

GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE # 273



Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday of each month

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. – Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

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LODGE CALENDAR

September

2nd - Mon Labor Day

5th - Thurs 7 pm Executive / Temple Board meeting

7th - Sat 3:30 pm Pirates (sweethearts) dinner \$20

12th - Thurs 6:30 pm Stated dinner/meeting

19th - Thurs 7 pm Practice

26th - Thurs 7 pm Practice (Masons4Mitts cancelled)

27th - Fri 6:30 pm District OSI Artesia Sunrise

October

3rd - 6th - Thurs-Sun Laughlin trip \$25 (due Sept Stated)

7th - Mon 7 pm Executive/Temple Board meeting

10th - Thurs 6:30 pm Stated dinner/meeting

17th - Thurs 7 pm OSI our Lodge only

24th - DARK

24th - 27th - Thurs-Sun Grand Lodge

31st - DARK Halloween

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER



But the greatest of these is charity.

We warmly welcome our newest members, Brothers Mike Chamasmani and Nico Saldarriaga, as they embark on their journey within our fraternity. Their initiation marks the beginning of a path filled with wisdom, friendship, and service.

Our commitment to the community remains strong as we continue our partnership with Waite Middle School, aiming to enhance the educational landscape for its students. This year, we've expanded our outreach by partnering with AppleTree, an early intervention center dedicated to supporting families with children facing unique challenges, and Su Casa, an organization committed to ending domestic violence. These new initiatives are a testament to our dedication, made possible by the diligent budget management of Brother Ocampo, who has not only kept our expenses low but also maintained the quality of our communal meals.

September will see our Job's Daughters perform their award-winning dance at our stated meeting, a celebration of their achievement at the Grand Bethel. We will also honor Sage Davis, our Grand Bethel Honor Queen, and Miranda Codding, our rainbow grand assembly Grand Immortality, and representative to Florida, Illinois, and Tennessee, with donations to support their endeavors.

Looking ahead, our fraternity will continue its tradition of giving back. Contributions are planned for the Midnight Mission, Shrine Hospital for Children, and the Angel Tree project in Norwalk, ensuring that the spirit of Christmas reaches all children in our community.

We extend our thanks to the Emerald Star for their culinary contributions in August, with another delightful meal anticipated in October.

Lastly, mark your calendars for November 21st as we celebrate Brother Andrew DeMofonte receiving his Hiram Award, an event where we'll gather to honor his hard work and dedication to our Masonic principles.

As we move forward, let us remember that charity, in all its forms, is the cornerstone of our fraternity. Our collective efforts in education, community support, and charitable giving reflect the true essence of Freemasonry.

Worshipful Master
Mark Patton P.M. HA



JUNIOR WARDEN

The Profound Essence of Brotherly Love in Freemasonry

At the heart of Freemasonry lies the principle of Brotherly Love, a concept that goes beyond mere fraternity to embody a profound human connection.

This tenet isn't just philosophical; it's a daily practice that Masons commit to, fostering bonds of unconditional support and mutual respect among members. Brotherly Love in Freemasonry transcends familial affection, promoting equality where all members, regardless of their societal status, are considered equals. This principle breaks down barriers of class, race, and creed, creating a true brotherhood. It encourages Masons to lead virtuous lives, contributing to peace, harmony, and understanding in their communities.

This bond inspires personal development, where each Mason strives to elevate his character and actions. The dedication of my fellow lodge members to these principles is evident not only in our meetings but in their daily lives, where they exemplify the values we cherish.

I am profoundly proud to call myself a brother to the men of our lodge. Their commitment to the principles of Freemasonry is not just seen in lodge meetings but in their lives outside, where they exemplify the values we hold dear. The sense of community within our lodge is unparalleled. Whether it's through charitable works, social gatherings, or simply sharing life's joys and sorrows, there's a comfort in knowing you're never alone.

Being part of this brotherhood means contributing to a centuries-old legacy of wisdom, compassion, and progress. Each brother brings a unique perspective, enriching our collective experience. This diversity of thought, yet unity in purpose, is what makes our lodge not just a place of meeting, but a home of hearts.

Brotherly Love extends beyond our lodge, influencing how we engage with the world, promoting social harmony through understanding and tolerance. Our commitment to each other naturally extends to serving our communities, embodying the Masonic ideal of making good men better.

In essence, Brotherly Love in Freemasonry is not merely a doctrine but a lifestyle, fostering a world where every man sees another as a brother. I am immensely proud to be part of this noble fraternity, where every handshake and meeting strengthens our collective spirit, continuing our journey of brotherhood where we find both support and self-discovery.



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,
Jason Tucker
Secretary



Viva Mexico

September marks the beginning of Mexico's fight for independence, ignited by Miguel Hidalgo's "Grito de Dolores" on September 16, 1810. This call for freedom sparked a decade-long struggle against Spanish rule, culminating in the Treaty of Córdoba in 1821. Celebrated annually, this day symbolizes not just the end of colonial rule but the birth of Mexican national identity, with the President reenacting the "Grito" from the National Palace. September 16 is a cornerstone of Mexican heritage, reflecting the country's journey towards self-determination, equality, and sovereignty, often confused with Cinco de Mayo, but fundamentally different in its historical significance.

Mexican culture has deeply influenced Southern California, evident in its cuisine like tacos and burritos, and through festivals like Cinco de Mayo. This fusion shapes a region where Mexican traditions are a vibrant part of daily life, celebrated in food, art, and community events.

In celebration of our Worshipful Master and many of our brothers' heritage, this month's stated dinner will feature a menu of **Tacos, Refried Beans, and Rice**, honoring our shared cultural roots with a delicious, traditional meal.



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