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Menifee Valley Lodge #289

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A newsletter serving the Masonic and affiliated bodies of Menifee Valley, CA



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Trestleboard - a draftsman's designing board; that on which a Mason draws his designs for his character and spiritual growth; that on which the Worshipful Master lays out his designs for the workmen; a Lodge's newsletter and calendar of events.

From the East

Jerry Donathan, PM
Worshipful Master



Brethren,

Well Brethren, it's already August and our Lodge just keeps getting better and better so let's finish the year with a bang. I'm looking forward to our Breakfast on Aug. 13 and know it will be very successful, a possible EA degree at the end of this month and Wor. Chuck Markel's Hiram Award in September.

Sounds like we're in for some fun! Everyone keep studying and get the Chairs filled for next year as we move onward and upward to new heights!

Fraternally,

Jerry Donathan

Worshipful Master

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From the West

Harold Whitford, PM, SW

Hello Brethren,

Since January we have Initiated ,Passed & Raised many men into our Ancient & Honorable Fraternity, now we have caught up on our degree work and the officers can start practicing in advanced positions.

This is also a good time for Corn ,Wine & Oil (corn of nourishment, wine of refreshment and oil of joy) so let's get started with a Breakfast for all on Saturday August 13th (8:00 to 11:00 AM) for a \$10 DONATION.

This is a great chance to show our families

and friends what we're all about.

September will also host several FUN events in the 826th Masonic District, 2 events are scheduled for Saturday

The 10th, Golf tournament hosted by Gat Jose Rizal at Menifee Lakes GC AND 100th Anniversary of Temecula-Catalina Island Lodge (Grand Master MW Wilkins attending) More information will be available on these events.

Locally we have scheduled a Hiram Award Ceremony for WB Chuck Markel on Sunday Sept. 11th (Patriots Day) at 2PM. Watch for up-dates on these events.

Respectfully,

Harold Whitford, P.M.
Senior Warden



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"The successive series of stratified formations are piled on one another, almost like courses of masonry."



From the South

Bro. Sammy Gillo



From the Secretary

Bro. Jerico Alvarez

Greetings Brethren,

The Principal Tenets of Freemasonry:
Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth

I want to share a series of three Masonic Notes that will remind us the core reasons why we became members of this fraternity. I hope this will help us all to remember those reasons and strengthen our commitment to our fraternity. These notes are based on a brief lecture provided to the brethren to remind them that, at their core, they are Master Masons. However, it is good for all of us, regardless of our Mason affiliations, to remember why we chose this path in the first place.

The Three Principal Tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. This article will focus on LOVE.

Brotherly LOVE is one of the closest bonds that can exist between individuals. If we are to practice brotherly love, we must be willing to look previous differences or trivial criticisms AND always attempting to see the good that exists in brothers or, for that fact, other individuals in general. We need to put aside our prejudices and remember that: "All men are OUR Brethren".

We should subscribe to the basic belief that if we are truthfully to practice brotherly love, we will need to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and low, rich and poor, who are taught to aid, support and protect each other. Brotherly Love is difficult to practice anytime, BUT maybe even more so today, if we desire to be good members of the Fraternity, good citizens and good members of the human race, exercise it as we were taught in the first-degree lecture.

Fraternally,
Junior Warden

Brethren,

Welcome! August is a busy month for me. First of all, at the Stated Meeting I will be presenting to the lodge its mid-year financial and membership standings as well as any other information for the benefits of Masonry.

Secondly, this month is the per capita payments to the Grand Lodge of California. Menifee Valley Lodge No. 289 was randomly selected to submit remission audit for this masonic year that involve other committee to provide reports and minutes. By the way, for brethren's special awareness on the information to be presented at August Stated Meeting concerning the semi-annual financial and membership reports, those were outlined in the California Masonic Code (CMC section 805.220D and 805.230B).

The per capita invoice will be discussed to our Lodge then we will submit payment as requested. California Masonic Code Section 809.520 provided that the Lodge can pay its per capita (which is the money due to Grand Lodge of California) without consent of the Lodge because payment must be received before the start of the Annual Communication in October. If payment is not received on time, then Lodge will not be eligible to receive voting representation during the sessions and the Lodge name will be recorded in the minutes of the Annual Communication 2022 for not paying the 2022 per capita. Therefore, this month is dedicated to complete the financial process in a timely manner.

On another note, just so everyone knows, we still have some members not paid their dues so if you happened to know these members, please talk to them so that I can continue to process dues payments as they come and record in iMember 2.0 then provide their dues cards if requested.

For any dues remissions questions or concerns, the member can contact myself or forward the information directly to the Charity Committee.

