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

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I'd like to THANK everyone who participated in the June 12th Philippines Independence Day celebration, it was a fantastic success and especially our Lodge Secretary Jerico Alvarez who organized the event.

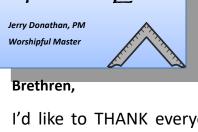
Now let's get back to some degree work and get the next two Fellowcrafts Raised, I know they are anxious to help their Lodge as Master Masons. Everyone have a safe and sane 4th of July Celebration and I'll see you at Stated Meeting.

Fraternally,

Jerry Donathan

Worshipful Master

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Hello Brethren,

After the June extravaganza, 'our celebration of the 124th anniversary of the Independence of the Philippines from Spain What can we do in July?

We have two Fellowcraft Masons who have successfully passed their 2nd degree proficiencies and

are now ready to be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brother Sherman Hernaez is

Scheduled for Thursday 7/14 and Brother Newton Isaac is scheduled for Tuesday 7/19. Both

of these 'eager' brothers have donated their time and refreshments to help make their degrees and the practices for their degrees an enjoyable experience.

The corps of officers are working hard on their parts and as is customary of the 826th Masonic District Officers, several have asked to participate. I can only imagine the 'food menu' for these events!

The INVITATION is out to join us on these special $3^{\rm rd}$ degrees !

Harold Whitford, P.M. Senior Warden



This Summer, Let's Tell the World: #ImAMason

The overwhelming majority of California Masons first learned about the fraternity from a family member, friend, or trusted coworker. And yet we know that Masons can be hesitant to talk openly about their membership, their lodge, or even about Freemasonry in general, That's often out of an erroneous belief that they are prohibited from discussing the fraternity, or that they have to wait until someone asks them first. Neither are true: Members are encouraged to discuss Freemasonry with the people closest to them and to answer any questions they may have about it.

That's why this July, we're asking California Masons to do something they probably haven't done before: Tell the world that #ImAMason.

#ImAMason: How It Works



From **JULY 1–14**, we're asking all members who are comfortable doing so to post a short message on Facebook or Instagram saying why Freemasonry is important to you, and to temporarily change your profile picture to this <u>I'M A MASON BUTTON</u>. By including the hashtag #ImAMason, we'll be able to compile these posts and share them even more widely. This can be written or filmed as a video—whatever you prefer.





From the South

Bro. Sammy Gillo



From the Secretary

Bro. Jerico Alvarez

reetings brethren, The Junior Warden will strive to maintain the values of distinction that have been set by the predecessors and will continue to labor to make the Lodge an inviting and comfortable retreat from the daily difficulties and frustrations that life can offer. He looks forward to many dinners, charity events, and other social functions that anticipated in the upcoming months and years. More particularly, he looks forward to having more fellowship with both newer and older brethren and the life enhancement that comes from spending time with men of such atmosphere and eminence. One way of getting to know each other better is to enjoy the fellowship through the monthly lodge cleanups and the stated meetings.

Traditionally, a Lodge should perform a monthly cleanup. In this case, this lodge have done a few monthly cleanups but when it was executed, it begins with breakfast to served at 7:30 a.m. Also, he would like to keep this going or discuss this in the upcoming stated meeting to start the day off right by joining together to take pride in our Lodge. We always have good food and good fun and leave with a great sense of achievement. The Junior Warden also feels very blessed to be the first who will enjoy the luxury of having an air-conditioned kitchen! Thank you to Worshipful Jerry Donathan and the rest of the Pillars who will make this dream a reality, and he want to invite all brothers who have the ability for culinary skills to join the breakfast and meal preparation crew if this will happen in the future.

As you know, we have some very skilled chefs that can lend a hand, and I'm sure there is still some hidden talent that is waiting to arise. We meet at 6:00 p.m. to begin preparing dinner for our stated meeting dinner, and all contributions of hands and talent are welcome. I look forward to seeing you all and serving you all this year, and I am honored to be able to work with such fine men as those who will attend this Lodge. This is going to be a great year again as we have newly raised brethren that always spend their more time helping improve this lodge!!

Fraternally.

Junior Warden

Brethren,

eople say time flies when you are having fun! Can you believe we are already halfway through the year? Well, I survived so thank GAOTU. Now, I will dedicate the remaining 6 months to regain control over my emotions and start spending my time in a more meaningful way. After all, #ImAMason.

