

**GOLDEN TROWEL
NORWALK LODGE
#273**



4th of
July

Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday of each month

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

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LODGE CALENDAR

July

- 1 **Wed** Star (Dark)
- 2 **Thu** Exec Meeting (6:30pm) & Officers Practice (7pm)
- 6 **Mon** Hall Board Meeting
- 7 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency
- 9 **Thu** Lodge Stated Meeting & Dinner
- 11 **Sat** Job's Daughters
- 13 **Mon** Rainbow
- 14 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency
- 15 **Wed** Star (Dark)
- 18 **Sat** Rental Event
- 21 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency / Rainbow Council Meeting
- 22 **Wed** Job's Daughters
- 25 **Sat** Rental Event
- 27 **Mon** Rainbow
- 28 **Tue** Emerald Star Port Pal
- 28 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency
- 30 **Thu** Officers Practice
- 31 **Fri** Rental Event

August

- 2 **Sun** Rental Event
- 3 **Mon** Hall Board Meeting & Exec Meeting
- 4 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency
- 5 **Wed** Star (Dark)
- 6 **Thu** Exec Meeting (6:30pm) & Officers Practice (7pm)
- 8 **Sat** Job's Daughters (Dark)
- 10 **Mon** Rainbow
- 11 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency
- 13 **Thu** Lodge Stated Meeting & Dinner
- 15 **Sat** Rental Event
- 18 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency / Rainbow Council Meeting
- 19 **Wed** Star (Dark)
- 24 **Mon** Rainbow
- 25 **Tue** Emerald Star Port Pal
- 25 **Tue** Lodge Study Night - Proficiency
- 26 **Wed** Job's Daughters (Dark)
- 28 **OSI** - Downey
- 29 **Sat** Rental Event

Downey United Masonic Lodge 220
8244 East 3rd Street, Downey CA, 90241

Stated **DINNER**

Emerald Star will be serving: Egg Roll, Chow Mein, Fried Rice, White Rice, Broccoli and Beef, Orange Chicken, Fortune Cookie, and Almond Cookie

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 Independence Day!!

We have reached the half way point for this year, how quick it has gone. In June, we congratulated Brother Matt Marsh in returning his first-degree proficiency and receiving his second-degree just in time to join us for our second degree OSI which we hosted, we once again joined in the annual outdoor third degree at Temecula Catalina Island Lodge it is something every Brother should see.

In July, we are going to focus more on getting our officers qualified for next year, So far, Stephen has gotten a very strong line set up, but we still have a few spots open and we are looking for a few Brothers who are willing to step up, support and fill those spots Looking forward in August Alhambra Lodge beat us to the punch and will be having an Oklahoma Indian third-degree exemplification, We will be doing Masons-4-Mitts at Anaheim. If interested, please let our secretary know as tickets will go quickly.

We will also be looking forward during the summer to setting up a Lodge picnic and also doing our annual sweethearts event. When our Temple Board gets the projector in place we will also be doing movie nights and sports event nights at the lodge.

It is great to see our traditional trips being done, as well as new ideas being implemented. I look forward to the new officers and hope that our lodge continues to grow in the rate it has been in the last few years.

For our candidates, we still have our Tuesday classes. If you cannot make them please reach out to me or the candidates coach as we could always set up a different time, day or location to work with you to move you on your path to reach your third degree.

Hope to see a full house at our next stated dinner which will be hosted by our Emerald Star.

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

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SENIOR WARDEN



Summer Greetings, Brethren!

Successful Lodges share one characteristic: They have programs that people want to attend! Every month, your Lodge must have a stated meeting, and every month, you should try to confer a degree. Please share your input regarding this, as we are open to suggestions. and make it a fun, successful lodge.

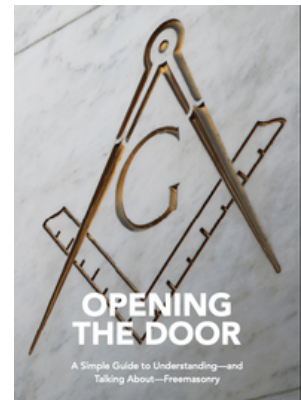
Congratulation brother Matt, on your return to the 1st degree proficiency. I am hoping that brothers will be encouraged to move up the line as the lodge needs every one of us, hoping to see a brighter future, brethren, and always stay hydrated. and happy 4th of July.

from the West,

Stephen Lou 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



Last month, several of our lodge officers had the privilege of attending the officers retreat, and what an experience it was! It was wonderful to see so many of our leaders come together to learn, grow, and prepare for the work ahead.

