

# 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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# TRESTLEBOARD



## GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK

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# LODGE CALENDAR

## June

**2 Mon** 7pm Temple Board/Executive meeting

**5 Thurs** 7pm Practice

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

**14 Sat** Flag Day

**15 Sun** Father's Day

**19 Thurs** 7pm Practice

**24 Tues** 6:30pm OSI Pacific Rim (Long Beach)

**26 Thurs** 7pm Practice

## July

**3 Thurs** 7pm Officers practice for qualification

**4 Fri** Independence Day

**7 Mon** 7pm TempleBoard/Executive meeting

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

**17 Thurs** 7pm Officers practice for qualification

**24 Thurs** 7pm Officers practice for qualification

**31 Thurs** 7pm Officers practice for qualification

\* July Dates Subject to change

## Stated DINNER

Join us for an evening of fellowship as our Rainbow Girls graciously prepare and serve a hearty, home-style meal:

- Rotisserie Chicken
- Garden-fresh Salad with choice of dressings
- Warm Bakery Rolls & Butter
- Creamy Mashed Potatoes with Savory Gravy
- Seasonal Medley of Vegetables
- Ice-Cream for dessert

Bring your appetite—and feel free to invite guests! We look forward to sharing great food, gratitude, and fraternal camaraderie together.

### 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 Father's Day, Brothers!

What a month May was! We're easing into summer after a truly busy period. Our stated meeting was a fantastic success, with both Waite Middle School's leadership program and Appletree deeply moved by our contributions.

Appletree's teachers were particularly touched by the abundance of materials, toys, and supplies we provided – enough to fill two 8-foot tables! It was also great to partner with our Eastern Star chapter, Emerald Star, who generously contributed to both organizations. We're excited about the ongoing conversations for more joint charitable endeavors!

Huge congratulations to Nico on achieving his Second Degree! We can't wait for his Master Mason Degree and to officially welcome him as our newest brother once he signs the bylaws.

Our OES Emerald Star chapter had productive District meetings, and Job's Daughters capped off May with a wonderful reception on the 31st for their Grand Bethel Honor Queen, Sage Davis.

To all our lodge fathers and grandfathers, Happy Father's Day! This June, for Father's Day and Saint John's Day, we're planning a special thank-you for our officers and their partners, recognizing their incredible dedication to the Lodge. This appreciation extends to all the brothers who've stepped up to help with degrees and events throughout the year.

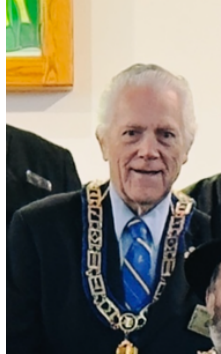
While we don't "go dark" in July and August like some lodges, we are planning to ease up on regular lodge work this summer. Our focus will shift to officer proficiencies, ensuring we're well-prepared for next year.

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



# ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

**Greetings and happy summer to you all!**



GTNL is looking forward to our next outing - which is our Sweethearts Dinner Theater at "Medieval Times" in Buena Park (no bus for this trip)

Our lodge, Sweethearts (we like the word Sweethearts better than widows) will be FREE! - But we need to know who is coming for the sake of reservation - so please RSVP

GTNL members spouses and children 12 years and older are welcome at a cost of \$20 each.

We will start collecting money and reservations from our June stated meeting through our July Stated Meeting ONLY!

\* Sorry to have to add this note - But the money must accompany your reservations! We had eight people sign up for Ramona - promised to pay, as they said they would, they did not - and did not show. The lodge lost money from these people - SHAME ON THEM!

Make your checks out to **Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273** with the # of people going - Cash is OK. The medieval times outing is at 7662 Beach Blvd., Buena Park on Saturday, August 9 arriving at 4 PM.

**Any questions call Frank Gillespie at 562-863-6388.**

Please speak clearly and slowly include your phone number. Thanks and looking forward to our outing!

Frank Gillespie, P.M. - Officer's Coach  
562-863-6388

# Upcoming Trips & Events



## Medieval Times – Sweethearts Dinner

Saturday 9th

Medieval Times for Lodge Sweethearts - \$20/person ages 12 and up.  
Lodge Sweethearts Free!

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## Angels Baseball Game

Date to be determined

## Cruise

**4-Day Baja Mexico from Los Angeles, CA**

September 22-26th

**Interior** - \$50/person (Double occupancy required)

Upgrades available

Start: **Long Beach** (Los Angeles) > **Catalina Island** > **Ensenada**  
>End: **Long Beach** (Los Angeles)

Please contact Joseph Patronas 562-964-8999 for RSVP and  
payment by June Stated meeting

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## Laughlin

October 3,4,5 return 6th

Bus leaves at 9am from Lodge for Laughlin - \$25/person

Includes In-n-out \$15 card up and back

Contact Frank Gillespie 562-863-6388 regarding all announcements and money  
collections for our upcoming events.

# SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers,

If you have moved, this Trestle Board and other Masonic material is still going to your OLD Address. Please send an email [secretary@gtn273.com](mailto:secretary@gtn273.com) or call the Secretary's office.

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We've had a few folks inquire to join our lodge on our website [GTN273.com](http://GTN273.com) as well as in person. If you have a prospect looking to join contact Larry Orozco or myself and we can help them get started down the path.

