Meeting: 2nd Thursday of Each Month
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. – Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 2017 TRESTLE-BOARD

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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2017

- Saturday 2nd, 7:00 PM - **Reception for Karly Kimes**
- Monday 4th, 7:00 PM - Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 7th, 7:00 PM - Officer's Practice
- Friday 8th, 6:00 PM - Dinner at Sizzler's and Theater
- Saturday 9th, 7:00 PM - **Job's Daughters Installation**
- Thursday 14th, 6:30 PM - Dinner, 7:30 **Stated Meeting**
- Thursday 16th, 2:00 PM - **Officer's Installation**
- Thursday 21st, - "Dark"
- Thursday 28th, - "Dark"

JANUARY 2018

- Thursday 4th, 7:00 PM - Officer's Practice
- Monday 8st, 7:00 - PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Wednesday 10th - 6:30 PM/Social, 7:00 PM/O.S.I. All Officers
at Downey Lodge
- Thursday 11th, 6:30 PM - Dinner, 7:30 **Stated Meeting**
- Thursday 18th, 7:00 PM - Officer's Practice or Degree
- Thursday 25th, 7:00 PM - Officer's Practice or Degree



December Stated Meeting

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

MENU (Dinner at 6:30 pm)

Salad. Main course will be Ham w/potatoes casserole, green bean Casserole & rolls. Apple pie w/ice cream for dessert.

After dinner (while the men will be at the Lodge room) the Ladies will enjoy playing Bingo

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From the East

Joseph Patronas
Worshipful Master

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

As we come together in the conclusion of another great year, I'd like to reflect on all the wonderful events and memories we've shared. I also gladly thank all of you for having me as Master of this bountiful lodge; I say bountiful because all the people here now and in the past have made this place beautiful and prosperous.

To start off these thanks I bring up our Officers and Past Masters for their perseverance, leadership, and overall helping hand in the degrees we've taken this year. To our sideliners for their attendance to our stated Meetings and Degrees. To our officer's coach, Wor. James Hannum, for teaching our Officers. Then a special thanks to Worshipful Don Muller, inspector of 646 Masonic District, for his kindness, openness, and guidance over our school of instruction and especially our lodge.

I would also like to extend my thanks for all the help in creating the fantastic events, dinners, and trips that were possible thanks to the hard teamwork of many honorable folks.

Along with this I'd like to honor our youth groups and their leaders. Your bright and cheerful helpfulness and readiness in serving, whether for the dinners or bringing programs to our events, has always been a delight.

And last but not least to all of you I'd like to wish a warm happy holidays and a healthy and harmonious new year!

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Worshipful Master



From the West

Mark Patton
Senior Warden

Happy Holidays!

It's that time of season of giving, hot chocolate, and visiting with family and friends. It's also installation season but before we get to dates and times I want to first Thank the Brethren for electing to serve as master. It is an honor to serve and will do my best to make the Lodge proud.

For me family is very important and I hope to bring that feeling into Lodge, this is not my year but our year, we will sink or swim as a group and it is my goal to make us shine. If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile remember you are an important part of our family and start with coming to Installation. Our youth is an important part of our family and I look forward to more interactions between all our groups.

Dec 2 Rainbow has a reception for Karly Kimes at 7pm

Dec 9 is Job's Daughters installation at 1pm

Dec 16 is our Lodge installation at 2pm

Dec 8 La Mirada Theater

Dec 13 the first day of Chanukah

Dec 21 first day of winter

Dec 25 Christmas

Dec 26 first day of Kwanzaa as well as Boxing Day (Canada)

May your Holidays be bright!

Fraternally Yours,
Mark Patton PM
Senior Warden



From the South

Robert Mitchell

Junior Warden

Brethren,

As we conclude the 2017 year for Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge, it is appropriate to consider those who work so diligently on our behalf.

Joseph Patronas has put many hours of work into serving on our Norwalk Masonic Building Association, learning the ritual to advance in his degrees, and caring for the interests of the lodge. Mark F Patton has served the Lodge for years with our youth groups, advanced through the line at Cornerstone Lodge, and came back to his hometown lodge to serve us.

Mike Winford does the many countless duties of the Lodge Secretary, putting in more hours than many of us could imagine, helping with the member records, minutes, correspondence, and assisting members with questions.

Mike Wittig, quietly serving as Tiler, has worked faithfully on our NMBA board for the past six years and as our rental manager for the past two years. His wife Pat has decorated many of our Stated Meeting dinner tables.

Dave Swanston agreed to come back and serve as our Treasurer even as it has been a health challenge for him.

Socrates Patronas has served the NMBA in countless ways and knows more about our building than many could possibly imagine.

Kevin Bulanek serves our NMBA board, but more importantly he provides the positive role model to our youth as Associate Bethel Guardian for Jobs Daughters, representing Masonry to a new generation. He will also serve as a Trustee on our Investment Board. Jim Reyburn has faithfully ministered to our sick and distressed, while also serving on NMBA board.

Bill Trippler has spent the past three years serving our affiliated body Order of the Eastern Star as a state officer and traveler promoting and helping our wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and widows, and now steps into the role of Chapter Dad for our DeMolay Chapter. Similarly Larry Orozco serves our Eastern Star and has spent years assisting our Masonic Youth Groups, along with our NMBA.

