

GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE



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.

FEBRUARY 2017 TRESTLEBOARD

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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR

February 2017

- Thursday 2nd - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Sunday, 5th - 2:30 PM Super Bowl Party @ Frantone's in Norwalk - Contact Bro. Garry Iverson info: last page
- Monday 6th - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Wednesday 8th - 6 PM/Food, 7 PM/O.S.I. All Officers at Downey Lodge - 2nd Degree Complete / Proficiency
- Thursday 9th - 6:30 Stated Meeting and Dinner - *Reception of Inspector Don Muller*
- Monday 13th - 7 PM Rainbow Office's Installation
- Thursday, 16th - Officer's Practice
- Thursday 23rd - Officer's Practice

March 2017

- Thursday 2nd - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Monday 6th - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 9th - 6:30 Stated Meeting and Dinner
- Thursday, 16th - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Thursday 21st - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Wednesday 22nd - 6 PM/Food, 7 PM/O.S.I. All Officers at Downey Lodge
- Thursday 23rd - 7PM Officer's Practice
- Thursday 30th - 7PM Officer's Practice
- Friday 31st - Family Fun Night



February Stated Meeting

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, January 6th, 2017 by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 - and Leave a message to our Secretary.

Menu

Emerald Star 143, Order of the Eastern Star, will provide our Stated Meeting meal.

We will have salad, Roast Beef with mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert, with special meals if requested. Please contact Lodge office if needed.

In honor of our Ladies, their dinner will be free of charge plus they will receive a special treat.

The Ladies will be doing a Valentine's craft. Bring your reading glasses and scissors. All supplies will be furnished.

*** SICKNESS AND DISTRESS ***

Sister Laura Orozco will be having her eye removed and replaced with a prosthetic eye. Hopefully this will be in the next 30 days. After a week or so she should be back to her normal schedule.

Bro. “ Nick” Photakis is at home, he is continuing with blood tests . No decision on heart surgery has been made at this time.

Sister Lorraine continues to deal with various health issues.

Bro. Jim Haining had knee surgery, he is home recovering. A Plant Garden was ordered.

Bro, Lonnie Gilbert was taken to the hospital in Hemet where he now lives. He has heart problems.

Sister Marguerite will be receiving a series of shots for leg pain.

Bro. “ Andy “ Andrews is going to the VA for PTSD, and it is helping him , he also is dealing Anxiety.

I am awaiting an approval for a consultation with doctors at Cedars of Saini Hospital to see if the cancer can be removed and I can still keep my voice.

Best Regards,

Bro. Jim Reyburn

Please contact Brother Jim Reyburn – (562) 943-9342

*** In Loving Memory ***

DIANNA F. EICHEN

Wife of Former Assistant Grand Lecture
Douglas B. Eichen

A memorial celebration will be held at a time and date to be determined.

Cards of Condolence may be sent to:
Douglas B. Eichen
16691 Simonne Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92647-4368

"Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments of lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends" - Richard Bach

BRO. WILLIAM A. MYERS

Initiated Entered Apprentice: June 13, 1949
Passed Fellowcraft: Nov 21, 1949
Raised Master Mason: April 10, 1950
In Anchor Lodge #273
Anniversary Award - 50 year - 5/11/2000
Entered into Rest: April 01, 2014
AGE 89 Years / 8 Months / 5 Days

Almighty Father, into thy hands we commend the souls of our departed Brothers. Amen.



From the East

Joseph Patronas
Worshipful Master

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

Slowly but surely, we have left behind the Christmas and New Year's festivities and we're gearing up in full speed. It's already February, and the Officers with our Brethren in the various committees are working very hard together for the good of the Lodge.

To support our Youth and the other Masonic groups, I've also opted to have them cook our Stated Meeting meals instead of using catering services. Together with our Youths, whom I believe are doing an excellent job; I am trying as much as possible during our Stated Meetings to reflect the month we are in. So, come this Stated Meeting – February 9, - and enjoy with us this month in celebration of Valentine's day, - Free of charge plus, special treat for our ladies. This will also be our Inspector's Worshipful Don Muller, Official Visit.

Brother Nathan Aguon has just launched the “**Golden Trowel Norwalk**” Instagram account. As our Brother Bob Mitchell, has mentioned in his report about the Lodge smart-phone App. and Facebook, we can use these utilities to communicate with each other efficiently.

Please check our calendar; Monday 13, 7:00 pm, Rainbow Officer's Installation, and Thursday 9, 6:30 pm our Stated Meeting and Dinner. Let's support our Youth and our Lodge. Looking forward to see you all there...!

