

**GOLDEN TROWEL
NORWALK LODGE E
#273**



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**FEBRUARY 2012
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GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK CALENDAR



February 2012

Thursday, Feb 2nd, 7 PM **3rd Degree *Officers Tux***
Sunday, Feb 5th, 3 PM **SUPER BOWL PARTY**
Monday, Feb 6th, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg.
Thursday, Feb 9th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting
“ **Inspector’s Official Visit**” – **Officers TUX (Gold)**
Thursday, Feb 16th, 2nd Degree Practice / 1st Deg Proficiency
Thursday, Feb 23rd, **2nd Degree - Officers TUX (Gold)**
Monday, Feb 27th, 6 PM O S I @ Metropolitan - 2nd Degree

March 2012

Thursday, Mar 1st, **1st Degree Practice**
Sunday, March, 4th, L.A. Service Bureau Breakfast-Hilton Hotel
Monday, March 5th, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg
Thursday, March 8th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Thursday, March 15th, 7 PM – **1st Degree - Officers TUX**
Thursday, March 22nd, 7 PM - Practice\ Degree
Thursday, March 29th, 6 PM, O S I @ Downey United - 3rd Degree
Saturday, March 31st, 8 AM, Palm Springs Follies

April 2012

Monday, April 2nd, 7 PM - NMBA Hall Association Mtg.
Thursday, April 5th, 7 PM - Practice / Degree
Sunday, April 8th * **Happy Easter** *
Thursday, April 12th, 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Thursday, April 19th, 7 PM Practice
Monday, April 23rd, 6 PM, O S I @ Metropolitan
Thursday, April 26th, 7 PM - Practice / Degree



February Stated Meeting

Please Make your dinner reservation by Sunday, Feb. 5th, 2012, by 5 p.m. RSVP Information - Please call: (562) 863-9101 - Press 5# to leave your reservations.

*** SICKNESS AND DISTRESS ***

Do you know a Brother, Sister, or one of our Lodge Sweethearts, that are sick or in distress?

Please contact us so that we can try to provide comfort or support in their time of need. **Brother Jim Reyburn – (562) 943-9342**

Wor John Jansen – Needing your Prayers and Cards >>Has MOVED to the V A Hospital ReHab- Village... celebrated his 93rd Birthday at V A Hospital ReHab- Village...

Zane Watts – Needing Prayers, Calls & Encouragement >>Bill too !!

Up Coming Events

- 7th ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PARTY - 3 p.m.
- L A Service Bureau Men's Breakfast - MAR 4th
- MASONIC HOMES May 12th - PICNIC & TOURS



From the East

Mike Winford, PM
Worshipful Master

Brethren, and Ladies,

The month of February bring us into many exciting events, and our Stated Meeting will be to Honor our District Inspector, for his Official Visitation. The Worshipful Max Rush (along with his Lady Judy), representing the 1018th Masonic District will be our special Guest for our Stated Meeting Dinner. We will also recognize all our Ladies, as our special Valentines during Dinner this month in February.

We look forward to joining in with the unified approach to the Lodge Leadership Retreats that will be designed to strengthen our Lodges now and in the future.

Our Degree Work continues to be truly awesome, as our Team of Officers, exemplify their Ritual work. Our Officers reflecting on their new Officer duties and responsibilities, have entered into the 2012 Ritual Competition for Master Masons. They have recognized their commitment to demonstrate the best ritual possible, along with the importance of ritual excellence in our craft.

We have planned many upcoming activities again this New Year for your enjoyment. The Officers and myself all look forward to Your Continued Support and attendance that always make our events so very special for our members. I truly appreciate and Thank all of the young Ladies from the youth groups for helping out with our **country store program**...

Mike Winford - Master

Ladies please remember to bring your gifts for Country Store



From the West

Gary Iverson, PM Senior Warden

Brethren –

We are now in the second month of the year, and some of our members still haven't sent in their dues. I know that the Secretary usually includes this message in his Trestleboard article, but I wanted to make sure all of you know how important it is to keep your dues current.

This last year we got a request for Masonic Assistance from one of the widows of a member that had demitted before he passed away. Since the member had demitted before his passing, his widow no longer eligible for Masonic Assistance. It was a sad day when we had to tell Grand Lodge of the demit.

