

# 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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# MAY 2022 TRESTLEBOARD

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# GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



## May 2022

- Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Temple Board meeting**, 7:00 pm
- Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Officer's practice**, 7:00 pm
- Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> - **Dinner 6:30 pm / Stated meeting**, 7:30 pm
- Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for Bro. Ryan Reyna**, 7:00 pm
- Thur. 26<sup>th</sup> - **OSI @ GTN**, 6:30 pm refreshments  
7:00 pm **Officer's School of Instruction**

## \*June 2022

- Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Officer's practice** , 7:00 pm
- Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> - **Temple Board meeting**, 7:00 pm
- Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> - **Dinner 6:30 pm / Stated meeting**, 7:30 pm
- Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Officer's practice**, 7:00 p
- Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> - **2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Officer's practice** , 7:00 pm
- Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> - **OSI @ GTN**, 6:30 pm refreshments  
7:00 pm **Officer's School of Instruction**

\* **Tuesdays** at 7:00 Masonic Ed. / proficiency coaching

\* *June's calendar, is for reference only and subject to change*



## May Stated Meeting Dinner

Please make your dinner reservations by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call (562) 863-9101 - and Leave a message to our Secretary.

### Menu

Fresh salad & sweet roll, main dish will be Roasted Beef with real mashed potatoes, followed by desert, coffee and ice tea.

While the men will be in the Lodge room, the Ladies will have fellowship in the dining room.

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# From the East

James Arend  
Worshipful Master



Ladies & Brethren

The April Stated meeting was fun, we had the chance to recognize some of our youth (**Jobs Daughters and Rainbow Girls**) and also have some pleasant conversation with a nice meal. Hopefully more people will join us.

In May we get to remember our mothers and all motherly types on **Mother's Day** and also all of those who have fallen in battle on **Memorial Day** with red roses and red poppies respectively.

Congratulations to **Worshipful Joseph Patronas** who has been chosen to receive the **Hiram Award** for 2022. It is the highest award that can be conferred upon a brother by the members of his Lodge. I personally want to thank him for all his hard work in Freemasonry in general and this Lodge in particular. What would we have done without **Joseph** and **Amerika**?

**Brother Ryan Reyna** has returned his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree proficiency and is ready to be passed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Mark your calendars. Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Please come to our lodge and show your support on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree conferral.

Sorry Brethren, the June 26<sup>th</sup> trip to **Laughlin Nevada** has been postponed until later in the year because of concerns over Covid and variants thereof.

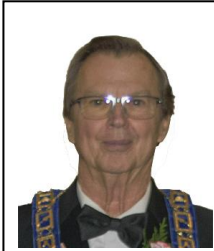
The **Grand Master** has proclaimed May 2022 to be **Public Awareness Month** in California.

“An important aim of the 2025 Fraternity Plan is increasing awareness in our communities of the fraternity and the good work that Masons all over California do in their towns. Raising awareness of the fraternity means talking openly with friends, family, and colleagues about what membership in Masonry means; countering negative assumptions about Masonry; and ensuring the continued relevance of our organization. I encourage all members and lodges to consider ways that they can raise awareness of Freemasonry in their community—through open houses, tabling opportunities, and especially simple conversations with friends and family. Our fraternity is not a secret; it’s important we share it with the world so that we can make an even bigger difference in our communities. California Masons have much to be proud of. It’s time we share that pride with the outside world.”

## **OTIUM CUM DIGNITATE**

Fraternally,

James Arend, P.M.  
Worshipful Master



## **From the Secretary**

Bill Booth

Brethren,

The dues cards for 2022 were mailed out for life members and members who have made their payments. If you have paid your dues and have not yet received your dues card within four weeks please contact me by phone or by email. If you are behind on your dues and need assistance please contact me so we can make arrangements.