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Worshipful Master



From the West

Mark Patton
Senior Warden

Brethren,

It seems like yesterday we were getting Installed and just like that we're into February. This month is packed with lots of stuff, starting with the super bowl on Feb 5. Join us at Frantone's pizza at 10808 Alondra Blvd near home depot by the 605fwy. It's \$15 a person for all you can eat endless buffet and free non-alcohol drinks. If you've been there before you know its lots of fun, if you haven't been come out bring the family and friends, RSVP with Worshipful Gary Iverson.

The lodge has OSI at Downey on Feb 8 and stated on Feb 9. Feb 13 is our Rainbow girls installation at 7pm, please come out and support the girls who have been serving our dinners and supporting our events. They are a happy friendly bunch and would love to see us support and get to know them. Feb 18 La Habra Job's is having a reception for Jocelyn Martinez their member who is this years Grand Bethel Librarian, reception is at 2pm at 1701 w. La Habra Blvd, La Habra.

Feb 20 is President's day and late but most importantly Feb 14 is Valentine's day, don't forget to spoil your lady and if possible reach out to our lodge sweethearts and let them know we are thinking about them.

Fraternally,

Mark Patton, PM
Senior Warden



From the South

Robert Mitchell
Junior Warden

Brethren,

Greetings to you in the new year. Your lodge is working to make the experience of membership in your Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge meaningful and pleasant. Our meal at the February Stated Meeting will be a celebration of the ladies who are a part of our life, as we give a special Valentine's Day dinner. Emerald Star 143, Order of the Eastern Star, will have a tasty dinner for all our wives, daughters, mothers, sisters and widows, collectively our Sweethearts.

You already see our monthly newsletter, the Trestle Board. If you use Facebook, you can reach us there as **Golden Trowel Norwalk #273**. Members who use smart-phones, can connect to us on our lodge application (for more information, contact Wor. Joseph Patronas to get registered.) Our website **gtn273.com** has copies of past Trestle Boards and our lodge calendar, along with current information on our officers, directors and trustees.

We plan to add another way to keep in touch with our members and friends. We also have Phone Tree, a method of sending email messages to our mailing list. If we can work out the technical issues, we will add the ability to send phone messages to your preferred phone number. Naturally, we respect your privacy and will only send messages to those who do not object, so you can opt out at your own option.

Meanwhile, our officers are facing their new roles and duties, along with brushing up their ritual work, to serve the lodge and our candidates in the manner they deserve. Come and share in our work.

Bob Mitchell, PM Junior Worden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

Is There anything on your table Brother Secretary?

YES indeed,

The Treasure and myself have just wrapped up an intensive Boot Camp Weekend with our Grand Lodge Secretary and Treasure's work shop weekend. With many new presentations and programs enhancing some of our duties with our members and lodge operations.

Yes indeed, we talked about those Dues and those Member's in Good Standing, that paid their dues before January 1st, 2017.

Ritual excellence is extremely important in our fraternity, to instill a clear and meaningful way those important Masonic lessons in the minds of our new candidates, as well as reinforcing them in ourselves. Toward that end, our fraternity yearly encourages this goal by holding a competition for "**Best Ritualist**", to promote the best execution possible of the Masonic Degrees. Interested competitors, must submit a Registration form to their Inspector by March 1st, 2017.

A reminder of the L. A. Service Bureau's Annual Men's Breakfast honoring our Grand Master on Sunday, March 5th, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel at LAX - Los Angeles. Advance reservations are required.

Masonic Lodge Outreach, is a partnership between local lodges and Masonic Outreach Services that help families connect to health and community resources near their homes. To access all Masonic outreach Services, Information and Referral Services connecting fraternal family members with local services - from veterans' benefits to home care and transportation agencies, call (888) 466-3642.

See you in Lodge,

Fraternally, Mike Winford, PM Secretary



From the Building Association

Hello Brethren, the board would like to introduce our new officers for this year. President, Ted Taylor P.M. vice president, Mike Wittig, treasurer, Gary Iverson P.M. and secretary Kevin Bulanek. Along with the officers and fellow board members we are looking forward to a great year. We had our new carpet installed in the lobby and hallway, it makes quite a difference. Big thanks to Brothers Socrates Patronas and Larry Orozco for moving cabinets and furniture for the installation, also Brother Eric Taylor for his help returning furniture to the lobby. You all, are appreciated!! If the weather clears up we will have our parking lot done on January 30th and 31st. The lodge will be closed for all activities during this work. Any questions regarding this please call me at (714) 801-0802 or Worshipful Master, Joseph Patronas (562) 964-8999.

Ted Taylor, president



Emerald Star #143



Hi everyone, How was your Holidays? I hope great and yes I am back.....

well let me tell you about what is going on with Eastern Star this year, Lynn Tripler is now Worthy Matron of Emerald Star and Grand Martha of California order of Eastern Star and Bill Tripler your Brother is now Worthy Patron of Emerald Star.

