

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.

APRIL 2017
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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR

April 2017

- Monday 3rd - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 6th - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Thursday 13th - 6:30 Stated Meeting and Dinner - Public Schools Night
- Thursday 20th - 7 PM 1st Degree - Mr. Jason Tucker
- Saturday 22nd - 9:30 AM - Ramona Day Trip - *see page 8*
- Wednesday 26th - 6 PM/Food, 7 PM/O.S.I. All Officers at Downey Lodge
- Thursday 27th - 7 PM Officer's Practice

May 2017

- Monday 1st - 7 PM Norwalk Masonic Building Association
- Thursday 4th - 7 PM Officer's Practice
- Wednesday 10th - 6 PM/Food, 7 PM/O.S.I. All Officers at Downey Lodge
- Thursday 11th - 6:30 Stated Meeting and Dinner
- Saturday 13th - Covina Homes Picnic?
- Thursday 18th - 7 PM Officer's Practice or Degree
- Thursday 25th - 7 PM Officer's Practice or Degree



April Stated Meeting

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, April 9th, by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 – and Leave a message to our Secretary.

Dinner

As always we will have salad, dinner and desert, unfortunately I don't have the exact menu yet.

Also for the Ladies, BINGO Time!

* SICKNESS AND DISTRESS *

Received word on 2/28 that Bro. Bill Powers had a stroke.

Latest update: It's very sad, but unfortunately Bro. Bill Powers have past-away.

Bro. Nick Photakis has been approved to have Heart Surgery On March 17th at Good Samaritan Hospital ,1225 Wilshire Bl. LA. , 90017, 213-977-2121.

Bro. Owen Robbins has been in and out of the hospital several Times . Bro. Mike Winford called to say he is home after his most recent problem of Congestive Heart Failure. Bro. Mike will have. Flowers sent. 562-692-1605

Bro. Ben Carr was back in the hospital but is back home.

Bro. Lonnie Gilbert was back in the hospital, He and Sister Marguerite continue to deal with various health issues. The Gilberts have recently moved. Their new residence is, 821 N. Lake St. Hemet, Ca. 92544. 951-260-3324.

(Bro. Jim Reyburn) I am scheduled for another Pet Scan March 14th for current data on my throat Cancer . From past data as well as this new data they can pursue various options to get rid of the Cancer.

“ In serving other we best serve ourselves.”

Best Regards, Bro. Jim Reyburn



From the East

Joseph Patronas
Worshipful Master

In March we were very pleased to have Worshipful Romeo Ricarde become a Member of our Lodge, as well as Mr. Jason Tucker to become a new Member and Brother by taking the Degrees necessary of becoming a Master Mason. Thursday April 20th, at 7 PM it will be his 1st Degree. I am looking forward to see as many Brothers as possible to come and show their support and welcome our new Candidate!

Unfortunately, at the same time I am sad to announce that we have “lost” our Brother Bill Powers, and few days later also the father of our Sr. Warden past away. My condolences and prayers to their families for their loss.

It has become a custom of our Lodge to help and support the Waite Middle School, and since April it is Public School month, at our Stated Meeting dinner I have invited the principal and few of their students to join us. I hope to see many of our brothers and Sisters that day, to show that we do care about our youth and our community.

I am trying to put together a 3 to 4 days Fun Cruise from Long Beach – Catalina – Ensenada. It's a Luxurious ship with Casino, lots of Entertainment and all you can eat Buffets. Unfortunately even though the Cruise it's scheduled for September, cannot make any reservation until we have the names of all participants. The fee it's only \$50 (including food), but because of actual cost, only about 50 of our members can apply (other people can come at regular price). Please let me know ASP.

Fraternally,
Joseph Patronas
Worshipful Master



From the West

Mark Patton
Senior Warden

Happy Easter!

Brethren, April is upon us and that means it is public school month as set by Grand Lodge. Our Lodge has always helped and been a part of waite middle school across the street. The teachers and students have been to our lodge and we have visit their school. Along with the middle school we will be again rewarding our youth from our the youth groups at stated. Worshipful Swanston continues to put in many hours of hard work to keep our Incentive program going and growing. Thank you Worshipful Swanston for all you do, and thank you to all our youth who study hard and turn in their grades for the incentive program.

This month Easter is on the 16, Earth Day on the 22, the Ramona pageant also on that day tickets still available for \$25 a person for a good show, lunch, and bus ride to and from the show and Lodge.

Hope to see you all at stated and please let's have a big turn out for our new candidates first degree on April 20.

Fraternally Yours,
Mark Patton PM
Senior Warden



From the South

Robert Mitchell
Junior Warden

Brethren,

The Masons of California made a value judgment and political decision decades ago, based on our fundamental principles of fair play.

We hold that the Public Schools are the foundation of liberty and the proper gift to give all our children. It makes them better citizens, better able to take care of themselves, and offers them the opportunity of equality. Many have risen through a public education to achieve important and useful service to society and to their family.

In April, we remember and reinforce this commitment to Public Education. Come join us at April Stated Meeting.

Also note that we have the opportunity to begin the masonic education for another candidate this month, and we hope to see you on our third Thursday degree night. Come share the experience and meet Jason, whose daughter is already a part of our Rainbow Assembly.