Doug Eichen and Roy Pool have served Grand Lodge well, and still carry important duties. Roy is the Assistant Grand Tiler, while Doug is an Inspector-at-large and Masonic Youth advisor.

Gary Iverson continues to serve the York Rite bodies of Masonry, and serves our NMBA board, as well as overseeing our relations with our investment advisors as a Trustee.

Bill Booth just completed his term as Trustee as well, and helps with our ritual when asked. Eric Taylor works to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our building.

Ben Carr is back helping as Trustee and has guided us to stay in compliance with all the accounting and reporting duties of the Lodge.

Mike Mulcahy has helped build the spirit of the Lodge by coordinating our members GTN Shirts, and will now join the NMBA board.

Frank Gillespie has been everywhere for the Lodge, leading our entertainment and event activities, helping with ritual, encouraging and coaching officers and candidates.

Ho Sam Choi has been a willing worker as an officer and member of the NMBA board, lending his expertise on safety and building code as well. Jose Briceno is a faithful steward and officer.

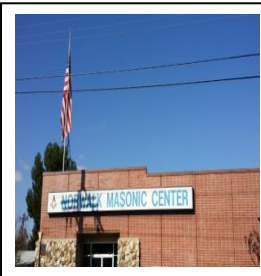
I want to thank Michael Heist for helping with our Trestleboard each month under the Master's supervision, while also serving as an officer in the Lodge. Every month, he has to coordinate the efforts of several organizations to get their messages in, and to see that our deadlines are met.

Finally, I offer a tribute to Ted Taylor who served this Lodge faithfully as an officer, an NMBA board member and president for the past two years. He was a loyal supporter for me personally, and looked out for the interest of the brothers, our tenants, our affiliated

bodies, and his family. His final honor was receiving his red hat as a KCCH in Long Beach Scottish Rite. His memory inspires me.

It has been a pleasure working with each of these willing volunteers over the past six years as an officer. My other duties will require flexibility of schedule, so I look forward to 2018 Stated Meetings and Degree activities, but not as an officer. Thanks to each of you for lifting GTN up.

Bob Mitchell, PM
Junior Worden



From the Building Association

Greetings Brethren,

Here is what the Hall Association has been working on since November:

- The BBQ pit is slowly being cleaned of dirt, gravel, and vegetation that has been growing in there for a few years.
- The broken mirror in the dressing/preparation room has been replaced.
- The leaking sprinkler head in front of the Lodge has been fixed as well as the leak in the flower bed.
- We will be installing a light above the Senior Warden's desk in the west.
- The broken sign for Reserved Parking has been repaired
- And last but not least, salt added to the water softener!

If there is anything that needs fixed, improved, or repaired, please let us know. Our meetings are held every first Monday of the month



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

Is there anything on your table Brother Secretary? YES indeed, **The 168th Annual Communications of the California Grand Lodge** ceremonies came to an exciting close on Sunday, October 15th, 2017 in San Francisco.

Congratulations to The Most Worshipful Bruce R. Galloway and his 2018 Grand Officers.

The total registration for this Grand Lodge Session was reported at 1,134 with 264 of 312 Chartered Lodges represented. [The total of Chartered Lodges did NOT include five Research Lodges, one Historic Lodge, and thirteen Lodges Under Dispensation].

In accordance with the California Masonic Code 407.050, The Grand Lodge adopted the budget for 2017-2018 as proposed by the Deputy Grand Master. **The background check** fee was set at **\$25.00** The **per capita assessment** for the fiscal year November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 was adopted and fixed at **\$48.75**

The 300th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the California Freemason magazine, still have a limited number of copies available for those Masonic scholars and all who appreciate the enduring heritage of our Fraternity. **Contact information at www.freemason.org.**

REMINDER NOTE: If you are a **CALIFORNIA MASON**, or his spouse / widow, You are entitled to the following support services, **even if you live out-of-state!** **Masonic Senior Outreach** - for Masons age 60 or over. **Masonic Family Outreach**- for Masons any age and their Families. **Masonic Homes** - if a 5year Mason Call 888-466-3642
GTN #273, Annual Lodge Officer Installation - Saturday, December 16th, 2017, at 2 P M.

Fraternally, Mike Winford, PM, Secretary



Job's Daughters Bethel #241



Happy Holidays to everyone. Another year in the books. The majority of our girls will be graduating this June. I am so proud of who these girls have become.

I want to thank our outgoing Bethel Guardian Katrina Bulanek for all of her hard work and dedication to our girls over the years. Katrina has done so much for our Bethel, she will be greatly missed.

I want to invite everyone to our installation on Saturday, December 9th at 1PM. Alexzandria Bulanek will be going in as Honored Queen. Please come out and join us.

Job's Daughters Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 2nd – Sage Davis's Farewell Meeting at
Disneyland

Saturday, December 9th @ 1PM – Installation



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



Hello from everyone at Buena Park Assembly #231! we had lots of fun in October at our activities. On Friday, October 20th, we went to the Shriner's Halloween Dance. We had lots of fun with each other and with those from other youth orders in our area. We also had fun picking apples and making apple cider at Oak Glen Apple Farm on October 22nd.

