

**GOLDEN TROWEL
NORWALK LODGE
273**



Stated Meeting 1st Thursday of each month
Temporary on-Line only via Zoom 7:00 pm

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From the East

Joseph Patronas
Worshipful Master

Brethren and our Masonic Family,

First of all I am hoping that all of you as well as your loved ones are in good health and spirit.

This is the 5th month that due to the corona virus our Masonic family is staying apart, and hopefully it would be the last.

Due to all the things happening lately, I've totally forgot to mention and to congratulate all the fathers who together with the mothers are playing a vital role in raising, caring and guiding the kids to become the future of tomorrow.

On Thursday, June 11th, at 7 pm, we had our virtual on-line Stated meeting in order to approve and pay our bills.

I was very pleased to see our Officers and quite many members of our lodge joint our virtual Stated meeting.

Our Lodge also voted and approved to rent – if needed – portable toilets for our youth groups, selling fireworks for the 4th of July celebrations.

Since the free Zoom on-line video conference it's limited to about a half an hour time only, we approved and purchased a better Zoom license, which we will also allowed to be used by our Lodge's Hall Association as well.

Our next virtual on-line video conference Stated meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, July 9th, at 7 pm.**

The meeting ID is: **748 876 6741** – no password is needed.

You can be connected using a computer, laptop, pad or a smart phone.

Just download and install the free Zoom application on your device. All Officers are required to be connected, but any Brother Mason, is welcomed and encouraged to be connected as well... Looking forward to see you on-line that day.

On Thursday, June 4th, a Zoom Meeting for the Division VI & VII Leadership and Training Coordinators took place with very important agendas regarding the COVID-19 and the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund Program.

For those who missed the meeting and especially for those who will benefit from this, bellow are some very important information.

FAQs for Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund Program: To access this financial support please call the Masonic Assistance Line (888-466-3642) or apply online at: <http://masonichome.org/our-campuses/become-a-resident/information-request-form/>. In addition we created a **FAQs (See Attachment)** about this program for you to utilize, when outreaching to your members.

COVID Resources: MOS has put together a **COVID-19 Resources Guide** that includes local, state, and federal programs that are supporting those affected by COVID-19. Please feel free to share with your lodges, family, and friends. You can find the COVID-19 Resource Guide here:

<https://masonichome.org/masonic-homes/covid19/jobs-phone-bills-and-cooking-classes-check-out-the-covid-19-resource-guide/>

As an organization, we are closely monitoring the status of COVID-19 on both campuses. For daily updates you can check it out here: <https://masonichome.org/masonic-homes/covid19/>

For this and any previews Trestleboard as well as any new or updated information, please visit our Trestleboard in our website at **gtn273.com**

Be careful and stay healthy. Thank you.

Sincerely and Fraternally
Joseph Patronas, PM
Worshipful Master