

**GOLDEN TROWEL  
NORWALK LODGE  
NO. 273**



Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No.273

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Stated Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. – Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

**MARCH 2017  
TRESTLE-BOARD**

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## **GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR**

### **March 2017**

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

### **April 2017**

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 Stated Meeting and Dinner
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - 6 PM/Food, 7 PM/O.S.I. All Officers at Downey Lodge
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM Officer's Practice



## **February Stated Meeting**

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

### **Menu**

We will have vegetable soup, Corned Beef with loaded Baked Potato, and variety of choice for dessert.

Special guest, Masonic Homes spokeswoman, all you need to know! Also for the Ladies, Alex Fransisco will talk about “Backyard Agriculture” and then BINGO Time!

### **\* 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



# From the East

Joseph Patronas  
Worshipful Master

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

February, it was a good Masonic month. Our Valentine's Stated Meeting dinner was very successful. Many Brothers and Sisters enjoyed our special food, especially the "Flower Talk" presentation from the DeMolay Youth group. Roses and See's Candies gift certification was given to the ladies.

This Stated Meeting dinner – Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - will be also very interesting but especially very important for all Brothers and Sisters to attend, because besides the delicious food that will be served, a very special guest speaker will be attending with information no one wants to miss.

Camille Salinas, MSW, Lodge & Outreach Educator from the Masonic Outreach Services of the Covina homes will give a special presentation, and answer all you questions you may have about this very great and important service available to our Masonic Family Members only.

After the dinner the brethren will retire to the Lodge room, and besides the usual business we need to take care of, we will also have to Ballot on an application for Affiliation as well as an application for a new Candidate. In the mean time the Ladies will have Alex Fransisco talk about "Backyard Agriculture" and after BINGO time – the players need to bring an inexpensive gift for the game. Please come enjoy and support our Lodge this coming Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Patronas  
Worshipful Master



# From the West

Mark Patton  
Senior Warden

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Brethren, This is the time of year where we start to remind you about your dues if you haven't paid them and to please come to lodge to see and hear about all the things you've missed. The Lodge received an award from the city for its continuing support to the Angel Tree Project, we gave our sweethearts see's certificates at our Feb stated for Valentine's day, our Rainbow Girls had their installation of officers, and our parking lot has been redone among many other things.

If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile because of any reason we would love to hear from you all, please let us know if you have been under the weather, have there been any changes, how you and the family have been, what you have been up to, Brethren and Sweethearts who live out of state we would love to hear how things are out there where you live. We want you all to know just because you're not here doesn't mean we don't think about you, you are still an important part of our family so send us a card with updates.

Please remember March 12 is daylight saving time so don't forget Spring forward one hour so you don't run late. March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, and March 20 is the official day of spring.

We hope to see you all at stated on March 8 and if you can't make it we hope to hear from you.

Fraternally Yours,  
Mark Patton PM  
Senior Warden



# **From the South**

Robert Mitchell  
Junior Warden

Brethren,

March represents a key part of our year, as we highlight and support our youth groups, the Assemblies of Rainbow, the Bethels of Jobs Daughters, and the Chapters of DeMolay. Our Lodge is deeply involved in their activities, providing adult workers, financial support, a great facility to call home, and encouragement for their people.

During this month, we will host them for our Stated Meeting and give them resources for the coming year. But our most important support is social and moral leadership by example. It has been my privilege to serve on each of the youth group adult councils in the past, giving me an understanding of their lessons and purposes. But more important is the friendship and respect we have gained in sharing the experiences of their lives. The young men and women who make up the groups, along with their families, are witness to the gentle craft of Freemasonry, while we are witness to their developing skills and joyful events.

Worshipful Patton, Bro. Orozco and I have proudly seen our own children benefit from these groups, and we hope that all our members will look to their extended family and neighbors for prospective members who can gain the same blessings we hold dear..

Bob Mitchell, PM  
Junior Worden



## From the Secretary

Michael Winford

*Is There anything on your table Brother Secretary?* YES indeed,

This June 12- 26 Celebrate **300 years of the Masonry**, in the place where it all began by joining the Grand Master, John Heisner and his wife Margo, on the adventure of a lifetime. Travel to the place where the fraternity began - the United Kingdom. Many exciting activities are planned to make your vacation even more memorable - including a special 300th anniversary celebration on St John's Day at the exclusive "Carlton Club" on June 24th, 2017. With a delightful evening of celebration and reflection with a grand feast in honor of John the Baptist, patron of stonemasons, at this historic gentleman's club. To Register or Questions -**Contact Frosh Travel at (212) 784-0269** / ask for Jessica Sussman.