Bob Mitchell, PM
Junior Worden



From the Secretary

Michael Winford

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

AFFORDABLE LIVING for MOS Masons: The former children's residential houses at the Covina Homes, are now in the process of being repurposed to provide shared housing for those senior **Masonic Outreach Services (MOS)** clients, who need temporary affordable housing while waiting to move onto the Masonic Homes. The houses are set to open later this year.

This shared housing is ideal for those needing a temporary place to call home.

The 85th Annual Men's Breakfast - Honoring the Most Worshipful John R. Heisner, was held on March 5th at the Hilton Hotel, LAX - Los Angeles. This major event is one of the largest yearly gatherings of Masons in Southern California other than Grand Lodge. The Breakfast acknowledged a special recognition of the 300 Years Anniversary of Masonry.

If you have moved, this Trestle Board and other Masonic material is still going to your OLD Address. Please send a note or a call to the Secretary's office. We can fix the new address problem quite easily.

Vegetables are a must on a diet. Therefore as a suggestion, look into meeting those requirement's with: carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie.

See you in Lodge >>>

Fraternally,
Mike Winford, PM, Secretary



From the Building Association

Greetings Brethren,

As we all know the parking lot is done. I have to say they did a fantastic job! The carpet on the outside entrance is in and is the same color as the indoor carpet and also looks wonderful. Worshipful Ted Taylor is in Hawaii on his 50th anniversary (Congratulations to him and best wishes, Aloha). He will not be back until probably next Tuesday 3/28/2017. I would like to thank Brother Socrates Patroness for the work he has done around the Lodge to with repairs and replacements that we have greatly needed. We are getting bids to replace the stove in the kitchen, so that is another thing to look forward to and we will keep you updated as we have more information.

Until Next Month,

Mike Wittig VP

*** Entertainment Report ***

Attention! Attention! Attention!

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017. The Lodge's first Trip will be the Ramona Pageant. The cost is \$25.00 per person – included in the price: Bus ride, Show tickets and Lunch at the Grounds.

We have already started collecting money at our March Stated Meeting.

It's open to Family members, our Youth Groups, and Eastern Star.

The bus will leave the Lodge at 9:30AM and return around 8:30PM. – Come earlier, hot coffee and cinnamon rolls before we leave the Lodge.

The rules are: no Umbrellas, but you may wear hats.
If you have any question, please talk or call me at: (562) 863-6388.... 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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Well April is here and I would like to share some of the March active with you

March 1st our meeting

Whittier Star Chapter birthday Emerald Star serve as officers for there meeting

March 4th Richard Marsh became Grand Royal Patron Order of the Amaranth

March 15 Emerald Star Courtesy night theme was M&M this is a meeting night and party

Emerald Star is not just another group we are a family and we all support each and everyone one of us, no matter what group or active you are part of and it is why we are THE BEST. in March we also had the Celebration of Life for one of our loved member Dianna Eichen, and we wish the best for another sister in our order Laura Orozco, Our Chapter Loves and Care for all are sisters and brothers in good time and bad time,

We are also collecting can foods, staples and non perishables. Please let us know if you would like to help out.

thank you star love

Thank You. Star Love. Karan Mann



Job's Daughters Bethel #241



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Job's Daughter's Calendar Of Events

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

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

Our meetings are Saturday April 1st and 22nd at 9:30am and the girls will be at leadership camp on April 7th, 8th and 9th.



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231



facebook.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls

Our assembly would like to thank each and every one of you who supported us at the last dinner serving, as it was our hope fundraiser for the term. We raised over \$400 and we could not have done it without your constant support and love!

We also recently had an initiation of two girls, Jess and Amber, on March 27th! We are so excited to see our assembly growing and to have these two amazing additions to our assembly! Thank you to those who came out to support our girls on that special night.

Buena Park Assembly has a fun spring term planned with our new Worthy Advisor, Karly Kimes. Next on the calendar is our state convention, Grand Assembly! From April 7-April 11, our girls will be traveling up to Fresno for a weekend full of fun, friendships, and amazing memories with our fellow sisters in California. The girls have picked out cute matching fabric for our dresses, we are preparing our gifts for our secret sisters, and we have many girls entering competitions!

Our assembly has some exciting events coming up very soon that we'd like to let you know about! We are going to be having a Beauty and the Beast movie day on April 2nd if anyone would like to join us for this very exciting movie. Also, on April 29th we are going on a Disney scavenger hunt at Downtown Disney which is now an annual event of ours. Times will be announced soon and we'd love to see you there.

instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls

twitter.com/bprainbowgirls

IN LOVING MEMORY

WILLIAM B. Powers, PM entered into rest on March 11th, 2017.

At the age of 81 years and 8 months and 25 days. He served as Worshipful Master of Solomon's Staircase #357 in 1981, and was awarded the Hiram Award on June 15, 2006.

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

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	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Gerken, Gary D.	1995	Rodriguez, George	1989
Gillespie, Frank	86/87/2000	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Grubb, Joseph Jr. *	2016	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80
Gustafson, Warren *	1969	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14
Iverson, Gary	2009	Taylor, Ted R.	2004
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		

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