I encourage each of you to pay your dues now. Here are some of the rights and benefits of a Master Mason. Please cut this out and make sure you show it to your spouse, your children, or anyone else that might be in charge of your affairs:

*****cut here and save*****

MASTER MASON RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

WHY TO KEEP YOUR DUES CURRENT

The following are some of the rights and benefits a Master Mason in good standing (with dues paid up-to-date):

- Masonic Assistance. Help for the Master Mason, his widow, and orphans.
- Masonic Funeral or memorial service (at the request of the family).
- Admission to the California Masonic Homes.
- Masonic Outreach Services (Help for the Master Mason and his spouse).
- Masonic Center for Youth and Family (for youths 4 to 17 years old).
- Monthly Lodge Trestleboard.
- Lodge notifications and mailings.
- California Freemason magazine (twice a year).
- Access to the Member Center on the Grand Lodge website (freemason.org).
- Your Lodge's Sweetheart program (program and support for your widow).
- Continues to be eligible (at the proper time) to receive 50 yr & 75 yr awards.
- Right to ballot upon applicants for membership.
- Right to continue membership in the concordant bodies:
(Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Ladies of the Shrine,
- Right to continue to visit the Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge.
- Right to visit other Lodges (with approval of that Lodge).
- Right for grandchildren to be eligible for Masonic Scholarships.
- Right to enjoy the Fellowship of his Brother Masons.

your Failure to pay your dues removes your right to these benefits for the Master Mason, his wife, and his family. Please keep dues current. If you have questions, contact the Lodge at (562) 863-9101.

I hope you take this message to heart and make sure you keep you right to these benefit available for you and your family. See you at the next meeting, event, or outing.



From the South

Andrew Macias
Junior Warden

Brethren –

We are off and running!! This year looks to be a great year for the lodge, as well as for our youth groups. I would like to remind you all that we need to support our youth groups, and would encourage you all to come to a meeting and see the great work that they are doing. They are all working hard on their ritual, and are growing in size due to some great recruiting efforts on the part of the youth taking ownership for the success of the groups. The second and fourth weeks of the month are the weeks that our youth meet on Monday (Rainbow)-Wednesday (DeMolay)-Saturday (Job's Daughters).

Some dates to remember in particular are:

Feb. 11, JoDeRai Dance @7pm (bring your daughters, nieces, sons, nephews and grandchildren)

Feb. 13, Rainbow Installation (Come support the Girls and their hard work) @6:30pm

I would like to take a moment to thank the brethren for their support and encouragement over the past years. It has meant the world for me to know that my masonic family has so believed in me. I would like to say a few personal thank you's to Worshipfuls Frank, Warren, Mike, Gil and Gary for all of your coaching; Worshipfuls Bill Powers, Bill Sizemore, Brothers Fred Gladstone and James Rayburn for their constant encouragement; and my Brothers of the Thursday Night Regiment: Roger, Jimmy, Mike, Mike, and Kevin- you guys have truly been my pillars of support through thick and thin!! I enthusiastically look forward to a great year ahead!!

Again, let me thank the brethren for the opportunity to serve as your Junior Warden for this ensuing year. I look forward to all of the great memories that will be made throughout this year's trips and activities; and to growing as a mason while serving the lodge.

Andrew Macias



From the Secretary's Table

Bill Sizemore, PM

Brethren,

The 2012 Lodge dues notices have been mailed.

A Roster Information sheet has been also included with the mailing to update Your information for the NEW Roster.

Your Lodge Officers are doing great ritual work. If possible please try to attend some of the degrees coming up. You will be happy you did and all Officers will appreciate it.

Hope to see you soon in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Bill Sizemore, PM ,

Secretary

**7th ANNUAL
SUPERBOWL PARTY**

February 5th, 2012

2:30 PM - End of the Game

Location: FRANTONE'S PIZZA
Cerritos Center (West of Home Depot)

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFETT
ONLY \$15.00

FRIENDS & FAMILY EVENT

Please Call Gary Iverson at (562) 863-0319

Masonic Youth Group Events

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge will continue to support our youth groups in the coming year. With your continuing support, we will be able to continue to accomplish this for years to come. Support of our Masonic Youth groups helps to ensure the future of our Great Masonic Family.