The retreat covered a range of important topics that will shape how we operate as a lodge, including updates to meeting procedures, minutes, agendas, and other administrative matters that keep our lodge running smoothly behind the scenes. Having so many of our officers gain firsthand knowledge of these changes will make for a much more cohesive and well-prepared leadership team as we move forward together.

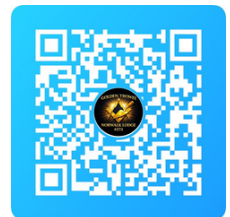


But perhaps most exciting is what's on the horizon for our stated meetings: a renewed commitment to Masonic education. We are looking forward to bringing more meaningful educational content into our lodge meetings, enriching our time together and deepening our understanding of the Craft we love.

John Lane, Jason Tucker, Stephen Gomez, Travis Halstead, and Larry Orozco

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker H. A.
Secretary
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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 made it through another voter polling center use of the building. Thank you for everyone's patience for not being able to use the dining room during that time. We are continuing to slowly replace the interior door locks to digital locksets removing the continued need of replacement keys. We now have a new vendor for our restroom supplies and will be upgrading our soap dispensers to foam reducing cost and waste. We have replaced our aged flag with a fresh new one as well as the kitchen sink sprayer. We have approved more security cameras to eliminate dead zones. We have updated our papers with the city and Sheriff dept. who gave us new signs to help with trespassing and the homeless. Some might have noticed the new white drapery and decorative lights in the dining hall as well making it much more appealing to our renters.

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



We are working on some upcoming events for this Masonic year including Masons4Mitts on September 15th and Laughlin.

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 - mjrj5860@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

Congrat to Mathew for returning his 1st degree and for starting on his 2nd

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

Michael Heist - Marshall & Canidates Coach

BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Jeanie Harmon , Spouse of Harmon
7/1 Charles N Moore
7/2 Houston R Allen
7/2 Richard J Hickok
7/4 Billy C Acebron
7/6 Richard L Mc Adams PM
7/10 Marguerite Gilbert, Spouse of Lonnie Ray
7/12 David A Murphy
7/12 Thomas C Wright
7/14 Russell C Lien
7/15 Diane Pool, Spouse of Pool
7/16 Kevin D Bulanek
7/16 Robert V Mc Coy Sr.
7/16 Christine Passalacqua, Spouse of David
7/17 Adam I Marangakis
7/18 Diane Aloyian, Spouse of Aloyian

7/19 Jeanne Merrill, Spouse of Merrill
7/19 Jean Taylor, Spouse of Howard Alvin
7/20 William M Booth PM
7/21 H. Frank Gillespie PM
7/22 Jon N Harting Sr.
7/22 Brett A Mac Donald PM
7/23 Laura A Orozco, Spouse of Orozco
7/24 Kim Halstead, Spouse of Travis
7/25 Doy W Elliott
7/25 Donna Walburg, Spouse of Herbert
7/27 Steven T Giles
7/27 Sanders Greenspon
7/29 Nathan R Aguon
7/30 David J Tishner
7/31 Edwin F Marroquin

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



June Greeting from Emerald Star #143

Good Day Brethren and Widows,

As we welcome the summer months, Emerald Star #143 enters our traditional dark period — a season for rest, reflection, and time with loved ones. Even so, our Chapter continues to stay active in service and fellowship.

Before we step into our July celebrations, we are honored to support our Brothers of Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273.

On Thursday, July 9th at 6:30 PM, Emerald Star will be preparing dinner for their Stated Meeting. The menu for the evening: Chinese cuisine — a warm, hearty meal made with love from our Chapter to yours. We hope to see many of you there enjoying good food and good company.

This July also brings a moment of great pride. On Wednesday, July 15th, we will celebrate four of our cherished Sisters who have reached an extraordinary milestone — 50 years of faithful service to our Order. Their dedication and grace continue to inspire us all.

Later in the month, on Wednesday, July 22nd, we gather at the Downey Masonic Center 8244 3rd St., Downey

to honor DGD Jenni Orozco, representing Eastern Star District 26.

The meeting begins at 7:30 PM, casual dress, with a \$10 donation benefiting Brady's K9 Fund, helping provide protective vests for working dogs

RSVPs may be sent to: pennysueknight@yahoo.com

And because Emerald Star never stops giving, our fundraising continues. Join us on Monday, July 27th, from 5–9 PM at Frantone's in Norwalk for an evening of fellowship and support for our Chapter's charitable efforts.

Though summer may be dark, the light of Emerald Star continues to shine through service, generosity, and the bonds we share as Brothers, Sisters, and Widows.

Wishing each of you a safe, joyful, and blessed season.

Fraternally, Emerald Star Chapter #143 O.E.S.
Debbie Lehan – Worthy Matron
Larry Orozco – Worthy Patron

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