

# 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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Albert Estrella - **Junior Steward**

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# LODGE. CALENDAR

## September

- 1 **Mon** Labor Day
- 4 **Thurs** 7pm Executive/ TempleBoard meeting
- 11 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting
- 18 **Thurs** 7pm 3rd degree practice
- 25 **Thurs** 6:30pm OSI Bellflower

## October

- 2 **Thurs** 7pm last 3rd degree practice for Nico
- 6 **Mon** 7pm TempleBoard/ Excutive meeting
- 9 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting
- 11 **Sat** 4pm Nico's third degree
- 16 **Thurs** 7pm TBD
- 18 **Sat** 5pm Hiram Award Jason Tucker
- 23-26 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- Oct23-Nov5 LA County Voting in our building

## Stated DINNER

Our Eastern Star will be delighting us with their cooking once again, on the menu will be

- Enchiladas
- Rice
- Beans
- Dessert will be Aroz con Leche (Mexican rice pudding)

### 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



Going into the home stretch

The days are getting shorter, school has already started and we are closer to Grand Lodge, Holidays and Installation and just like that the is gone.

But before all that we did enjoy our sweethearts trip to Medieval Times, there are also some congratulations first to Ben Carr on their daughters wedding and yo Jason Tucker on his Hiram Award to be given to him Oct 18. Also looking forward to Nico's third degree on Oct 11.

We will be having our Laughlin trip and hopefully a Christmas Show at the end of the year, as well as our 50yr pin presentation.

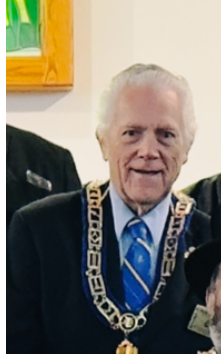
Hope to see more of our Masonic family at our events.

Mark Patton P.M. H.A.

Worshipful Master



# ENTERTAINMENT REPORT



## ATTENTION ATTENTION

Our Laughlin trip will be Thursday the 2nd, Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> and returning home Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> in October 2025 double occupancy. We collecting money for the last time at our September stated meeting.

**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



# Upcoming Trips & Events



## Cruise

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

Late September

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

Upgrades available

Start: **Long Beach** (Los Angeles) >End: **Long Beach** (Los Angeles)

Please contact **Joseph Patronas 562-964-8999** for RSVP

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## Laughlin

October 2,3,4 return 5th

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

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

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## Christmas Dinner and show

Tentative December 6th

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



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# SECRETARY



Greetings, Brothers,

As we prepare for the 2025 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, we have a valuable opportunity to review the proposed legislation that will be voted on. The Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau is hosting a special meeting featuring a review of the 2025 Annual Communication Legislation. Our special guest presenter will be Most Worshipful Brother R. Stephen Doan, Past Grand Master.

## Event Details:

- When: Sunday, September 14, 2025
- Where: Pasadena Scottish Rite, 150 N. Madison Avenue, Pasadena
- Schedule: Continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., with the meeting beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting is a great chance to be informed and prepared for the upcoming decisions. Please note that this event is for Masons only.

Fraternally,  
Jason Tucker  
Secretary  
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# TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

Repairs to the roof are complete, Several of the brothers are assisting in a work party to replace all the dinning room lights to LED. Not only will this give the place a better look but cut down on energy use. You might have noticed we are slowly replacing our indoor keyed lock sets with digital locks eliminating spending money on lost keys. Slowly but surely we are nocking things off our 5 year plan. As always any issues you may find feel free to send us an email at the address below.

Thank you,

Andrew Demofonte H. A.

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# MEETINGS



**Order of Eastern Star**  
Meetings: 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed



**Job's Daughters Bethel No. 241**  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat



**Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231**  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon



**Excelsior DeMolay**  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed

# Masonic History in September

## **The Masonic Cornerstone Laying of the U.S. Capitol (September 18, 1793)**

Brother George Washington, the Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, led a grand procession in full Masonic regalia to the site of the new U.S. Capitol building. Before a crowd of dignitaries, he conducted a solemn Masonic ceremony to lay the cornerstone of the edifice. This historic event forever linked the Craft with the very foundation of the United States' government and its ideals.

## **The Chartering of African Lodge #459 (September 20, 1784)**

On this date, the Grand Lodge of England issued a warrant to African Lodge #459 in Boston, officially chartering a group of Black Freemasons led by Brother Prince Hall. This was a monumental step forward, granting them the authority to meet as a regular lodge. It laid the groundwork for the establishment of Prince Hall Freemasonry, an enduring and influential branch of the Craft that has championed community and philanthropy for over two centuries.

## **The Lodge that Initiated George Washington (September 1, 1752)**

While not the date of his initiation, September 1st, 1752 marks the establishment of a new lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia. This lodge, known as Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, holds the distinct honor of being the fraternity where a young George Washington would soon be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. It represents the early roots of the Craft in the American colonies and its enduring appeal to men of all backgrounds.

## **Brother Lafayette's Arrival (September 6, 1777)**

A young French nobleman and ardent Freemason, the Marquis de Lafayette, arrived in America to volunteer his services for the Revolutionary War. He was quickly given a commission as a Major General and became a trusted confidant and friend to Brother George Washington. His commitment to the ideals of liberty and brotherhood embodied the very spirit of international fraternity.

## **The Laying of the Cornerstone of the Grand Lodge of California Building (September 12, 1912)**

On this date, a grand Masonic ceremony was held to lay the cornerstone of the new Grand Lodge building in San Francisco, a structure that would replace the one lost in the 1906 earthquake. This event marked a triumphant moment of renewal and resilience for Freemasons in California, symbolizing their enduring commitment to the community. The magnificent temple remains a beacon of the Craft and a testament to their perseverance.



# 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** (1986, 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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