If anyone has an address change please send them to me in writing, either by e-mail or regular mail. Please do this even if you have already updated your contact information in IMember as our Trestleboard Mailing List is a separate file that needs to be updated. Address changes can either be mailed to the lodge or emailed to me at [b.booth5860@gmail.com](mailto:b.booth5860@gmail.com). If you need any assistance via telephone please leave a message on the lodge phone number, 562-863-9101, and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Bill Booth, P.M.  
Secretary

## **\*SICKNESS AND DISTRESS\***

Please notify us if any of our Members is in a Hospital / Nursing Home, or incapacitated in any way.

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### **From the Temple Board**

**Temple Board President:** It's very unfortunate but Mike Mulcahy for personal reasons won't be able to preside at our Temple Board meetings. We will miss you Mike.

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## **Entertainment Report - Outings**

**Attention:** Due to the continuation of covid-19 restrictions and especially to give ample time to our lodge members and sweethearts to feel comfortable going to a long and lengthy trip, the trip to Laughlin will be postponed until October-November.

On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a day visit to Reagan's library. The visit will include a guided tour and lunch under the Air Force plane!

Thank You,

Frank Gillespie, PM,  
Activity Chairman



## A Time of rebirth

As we come out of the winter months and into spring, we see renewal all around us. There is a time for all seasons, but I especially love spring. The hills transform from golden yellow to a vibrant green. The flowers begin to bloom on the trees and the bees go to work pollinating them-reminders that even when things look bleak, there is

hope for a fresh beginning.

Mortality might seem like a strange theme for our magazine. But it's an important concept in Freemasonry, so I think it's fitting that we take this time to [delve into the Masonic customs and traditions](#) regarding death and rebirth and the "celestial lodge" above.

That sense of starting again is similar to what's going on right now in our lodges, which are emerging (hopefully for good) from [two years of pandemic](#). We are finally able to come together and meet in person, [rekindle relationships with fellow members](#), and restart the activities that make our lodges [such vibrant places](#). It's also a time for us to begin the process of holding degrees and admitting new prospects into our fraternity. They too will join us in our labors as, like the bees, we work to pollinate our society with the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

When we are raised as Master Masons, we learn about the hope of resurrection. I love that when the time comes for us to finally lay down our working tools, we are brought back to the same passage of Scripture. This brings our Masonic journey full circle. I wish you all the renewal of the spring season and good health. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe watch over you, your families, and our beloved craft.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Jeffery Wilkins, Grand Master of Masons in California*

## Living Past Masters of Golden Trowel Norwalk

Alexander, David J. *	1986	Miller, Everett E.	91/93/94/99/03/06
Alexander, David R*	1998	Miller, George C.	1982
Arend, James	2015	Mitchell, Robert R.	1983/2016
Berg, Charles M.	1972	Nighswonger, James	1994/2005
Bohn, Hans F.	1974	Noble, Douglas A.	1983
Booth, William M.	2010	Ogden, Charles J.*	2001/2002
Colon, Felix *	1972	Patronas, Joseph E.	2017/2019/2020
Cowart Jr., Joseph W.	1974	Patton, Mark F.	2016/2018/2021
Easley, Ronald T.	1975	Perry, James	2000
Eichen, Doug	1987/1993	Pool, Roy *	1973/1999
Evans, Rick A. *	1991	Quimby, Isaac W Jr. *	1986
Gerken, Gary D.	1995	Ricarte Romeo E. *	1989/2001
Gillespie, Frank	1986/1987/2000	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Grubb, Joseph Jr. *	2016	Rodriguez, George	1989
Gustafson, Warren *	1969	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Iverson, Gary	2009	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/1980
Kidder, David W.	1979	Swanston, David III	76/87/88/01/02/13/14
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Thompson, James R.	1984
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Tripler, William *	1984/1991
MacCallum, M. David	1978	Watson, Carl F.	1971
MacDonald, Brett *	1989/1997	Weathers, Daryl L.	1986
McAdam, Theodore	2002/2003	Williams, Gordon L. Sr.	1969/1985/1987
McAdams, Richard	1986/1987	Winford Mike T.	1988/2011/2012
McWilliams, Ivan S.	1976		

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