~ Mike Winford, Master

Rainbow Girls Buena Park Assembly #231



Monday, Feb 13th - 7 P.M.. Meeting – Installation of Officers

Monday, Feb 27th - 7 P.M. – Meeting

Job's Daughters – Bethel #241



Saturday, Feb 11th - 9:30 A.M. - Meeting

Saturday, Feb 25 – 9:30 AM – Meeting

Contact: Mrs. .Debora Fogal 562 587-4971

DeMolay–Excelsior Chapter



Wednesday, Feb 8th - **Dinner 6:30 p.m. \$5.00 / 7:30 PM - Meeting**

Wednesday Feb 22nd - 7:30 PM - Degree Meeting

Contact: Mr.Jim Hannum 562 926-5169

In Loving Memory

BRO LEE ROY WILLARD

Born: Aug 20th, 1927 -Oklahoma
Initiated Entered Apprentice: Sept. 16, 1986
Passed Fellowcraft: Nov. 18, 1986
Raised Master Mason: Jan 30, 1987
In Golden Trowel Norwalk No 273
Entered into Rest: January 10, 2012
Military Graveside Service: January 24th 2012

Almighty Father, into thy hands we commend the souls of our departed Brothers. Amen.

* Grand Master Loui's Project *

We will turn the page for child literacy in California



The facts are startling

The vast majority of low income families don't have a single book in their homes

California ranks near the bottom of the United States for child literacy

90% of children who cannot read at grade level by 3rd grade will never catch up

Together, the Masons of California and Raising A Reader will make a profound difference in child literacy for those who need it most: kindergartners in low-performing public schools who are at high risk for educational failure.

We will circulate children's books to homes, engage families in shared reading of those books, and help thousands of children develop reading readiness skills.

Your **generous contributions** will support our goal to significantly improve child literacy in California, changing the lives of thousands of vulnerable children.

 **Give Online** ▶▶

The Palm Springs Follies has gained a worldwide reputation for glamour and excitement. It has been featured in countless television specials, and played to packed houses at every performance. Age doesn't matter unless you're a cheese."

On Saturday, **March 31st, 2012, at 8:30 AM**, Our Chartered bus will be leaving the Lodge for our first outing of the year, to beautiful Palm Springs. On arriving in the downtown Palm Springs our first stop will be for Lunch at the "Rock Garden Café, Then travel to The Historic Plaza Theater for the Follies performance. The Headliners for this zany performance will be "The Four Aces ". After the Show we will board our bus and head for Home with a refreshment stop at the Famous Hadley's Roadside Fruit Stand. Arriving back at the Lodge between 8:30 and 9 PM. Reservations for this event will open at the January 12th, Stated Meeting Dinner. The Cost for this trip will be \$25.00 each and make your Checks should be made payable **to Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge.**



If mailing your check the Reservation should be mailed to: Frank Gillespie.

.Reservations will start at the January Stated Meeting

DO NOT MAIL reservation checks to the Lodge.

The Menu choices for Lunch will be: Steak, Chicken, or Fish.

Please WRITE your food choice on your check! The cut-off date for Reservations will be at the **February 09th Stated Meeting OR** if our "50 seat" limit has been reached. There is a "**Stand – by List**".

Please remember to bring jackets, as the Theater and bus ride could be very cold.