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## **Grand Master's Restoration Campaign**

In 2019, the Grand Master's Restoration Campaign was enacted to provide a pathway for selected members who were suspended for Non-payment of Dues (SNPD) to return to good standing after a nominal payment is made to the lodge. We voted in favor of this and will begin the process with Grand Lodge to being processing SNPD.

Fraternally,  
Jason Tucker  
Secretary  
Office: (562) 863-9101  
Email: [secretary@gtn273.com](mailto:secretary@gtn273.com)

# TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

Phase one of the roof repairs has been completed. We are getting ready for the second and hopefully finally phase. We are making many small repairs like new power outlets, kitchen microwave, insect proofing the building and so on.

As always we hope everyone has a fantastic month and any issues you may find with the building please feel free to email us at the below address.

Thank you,

Andrew Demofonte H. A.

Norwalk Masonic Building Association President

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Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau



## Celebrating Our Masonic Youth Orders

Have you made your plans to attend this event?  
If not, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau

Sunday, June 08, 2025

Pasadena Scottish Rite

150 N. Madison Ave Pasadena, CA

Social starts at 8:30 / Meeting starts at  
9:00

At this meeting we will recognize and honor the members of our three **Masonic Youth Orders**.

Please direct any questions to our Executive Secretary, WB Sherman Ostrom at (818) 366-3572 / [office@lamsb.org](mailto:office@lamsb.org), or our Meeting Coordinator, Rusty Roten, at [rroten57@gmail.com](mailto:rroten57@gmail.com) or (310) 433-3728. Hope to see you then.



# Masonic History in June



**June 1867 – A President Initiated in the White House** Andrew Johnson became the first (and only) U.S. president to receive a Masonic degree inside the Executive Mansion, squeezed in during his official schedule.



**June 6 1876 – Imperial Council of the Shriners Organized** Thirty-two Nobles met at Mecca Temple in New York City, creating the governing body that would evolve into Shriners International and its famous charity hospitals.



**June 11 1898 – Masonic Home of New Jersey Founded** New Jersey Freemasons opened a home in Burlington for aged and infirm members—an early example of the fraternity's commitment to organized charity.



**June 24 – Feast of St John the Baptist** Mid-summer's "St John's Day" has been celebrated by Masons since medieval times; many early lodges installed their officers on this date, and it remains a traditional red-letter day on Masonic calendars worldwide.



**June 24 1717 – Birth of Modern Freemasonry** Four London lodges met at the Goose & Gridiron tavern and formed the first Grand Lodge, the forerunner of today's United Grand Lodge of England.



**24 June 1732 – Benjamin Franklin's First Grand-Lodge Office** Just a year after his initiation, Franklin was appointed Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—his first step toward becoming its Grand Master in 1734.



**27 June 1791 – Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Constituted** Delegates from Newport and Providence lodges met in the State House at Newport to organize the jurisdiction's independent Grand Lodge.

# **Living Past Masters that are members of Golden Trowel Norwalk**

**David J Alexander** (1986 - Brea 339)

**James T Arend** (2021, 2014 - GTN 273)

**Hans F Bohn** (1974 - San Antonio 694)

**William M Booth** (2009 - GTN 273)

**Ronald T Easley** (1975 - Lynwood 600)

**Rick A Evans** (2005, 1991 - Covina 334)

**Gary D Gerken** (1995 - Norwalk 315)

**H. Frank Gillespie** (1987 - Palisades 637), (2000 - GTN 273)

**Joseph A Grubb Jr.** (2015, 2016 - Rim of the World 711)

**Travis L Halstead** (2013, 2025 - Cornerstone 659)

**Robert B Kirklin** (2004, 2008 - Bellflower 320)

**Brett A Mac Donald** (1997 - Southern Calif Research 1005), (1989 - Covina 334)

**Robert T Mc Adam** (2002, 2003 - Norwalk 315)

**Richard L Mc Adams** (1986 - Tyre 741)

**Glenn C Mc Elroy** (1972 - Centennial 729)

**Everett E Miller** (1991 - Bell 483), (1999, 2003, 2006 - GTN 273)

**George C Miller** (1982 - Hollenbeck 319)

**Robert R Mitchell** (2015 - GTN 273), (1983 - Downey United 220)

**Charles J Ogden** (2001, 2002 - Anaheim 207)

**Joseph Patronas** (2016, 2018, 2019 - GTN 273)

**Mark F Patton** (2017, 2021, 2024, 2025 - GTN 273), (2015 - Cornerstone 659)

**Roy R Pool** (1973 - West Covina 446), (1999 - West Covina 446)

**Romeo E Ricarte** (1989 - Service 594), (2001 - Artesia Sunrise 377)

**George L Rodriguez** (1989 - Norwalk 315)

**Charles D Rose** (1990 - Norwalk 315)

**Wallace M Sanderson** (1980 - Jordan 654), (1975 - Golden Bowl 755)

**Robert E Sickles Jr.** (1985 - Norwalk 315)

**David G Swanston III** (1976, 1987, 1988 - Lynwood 600), (2001, 2002, 2013, 2014 - GTN 273)

**James R Thompson** (1984 - Centennial 729)

**William J Tripler** (1984, 1991 - Artesia Sunrise 377)

**Daryl L Weathers** (1986 - Norwalk 315)

**Gordon L Williams Sr.** (1987, 1985, 1969 - Centennial 729)

**Michael T Winford** (2011 - GTN 273), (1988 - Bellflower 320)

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