**Masonic Homes of California and Outreach services** will give us a presentation following our March - Stated meeting Dinner, about some of the exciting activities at our Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina. California Masons, dedicated the first Masonic home in Union City in 1898 as a shelter for our Masonic Widows and children left destitute and alone. This was our Fraternity's first major tangible testament to the Masonic ideals of Brotherly Love and Relief. Today's Masonic Homes - pledges to keep our Masonic family - Safe, Healthy, and connected. **MASONIC ASSISTANCE LINE information at 1-888-466-3642**

A few of our Brethren MAY need to look at the **EXPIRATION Date on their Dues Card** - are you "A member in GOOD Standing" ??  
**2017- Dues are \$75.00** / Please avoid my **Delinquent Dues letter !!!**

Calendar Item - March 24th - **The Spirit of Hiram**, play will again be presented at the Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Fraternally,  
Mike Winford, PM, Secretary





# From the Building Association

Hello Brethren, finally our parking lot is in and almost complete. They need to install some signs and it will be finished. Thank you to everyone for their patience. Next up, when the rain stops we will have our outside carpet installed. I would like to thank Brother Larry Orozco for purchasing and installing the pull down projector screen in our dining room. This will be a big assist to some of our programs. We are thankful the rain stopped long enough to allow our new landscape person to clean up the lawns, the Lodge looks great again. Thanks everyone.!

Ted Taylor, president

## **\* Entertainment Report \***

**Attention! Attention! Attention!**

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. The Lodge's first Trip will be the Ramona Pageant. The cost is \$25.00 per person and will start collecting money at our March Stated Meeting.

The bus will leave the Lodge at 9:30AM and return around 8:30PM.

The rules are: no Umbrellas, but you may wear hats.

If you have any question please talk or call me at: (562) 863-6388.... The Master and Secretary have enough on their plates. To secure your reservation, you need to talk to Mary or me.

Make checks payable to G.T.N. #273, or by cash (exact amount please) Thanks.

Activity Chairman,

Frank Gillespie PM



# Emerald Star

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Februarys Just pass and Valentines was the theme.

I hope everyone had a great Valentine with there love ones. Emerald Star is giving food this year to the food banks in our communions. (collecting can foods, staples non perishables and we will have a box for them at the lodge, we also will take donates (money) or if you would like to help out please let Bill or Lynn Tripler know.

Thank you again for letting us serve the stated dinner for the lodge. ok March 17 is St Patrick Day and as your all know Lynn Tripler is Grand Martha in the State of California Order of Easter Star and her color is green (GREEN RULES THIS YEAR 2017).

Here is 10 fun bits of St. Patrick Day trivia.

- 1) Saint Patrick was not even born in Ireland, but in fact he was born in Great Britain.
- 2) the first Saint Patrick Day Parade was not in Ireland, but in Boston.
- 3) Chicago dyes their main river green to celebrate the holiday.
- 4) Saint Patrick's real name is Maewyn Succat.
- 5) Leprechauns are actually Fairies/shoe-makers in Irish Folklore.
- 6) the Shamrock's 3 leaves are meant to represent the Trinity.
- 7) the Guinness book of world records originated with the Irish Native Hugh Beaver, who was the managing director of Guinness Brewery.
- 8) there are more American of Irish origin than there are Irish in Ireland.
- 9) there are 10,000 three-leaf clovers for every 4 leaf clover.
- 10) GREEN RULES THIS YEAR 2017 GO EMERALD STAR.

May your blessing outnumber the Shamrocks that grow, and May trouble avoid you wherever you go.

PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF EASTER STAR HOW I CAN BECOME PART OF THAT GREAT GROUP

Thank You. Star Love. Karan Mann



## Job's Daughters Bethel #241



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We would like to thank everyone who came out to the Valentine's Day Sock Hop.

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, March 11th @ 9:30 AM - Meeting

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



**Buena Park  
Rainbow Girls  
#231**



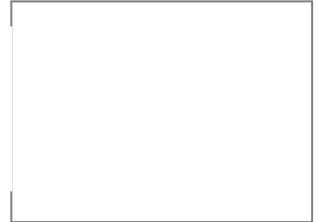
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**DeMolay  
Excelsior Chapter**



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

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## Living Past Masters of Golden Trowel Norwalk

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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