

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

October

2-5 **Thurs-Sun** Lodge Laughlin trip
6 **Mon** 7pm TempleBoard/ Excutive meeting
9 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting
11 **Sat** 4pm Nico's third degree
16 **Thurs** 6pm Hiram Award Brother Tucker
23-26 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Oct23-Nov5 LA County Voting in our building
31 **Fri** Halloween

November

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

Stated DINNER

In the spirit of seeking light and celebrating the diverse taper's Stated Dinner will be a tribute to Native American Heritage Month.

It's a little-known piece of history, but many prominent Native American leaders were also Masons. From Joseph Brant, a Mohawk chief initiated in 1776, to Ely S. Parker, a Seneca chief and General U.S. Grant's aide-de-camp who drew up the surrender terms at Appomattox, the bonds of our Fraternity have long extended to our Native American brethren.

With that same spirit of brotherhood, we invite you to enjoy this month's special dinner:

Indian Tacos with Grilled Corn Salad!

Indian tacos are a delectable fusion of flavors, with seasoned ground beef, fresh veggies, and savory cheese all served on a piece of fluffy, golden fry bread. It's a meal that's both hearty and steeped in tradition.

We hope you'll join us for a night of good food, good company, and a moment to reflect on the rich history and enduring connections that bind us all as brothers.

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 Halloween

Our year is quickly coming to an end. The holidays are now upon us, but somehow the summer heat will not let go. We will continue to wear polos except for our third degree on October 11 and our Hiram Award for Jason Tucker on Thursday October 16.

At our stated on October 9, we will not be having dessert as our rainbow girls will be putting on a fundraiser selling off their desserts so please bring a little extra money and your sweet tooth to help support them and buy some delicious desserts.

The beginning of the month we will be having our annual lodge Laughlin trip, followed by our third- degree then the Hiram award and we will be ending the month with our sessions at Grand Lodge, It makes for a busy month.

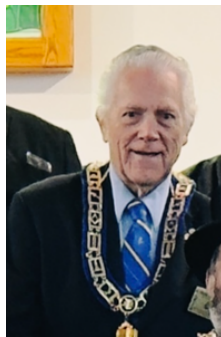
We will not be having a game night this month as it would fall on Halloween and also our lodge will be rented out to the Los Angeles County for voting.

Those not going on a lodge Laughlin trip are always welcome to join our Eastern Star on October 4 for their fall tea at Lodge on Oct 4 1-3pm \$10 a person.

Our entertainment committee is hard at work to put together a trip for a Christmas show, More details to come, hope to see you all soon.

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

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT



ATTENTION ATTENTION

Our Laughlin trip will be leaving Thursday the 2nd and returning Sunday the 5th. I'm working to put together a trip for a Christmas show. More details to come soon.

**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



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Upcoming Trips & Events



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

Hiram Award – Jason Tucker

October 16th @6pm

Ceremony and BBQ Dinner

176th Annual Grand Communication

October 23, 2025 - October 26, 2025

Grand Lodge of California - San Francisco



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



Brethren,

As we enter October, our calendar is once again filled with important events and opportunities for fellowship. This month marks the **Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California** in San Francisco, where Masters, Wardens, and brethren from across the state gather to vote on legislation, elect new officers, and participate in the Installation of our next Grand Master. This is my first time attending, I'm looking forward to this being a memorable experience and a reminder that our Lodge is part of something much larger.

Please remember that November is election month for our Lodge officers. October is the time to prepare, reflect, and consider how you may serve the Lodge in the year ahead, whether in an officer station, on a committee, or simply by offering your time and presence.

A few administrative reminders:

- Dues notices for the upcoming year will be going out shortly. Please help the Lodge by submitting payment early — it keeps our records current and avoids extra work as we close out the year.
- If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or updated your email address, please notify me so our roster remains accurate.
- For Stated Meeting dinners, kindly RSVP by the Monday prior so we can provide an accurate count for our stewards and youth groups who so faithfully prepare meals for us.

Lastly, please continue to keep our brethren in sickness and distress in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of a brother or family member in need, let me know so that the Lodge may reach out with support.

I look forward to seeing you all at our October Stated Meeting, at Grand Lodge, and at the other events planned this month.

Fraternally,

Jason Tucker

Secretary

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TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

We have a group of brothers who graciously volunteering their time to get our dinning hall lights all changed over to LED, We are looking into getting the face of the front signs replaced and also changed over to LED, and also working on getting one of the refrigerators repaired for our renters. As always any issues you may find please feel free to send us an email at the below address

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 October



October 16, 1646 – Elias Ashmole Initiated This is one of the earliest known records of a speculative (non-operative) Mason. On this date, Elias Ashmole, the noted English antiquarian and philosopher, was initiated in an "occasional" lodge at Warrington, England. His diary entry documenting the event remains a cornerstone of early Masonic history.



October 5, 1785 – Cornerstone of Masons' Hall, Richmond, Virginia

On this date, Richmond Lodge No. 13 laid the cornerstone of what would become Masons' Hall. Still standing today, it is considered the oldest Masonic building in the United States continuously in use for that purpose.



October 29, 1787 – Charter Petition for Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19 Just two years after the cornerstone was laid for Masons' Hall, a petition was filed for a charter for Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19. This new lodge was a result of a schism with Richmond Lodge No. 13 and helped to further establish the Masonic community in Virginia.



October 11, 1850 – Benicia Lodge No. 9 Instituted While often cited as the date the building was opened, the more accurate historical event is that Benicia Lodge No. 9 was instituted on this date. The construction of a building for its use began in the summer of 1850.



October 14, 1850 – Occupancy of the Benicia Masonic Hall On this date, the Benicia Masonic Hall was first occupied by the lodge. The building, which is the first Masonic hall built in California, was formally dedicated later on December 27, 1850. It stands as a reminder of how quickly Masonry took root in California during the Gold Rush era and is preserved as a California state landmark.



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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