

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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Norwalk, CA 90650-5053

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TRESTLEBOARD



GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK

OFFICERS

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John Lane - **Asst. Secretary**

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Michael Heist - **Marshall**

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646th District

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LODGE. CALENDAR

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

Tacos, rice and beans

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.

June

Pending Audit

WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Happy Mother's Day!

April had us all over the map. First, Congratulations to Ethan Bulanek on receiving his first degree. The room was filled with Brethren from Long Beach Lodge, Los Cerritos, and the Tuesday morning class. It was great to see officers, Inspectors, and a Grand Lodge Officer.

We also said farewell to our Lodge Treasurer/ trustee as he was called to the celestial lodge above. Ben, we will miss you. It's not goodbye, but see you again soon.

So that everyone knows, we had a bad audit as our Treasurer was in the hospital at the time, and our TempleBoard was gone, some on vacation, some due to work out of town. Rather than reschedule, we tried to do our best and hoped to have another day to fill in the gaps, but instead we triggered a five-year audit which lodge and temple board has been frantically trying to gather paperwork from time before they held their offices.

Our public schools night will be during our May 14 stated with reps from Waite middle school ROTC and Appletree in attendance. This year we will be adding three elementary schools to the list (Edmonson, Moffet, and Glayser) focusing on special need classes. During a recent discussion with the vice superintendent it was shared that they took a cut in those departments. Dinner will be Cinco de Mayo themed with a taco guy providing the food for the event.

Until the end of the audit, everything else is on hold.
Hope to see your all at stated for some tacos.

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

SENIOR WARDEN



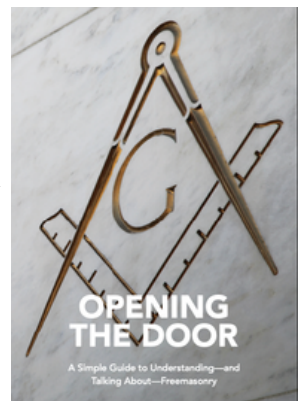
Happy Springtime Brethren!

Such an exciting year we have experienced thus far, and I would like to thank all those who supported and provided hospitality contributions within our lodge and throughout the communities/schools. Big shout-out to Worshipful Mark for the extension of the cable tow through the communities and high schools, a much-needed donation for the future generation. The opportunities to express our appreciation for others are limitless. As we flow into May, I would also like to acknowledge the brothers who did their part well in the 1st-degree conferral for brother Ethan. Kudos to all of you! And in May, we are also reminded of how much we appreciate our mothers. Happy Mother's Day, and thank you for all you do for us!

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



April has been a busy month. Our newly installed Assistant Secretary and I have been deep in the work of a five-year audit requested by Grand Lodge as Worshipful Mark noted in his article. It's been time-consuming, but necessary.

What I didn't anticipate was how much this process would stir the memory. Combing through those years means revisiting the Covid era, the virtual meetings, the long stretches without seeing one another, the quiet that settled over the lodge. It also means encountering names of brothers who are no longer with us: our interim Secretary, Gary Iverson, who passed away just a few years ago; our Treasurer, Ben Carr, whose funeral I attend this weekend; and a handful of other men I looked up to, who now reside in that celestial lodge above.

Records and numbers are one thing. The men behind them are another.

I ask for your prayers as we work through this audit, that it goes smoothly, and that we honor the trust placed in us by those who came before.

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,

We are slowly getting renters again. We were able to get a couple parking lot lights changed out to keep the area lit and safe. Our next adventures will be upgrading our very old front and side signs. Along with upgrading our dining hall projector and screen. We hope that in doing so it eases our renters time and encourages our members to come in for some bonding over movies, sports or games.

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



The lodge is going to outdoor 3rd degree. The cost is \$60 for all master masons in good standing. Small breakfast & coffee with a BBQ for lunch provided by TemCat Lodge. Meet at lodge at 6am, bring your dues card! Lodge is providing a van to get there or you are welcome to drive yourself

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

Make checks out to Frank or cash.

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

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

- 5/7 Salvadore T Serio
- 5/8 Brett A Hallock
- 5/8 James W Haynes
- 5/8 Dean R Miller
- 5/9 Raymond Spinelli
- 5/10 James E Lavery
- 5/11 Daniel R White
- 5/13 Nicolas D Saldarriaga
- 5/13 Ralph L Wyckoff
- 5/18 Kathleen D Andrews, Spouse of Harold Melvin Sr.
- 5/18 Benjamin D Rhamy
- 5/20 Travis L Halstead Past Master
- 5/21 Thomas R Mirabella
- 5/22 Leonard A Dorn
- 5/22 Christopher R Kingsley
- 5/22 Mark F Patton Past Master
- 5/23 Serge G Kazarian
- 5/25 William C Schubert
- 5/27 Robert H Ochs
- 5/27 Gordon L Williams Jr.
- 5/30 Richard M Boardman
- 5/30 Joseph T Laing
- 5/31 Patricia Pomarico, Spouse of James Anthony

IN MEMORY



Larry Ben Carr

Entered into Rest: March 26, 2026

At the age of 61 years, 11 months, and 2 days

Offices Held: Treasurer, Trustee

Masonic Honors: Hiram Award

Initiated on Nov 18, 1999 in Golden Trowel Norwalk No. 273

Passed on Jan 27, 2000 in Golden Trowel Norwalk No. 273

Raised on Apr 06, 2000 in Golden Trowel Norwalk No. 273

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