

# 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

## March

**3 Mon** Temple Board/ Executive Meeting

**6 Thurs** 7pm 1st degree practice

**9 Sun** Daylight savings time spring forward

**13 Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/meeting

**17** St Patrick's Day

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## *Stated* DINNER

We warmly welcome you to join us for our March Stated Dinner, for some Smoked chicken that's so good, you might just ask for the recipe... but we'll probably keep it a secret., alongside roasted veggies that'll make your taste buds do a happy dance. Because smoked chicken and Masonic fellowship equals pure awesomeness!

### **Menu:**

- Smoked Chicken
- Roasted Veggies

The dinner is not just about the food; it's about reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, all while enjoying a free 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

## Spring of Growth and Fellowship

The lodge is buzzing with activity! We've already welcomed a new brother with our first First Degree of the year, and another is on the horizon this month. It's truly inspiring to see our prospects become candidates and our candidates rise to membership.

Despite a weather-challenged February, we're looking forward to a vibrant spring. As the days lengthen, we anticipate seeing many familiar faces returning to fill the various roles within our lodge.

Daylight Saving Time: Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour!

Ramona Pageant Trip: Join us on May 3rd for our first outing of the year! We'll be attending the historic Ramona Pageant. The cost is \$25 per person, covering the bus, lunch, and the show. Sign up and pay at the March-stated dinner on Thursday, March 13th.

Our Super Bowl party, though intimate, was a great success. We also enjoyed a fun game night with the Order of the Eastern Star, which yielded a promising prospect for the lodge. Looking ahead, we're planning more social events: game nights, movie nights, ice cream socials, and more! These gatherings are fantastic opportunities to connect, build camaraderie, and introduce potential members to our lodge. Please let me know if you have ideas or would like to help plan these events.

If you've been away, now is the perfect time to return. Let's rekindle the spirit of fellowship and shared purpose that defines our lodge.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Mark Patton P.M. H.A. Worshipful Master



Welcome Brother Eric Marsh

# Upcoming Trips & Events



## 102nd SEASON OF RAMONA - April 27 2025

Since 1923, the Ramona Bowl, a magnificent outdoor amphitheater, has hosted an annual production of the story of Ramona. This open-air play breathes life into Jackson's characters, transporting audiences back in time and immersing them in the struggles and triumphs of Ramona and her world.

**The Story** - The Ramona pageant is a love story about Ramona, an orphan of mixed race, and Alessandro, the son of a Native American chief. The story is set in Old California during the time of white settlers taking over Native land



**\$25 per person**, all members of Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge their wives and children above the age of 12. Frank Gillespie will be collecting money at the March and April stated meetings. The cost is \$25 per person. Bus ride to and from included.



# JUNIOR WARDEN

## Behind the Scenes: Women and Our Lodge

Brethren, March is upon us, and with it, Women's History Month. While our fraternity is composed of men, it's vital we acknowledge the immense role women play in our lives and the success of our lodge.

This month, let's take a moment to reflect on the women who support us. Our wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters contribute in countless ways, often behind the scenes. They are the backbone of our families and, by extension, our ability to dedicate ourselves to the Craft.

Think of the meals prepared for our stated dinners, the organization of social events, and the unwavering support they provide. These acts of service, though often unseen, are essential to our lodge's harmony.

We must also acknowledge the strong relationship with the Order of the Eastern Star, where many of our families' women find fraternal connection.

Let us remember that while we gather within the tiled lodge, the women in our lives are integral to the strength and well-being of our Masonic family.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Ocampo  
Junior Warden



# SECRETARY



Brethren,

Dues cards for 2025 have been mailed out to any member that has paid by sending a check to the lodge or are lifetime members. If you have not received your dues card you can download it yourself from **freemason.org** or contact the lodge and one can be sent to you.

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## **2025 International Conference on Freemasonry:**

### **"Freemasonry in Popular Culture: 1700 to Yesterday, Part 1"**

Saturday, March 22 at the University of California, Los Angeles

Admission: \$40; optional lunch \$25

**<https://freemason.org/ucla/>**

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## **L.A. Fires and Resources for Fire Victims**

Masons and their families in need can reach out to [Masonic Outreach Services](#). Through MOS, displaced Masons can access case management and emergency funds as well as connect to community-based resources and supports.

Call Masonic Assistance at [888-466-3642](tel:888-466-3642)

Fraternally,  
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# TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

With the new year underway we are receiving more and more rental inquiries still keeping our fingers crossed at continuing to lock in more event dates. We hope that everyone has a fantastic month and as always any issues you may find feel free to send us an email at the address below.

Fraternally yours,  
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