

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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GOLD TROWEL NORWALK

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LODGE. CALENDAR

October

- 3-6 **Thurs-Sun** Lodge Laughlin trip
- 7 **Mon** 7pm Temple Board/ executive meeting
- 10 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting
- 14 **Mon** Columbus/ Indigenous people day
- 17 **Thurs** 6:30pm OSI dinner/meeting our Lodge
- 24-27 **Thurs-Sun** Grand Lodge
- 31 **Thurs** DARK Halloween

November

- 3 **Sun** Daylight Savings end fall back an hour
- 4 **Mon** 7pm Temple Board meeting
- 5 **Tues** Election Day
- 7 **Thurs** 7pm Executive meeting
- 11 **Mon** Veterans Day
- 14 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting
- 21 **Thurs** 6pm Hiram Award
- 27 **Wed** 6:30pm OSI @ Bellflower
- 28 **Thurs** DARK Thanksgiving



WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Embracing Growth and Community

Greetings, Brethren!

While many lodges go dark in July and August, we remained active and busy with degrees. September saw a fantastic turnout for our stated dinner, where we had the pleasure of donating to local charities and youth groups.

As we transition into fall and the days grow shorter, our calendar is filling up quickly. October kicks off with our Lodge Laughlin trip, followed by our stated meeting and OSI, then a trip to Grand Lodge. Before we know it, the month will wrap up with Halloween.

Our candidates are diligently preparing to return their proficiencies and receive their second degrees. We also have prospects awaiting approval from Grand Lodge to be initiated.

It's heartening to witness our lodge's growth, with younger members stepping up and taking charge, and improvements being made to our building.

Our secretary has updated our Lodge phone number. We encourage members to use it for RSVPing to stated dinners and future trips. We look forward to seeing more members at our next stated dinner, which will be prepared by Eastern Star. Please check the menu for details.

We appreciate the letters, texts, emails, and phone calls from our elder members who can't attend Lodge and from those living out of state. Your communication means a lot to us, and we hope it continues.

Lastly, a reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3. Please remember to set your clocks back an hour.

Fraternally, Worshipful Mark Patton



JUNIOR WARDEN

Embracing Change and Honoring Heritage

As the leaves begin to change and we welcome the crisp air of October, I am reminded of the beauty of transformation and growth. This month, our lodge has several exciting events and initiatives planned that I am thrilled to share with you.

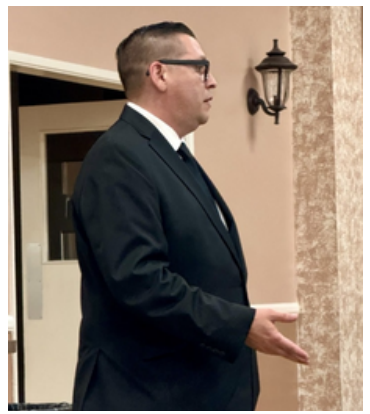
This October, we observe Indigenous Peoples' Day on the 14th. As a First Nations person myself, this day holds special significance. It is a time to honor the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. The values of respect, community, and wisdom that are central to Indigenous traditions have also played a significant role in the principles of Masonry.

Historically, Indigenous people have been involved in Freemasonry since the late 18th century. For example, notable Native American Freemasons like Joseph Brant, a Mohawk military and political leader, played a significant role in bridging cultural divides and promoting mutual respect and understanding. The shared values of brotherhood and community have allowed Indigenous members to contribute uniquely to the fraternity, enriching its traditions and practices.

As we move through this month, let us take the time to reflect on these shared values and the important role that Indigenous peoples have played in our fraternity. Your presence and participation in our meetings are vital to the vibrancy and success of our lodge. Let us continue to uphold the values of brotherhood, charity, and integrity as we navigate this season of change.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming gatherings and working together to make this month a memorable one for our lodge.

Fraternally,
Thomas Ocampo Junior Warden



SECRETARY



I am honored to announce that Bill Booth, after 5 years serving our lodge, has stepped down as Secretary. I'll begin sitting "at the desk to the left of the Worshipful Master in the East."

Over the past few months I've been working on a project to help inform our brethren of upcoming events in some more modern ways. With the support of several members of the executive committee, we started improving how we share our trestleboard, and the events listed in it, to better reach everyone in the lodge.

You now have several ways to receive the trestleboard: by mail, email, and as a PDF available on our website at [GTN273.com/trestleboard](https://gtN273.com/trestleboard). You are currently receiving it through email and mail. If you would prefer to customize your communication preferences, you can do so by logging into freemason.org, navigating to **My Profile**, and selecting **Communication Preferences**. Here, you can adjust your choices prefixed with **Mailing List**, **Email List**, and **Text List** to suit your needs. Your preferences will be honored in our next communication.

