

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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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK

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LODGE. CALENDAR

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 **Ethan Bulanek 1st Degree**
- 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

May

- 2 Sat Star Tea
- 4 Mon 7pm Exec & Temple Board Meeting
- 5 Tues Lodge Study Night
- 7 Wed Star
- 9 Sat 9:30am Job's Daughters
- 11 Mon Rainbow @7
- 12 Tues Lodge Study Night
- 14 Thurs 6:30 Lodge Stated Dinner / Meeting
- 15 Fri Emerald Star District 26 Practice
- 17 Sun Emerald Star
- 19 Tues Lodge Study Night
- 20 Wed Star
- 21 Thurs Officer Practice
- 26 Tues Emerald Star Port Pals
- 26 Tues Lodge Study Night
- 27 Wednesday Job's @7
- 28 Thurs OSI @ Lakewood
- 29-3rd County Elections

OSI Lakewood Masonic Lodge #728

5918 Parkcrest St,
Long Beach, CA 90808

Stated DINNER

Salad, Chili Hotdogs, Chips, and root beer floats

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 Easter

The weather is heating up so business casual for stated meetings, still tux or suits and ties for degrees. Speaking of degrees our first degree for Ethan Bulanek is set for April 16 @7pm looking forward to a packed house to welcome in Kevin's son. Top golf is our first lodge trip out and looking forward to more small trips added to our large trips, gotta have some fun in between our work.

We have already donated to a couple charities, The city of Norwalk teen alliance program "TAP" and Hunt of a lifetime a program that takes terminally ill kids fishing and hunting as their make a wish list, we have a list more of charities to donate to throughout the year.

Our public schools has been moved from April to May (catered by a taco man) at May stated we will be donating too not only Waite middle school and Appletree, but to five Elementary schools Edmondson, Dollan, Sanchez, Glacier, and Moffett. We have seen the improvement at Waite and as we were able to help more want to start at the elementary school level to better the ingoing students entering into middle school.

Just as public schools were started by a mason our lodge carries that belief of not only bettering our community, but our public schools as well as those kids are our future. A reminder that our lodge also gives out scholarships, reach out for more info and details.

To our candidates please remember we still have our Tuesday classes for practice but if you find you cannot make it we do not want you to miss coming or stop practicing, please reach out to either me or the candidates coach to arrange practicing at another time and continue your journey to become a Master Mason.

We welcome all ideas trip or charity wise for this year and for Brother Stephen's upcoming year as it will be his first time I am sure he will value any input that would help him establish his year, The best time to make those ideas presented would be at our executive meeting, which all brothers are welcome to attend (1st Monday of the month 7pm)

Hope to see you all at stated and pack out dinning hall for a great meal and activity afterwards for the ladies and guest while we hold our meeting.

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

SENIOR WARDEN



Brethren,

April has arrived, and along with it the spring showers that bring May flowers. It is a time of the year when we are reminded of regeneration and rebirth, both by Easter and Earth Day. The resurrection of Jesus from death to life and the new growth that springs forth from what only months earlier appeared as a dead plant.

These changes in animation give us pause to reflect on where we have been last season, where we are now, and how we would like to grow in the future season.

As we move forward in the year, next year's planning is already starting to take place. This includes activities and how those activities will take place.

What I am looking to hear is your input on what YOU would like to see in the lodge. This includes both you and your spouse, as we cannot do our work without them.

What I want to know from you are the things the lodge is doing well and that you like. I would also like to know things that you would like to see and participate in. I would also like to hear from you on things you would like to see tweaked, whether that be how we run and what happens at meetings, degrees, and anything else in general.

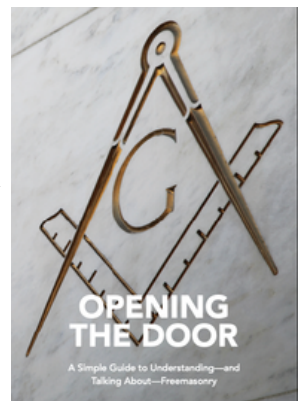
Remember that this is your lodge, and as Officers, we are here to serve you. We have many new, younger members, and I want to make sure you and your families feel welcome with those of us who have been here for a while. After all, we cannot build better men unless we have the support of our families and spouses, as well as being connected as a lodge.

I look forward to hearing from you, your ideas, and thoughts, so please don't be shy in contacting me.

