

# GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE # 273



**Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday of each month**

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

**Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No.273**

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# GOLD TROWEL NORWALK

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# LODGE CALENDAR

## November

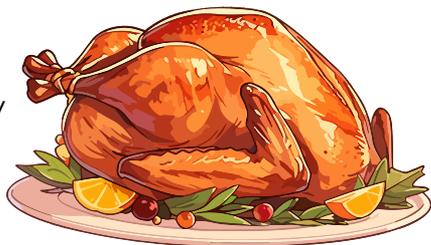
- 2 **Sat** Day of the Dead
- 3 **Sun** Daylight Saving ends, fall back
- 5 **Tues** Election Day
- 7 **Thurs** 7pm Exec/Temple Board meeting
- 11 **Mon** Veterans Day
- 14 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/meeting
- 21 **Thurs** 7pm Hiram Award
- 27 **Wed** 6:30pm OSI @ Bellflower
- 28 **Thurs** DARK Thanksgiving

## December

- 2 **Mon** 7pm Temple Board meeting
- 5 **Thurs** 7pm Executive meeting
- 12 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/meeting
- 19 **Thurs** 7pm Practice
- 24 **Tues** Christmas Eve
- 25 **Wed** Christmas Day
- 26 **Thurs** DARK Hanukkah/Kwanzaa
- 31 **Tues** New Years Eve

## Stated DINNER

Join us this month for a delightful turkey dinner that promises to be a feast for the senses! Our expertly roasted turkey will be the star of the evening, seasoned to perfection and served with a rich, savory gravy. Accompanying this succulent bird will be an array of traditional sides, including creamy mashed potatoes, vibrant green beans, and our signature cranberry sauce that adds a touch of tart sweetness.



### RSVP in one of two ways:

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



# WORSHIPFUL MASTER

## Your Vote Matters: Presidential and Lodge Elections in November

It's time to cast your vote again—  
both for the Presidential election  
and for our Lodge.



If you're an LA resident, come to the Lodge to vote. November  
also brings Lodge elections for next year's officers, along with  
our official presentation of our country's flag. Your support for  
the Lodge would be greatly appreciated.

Our Lodge is busy, with two more applications cleared by  
Grand Lodge for degrees, candidates working on proficiency,  
and hopefully, second degrees soon.

With days getting shorter, especially after we fall back an hour  
on November 3, our calendar fills up quickly with the  
upcoming holidays. Please remember to give yourself extra  
time to get where you're going and stay safe during this festive  
season, as there are many distractions.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mark Patton, P.M. H.A

# JUNIOR WARDEN

## **From Darkness to Light: Celebrating Life through Freemasonry and Day of the Dead**

Having shared my birthday with the Day of the Dead, it's always had a special place in my heart, just like Masonry does.



Both traditions honor the past and cherish the bonds that connect us across time. Freemasonry, with its ancient rituals and teachings, promotes moral and spiritual growth.

It creates a community where members support one another in their personal and professional lives. The Day of the Dead, celebrated with vibrant altars, marigolds, and sugar skulls, is a time to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have passed.

By blending these two traditions, we create a unique way to honor our ancestors and the values they upheld. It reminds us of the importance of reflection, remembrance, and the shared journey we all undertake in life. Just as the Masons strive for enlightenment and fraternity, the Day of the Dead teaches us to celebrate life and embrace the connections that transcend mortality.

Together, these observances serve as a reminder that we are never truly alone, for the memories of those who came before us continue to guide and inspire our path forward.

Thomas Ocampo  
Junior Warden



# SECRETARY



As the year draws to a close, I hope you and your loved ones are finding time to enjoy each other's company amidst the festivities of Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the rapidly approaching Christmas.

The 2024 Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge will be held in November, coinciding with the installation of the 2025 Grand Lodge Officers. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to each of the Grand Officers for an exciting and fulfilling year ahead.

The 2024 "Masons4Mitts" season significantly surpassed all previous years. Here is the statement posted on their website:

*Building on sixteen years of partnership, the Masons of California, in affiliation with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California and four Major League Baseball partner foundations, are proud to announce that they have raised a record setting \$305,234 in 2024 for youth development programs through their signature Masons4Mitts baseball mitt drive. Since launching the program in 2009, Masons of California donations have raised over \$2,300,000, which translates to over 115,000 mitts to youth players across California*

*What a CRAZY and AMAZING finish to our 2024 LA Masons4Mitts campaign! We have officially set a new record total of \$75,757 to present to the LA Dodgers Foundation at Masons Night!*

Here are the 2024 LA Masons4Mitts Campaign overall totals:

**Spartans 1309**, Titans 862, Beach Bums 736, Hilltoppers 515, Pioneers 362

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

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



# TEMPLE BOARD



The grass is greener and the lights are brighter! Our latest project is getting our outdated and non functioning camera system replaced. We will now be able to continue keeping the building and renters safe. We still have a long way to go with getting our building back to its normal self. With some time and patience we will get there. With our new phone answering service we have been getting many inquiries about hall rentals. Everyone also now has the ability to take a look at our calendar online to make choosing a date for any of your special events that much easier. As always any issues you may find you are more than welcome to our board meetings which are the first Monday of every month.

<https://gtn273.com/rental/>

Fraternally yours,  
Andrew Demofonte  
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Temple Board President



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