First order of business, the semi-annual membership and financial reports are required to be presented at the August Stated Meeting as per CMC section 805.220D and 805.230B. Therefore, I will begin to compile financial reports and membership data from iMember 2.0. Then, I will work closely with the Lodge Treasurer to ensure that the financial reports match and if there's any discrepancies, it will be addressed and taken care of immediately. As for the lodge's member retention committee, they should continue to make contacts with all members who have not paid their current year's dues. I will run the delinquent dues report again and provide an updated copy via email or bring a hard copy at the Stated Meeting. Currently, we only have 6 members on the list with outstanding dues. It is far better than prior years, so why not 100% paid members for upcoming years? I think it can be done with the help of everyone in the Lodge. But the key here is Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer! So, if you want to be part of the retention committee please let me know or Worshipful Harold.

Fraternally,

Bro. Jerico Alvarez Lodge Secretary

BIRTHDAYS

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Member				
Barnett, David				
Bohol, Wilson				
Chaffin, Lawrence				
Cumming, Douglas				
Dowden, Thomas				
Hicks, Devynn				
Price, Ronald	_			
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Member	Date Raised	Years
Barber, Elbert	7/8/1995	27
Fontanilla Jr., Eduardo	7/26/2018	4

RAISING





Joining the Fraternity

Today in Masonic History we present Joining the Fraternity.

In the years since I started this site, I've gotten several requests asking me to "help them join the Fraternity." Unfortunately, unless the person is in my home jurisdiction, I can't aid them. There are basic steps people can take when looking to start their Masonic journey.

Why?

This is an important question. You'll hear it more than once during your petitioning. Everyone has their reason for seeking admission to our order. Honesty with yourself and the brothers is critical.

As a warning, if you seek fame and glory or help with legal issues, you've knocked on the wrong door.

Who do I contact?

If you're reading this, you're on the internet. Depending on where you live, search your state or country and the word Freemasonry. This will hopefully bring up the Grand Lodge or Orient, responsible for your region.

Sometimes it's not the most logical. For example, the Grand Lodge of New York has a district for Syria and Lebanon. Similarly, the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland oversee districts outside their country's borders. You may need to dig. If you're lucky, your Jurisdiction pops to the top. Their website will contain either email or phone. When contacting them, be straightforward and complete. Tell them what city you live in and what you hope to do. My advice is get a contact person in a local lodge who can talk with you about joining.

During your communication with them, ask if you have multiple lodges near you. I recommend you reach out to each of them. You are shopping for your masonic home. A lodge has a unique personality, like people. Lodge A's focus is on education, while Lodge B focuses on public service, others may use a specific theme.

Your In Person Meeting

Often the lodge contact will meet you at a local coffee shop or the Lodge Hall. No need to dress up, but look presentable. If you're coming from work, don't worry. Guess what Freemasons have jobs too!

This can be your first opportunity to converse with a knowledgeable mason. Use it. Good questions are:

- As a member, what are lodge's expectations of me?
- What's the time commitment in being a Freemason?
- What are my next steps?

It's a give and take at these meetings. Expect to answer:

- Why do you want to join?
- What are you expecting from Freemasonry?
- Why the fraternity?

My experience is you'll learn as much as they do.

Petitions

At your meeting, the contact will either hand you a petition or explain how you get it. For example, in my lodge it's required a candidate attend two social events (often our monthly dinners) so he meets the other members and they can become acquainted with him. This is to make sure there's a strong interest. In most jurisdictions, you'll find a spot to put three references. These are people who know you well and do not need to be associated with the Fraternity. They help fill in the picture of your character.

Investigation Committee

This is just as it sounds!

Often, a team comes to meet with you. They repeat the question, "why do you want to join?" As a normal course, they recommend your significant other be part of the conversation. Freemasonry should not interfere with your relationships. This allows your family and important people in your life to ask questions.

Final Step (For Petitioning)

This doesn't involve you directly. The lodge will review the information gathered by the committee. They may do a check of public records, with your permission. Then they vote on your petition. If it's in the affirmative, they have approved you to START your journey!

As you can see, joining the fraternity is not a trivial thing. It takes effort. When you join, your brothers will have expectations, just as you do for them. Do your research and find a good fit for you!





<u>William Wyler is Born</u>

Today in Masonic History William Wyler is born in 1902.

William Wyler was an German-born American film director.

Wyler was born on July 1st, 1902 in Mulhouse, Alsace, part of the German empire at the time. His father was Swiss which gave him Swiss citizenship automatically. In his youth Wyler was known as a hell-raiser and was often in trouble and was expelled from school more than once for his behavior.

Wyler's father owned a haberdashery and after World War I, Wyler was put to work in Paris selling shirts and ties. Wyler was not very good at the job and really had no interest in the business. Wyler's mother contacted her distant cousin who was the founder of Universal Pictures and Wyler a job in New York.

