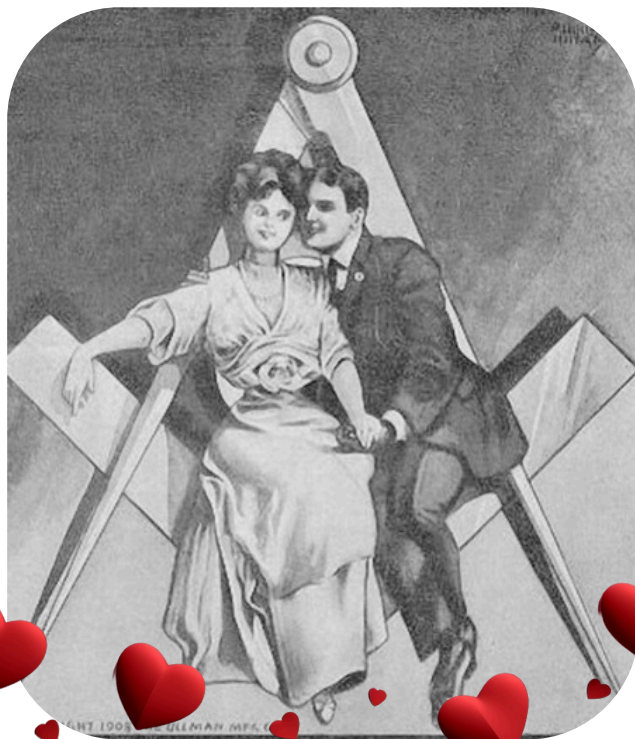


GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE # 273



Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday of each month

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

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LODGE CALENDAR

February

- 2 Groundhog's Day
- 3 **Mon** 7pm Temple Board/ Executive Meeting
- 6 **Thurs** 7pm practice 1 degree and OV
- 13 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/meeting
- 14 **Fri** Valentines Day
- 17 **Mon** Presidents Day
- 20 **Thurs** 7pm 1st degree
- 27 **Thurs** 6:30pm OSI @ Long Beach

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
- 20 **Thurs** 7pm 1st degree
- 27 **Thurs** 6:30pm OSI @ Artesia

Stated DINNER

We warmly welcome you to join us for our February 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:

- Coleslaw
- Pull Pork
- 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 freemeal 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



Happy Valentine's Day!

January is behind us, and our first eight lodge OSI went splendidly. In February, the Eastern Star will once again grace us with their culinary talents for our stated dinner.



At the stated meeting, we will welcome the official visit from our inspectors, representing the Grandmaster. Our OSI will take place in Long Beach, and we aim to hold a few practice sessions for our first degree at the end of the month. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

I will be reaching out to our brethren for support in filling committees. One crucial committee is the audit committee, with duties due in March. February will be a busy month with numerous reports due, including those from the secretary, treasurer, trustees, and the annual budget presented by the master.

Our first trip of the year will be to the Ramona Pageant, with money being collected at the February stated meeting. This event is open to all members and their families.

Remember to bring your sweethearts to our February-stated dinner and celebrate them on Valentine's Day. They provide invaluable support to our members and the lodge, and we deeply appreciate all that they do.

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

JUNIOR WARDEN

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY



The Heart and Brotherhood

Brethren,
As Valentine's Day approaches, it's a fitting time to reflect on the connections between this celebration of love and the principles we hold dear as Freemasons.

While often associated with romance, Valentine's Day also resonates with the core tenets of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The Symbolism of Love and the Heart

The heart, a symbol of love and compassion, is significant within Freemasonry. Our teachings emphasize love—not only romantic love but also the love of one's fellow man. This mirrors the unity we celebrate in Freemasonry, where brotherly love supports and uplifts us all.

Building Strong Foundations

Strong foundations are essential in both relationships and Freemasonry. Just as we craft stones with care, we must nurture and strengthen our relationships, whether they be romantic, familial, or fraternal.

The Pillars of Tradition and Honor

Freemasonry's values of honor, integrity, and fidelity are equally important on Valentine's Day, when we honor commitments to our loved ones. Both traditions remind us of the importance of maintaining our moral compass and honoring our commitments.

A Vision of Unity and Harmony

Both Freemasonry and Valentine's Day promote unity and harmony. As Masons, we strive to create a supportive brotherhood, just as Valentine's Day celebrates the unity and harmony that love brings into our lives.

Brethren, as we celebrate Valentine's Day, let us reflect on the principles of Freemasonry and the values of love and commitment. May our Masonic journey be enriched by the love and compassion we share with others.

Thomas Ocampo
Junior Warden

Happy
Valentine's Day



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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 imember or contact the lodge and one can be sent to you.

It is not necessary to have a paper dues card any more, you can show your dues card using imember on your smartphone. <https://member.freemason.org> and tap on **Virtual Card** to show your card to the lodge you are visiting.

If you are behind on your dues and need assistance please contact me so we can make arrangements.

If anyone has an address change you can update it online on imember or you can email or leave a voicemail by calling the lodge using the contact info below.

Thank you for your continued support!

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker
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secretary@gtn273.com



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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