

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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LODGE. CALENDAR

September

- 1 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 2 **Wed** Star
- 3 **Thurs** Executive Board Meeting @6:30
- 3 **Thurs** Lodge
- 8 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 10 **Thurs** Lodge Stated Meeting & Dinner
- 12 **Sat** Jobs @9:30
- 14 **Mon** Rainbow @7
- 14 **Mon** Hall Board Meeting @7
- 15 **Tues** Masons4Mitts @ Angels Stadium
- 15 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 16 **Wed** Star
- 17 **Thurs** Lodge Officers Practice
- 19 **Sat** Lodge Picnic
- 22 **Tues** Emerald Star Port Pall night
- 22 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 23 **Wed** Jobs @7:00pm
- 24 **Thurs** OSI @ International City Lodge
- 24 **Thurs** Lodge Officers Practice
- 29 **Tues** Lodge Study Night

International City Lodge No 389

5155 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90804

Stated **DINNER**

Enchiladas with Cilantro lime rice and Umami bomb refried beans

Join us for an evening filled with good food, heartfelt fellowship, and gratitude for the blessings we share as brothers and friends.

October

- 1,2,3,4 Laughlin trip
- 3 **Sat** Star Tea
- 5 **Mon** Hall Board Meeting
- 6 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 7 **Wed** Star
- 8 **Thurs** Stated moved to Oct 15th
- 8-11 Grand Communication
- 10 **Sat** Jobs @9:30
- 12 **Mon** Rainbow @7
- 13 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 15 **Thurs** Lodge Stated Meeting & Dinner
- 20 **Tues** Rainbow Council Meeting
- 20 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 21 **Wed** Star
- 22 **Thurs** Lodge Officers Practice
- 26 **Mon** County Elections
- 26 **Mon** Rainbow @7
- 27 **Tues** Emerald Star Port Pall night
- 27 **Tues** Lodge Study Night
- 28 **Wed** Jobs @7:00pm
- 29 **Thurs** Lodge

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

September is here.



As we head into fall the summer heat will not give up, so we will continue with Lodge polos and business casual. At our August stated meeting we were treated to movie night while at dinner, which kept going for the ladies and kids as we headed to Lodge for our meeting. We watched The Sandlot, followed by Rookie of the Year, and finished with Angels in the Outfield to go with our baseball themed tables and summer picnic hotdogs and hamburgers with great sides and desserts prepared by our Eastern Star.

We received another appreciation for affiliation and had some long time brothers returning to join us at dinner and meeting. We do have some prospects interested in joining and eagerly awaiting their applications.

As the year closes we have a lot happening, like our Lodge picnic, Masons4Mitts, our annual Lodge trip to Laughlin, our sweethearts program, and a Christmas show. We also continue with our charities, as at the end of the year we give to Midnight Mission, Angel Tree City Project, Su Casa, Shriners Hospital, and many more, all of which will start over next year after the Installation of soon to be Worshipful Stephen and his officers.

Hope to see more Brethren and your families joining us for everything. Please don't miss out on the fun and fellowship.

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

SENIOR WARDEN



Greetings, Brothers,

Summer is fading, and Fall is approaching. We have been very lucky this year in SoCal to have had a relatively mild summer with only a few days of triple-digit heat.

The final preparations for what must be done as we move towards our new positions and duties after shedding the outer shell of our former selves. As we grow into what lies ahead for each of us, know that it is important to look back and see how you have grown and become better than the person you once were, having shed that outer layer that no longer suits you to free yourself to grow into a better person, man, Mason.

I will see you all in the stated meeting. Be safe always.

From the West,
Stephen Lou Gomez

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SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers,

This last month tested our lodge's spirit as we said farewell to three of our beloved brothers. It was my honor to serve as a pallbearer at the funeral of Brother Wally Sanderson, a brother I didn't know personally, but from the stories I heard, a brother I should have known, a final act of fraternal duty I will not soon forget. Our lodge and Emerald Star also gathered to celebrate the life of Brother Bill Tripler, whose memorial drew such a moving outpouring of support from our lodge family and community, a true testament to the bonds he built over the years. As we close out the month of August, we prepare to lay to rest Brother Romeo Ricarte (who gave my charge at my degree) and I encourage all brothers who are able to join us in honoring his memory. These losses remind us of the strength of our fraternal ties, and of how, even in grief, we stand together.

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker H. A.
Secretary
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TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

Our brand new outdoor signs are up and have been converted to LED. Our projector is now installed. We are currently receiving quotes to repair our some interior walls and ceilings from old water damage. Our front lawn is almost all green again after not having water due to the broken pipe. Stay tuned for more future repairs. Please remember any building concerns can be emailed to the below email address.

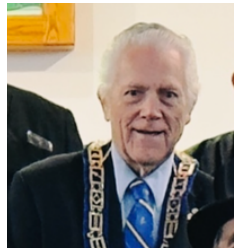
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ENTERTAINMENT REPORT



Masons4Mitts Angels Game - September 15. (\$25/each.)

Bus leaves the lodge @ 4:30pm (zelle: **@goldentrowelnorwalk273**)

Lodge Picnic - September 19 at Gerdes Recreation Center and Patio in Norwalk. Potluck, Lodge will be providing the mains, **Setup:** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Event: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cleanup: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We're looking for folks to help with setup and cleanup.

Join the discussion on Meetup App.