After working briefly in New York as a messenger, Wyler moved to California to become a director. Along the way he worked as a stage hand and as an assistant editor until he got his break in 1925 when he was the third assistant director on a film.

By 1928, Wyler become a naturalized citizen of the United States and became the youngest director in the history of Universal Pictures. At first Wyler directed westerns which Universal was famous for producing. Also in 1928 he directed his first non-western. Wyler went on to direct a string of films, leaving Universal in the mid 1930's and working with Samuel Goldwyn.



Wyler had the golden touch when it came to the stars of his movies. Laurence Olivier, whom Wyler directed in *Wuthering Heights*, received his first Oscar nomination from his work in the film and credited Wyler with teaching him how to act for the screen. This was despite the fact the Olivier and Wyler clashed on multiple occasions. Despite directing many stars such as Barbara Streisand and Charlton Heston to Oscar nominations and awards, Wyler often gave less than helpful direction. On one occasion during the making of *Ben Hur*, Charlton Heston asked Wyler what was wrong with his performance and how could he do better, Wyler simply replied "Be better!"

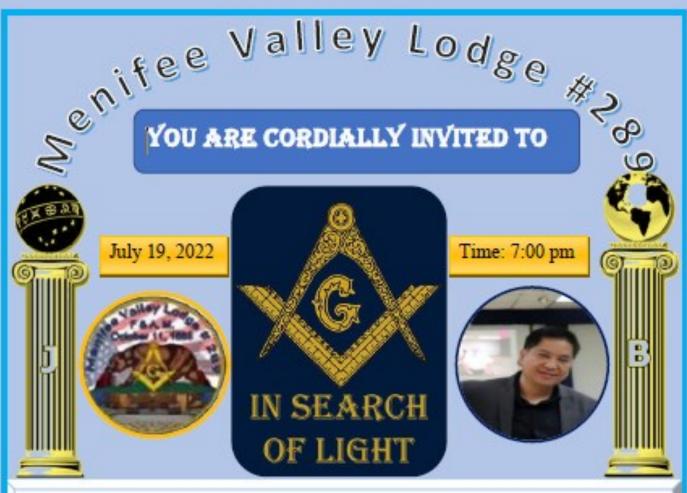
During World War II, Wyler was in the Army Air Corp as a Major. He made two documentaries about the Air Corps. One was *The Memphis Belle:* A Story of a Flying Fortress the other about a fighter squadron. During one of the films Wyler was exposed to a loud noise which rendered him unconscious, when he woke he discovered he was deaf, although some hearing did return in one ear. He left the service as a disabled veteran. Unsure if he was going to be able to work, he directed the film *The Best Years of our Lives* in 1946. A film about three soldiers returning home from the war and the problems they faced. A very personal film for Wyler, for which he won an Academy Award for Best Director and the film won Best Picture.

In 1959, Wyler's film Ben Hur (based on a book by <u>Lewis "Lew" Wallace</u>) got the record for the most Academy Awards for a motion picture. The record stood until 1997 when *Titanic* tied the record and in 2003 when *Lord of the Rings: Return of the King* also received 11 Academy Awards. Wyler passed away on July 27th, 1981 from a heart attack.

Wyler was a member of Loyalty Lodge No. 529 in California...

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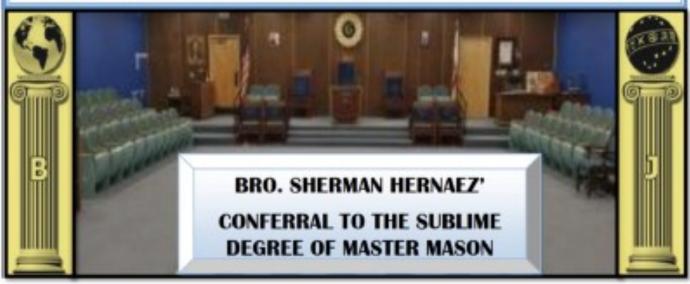
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MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

124th Philippines Independence Day Celebration





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WB Marty Gushwa Funeral Services





The Masonic Monthly Poem

Father's Lodge

Douglas Malloch

Father's lodge, I well remember, wasn't large, as lodges go There was trouble in December getting to it through the snow. But he seldom missed a meeting drifts or blossoms in the lane, Still the Tyler heard his greeting, winter ice or summer rain.

Father's lodge thought nothing of it 'mid their labors and their cares
Those old Masons learned to love it, that fraternity of theirs.
What's a bit of stormy weather, when a little down the road
Men are gathering together, helping bear each other's load?

Father's lodge had made a village men of father's sturdy brawn Turned a wilderness to tillage, seized the flag, and carried on. Made a village, built a city, shaped a county, formed a state. Simple men, not wise nor witty末humble men, and yet how great!