Additionally, we have two special options: **Upcoming Degrees** and **Tuesday Degree Study**, which will send you reminders about upcoming degree nights and our weekly degree study sessions.

Lastly, events are also posted on our Band App, our website [GTN273.com/calendar](https://gtN273.com/calendar) and on social media too.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to serving the lodge.

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker
(562) 863-9101
secretary@gtn273.com



TEMPLE BOARD



Hello Brethren, With several changes within the board it's been some time since you have heard from us. We have a pretty good size list of things to do to keep our building up and going. We are slowly making progress and even signed a new contract with an event company known and used by several other lodges. So we are very excited to see what they bring. As you know with extra income means keeping our old building standing and looking good. As always any issues you may find you are more than welcome to our board meetings which are first the Monday of every month.

Fraternally yours,
Andrew Demofonte
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Temple Board President



Stated DINNER

Join us for an unforgettable dinner experience, where the culinary delights of Emerald Star take center stage. Our carefully curated menu promises to tantalize your taste buds and leave you craving for more.

The main course features a classic comfort dish, meatloaf, seasoned to perfection and baked to a juicy, tender finish. Accompanying the meatloaf are creamy cheddar mashed potatoes, infused with sharp cheddar cheese, adding a delightful twist to a beloved side dish. A fresh and vibrant vegetable medley provides a burst of color and nutrition, lightly seasoned and cooked to retain their natural crunch.

To round off the evening, indulge in our Peach Dump Cake, a delightful dessert featuring juicy peaches baked under a golden, buttery crust. Each spoonful is a sweet and satisfying end to a perfect meal. We look forward to sharing this delicious dinner with you and creating wonderful memories together.

Bon appétit!

RAINBOW GIRLS

Greetings from Buena Park Rainbow,

We are having an exciting year with our Grand Officer Miranda Coddling and initiating three new girls this summer. We had a great trip to Knotts Berry Farm and a super fun weekend at Rainbow Camp. On September 14, we had our area OV which had a Night at the Museum theme. It was a special day as we got to meet with our GWA Ella.

As always, thank you so much for supporting us and everything we do! Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7pm. Don't forget to keep up with our social media accounts for more updates!

facebook.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls
instagram.com/buenaparkrainbowgirls
twitter.com/bprainbowgirls



RSVP FOR DINNER

We'd like to remind you that our monthly Stated Dinner takes place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM, followed by our Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM. These meals are lovingly prepared by either one of our brothers or one of our Masonic bodies, such as Eastern Star. To help us better plan and reduce unnecessary expenses, we are introducing an RSVP system for our dinners.

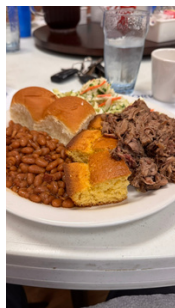
While no one will ever be turned away, it would greatly assist our cooks if we knew how many to expect. Your RSVP will help ensure enough food is prepared for everyone.

RSVP in one of two ways:

1. **Respond to the email or text** sent from the Grand Lodge and click the event link to RSVP, indicating how many will be attending.
1. **Call the lodge at 562-863-9101**, press 2, and leave a voicemail with your name and the number in your party.

By RSVPing, you're helping our cooks prepare the right amount of food for our gatherings. Not getting the emails and or texts? freemason.org and update your communications preferences.

Fraternally yours,
Jason Tucker
Secretary



NEW BROTHERS



Bro. Mike Chamasmani



Bro. Nico Saldarriaga



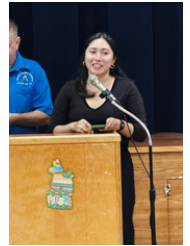
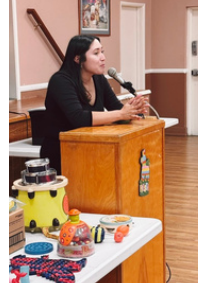
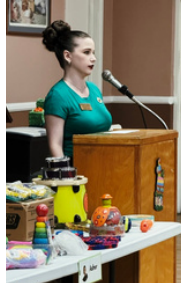
With your help and donations, we have raised more than \$450,000 – over 22,500 mitts – since 2015 for Masons4Mitts in Los Angeles. Your contributions have supported deserving boys and girls all over this region. Thanks for stepping up to the plate!

Donate a Mitt using the link below
<https://bit.ly/south-bay-spartans>



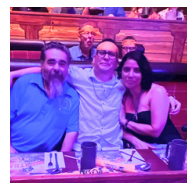
SCAN ME

SCHOOLS NIGHT



Waite Middle School, Su Casa and AppleTree received donations from our lodge, a performance from Job's Daughters, Sage Davis - Grand Bethel Honor Queen, Miranda Coddling - Rainbow Grand Assembly Grand Immortality

PIRATES NIGHT



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