Laughlin - Oct 1,2,3,4. Collecting (\$25/each) September Stated Meeting.

Bus leaves at 9am. (zelle: **@goldentrowelnorwalk273**)

San Diego Zoo/ Sea World - Canceled

Lodge Sweethearts Dinner - November 21st Mini's Cafe 8455 Firestone Blvd, Downey, CA 90240. \$20/person, lodge sweethearts free.

Any questions call Frank Gillespie at 562-325-2588.

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

BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Keith M De Luca

9/3 Hans F Bohn PM

9/4 Robert G Keezer

9/5 James R Dawson

9/8 Lynn Chabot, Spouse of William.

9/10 James F Haining

9/11 Peggy Jeand'Heur, Spouse of Louis E.

9/19 Jordan R Joyce

9/21 Janet Iverson, Spouse of Gary M.

9/25 Richard L Burlingame

9/25 Joseph A Grubb Jr. PM

9/27 Donald B Eschbach

In Memoriam



ROMEO E. RICARTE PM
U.S. NAVY VETERAN
4/7/34 - 8/2/26

Golden Trowel Norwalk No. 273
Long Beach No. 327

Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden

Masonic Honors - Hiram Award, Anniversary Level Donor,
Anniversary Award - 50 Year

Initiated on November 25, 1966 in Service No. 594

Passed on February 23, 1967 in Service No. 594

Raised on April 21, 1967 in Service No. 594

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
- Hiram 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.

In Memoriam — Brother Wallace "Wally" Milton Sanderson

November 21, 1940 – June 3, 2026

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273 honors the life and legacy of Brother Wallace "Wally" Milton Sanderson, a Mason whose presence was felt long before people ever heard him speak. Wally was one of those Brothers who stood tall, literally and figuratively, a man built like Ted Hendricks of the Raiders, with a commanding look that could quiet a room, yet a heart that lived firmly in the spirit of Brotherhood.

Wally began his Masonic journey at Downey United, where his application was received, and was Raised at Golden Bowl Lodge #755 in South Gate. He went on to serve as Master of Jordan Lodge #654 in Los Angeles and later affiliated with Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273 in 1999. Over his 64 years as a Mason, he exemplified dedication, loyalty, and service. He received the Hiram Award in 1991 from Jordan Lodge #654, a recognition befitting a man who lived the principles of our Craft every day.

Though not a personal friend of our beloved Lodge Officer's Coach, Brother Frank Gillespie, Wally was a familiar face during the Lodge's annual four-day adventure to Laughlin. He and Frank shared countless moments over coffee, anytime, any hour, at McDonald's, proving that fellowship doesn't require decades of friendship, only the shared bond of Brotherhood.

Stories of Wally's time in the kitchen still circulate. He once cooked a Stated Meeting dinner that was supposed to be pork, but to this day, the verdict remains undecided. The mystery has become part of Lodge folklore, a humorous reminder of the many hands and hearts that have served our tables over the years.

Outside the Lodge, Wally devoted more than 40 years to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. His presence alone could settle a situation. He had a way of approaching the toughest inmate with a calm, firm message, the same principle we use in umpiring and game management: "As long as there's no trouble with you, there'll be no trouble with me." It worked because it came from a man who meant what he said and lived what he believed.

Brother Sanderson was interred on August 6, 2026, at Rose Hills in Whittier, California. His memory now joins the long line of Brothers who have laid down their working tools and entered the eternal rest prepared by the Great Architect of the Universe.

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge #273 salutes Brother Wallace "Wally" Milton Sanderson: a 64-year Mason, Past Master, Hiram Award recipient, lawman, storyteller, and friend in passing. May his legacy endure in the hearts of all who knew him, and may his example continue to guide the Brothers who follow. So Mote It Be.

EMERALD STAR #143

Order of Eastern Star



Good Day Brethren, Sisters, and Friends,
September arrives with a full head of steam, and after our summer Dark period, Emerald Star #143 is back in motion and ready for a month packed with fellowship, travel, celebration, and good old-fashioned fun.

A Busy Month Ahead

- 9/10 – Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner - We're not serving this one, but it's always a pleasure to sit down and share a meal with our brethren.
- 9/11-12 – WGM/WGP Visalia Weekend - Many of our members will be traveling to support the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Safe travels and enjoy the fellowship.
- 9/15 – Angels vs. Mariners Game (MASON'S 4 MITTS NIGHT) - Baseball season may be winding down, but we're squeezing in one more night at the ballpark before the final out is called.
- 9/16 – Friendly Circle (Ways & Means) - A great evening to support Chapter fundraising efforts and enjoy time together.
- 9/19 – Lodge Picnic at Gerdes Park (1-3 PM) - Bring your appetite, your lawn chair, and your best picnic spirit.
- 9/23 – Eastern Star Reveal of the 2027 Grand Family - A special moment for our Order – we look forward to celebrating the newly announced Grand Family.

Looking Ahead to October

October doesn't slow down one bit. Right at the start of the month, we head out for the Lodge Outing to Laughlin, and the calendar continues to stay full with Lodge and Chapter activities.

Sports Season Shift

As MLB wraps up, we roll right into the excitement of College Football, NFL, and High School Football, which now kicks off in August. Plenty of teams to cheer for and plenty of Friday nights under the lights.

Fraternally,
Larry Orozco WP
Debbie Lehan WM

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