

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

November

1-5th Voting A County Voting in our building
3 **Mon** 7pm Temple Board/Executive Meeting
6 **Thurs** 6:30 Stated dinner/meeting
11 **Tues** Veterans Day
13 **Thurs** 6:30pm possibly OSI @ International City
20 **Thurs** 7pm Practice
27 **Thurs** Thanksgiving

December

1 Temple Board / Executive Meeting
4 Installation Practice
20th Installation (tentative)
25th Christmas

Stated DINNER

As autumn settles in and the air takes on that familiar crispness, we gather once again in gratitude and fellowship. This month's Stated Dinner will be a celebration of Thanksgiving — a time to pause, give thanks, and share in the warmth of brotherhood that binds us together.

Our friends from **Emerald Star #143** will be preparing a traditional feast to honor the season's bounty:

Salad, Roast Turkey, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, Fresh Rolls, and Pumpkin Pie for dessert.

It's a meal that reminds us of home, of family, and of the enduring spirit of community that Masonry so beautifully upholds.

Join us for an evening filled with good food, heartfelt fellowship, and gratitude for the blessings we share as brothers and friends.

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, Leave a voicemail with your name # in your party.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Happy Thanksgiving

October has had us busy, and it's a good way to head into the end of the year.

Congratulations to Brother Nico on his Third Degree. Round Table Lodge did a great job on their part of the degree; it was amazing to see.

Congratulations also to Brother Jason Tucker on his Hiram Award. The award reflects the many hours of commitment to the Lodge and the work that he has put in. Our Lodge has been blessed with many new, younger members coming in energized and ready to learn from our seasoned members and put their signature spin on our traditions.

Remember that November 2 is the end of Daylight Saving Time, so do not forget to fall back an hour. November also sees us sending money out to the various charities like the Shrine Hospital, Midnight Mission, Angel Tree Project, the City of Norwalk, Trouble You, Su Casa, and other charities for the upcoming holidays.

Also, a big reminder for November that our Stated Meeting has been moved to Thursday, November 6, so that we, as a Lodge, can go to our OSI on the second Thursday, which has traditionally been our stated night.

November 11 is Veterans Day, and a big thank-you goes out not just to our members, but to every person who has served in the military. Lodge will soon be setting our calendar for next year and trying to get events set up—ideas are always welcome.

To finish up November, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful to have everyone in our Lodge—your love and support are greatly appreciated.

Fraternity

Mark Patton P.M. H.A.

Worshipful Master

Nico 3rd Degree



Thank you Round Table Lodge for their part of the degree

Jason Tucker Hiram Award



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2. LODGE
3. TROWEL
4. COMPASS
5. SQUARE
6. APRON
7. LIGHT
8. BROTHER
9. CABLETOW
10. COLUMNS
11. WISDOM
12. STRENGTH
13. BEAUTY
14. TEMPLE
15. SECRET
16. RITUAL
17. CHARITY
18. WORSHIPFUL
19. PILLARS
20. GAVEL

SECRETARY

Brethren,



As we approach the end of the year, it's time once again to take care of our annual dues. Dues payments for 2025 will follow the same process as in previous years. Grand Lodge will handle billing beginning in November and continuing through January.

If you prefer to pay by check, you may send your payment directly to Grand Lodge or to our Lodge; both are processed the same way once you receive your dues notice. For those paying by credit card, please remember that these payments must be made through Grand Lodge. Simply visit freemason.org, log in to your member account, and follow the prompts to complete your payment. Grand Lodge also offers the option to pay in installments if that is helpful.

Thank you to everyone who attended my Hiram Award presentation. I truly appreciate you coming out and showing your support.

If your mailing address, email, or phone number have recently changed, please update them directly on freemason.org or by contacting Member Services at:

☎ (415) 776-7000 ✉ memberservices@freemason.org

You may also update your mailing address or phone number by contacting our Lodge Secretary's office:

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Thank you for staying current with your dues and for supporting the work of our Lodge. Your continued commitment helps us preserve our traditions, strengthen our fellowship, and continue making a difference in our community.

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker
Secretary
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TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

Brothers, we just had our first good down pour after having the roof repaired and everything seems to be holding up great! We have state elections coming up soon and a couple more renters using our building. We are currently working on getting quotes for our very old and faded signs and more LED lighting retrofits.

Thank you,

Andrew Demofonte H. A.

Norwalk Masonic Building Association President

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MEETINGS



Order of Eastern Star
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wed



Job's Daughters Bethel No. 241
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Sat



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon



Excelsior DeMolay
Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wed

Masonic History in November



November 4, 1752 – George Washington Initiated - At age 20, George Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in the lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia — later known as Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. The date comes from the lodge's early minutes and is accepted in Masonic tradition, though independent verification is limited



October 3, 1789 – Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation - President Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation on October 3, 1789, designating November 26 as a "Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer." While sometimes misdated as November 17, the actual date is October 3. The proclamation reflects Washington's civic ideals but was not a Masonic event.



November 9, 1848 – Charter for California Lodge No. 13 - A charter or dispensation was granted for California Lodge No. 13 under the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, later renumbered as California Lodge No. 1. Though the exact date is debated, the lodge was active by mid-November 1848, marking the start of organized Masonry in California.



November 4, 1850 – Albert Pike Raised a Master Mason - Albert Pike was raised a Master Mason in Western Star Lodge at Little Rock, Arkansas, on or about November 4, 1850. Sources differ on the lodge number (No. 2 or No. 22), but this event is well established in Masonic tradition and marks the beginning of Pike's distinguished Masonic career.



November 15, 1848 – First Lodge Meeting in California- California Lodge No. 13 (now No. 1) held its first meeting on November 15, 1848, in the Genella Building on Montgomery Street, San Francisco. Often misdated as 1849, this meeting formally began Freemasonry's organized presence in California.

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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