Father's lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders of the last. Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand Building for the great forever, first a village, then a land.

Father's lodge no temple builded, shaped of steel and carved of stone Marble columns, ceilings gilded, father's lodge has never known.

But a heritage of glory they have left, the humble ones末

They have left their mighty story in the keeping of their sons.



Concordant Bodies



Job's Daughters Bethel No. 165,

Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:00pm

Carrie Ghent, Bethel Guardian,

951-271-2054

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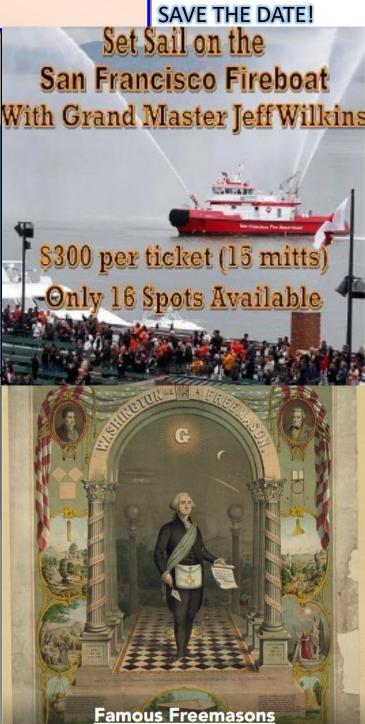
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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY



Menifee Valley Lodge No. 289

PO BOX 312 Sun City, CA 92586-0312

Brethren of MVL289,

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

Officer Attire: Hawaiian Shirt, Black Plants and Black Shoes

Member / Visitor: Casual as appropriate

Menu: Variety of Food (welcome to bring your favorite dishes)

Schedule of Events

4:30pm - Lodge will be open. Preparation of refreshments in the kitchen.

5:00pm - Welcoming committees will talk to petitioners at the hall. Therefore, if you have prospect, please ask them to come in early.

5:30pm - Important announcement, T-shirts sale and other masonic items

6:00pm - Dinner start, introduce returning members, visiting brethren and petitioners

7:00pm - Stated Meeting, and Transaction of new business for the benefits of Freemasonry.

Kindly make reservation before July 7th, 2022 by logging into your **imember portal**.

We are looking forward to your attendance at the event.

Peace and Harmony prevailing and God Bless to all Masons.





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Brethren of MVL289,

Please mark your calendar for the following MVL 289 events for the Month of July 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

July 07, 2022 7:00 pm—Stated Meeting.

July 14, 2022 7:00 pm—Third Degree Conferral for Bro. Sherman Hernaez

July 19, 2022 7:00 pm—Third Degree Conferral for Bro. Newton Isaac

We are looking forward to your attendance at the event.

Peace and Harmony prevailing and God Bless to all Masons.





July 2022



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3	4	5	6	7 STATED MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Third Degree Conferral for Bro. Sherman Hernaez @ 7:00 pm.	15	16
17	18	Third Degree Conferral for Bro. Newton Isaac @ 7:00 pm.	20	21	22	23
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OSI Schedule of Events 2022 Starts @ 7:00 P.M.

- ◆ 7/15/22—Menifee Valley Lodge # 289, Hosted by Gat Jose
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 long form.
- ♦ August 2022—Dark
- ◆ 09/20/22—Hemet San Jacinto Lodge # 338, 1st Degree, Master's Lecture
- ◆ 10/20/22— Menifee Valley Lodge # 289, Balloting, Flag Presentation, and Elections.
- ◆ 11/21/22—Temecula Catalina Island Lodge #524, Installation of Lodge Officers



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>	Charity & Relief	Sickness & Distress	<u>Hiram Award</u>	<u>Funeral</u>
СН –	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>	Hall Association	<u>Trestleboard</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
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Wor Chuck Markel, PM Wor Harold Whitford, PM Assistant	Any Willing Brother	Bro Bud Smith	Wor Allan Bowman, PM	Bro Onofre Rasalan, SD
Member Retention		Masonic Education		Facebook/Website
CH –		Bro Onofre Rasalan	NAME W. W. C.	CH – Bro Sammy Gillo
		Bro Dean Malibiran		Bro Jerico Alvarez
		Any Willing Brother		Bro Adelbert Cagungao





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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 826 th 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.

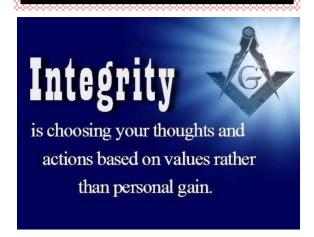
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