Additionally, December 2nd is Karly Kimes', Grand Charity and representative to Washington/Idaho, reception starting at 7pm. We will also be Rose Parade decorating on December 28th from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

As always, thank you so much for supporting us and everything we do! Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7pm. Don't forget to keep up with our social media accounts for more updates!



facebook.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls
instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls
twitter.com/bprainbowgirls

Dear Brethren,

Old West DeMolay cordially invites you and your lodge brothers to see the 2018 Rose Parade LIVE while helping support our Masonic youth groups. Our annual Rose Parade Parking Drive is underway.

<http://OldWestDeMolay2017.BrownPaperTickets.com>

Your help in keeping our youth groups strong and vibrant is greatly appreciated.

SEE YOU AT THE PARADE!

Fraternally,
Dad Scott Shepard
818-554-7182

Come See the 2018 Rose Parade Live
& help support Old West DeMolay Youth Group at the same time.



Old West DeMolay



Old West DeMolay cordially invites you to join them at this year's Rose Parade on January 1, 2017.

Park your car at the Pasadena Scottish Rite located at 150 N. Madison Ave in Pasadena and walk two short blocks to the parade route.

Advanced tickets HIGHLY Recommended.

Spots are LIMITED.

Get a coffee / hot chocolate along with a snack as our way of saying Thanks when you advance purchase.



Old West DeMolay's Annual Rose Parade Parking Fundraiser

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

<http://OldWestDeMolay2017.BrownPaperTickets.com>

Contact Dad Scott Shepard at [818-554-7182](tel:818-554-7182) if any questions.



Dear Nobles,

We are proud to announce that nine players, from seven NFL teams, will support Shriners Hospitals for Children through My Cause My Cleats.

My Cause My Cleats is an awareness initiative that allows NFL players to wear custom-designed cleats that reflect their commitment to charitable causes during Week 13 (11/30 – 12/4) games.

On Tuesday, November 28, the NFL league-wide “Unboxing Day” will showcase the customized cleats just days before the players take the field. Keep an eye out for #MyCauseMyCleats on social media to get a first look!

Tune-in* to watch the following players support Shriners Hospitals for Children. Click the links below to read about why each of these players chose to support Shriners Hospitals for Children.

*Check local listings for broadcast times in your area.

Participating players also have the opportunity to raise funds for their causes by autographing and auctioning the custom cleats worn during Week 13. Proceeds from cleats worn by the players listed above will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. Visit nflauction.nfl.com to learn more.

Be sure to watch the games and share posts and images featuring the cleats on social media to support this terrific cause!

Yours in the faith,
Gary J. Bergenske
Imperial Potentate

*** IN LOVING MEMORY ***

DONALD G. WALTERS,

Entered into Rest on October 1, 2017

at the age of 81 Years, 2 Months and 1 Day

Initiated on May 10, 1971

Passed on June 18, 1971

Raised on July 31, 1971

All his degrees taken in San Antonio Lodge No 694

Was a member of the craft for 46 years.

NOBLE JOHN DILDAY Jr.,

Entered into Rest on October 23, 2017

at the age of 75 Years, 1 Month, and 26 Days

Initiated on October 9, 1963

Passed on January 22, 1964

Raised on March 25, 1964

All his degrees taken in Bixby Knolls Lodge No. 699

A Duel Member of Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No. 273

and Long Beach Lodge No. 327

Served Grand Lodge on the Investments Committee

Almighty Father, into Thy Hands we commend the souls of our
Beloved Brothers and Sisters.

Living Past Masters of Golden Trowel Norwalk

Alexander, David J. *	1986	McAdams, Richard	1986/87
Alexander, David R*	1998	McWilliams, Ivan S.	1976
Ankenbauer, William.	1994	Miller, Everett E.	91/93/94/99/03/06
Arend, James	2015	Miller, George C.	1982
Berg, Charles M.	1972	Mitchell, Robert R.	1983/2016
Bohn, Hans F.	1974	Moss, Clive W. *	2001/02/03/04/09
Booth, William M.	2010	Nighswonger, James	1994/05
Colon, Felix *	1972	Noble, Douglas A.	1983
Cowart Jr., Joseph W.	1974	Ogden, Charles J.*	2001/2002
Eade,Jack W.*	1978	Palmer, John M. *	1974
Earl, Richard G.	75/80/81/82	Patronas, John E.*	2013
Easley, Ronald T.	1975	Patton, Mark F. *	2016
Eichen, Doug	1987/93	Perry, James	2000
Evans, Rick A.*	1991	Pool, Roy *	1973/1999
Gerken, Gary D.	1995	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Gillespie, Frank	86/87/2000	Rodriguez, George	1989
Grubb, Joseph Jr. *	2016	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Gustafson, Warren *	1969	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80
Iverson, Gary	2009	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14
Kidder, David W.	1979	Thompson, James R.	1984
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	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	Winford Mike T.	1988/2011/12
McAdam, Theodore	2002/03		

*Affiliated Recipient