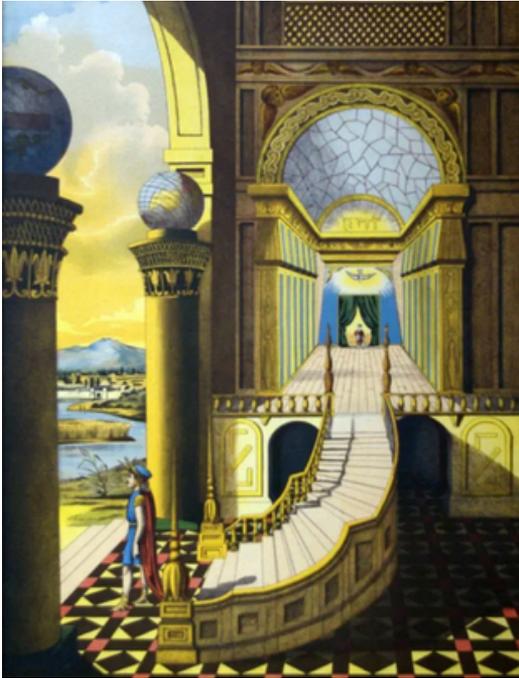


GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE

#273



Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday of each month

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

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LODGE.

CALENDAR

March

- 2 **Mon** 7pm Temple Board & Exec meeting
- 4 **Wed** Emerald Star
- 5 **Thurs** 7pm Second Degree Practice
- 8 **Sun** Daylight Saving Time
- 9 **Mon** Rainbow
- 12 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting
- 13 **Sat** Job's Daughters
- 17 **Tues** St. Patricks Day
- 18 **Wed** Emerald Star
- 19 **Thurs** 7pm Second Practice
- 23 **Mon** Rainbow Girls
- 24 **Tues** Emerald Star - Port Pals
- 25 **Wed** Job's Daughters
- 26 **Thurs** 5pm OSI
- 28 **Sat** Job's Daughters Grand Officer Reception

OSI Long Beach #327

2nd Degree Complete
3610 Locust Ave., Long Beach CA, 90807

April

- 1 **Wed** 7pm Emerald Star
- 2 **Thurs** 5pm Lodge
- 5 **Sun** Easter
- 6 **Mon** 7pm Exec & Temple Board Meeting
- 9 **Thurs** 5pm Lodge
- 9 **Thurs** 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting
- 11 **Sat** Job's Daughters
- 11 **Sat** 8:30am Jobs @9:30
- 13 **Mon** 6:30pm Rainbow @7
- 14 **Tues** 7pm Lodge Study Night
- 15 **Wed** 7pm Emerald Star
- 16 **Thurs** 5pm Lodge
- 21 **Tues** 7pm Rainbow Council Meeting
- 22 **Wed** 7pm Jobs @7:00pm
- 23 **Thurs** 5pm Lodge
- 27 **Mon** 6:30pm Rainbow @7
- 28 **Tues** 6pm Emerald Star Port Pall night
- 28 **Tues** 6:30pm OSI

OSI Bellflower #320

3rd Degree Complete
9813 Beach St, Bellflower, CA 90706

Stated

DINNER

Emerald Star is up to bat and will be cooking - Corn Beef, Cabbage, and Carrots. Cornbread, and a dessert

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

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Happy St. Patrick's Day

I am proud to say Lodge is growing, with another affiliation and Kevin's son getting his degrees. We will be practicing our first for him as well as our second for when we host OSI.

We also welcome back Brothers who have been away for awhile, we are glad to have them home and hope to have more active brothers joining us in everything we do.

We have candidates still working hard on their proficiency and for those who haven't please reach out to me or the candidates coach to see if we can do a different day and get you going.

We will soon be having our baseball game and public schools, we will be putting out a list of activities and events on our Trestleboard board, so make sure you are reading them so you do miss out

Hope to see you all at stated,

Mark Patton P.M. H.A.

Worshipful Master

SENIOR WARDEN



Greetings, Brethren.

Entering upon February, and winter is in full motion as the weather moves from cool and dry to cold, wet and humid. The landscape is a mixture of death and life.

The deciduous trees are barren of leaves and visible growth while other trees are observably active, some with the sweet needly smell of pine, others a green leafy frock, and some even with the bearing of fruit. Along the ground, the grass grows thick, rooted in the newly saturated soil.

The invisible life below that shock of green as worms feed and nourish the soil through their castings, they themselves becoming the occasional meal for the traveling bird.

All these things are there to be observed by the witnessing eye, but only understood by those knowing that not all that is occurring can be seen and that which is seen is often not fully observed.

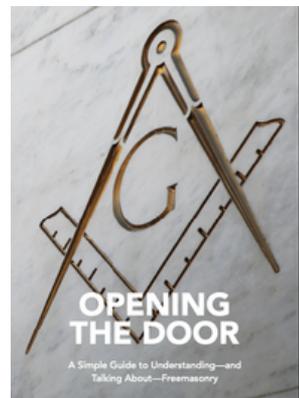
Masonry exists in a similar fashion. It is made up of many different men of varying ages, backgrounds, and experiences yet all coming together to play their part in what constitutes the Lodge and the Craft.