Solemnly and Sincerely,
Bro. Jerico Alvarez
Lodge Secretary

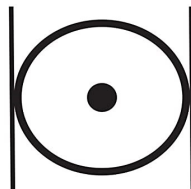
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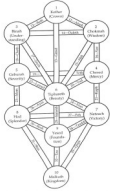
Member
Conatser, Bennie
Findlay, Timothy
Prater, Lloyd
Roberts, Frank
Sanchez, Samuel
Campbell, Vernon
Dexter, William
Bacon, Clark
Palmer, Timothy



Member	Date Raised
Marquez, Jose	8/9
Roberts, Frank W.	8/10
Calvillo, Juan C.	8/11
Bohol, Wilson O.	8/14



"There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America."



Masonic Education

What Is A Masonic Trestle Board?

A Masonic trestle board is a design board for the Master Workman (Architect) to draw his plans and designs upon to give the workmen an outline of the work to be performed. In today's terms, we might call it a blueprint.

It is one of the 3 Movable jewels.

A trestle board is a framework consisting of (usually 3) vertical, slanted supports (or legs) with one or more horizontal crosspieces on which to hang or display an item. Today, it is better known as an "easel".

Some jurisdictions around the world call it a tracing board. It would be somewhat of a "circular logic" task to argue the difference, as, while neither can be fully proven (in historical writings), the "Tracing board" may very well have preceded (come before) the use of the word "Trestleboard" because lodges in Europe (which pre-date American lodges), use the word "Tracing Board".

Hiram's Tracing Board

Hiram Abif's tracing board is believed to have been made of wood, covered with a coating of wax. Each day he would draw his Master architect's measurements and symbols into the wax in order to instruct his Master Masons of the work that was to be accomplished.

At the end of the day, he would simply scrape off the wax and pour a new layer of hot wax onto the board to ready it for the next day's work.

Masonic Tracing Board

Much later, in the days where lodge was held in secret areas and on hills and vales, (valleys) once lodge was in session, the Tiler (or Tyler) would draw an oblong (rectangular) or oblong square depiction (image) into the dirt that represented the form of the lodge.

Again, onto that tracing board was drawn the architect's plan...the working tools in the degree that was to be worked.

Masonic Trestle Board

Through the years, the Masonic Tracing Board progressed to charcoal or chalk on the floor of taverns where lodges were held back in the 1700s. After the lecture, the Stewards or the Entered Apprentice, as a lesson in secrecy, would get a mop and bucket and remove all trace of these drawings.

This, obviously, was a somewhat tedious and messy procedure, so cloths or rugs were created which could be laid onto the floor and simply folded up when the lecture was complete.

Later, these cloths (or rugs) were placed onto a table. As time passed, they were finally hung onto an easel... (a trestle board) much like a drawing board at a construction site where each workman could receive clear instruction as to what his specific participation entailed.

When the team's work was completed, it was obvious that each Master Mason not only understood their specific part in the undertaking, but how their part (no matter how small), contributed to the construction of the entire edifice (building).

The meaning of the words "Nothing further remains to be done, according to ancient custom, except to disarrange our emblems" is a reference to the now antiquated use of these Trestleboard (or tracing boards) during which the dirt on the ground was erased or the chalk marks on the floor of these lodges was mopped or scrubbed, to leave no trace of the form of the Lodge or the contents drawn thereon.

The reason why our lines of travel are at right angles within the lodge and thus the reason that we "square" the lodge is a "throwback" to the antiquity of the ritual.

If the brethren were to walk atop the markings made in the dirt on hill and vale; atop the chalk on the floor of the taverns; or tread upon and thus soil the cloths or rugs used to provide the workings of that degree, the message of that lecture which was being worked could be partially or fully destroyed.

Therefore, "Squaring the Lodge" in a semi-military-like precision, goes back many centuries as the means of preserving the ritual and the degrees being worked so as not to destroy the symbolism of their markings before their usefulness on that day has been completed.

How old is the use of Tracing Boards?

Click on the link, below, to read about this tracing board which was found during an excavation of the Mount Vesuvius volcano eruption in 79 AD,...1800 years before its discovery in 1874.

Masonic scholars note its similarities to today's Freemasonry trestle boards.

Many modern-day lodges now simply use a emailed newsletter to notify the brethren of a degree which will be worked.

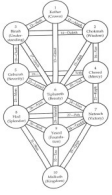
Low Cost Lodge Website Trestle Board:

One of the easiest ways, today, to notify the majority of the brethren (those with internet access) is to add an event calendar to your lodge's website.

https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/#google_vignette

"When in doubt, throw doubt out and have a little faith....."





Masonic Education

Burton Lee French is Born

Today in Masonic History Burton Lee French is born in 1875.

Burton Lee French was an American politician.

