



GOLD TROWEL NORWALK

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LODGE. CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1 **Thurs** 7pm - Executive Meeting 22 **Thurs** - 1° **Mr. Chamasmani**
5 **Mon** 7pm - Temple Board Meeting 29 **Thurs** - 1° **Mr. Saldarriaga**
8 **Thurs** 6:30pm - Stated *NO OSI for August
15 **Thurs** - Practice First Degree

September

- 2 **Mon** Labor Day
5 **Thurs** 7pm Executive / Temple Board meeting
7 **Sat** 7pm - Pirates Dinner - \$20/per (sweethearts free)
12 **Thurs** 6:30pm - Stated dinner/meeting
19 **Thurs** 7pm TBD
26 **Thurs** 7pm - Dodgers "Masons For Mitts" - \$25 (due by August Stated)

October

- 3-6 Laughlin trip \$25 (Due September Stated)
8 **Thurs** 6:30pm - Stated dinner/meeting

Looking Ahead

Dec 7 Escondido White Christmas play \$25



WORSHIPFUL MASTER



From Lodge to Legacy: A Summer of Masonic Charity and Community Support

In June, members of our Lodge attended a grand outdoor third degree ceremony. July saw our youth groups bustling with fireworks sales to raise funds.

And just like that, we've already reached August! It's astonishing how quickly the supposedly leisurely summer months seem to be flying by.

August marks the deadline for collecting funds for our pirate-themed dinner and show, where sweethearts are welcome to attend free of charge. Additionally, the Masons-4-mitts event at Dodger Stadium is approaching, so be sure to sign up and pay promptly to secure your spot.

For our August stated meeting, the Eastern Star will be preparing a delicious meal. It's wonderful that we continue to support them, and they are always eager to serve us a fantastic feast.

In keeping with our tradition, we will be supporting Waite Middle School across the street. However, we've decided to do so in August, as that's when the school year starts, ensuring that the children receive their much-needed supplies right away.

In September, we will allocate the funds saved from our dinners to two local charities. The first is Su Casa, a shelter for women and their children, and the second is Appletree, a program that helps children with autism and other special needs prepare for public school or special needs programs. This initiative also educates parents on how to handle their children's issues and prepares them to advocate for their children's needs within the school system.

As we prepare for second degrees, we will briefly pause to welcome two more first-degree candidates. Remember your own first degree? How thrilling that initial step into Freemasonry was! Please come out and show your support for our two new candidates.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Worshipful Mark Patton

JUNIOR WARDEN

From Washington to the Lodge: Celebrating a Masonic Milestone

As we gather under the celestial canopy of August, it's time to commemorate a significant milestone in our Masonic history.

On this day, August 4th, in the year 1753, our illustrious founding father, George Washington, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This momentous occasion not only marked the beginning of Washington's Masonic journey but also illuminated the path for countless brethren who have since followed in his footsteps.

In the quaint town of Fredericksburg, Virginia, the lodge that welcomed Washington into its fold now stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of Freemasonry. It was here that a young Washington, barely out of his teens, embarked on a quest for knowledge and enlightenment that would shape his character and guide his actions throughout his illustrious life.

The significance of Washington's Masonic initiation cannot be overstated. As a Master Mason, he embraced the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, principles that would come to define his leadership during the tumultuous years of the American Revolution and his tenure as the first President of the United States. The Masonic virtues of integrity, charity, and tolerance that Washington embodied continue to inspire us to this day.

In the words of Elkanah Watson, who wrote to Washington in 1782, "The Masonic Apron and ornaments which you been pleased to accept, have been forwarded to you, it is hoped will be received as a small token of respect and esteem in which you are universally held by the Fraternity." These words encapsulate the profound impact that Washington's Masonic journey had on his contemporaries and the enduring legacy he left for generations.

As we celebrate the anniversary of Washington's elevation to the sublime degree of Master Mason, let us reflect upon the that define our brotherhood and strive to emulate the virtues that our brother exemplified. May we, like Washington, be beacons light in a world that often finds itself in darkness. In closing, I leave you with words of Brother George himself, "Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race."

Let us continue to uphold the principles of Freemasonry, as our esteemed brother, and may our actions reflect the light that illuminates our path to a brighter future.



SECRETARY



I'd like to remind everyone about the importance of paying your dues which were due earlier this year. On December 31st our dues are increasing to \$100 a year.

Our lodge offers a lifetime membership, you can calculate it using this formula based on your age at the time of payment. **Lifetime memberships need to be paid by check** using the mailing address below.

			2024	2025
Under age 49	21 times \$75	=	\$1575	\$2100
Age 50 - 54	19 times \$75	=	\$1425	\$1900
Age 55 - 59	17 times \$75	=	\$1275	\$1700
Age 60 - 64	14 times \$75	=	\$1050	\$1400
Age 65 & over	11 times \$75	=	\$825	\$1100

Paying Yearly Dues

Pay online at **freemason.org** or pay by check for \$75 made out to Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273.

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Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Fraternally,
Bill Booth
Secretary

Stated DINNER

Eastern Star is hosting a traditional Blue Lodge Dinner with a twist, featuring a succulent roasted pork loin, creamy scallop potatoes, and the ever-popular blue lodge green beans, this time enhanced with crispy bacon for an added layer of flavor.

Fluffy cornbread muffins and a green salad round out the meal. The evening concludes with a surprise dessert, a decadent chocolate mousse topped with fresh raspberries, a departure from the usual lodge offerings.

The event is coming up in August and promises to be a delightful blend of tradition and culinary innovation.



OUTINGS



TEMECULA CATALINA ISLAND LODGE NO. 524
Outdoor 3rd Degree





Masons4Mitts

Masons Night at Dodger Stadium

Dodgers vs San Diego Padres

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Reserved Level Seats - \$25 including bus trip from lodge.

Be at lodge by 4pm.

Money Due by August Stated Meeting - Frank Gillespie

Donate a Mitt using the link below



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<https://bit.ly/south-bay-spartans>

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WM M. Patton, **SW** J. Patronas, **JW** T. Ocampo, **Tres** B. Carr, **Sec** B. Booth, **A. Sec** J. Tucker, **Officer Coach** F. Gillespie

Delinquent Dues

B. Booth, J. Tucker

Candidate Coaches

K. Bulanek, M. Heist

Entertainment

F. Gillespie

Funeral Services

M. Patton

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S. Patronas

Charity

M. Patton, J. Patronas, T. Ocampo

Budget & Finance

B. Carr

Public Schools

M. Patton, T. Ocampo

Sweethearts/Widows

F. Gillespie

Youth Groups

M. Patton, K. Bulanek, J. Tucker

Communications

J. Tucker

Temple Board President

A. Demofonte



Our new mobile app

A free communication app called Band that keeps our brothers connected to our lodge.



Scan the QR Code to join or use the link below

- View our calendar
- Get notified of events
- Signup for Degree Teams
- Chat with lodge brothers
- Share Photos
- Get updates from the lodge

Download Band today

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