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



It's starting to get warmer here in Southern California and we're looking to get more lodge events on the calendar, both "all lodge member" events, prospect events, and just hanging out as brothers. If you have any suggestions for impromptu hang out events please let me know. I'm looking to get some brothers together for a lodge picnic and visit a few food spots and breweries in the area and there is talk of a bowling team if anyone is interested.

If any of your family members are in school and are in need of scholarships, these are open to brothers kids and grand kids contact an officer, myself or Worshipful Mark for more info.

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker H. A.
Secretary
Office: (562) 863-9101
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Our lodge uses GroupMe app on our smart phones for our internal communications, scan the QR code to join

TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

The repair to our rental refrigerator worked! we are now looking at replacing the projector and screen for the dining hall, we are getting ready for state and county elections coming soon, the city is now requiring us to use the small recycling bin that they were so nice to drop off not free of charge and stated that any recycling items that are found in the garbage will result in a fine.

So all our renters please do your part so we don't need to forward that cost to your group.

Thank you,
Andrew Demofonte H. A.
Norwalk Masonic Building Association President
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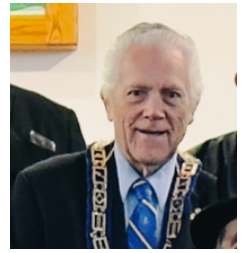
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ENTERTAINMENT REPORT



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!

Stan Salter Memorial School of Masonic Instruction Meets Every Tuesday Morning

Bellflower Masonic Temple 9813 Beach Street Bellflower, CA 90706

8:00 - 9:00 AM - Coffee & Fellowship

9:00 - 9:20 AM - Announcements & Masonic Education
(Contemplative Freemasonry)

9:20 - 10:30 AM - Ritual Instruction

Short Contemplative Freemasonry Talks (7 to 10 Minutes) Available for Lodge Education

- Freemasonry is Religious
- Hiramic Legend: Whence came You
- Masonry as Process
- Ancient Mystery (Osiris & Isis)
- Masons at Sight In California
- Monologue: A visiting Mason
- The Lost Word
- Which Lodge Should I Join?
- How to Destroy Masonry (A Parody)
- Secrets and Mysteries
- Holy Saints John
- Points of Fellowship
- Point within a circle
- Tragic Hero of the Third Degree
- Diversity and Exclusivity
- The Lambskin Apron
- Jackin& Boas
- Introduction to the Memory Palace
- Making Good Men Better
- 50 Years of Masonic Learnings
- Numbers and Masonic Symbols

For Further Information or to Book a Talk Contact

Max Rush, PM - mrjr5860@gmail.com - (562) 412-0501

Facilitator - Stan Salter School

Except (1) Tuesday between Christmas and New Year (2) When December 25th is on Tuesday
no Meeting on December 25th or the next Jan 1st.

DEGREES



Practice Dates

Degree Profecency practices are held on Tuesdays @7PM. Join the Group Me discussion to scheduling.

Michael Heist - Marshall & Canidates Coach

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 James F Benton Jr. Master Mason
- 4/1 John A Sparks Master Mason
- 4/2 Ronald R Boring Master Mason
- 4/6 Jacob W Lytle Entered Apprentice
- 4/7 Celestino Elizarraras Master Mason
- 4/7 Richard T Friedel Master Mason
- 4/7 Romeo E Ricarte Past Master
- 4/8 Gordon L Williams Sr. Past Master
- 4/8 James A Lytle Master Mason
- 4/9 Ernest T Roop Master Mason
- 4/10 Robert E Sickles Jr. Past Master
- 4/12 David L Smith Master Mason
- 4/12 Rudy Oviedo Master Mason
- 4/12 Scott J Stevens Entered Apprentice
- 4/14 Dimitrios E Vantarakis Master Mason
- 4/14 Louis L Koochma Master Mason
- 4/20 Andrew C Demofonte Master Mason
- 4/24 Larry B Carr Master Mason
- 4/25 Paulo R Amaral Master Mason
- 4/25 Warren M Clark Master Mason
- 4/28 Socrates E Patronas Master Mason

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



Our next activity is our spring tea on May 2nd and we have some dine out fundraisers in the works. We would love to have you join us so we will keep you posted.

Debbie Lehan
Worthy Matron
Emerald Star 143

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