French was born in Carroll County, Indiana on August 1st, 1875. For the first few years of his life his family moved around the western part of the country. At the age of five they moved to Kearney, Nebraska. Two years later they moved to Princeton, Idaho after a short stay in San Francisco, California. A year after they moved to Palouse, Washington. During this time, French was attending public schools and graduated in 1891. Two years later, in 1893, he entered the University of Idaho at Moscow. He interrupted his studies to teach school in Kendrick and Juliaetta, Idaho.



In 1898, French was elected to the Idaho State Legislature. It was during this time he returned to school and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1901. From 1901 to 1903 he was a fellow at the University of Chicago in political science and studied law. In 1902, he left the Idaho State Legislature. He was admitted to the Bar in 1903 and began practicing law in Idaho.

It was also in 1902, at the age of 27, French was elected to the United States House of Representatives. He served in the House until 1933, although what seat in the House he held changed over the years. When French first entered Congress, Idaho had only one at large district. In 1911 a second at large district was added. By 1919, there were Congressional districts in Idaho and French was elected to serve from the 1st Congressional District.

French passed away on September 12th, 1954.

French was a member of Kendrick Lodge No. 26 in Kendrick, Idaho. In 1909 he demitted from the lodge to affiliate with Paradise Lodge No. 17 in Moscow, Idaho. He was a member of Paradise Lodge until the time of passing.

<https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php>



"Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday."

Menifee Valley Lodge # 289



Breakfast

27221 McCall Blvd Menifee, CA 92585

Date: August 13, 2022

Menu Available: 8:00 am – 11:00 am

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MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Sherman Hernaez' Third Degree Conferral July 14, 2022



"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Newton Isaac Third Degree Conferral July 19, 2022



"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

The Masonic Monthly Poem

Just a Little Lodge Room

George B. Staff

Just a quiet little lodge room,
But a mighty force for good
With its loyal band of members
Learning more of brotherhood
Striving, stumbling but progressing
Down a Pathway towards the right
Just a humble bunch of plain folks,
Reaching seeking for the light.

Just a quiet little lodge room,
How it stirs the heart and soul



With a thrill of great endeavor
toward a high and common goal
With each pledge of faith and courage
To maintain the forward fight,
On the road that leads them onward
Even onward to the light



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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY

Menifee Valley Lodge No. 289

PO BOX 312 Sun City, CA 92586-0312

Brethren of MVL289,

The monthly Stated Meeting is scheduled on August 4, 2022 at 7:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm so please come in early for some important announcement from Lodge Officers and for Great food, and Fellowship.

Officer Attire: **Hawaiian Shirt, Black Plants and Black Shoes.**

Members/ Visitors: **Casual as appropriate**

Menu: **Steak and shrimp with variety of side dishes and dinner rolls**

*****Schedule of Events*****

4:30pm - Lodge will be open. FC's, EA's, candidates, and petitioners will help prepare refreshments in the kitchen.

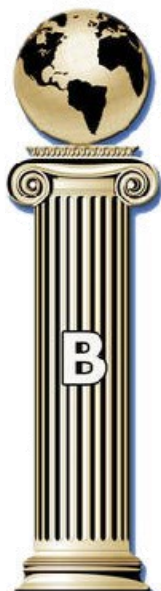
5:00pm - Welcoming committees will be available for petitioners in the hall. Application form is available upon request.

5:30pm - Important announcement and upcoming events from the Worshipful Master or Senior Warden.

6:00pm - Invocation. Then dinner start. Introduce returning members, visiting brethren and petitioners. (Please bring \$10 contribution for quality meals).

7:00pm - Stated Meeting, and Transaction of new business for the benefits of Freemasonry in the Lodge room.
(Masons only).

We are looking forward to your attendance at the event. Peace and Harmony prevailing and God Bless to all Masons.



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY



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Brethren of MVL289,

Please mark your calendar for the following MVL 289 events for the Month of Aug 2022. If you have questions or concerns, let the Lodge Secretary/Assistant Lodge Secretary know in advance so that the events will be modified with the WM's guidance:

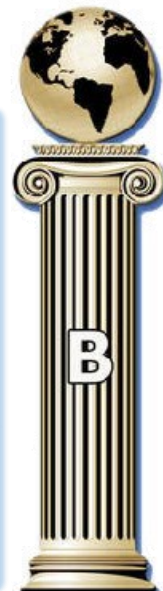
Schedule of Events

- Aug 04, 2022 7:00 pm**—Stated Meeting.
- Aug 13, 2022 8:00 am**— Breakfast Fundraising at MVL 289
- Aug 11, 2022 7:00 pm**— First Degree Practice
- Aug 13, 2022 7:00 pm**— First Degree Practice
- Aug 25, 2022 7:00 pm**— First Degree Conferral for Mr. Del Barrio

We are looking forward to your attendance at the event.