Fraternally,

Frank Gillespie

Living Past Masters of Golden Trowel Norwalk

Alexander, David J. *	1986	McAdam, Theodore	2002/2003
Alexander, David R, *	1998	McAdams, Richard	1986/87
Ankenbauer, William.	1994	McElroy, Glenn	1972
Beckman Jr., Frank H.	1980/99	McWilliams, Ivan S.	1976
Berg, Charles M.	1972	Miller, Everett E.	1991/93/94/99/03/06
Bodnar, Bart J.	1985/90/91	Miller, George C.	1982
Bohn, Hans F.	1974	Mitchell, Robert R *	1983
Booth, William M.	2010	Moore, Barry D.	1993
Buck, Gil	2007/08	Morrissy, Scott T. *	2005
Collins, Eugene	2001	Moss, Clive W. *	2001/02/03/04/09
Collins, Robert C.	1978	Nichols, Lowell L.	1983
Cowart Jr., Joseph W.	1974	Nighswonger, James	1994/2005
Creswell, Frank L.	1951/80	Noble, Douglas A.	1983
Eade, Jack W. *	1978	Ogden, Charles J. *	2001/2002
Earl, Richard G.	1975/80/81/82	Palmer, John M. *	1974
Easley, Ronald T.	1975	Perry, James	2000
Eichen, Doug	1987/93	Perry, Richard E.	1965
Evans, Rick A. *	1991	Poole, Roy *	1973/1999
Fulbright, Ross E.	1960	Powers, William. B. *	1981
Gerken, Gary D.	1995	Richmond, Gayle*	1988
Gillespie, Frank	1986/87/2000	Roberts, D. Dale	1972
Gustafson, Warren *	1969	Rodriguez, George	1989
Henry, H. Lon	1965	Rose, Charles D.	1990
Hintergardt, Jay	1971	Sanderson, Wallace*	1975/80
Hofmann, Ivan A.	1966	Sargent, Terry T.	1979
Hood, Lyle E.	1999	Sheikh, G. Mustafa *	1995
Hooper, Fred L.	1975	Sickles Jr., Robert	1985
Iverson, Gary	2009	Simmons, Alfred R.	1962
Jansen, John *	1958	Singer, Albert F.	1977
Jensen, Carl A. *	1977	Sizemore William. F.	1985/*93
Keith, William. R.	1972/78	Spann, LeRoy E.	1984
Kidder, David W.	1979	Swanston, David III	1976/87/88/01/02
Kirklin, Robert B. *	2004/2008	Taylor, Howard	1970/78/79
Koomen, Ronald H.	1992/96/97	Taylor, Ted R.	2004
Ladnier, Michael	1984	Thompson, James R.	1984
Lee Jr., Robert E.	1971	Walthall, Leonard S.	1971
MacCallum, M. David	1978	Watson, Carl F.	1971
MacDonald, Brett	1989/*97	Weathers, Daryl T.	1986
Masson, John P.	1988	Williams, Gordon L.	1969/85/87
		Williams, Larry D.	1997
		Winford, Mike T.	1988/2011
		Wohlfrath, Fred C.	1967

* By Affiliation

Hall Association Members

Gary Iverson, PM – President, Senior Warden
Andrew Macias- Vice President
Charlie Dunn - Secretary
Michael Frias – Chief Financial Officer
Gil Buck, PM – Building Manager
Bill Powers, PM
Joe Laing
Don Eschbach
Eric Taylor
Mike Wittig
Mike Winford, PM – Master

Building Manager – Gil Buck, PM
Café ‘n Stuff (Catering) 562 940-4494 - Rita

Trustees

David Swanston III, PM - President
Ben Carr - Secretary
Warren Gustafson, PM
Mike Winford, Master
Gary Iverson, PM

2012 Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge Committee Chairs

Activities – Frank Gillespie, PM
Auditing – Ben Carr
Bar-B-Q –
Budget – Mike Winford, WM and David Swanston, PM
Charity – Mike Winford, WM and Gary Iverson, SW and JW
Constitutional Observance – Bill Sizemore, PM
Funeral Services – Lowell Nichols, PM; Jim Reburn
Greeting Committee – Fred Gladstone and Gonah Schreckengast
Public Schools – Mike Winford, WM
Masonic Service Bureau – Mike Winford, PM
Masonic Homes Bar-B-Que – Gayle Richmond, PM
Masonic Family Picnic – Frank Gillespie, PM
Membership Committee – Frank Gillespie, PM, Gil Buck, PM, Warren Gustafson, PM, Officers and Members
Membership Retention – Mike Winford, WM, Gary Iverson, PM
Roster Update – Dave Swanston, PM
Sickness and Visitation – James Reyburn, Officers, and Members
St. John’s Day – Gary Iverson, PM
Sweethearts – Frank Gillespie, PM
Youth Committee – Andrew Macias, J W