

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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LODGE CALENDAR

January

- 1 **Wed** New Year's Day
- 2 **Thurs** 7pm Executive Meeting
- 6 **Mon** 7pm Temple Board Meeting
- 9 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/meeting
- 18 **Saturday** Lodge Installation
- 20 **Mon** MLK Day & Inauguration Day
- 23/30 **Mon** TBD
- 31 **Fri** Masonic family game night

Feburary

- 3 **Mon** Temple Board Meeting
- 6 **Thurs** 7pm Executive Meeting
- 13 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/meeting
- 14 **Fri** Valentines Day

Stated DINNER

We warmly welcome you to join us for our January Stated Dinner, an event that promises to be a delightful evening filled with good food and great company. This month, we're honored to have the culinary talents of **Emerald Star #143**, who have prepared a delicious menu just for us.

Menu:

- Fresh and Crisp Salad
- Creamy Chicken Alfredo
- Tasty Dessert

The dinner is not just about the food; it's about reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, all while enjoying a meal that has been prepared with care and love.

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



Reflecting on a Year of Growth and Giving Happy New Year

Greetings Brethren,

Last year marked a significant chapter for our lodge with the initiation of six new Brothers

an increase in charitable endeavors, and a growing presence within our city and surrounding communities. This year, we are committed to raising the bar even higher.

We are planning a variety of activities with our Eastern Star and youth groups, aiming to reengage more of our Brethren, conduct more degrees, and revive events that have been on hiatus.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Brothers who have generously donated to our lodge for charitable causes. The lodge takes immense pride in supporting other organizations in need, and we are grateful for the contributions from our members. While we do not solicit donations for charitable purposes, as it is within our budget, we deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness behind any donation, no matter the amount.

A considerable portion of the funds raised for charities came from preparing our own stated dinners at cost, with the savings directed to charitable causes. Special thanks to Brother Thomas Ocampo for his culinary skills and to the Brothers who assisted. Our charitable efforts last year included support for:

- Waite Middle School
- Midnight Mission
- The Masonic Homes
- Shriners Hospitals for Children
- Angel Tree Project (City of Norwalk's program for gifts to children of low-income families)
- The City of Norwalk's program for at-risk youth
- Appletree (a program to help special needs children adapt to school)
- Su Casa (a program to end domestic violence)

It is inspiring to see our impact on our communities, and I am proud to be a member of Golden Trowel Norwalk.

Wishing you all a joyous New Year filled with love, laughter, and prosperity. I hope to see you all at the Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

Mark Patton P.M. H.A.



JUNIOR WARDEN

Phoenix Rising: The Rebirth of Norwalk Golden Trowel Lodge

In 2024, Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge has truly embodied the spirit of the Phoenix, rising anew with vibrancy and purpose under the astute leadership and vision of Worshipful Mark Patton.

A Flourishing Year Under New Leadership

With Worshipful Patton at the helm, our lodge experienced a transformative period. His leadership fostered an environment where both new and seasoned Brothers found renewed enthusiasm and commitment. This blend of fresh energy and experienced wisdom brought an unparalleled sense of peace and harmony to our gatherings.

Welcoming New Brothers

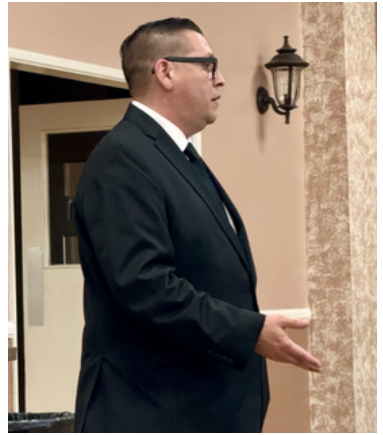
The infusion of new members into our ranks has been a significant highlight. Their active participation has invigorated our lodge, bringing diverse perspectives and innovative ideas. Alongside them, long-standing Brothers have rekindled their passion, enriching our fellowship with their valuable experience and dedication.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we step into 2025, we are excited about the potential and promise that the future holds. Our lodge is on the cusp of welcoming several promising new members and establishing new affiliations. These additions will undoubtedly strengthen our bond and expand our reach within the community.

We are committed to upholding the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, guiding us as we build a stronger, more united lodge.

Fraternally,
Thomas Ocampo - Junior Warden



SECRETARY



Brethren,

As we embark on the new year, I would like to extend my gratitude to Worshipful Mark Patton and all our officers and members for making 2024 such a successful and memorable year. A special thanks goes to Bill Booth and Ben Carr for their invaluable support during my transition to Secretary and for helping me get up to speed.

Dues cards for 2025 are being mailed to life members and those who have paid their dues. You can also access a digital version of your dues card through the iMember website and even display it on your phone at a lodge you are visiting—a modern convenience indeed! If you've paid but have not received your card, it should arrive soon. If you don't receive it by the end of January, please contact me directly by phone or email.

If you are facing challenges with your dues, please reach out to discuss how we can assist. Updating your address is easiest via the iMember website at <https://member.freemason.org>. Alternatively, you can mail updates to the lodge or email them to me at secretary@gtn273.com.

For assistance by phone, leave a message at **(562) 863-9101**, and I will return your call promptly.

Thank you for your continued support!

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker
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TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board and Happy New Years!, we are slowly continuing to getting dates scheduled for rentals and sticking to keeping our little old building looking good and functioning better. Through these holidays we have slowed down a little bit allowing people to spend some much needed quality time with their families. We will be right back to the hustle and bustle as soon as they are over. As always any issues you may find you are more than welcome to email us at the email below. Our meetings are every First Monday of the month as well.

Fraternally yours,
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