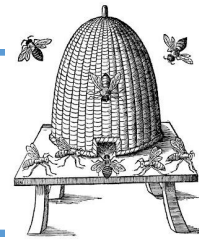
Peace and Harmony prevailing and God Bless to all


Masons.



"Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark."

Aug 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 First Degree Practice @ 7:00 pm	12	13 Breakfast Fundraising @ 8:00 am - 11:00 am
14	15	16	17	18 First Degree Practice @ 7:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 First Degree Conferral @ 7:00 pm	26	27
28	29	30	31			August Birthstone: Peridot & Sardonyx 

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OSI Schedule of Events 2022 Starts @ 7:00 P.M.

- ♦ August 2022—Dark
- ♦ 09/20/22—Hemet San Jacinto Lodge # 338, 1st Degree, Master's Lecture
- ♦ 10/20/22— Meniffee Valley Lodge # 289, Balloting, Flag Presentation, and Elections.
- ♦ 11/21/22—Temecula Catalina Island Lodge #524, Installation of Lodge Officers
- ♦ December 2022—Dark

"Soliness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

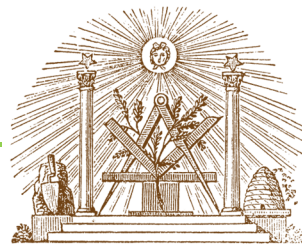


Committees



Here are our committees for 2022. By being a Committee member, you are “paying it forward” to the Lodge by giving a little of your time. Some Committees only meet once a year, others quarterly, and some monthly. The point is, we need your help. Contact the Chairman for meeting times.

<u>Audit</u>	<u>Charity & Relief</u>	<u>Sickness & Distress</u>	<u>Hiram Award</u>	<u>Funeral</u>
CH –	Jerry Donathan, PM, WM Harold Whitford, PM, SW	CH –Harold Whitford, PM	Jerry Donathan, PM, WM Wor Harold Whitford, PM, SW	Wor Harold Whitford, PM, SW Wor Allan Bowman, PM, Chaplain Bro Jerico Alvarez
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Widows</u>	<u>Hall Association</u>	<u>Trestleboard</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
CH—Wor Chuck Markel, PM Bro Sammy Gillo Bro Jerico Alvarez	CH – Harold Whitford, PM Wor Allan Bowman, PM <u>Finance</u> CH –Wor Jerry Dona- than, SW	CH- Bro Sammy Gillo Pres (24) Vacant VP(24) Bro Jerico Alvarez Sec (24) Chuck Markel, PM —Treasurer Bro Jose Shepard BM (24) Wor Harold Whitford, PM Ex Officio Wor Jerry Donathan , WM Ex Officio	Editor—Wor Jerry Donathan, PM Editor – Bro Sammy Gillo Asst Secretary Editor—Bro Jerico Alvarez Secretary <u>Public Schools</u> CH –	CH– Marty Gushwa, PM Sr. & Jr. Stewards All EA’s & FC’s Newly Raised MM’s
Assignments				
<u>Officer’s Coach</u>	<u>Masonic History</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Fraternal Support Ambassador</u>	<u>Head Candidate Coach</u>
Wor Chuck Markel, PM Wor Harold Whitford, PM Assistant	Any Willing Brother	Bro Bud Smith	Wor Allan Bowman, PM	Bro Onofre Rasalan, SD
<u>Member Retention</u>		<u>Masonic Education</u>		<u>Facebook/Website</u>
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Worshipful Master	Wor Jerry Donathan, PM
Senior Warden	Wor Harold Whitford, PM
Junior Warden	Vacant
Treasurer	Wor Chuck Markel, PM
Secretary	Jerico Alvarez
Assistant Secretary	Sammy Gillo
Chaplain	Wor Allan Bowman, PM
Senior Deacon	Onofre Rasalan
Junior Deacon	Adelbert Cagungao
Marshal	Jose Shepard
Senior Steward	Dean Malibiran
Junior Steward	Angel Panganiban
Tiler	Vacant
Officer's Coach	Wor Chuck Markel, PM
Inspector 826th Masonic District	Wor Carl Black, PM



Did you know that being an officer is both a privilege and an honor? These leaders have made a commitment to being at the practices and meetings/degrees and doing an outstanding job. We are all indebted to them for this commitment and their efforts. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Officers Coach listed above.

"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness."



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If you wish to move mountains tomorrow, you must start by lifting stones today.



Integrity



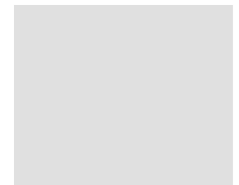
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