February we will be doing the stated dinner for you and we would like to say thank you for letting us do the stated dinners. We have a lot of meeting with other Chapters coming up and they are call our party night, we dress up in the themes of the meeting and get together to enjoy visits with each other. Not only is our meeting enjoyably but very much beautifully with our ritual work. Being part of Eastern Star is being part of a much bigger family. So please ask about what You can do for Eastern Star and What Eastern Star can do for you, because it works both way and is one of the best group to be part of and a great family to love.

this year one of our service project will be the food banks and to work with our community, We will be working with our Eastern Star home. these are just some of the service projects going on this year.

March 3dr, 4th and 5th is our hands across the border with Nevada State, we work together to make a better family and support each other.

In April is our spring tea, with is a lot of fun that will be on April 15th from 1-3pm please come and support us , I know you will have fun. Now let me leave you with a thought before I go, Do I love being a Mason and would my family love being apart of my Masonic group? well we have it all from youth to adult, just ask and we will help.

Emerald Star Love
Karan Mann



Job's Daughters Bethel #241



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Thank you to everyone who came to our installation in January. The girls loved seeing everyone there. Congratulations to Jasmine Baker who was installed as Honored Queen. She has a fun and educational calendar planned for her term.

We would like to invite everyone to our Valentine's Day Sock Hop on February 11th at 7pm. Admission is \$7.00 or a new, unopened package of socks. We look forward to seeing everyone.

If anyone is interested in getting to know the girls better or helping with our organization, you are always welcome to come join us at our meetings. Our girls always love to see you and they appreciate the support.

Job's Daughter's Calendar Of Events

Saturday, February 11th @ 9:30 AM - Meeting

Saturday, February 11th @ 7 PM - Valentine's Day Sock Hop

Saturday, February 25th @ 9:30 AM - Meeting



**Buena Park
Rainbow Girls
#231**



Buena Park Assembly #231 would like to invite each of you to our Installation of Officers on Monday, February 13th at 7 pm. The Worthy Advisor-Elect, Karly Kimes, will be going into office for the second time, and she has chosen the theme “Darling, don’t forget to love yourself first.” We would love to see you all there!

Also, the Last Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor was on January 15th and we were thrilled to have all of our girls in attendance. It was exciting to see many of the girls from all over the state attend and special appointments were made for our upcoming convention, Grand Assembly in April. Our own Kaitlyn Doktorczyk was appointed a Grand Marshal for Grand Assembly 2017 and our assembly is also overjoyed that we have selected two of our girls, Sabrina and Ally, to participate in the Grand Choir at Grand Assembly.

We have an ongoing fundraiser, Mixed Bags, that we are using to fundraise for the state service project, A Place Called Home. This is our last push to fundraise before the grand total for money fundraised by the whole state is announced at Grand Assembly in April. Any support you can give is much appreciated and we just want to thank you all for continuously supporting us. You can come up to any Rainbow girl who will have a catalog or you can visit the website mixedbagdesigns.com and enter our ID #292264 when you checkout. Thank you for always supporting us and we hope to see you all soon! 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



DeMolay Excelsior Chapter



Hello Norwalk Masonic Family,

The coming months will be very fun for Excelsior. In December, Paradise League had their annual Spark of Love Dance on Friday the 16th, where the admission was a new toy to donate to children in need during the holiday season. On Wednesday the 28th, we will had a prospect event instead of a meeting to boost our membership. Coming up in January is Paradise League's Ritual Competition where all our boys will compete! That night is also the SCJ All Night Bowling at the Norfolk Brunswick Lanes.

Thank you all again for your continuous support!

Happy Holidays from Excelsior Chapter!

Daniel Faris.

Dana Vrsalovich is Chairman of the Excelsior Chapter, Order of DeMolay

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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
Beckman Jr., Frank H	1980/99	Mitchell, Robert R.	1983/2016
Berg, Charles M.	1972	Moss, Clive W. *	2001/02/03/04/09
Bohn, Hans F.	1974	Nighswonger, James	1994/05
Booth, William M.	2010	Noble, Douglas A.	1983
Colon, Felix *	1972	Ogden, Charles J.*	2001/2002
Cowart Jr., Joseph W.	1974	Palmer, John M. *	1974
Eade,Jack W.*	1978	Patronas, John E.*	2013
Earl, Richard G.	75/80/81/82	Patton, Mark F. *	2016
Easley, Ronald T.	1975	Perry, James	2000
Eichen, Doug	1987/93	Pool, Roy *	1973/1999
Evans, Rick A.*	1991	Powers, William. B.*	1981
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	Taylor, Ted R.	2004
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	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
McAdam, Theodore	2002/03	Winford Mike T.	1988/2011/12

*Affiliated Recipient