The outer visible workings that all may see is the representation of the Lodge which is supported by the unseen, those working in the background to support the Craft and strengthen the bonds amongst the Brethren. The layer below that, being the family that supports the Mason allowing him to pursue his study of truth, becoming part of the foundation of his Lodge.

Fraternally,
Stephen Gomez

A Simple Guide to Freemasonry

Check out the latest booklet, full of simple answers to common questions about Freemasonry and advice for talking about it with non-members.



SECRETARY



Brethren,

As we enter spring, the vernal equinox marks the day when we have equal amounts of light and darkness. This balance is an important symbol in Masonry. Just like the days get longer and new life starts growing after winter, our Craft teaches us to keep growing in knowledge, goodness, and love for our brothers. Ancient cultures saw spring as a time of rebirth and new beginnings which are ideas that show up throughout our Masonic rituals. As Masons, we're taught to always work on improving ourselves, just like we work to shape rough stones into perfect ashlar. This March, as we watch nature come back to life and turn brown fields green again, let's think about our own growth from new members to experienced Masons. Let's recommit to our mission of becoming better men and building stronger communities.

With our installation behind us, our annual audit completed, and the semiannual report presented to the lodge, it's now time to rally the troops and crank out a great year for you all. With Stephen as Senior Warden looking to the east, my job as secretary is to support our officers and committees, and provide the administrative foundation that keeps the lodge running smoothly and effectively. It's been wonderful hearing from brothers paying their dues, wanting to know how the lodge is doing, and even wanting to visit. It's been particularly heartening to see some of our brothers bringing their sons into Masonry with me reading their names aloud in the lodge room, it never gets old. If you know someone wanting to join, we'd love to have them. Contact me or Larry Orozco.

Fraternally,

Jason Tucker H. A.

Secretary

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TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

We continue our work maintaining our old building. We are currently working on getting our renter refrigerator repaired. As well as testing out different digital WiFi clocks since our old ones tend to be a little misleading ant times. Our brand new garbage disposal is working wonders for our kitchen.

Thank you,
Andrew Demofonte H. A.
Norwalk Masonic Building Association President
Office: (562) 863-9061
Email: hallassociation@gtn273.com

Serving Masons and their Families, Across the Lifespan

EMOTIONAL HEALTH DESERVES attention, just like physical health. In the same way you turn to your physician with medical questions, it's important to seek emotional support when you're facing difficult feelings or hard times. As California Masons, you have an incredible resource available in MCYAF, which has a team of licensed professionals ready to help. With a sliding-scale fee schedule and video-conferencing services available, MCYAF's model of care is available to all. Scan the code to visit MCYAF.org or call (877) 488-6293 to learn more or schedule a session.



ENTERTAINMENT REPORT



We are working on some upcoming events for this Masonic year including Top Golf, Laughlin and a Masons4Mitts game.

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

Frank Gillespie, P.M. - Officer's Coach

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

WORD SEARCH

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Truth
Geometry
Initiation
Speculative
Operative

Obligation
Lodge
Warrant
Consecration
Steps

DEGREES



Practice Dates

Degree Profecency practices are held on Tuesdays.
Join the Group Me discussion to scheduling.

Michael Heist - Marshall & Canidates Coach

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/2 Timothy S Maher - Master Mason
- 3/4 James D Phillips - Master Mason
- 3/5 Harold F Hardy - Master Mason
- 3/6 David J Alexander Past Master
- 3/7 Richard A Lapan - Master Mason
- 3/7 Robert E Seibert - Master Mason
- 3/9 Albert L Hagerman II - Master Mason
- 3/14 Mark A Patton - Master Mason
- 3/18 David B Abbie - Master Mason
- 3/18 James H Steele Jr. - Master Mason
- 3/22 Jose M Piceno - Master Mason
- 3/23 Sherman R Hernaez - Master Mason
- 3/24 Charles R Dunn - Master Mason
- 3/24 Debbie Carr, Spouse of Ben
- 3/26 Donald R Roop - Master Mason
- 3/29 Sergio A Aquino Jr. - Entered Apprentice

MEETINGS



Order of Eastern Star
Emerald Star #143
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wed



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



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



Excelsior DeMolay
Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wed

EMERALD STAR #143

Order of Eastern Star



Good Day, Sisters and Brothers,

With Spring approaching, I hope you are looking forward to:

- Attending Angels or Dodgers games
- Attending Youth Sports events (It is Southern California; 365 days of Sun)
- Attending to that flower or garden patch in the house

Whatever your adventure is, Debbie and I hope you have a great time doing it.

We do support an Eastern Star Scholarship Fund, please Available to Sisters and Brothers:

<https://oescal.org/scholarships/> for more information.

The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000 for students attending a community college, four-year college, university, or vocational school.

The Application Deadline is March 15, 2026.

- Worthy Matron Debbie & Worthy Patron Larry

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