

**GOLDEN TROWEL  
NORWALK LODGE  
# 273**



**Stated Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. – Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

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# From the East

Joseph Patronas  
Worshipful Master

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

It's very unfortunate, but I am sure you all know by now that our nation as well as the whole world has been overcome by the corona virus.

To protect our Masonic family and especially our elderly, but also to comply with the laws rules and regulation of State and local government, **ALL** Masonic and non-Masonic activities in our Lodge are suspended until further notice, included our Stated dinner and meeting as well.

Since we still have to pay bills, by the direction of our Grand Master Most Worshipful John Trauner, our Lodge will proceed as indicated bellow...

## **“Special Procedure for Lodges**

**Effective today, a majority of the elected officers of the lodge may order the advancement of lodge funds to pay those essential lodge bills whose payment cannot reasonably be deferred.**

- The elected lodge officers may confer by telephone, video conference, or email in making this determination.
- Expenditures by the lodge charity committee are an essential lodge bill for which payment should not be deferred.
- The lodge must ratify these payments at the next stated meeting held by the lodge.

The lodge master should inform the inspector of any other circumstances that may need to be addressed while this special procedure is in effect.

Bellow are some other important information provided by the Grand Lodge.

“Please continue to use our regular phone numbers and email addresses to contact us. Email remains the most efficient means of communication. Almost all phone calls are connecting as they should. There have been a few occasions when callers have needed to call a second time to connect. We thank you for your patience should this happen to your call. You may also continue to use our Member Service and Intacct phone lines:

Member Services: (415) 292-9180 |  
[memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org)

Financial Services: (415) 292-9170 |  
[financialservices@freemason.org](mailto:financialservices@freemason.org)

Real Estate Services: (415) 292-9111 |  
[realestate@freemason.org](mailto:realestate@freemason.org)

Communications: [communications@freemason.org](mailto:communications@freemason.org)

### **Mail and Payments:**

US Postal Service to the Grand Lodge has been suspended for the time being. When it resumes, mail coming in to the Grand Lodge offices will be distributed and managed as usual. In the meantime, please send items such as by-law amendments, requests for dispensations, requests for member awards, and certificates, by email to Member Services.

If you are expecting a payment from Grand Lodge, we may reach out to you to obtain ACH information as check writing and mailing is limited at this time. If a delay in receiving a reimbursement or refund will cause you a hardship, please let our Member Services team know and we will expedite payment”.

## **Outdoor 3rd Degree – Temecula – June 27th**

Even though all Masonic activities have been suspended until further notice, never the less I was informed by Worshipful Frank Gillespie that in order to get discount for anyone who would like to attend that special Degree under the oak trees, should contact him and reserve a seat no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The ticket of admission is \$30 which includes coffee, cinnamon pastries, water, sodas, lunch and cake, and of course the exceptional 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree under the oak trees.

The event will take place in Temecula at a working ranch on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

In case of cancellation the money will be returned.

Please contact Worshipful Frank Gillespie at:

By phone at: (562) 863-6388 or by mail at: 11116 Ringwood Ave.  
Santa Fe Springs, CA. 90670

For any new or updated information, please keep checking our Trestleboard in our website at [gtn273.com](http://gtn273.com)  
Be careful, stay healthy. Thank you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Joseph Patronas, PM  
Worshipful Master