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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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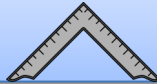
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From the East

Marty Gushwa, PM
Worshipful Master



There is no article from our Worshipful for this month. Stay tuned for next months TB!

marks the middle of the year for 2021. We all have a lot of studying to do in order to prove up!

Our Grandmaster for the State of CA has issued new directives. Click [HERE](#), to get all the latest news and updates regarding the Covid-19 Directives!

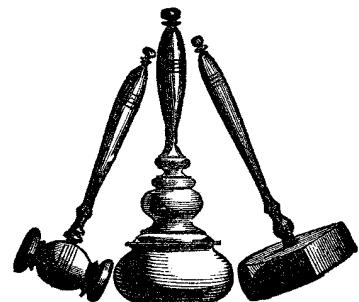


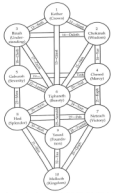
From the West

Bro Charlie Haselwood, SW

Brethren,

I hope you are all doing well as usual. Please reach out to your officers if you are in need of any assistance, at all. For our EA's and FC's—Please contact myself or Worshipful Harold to get back going on your proficiencies. We will be opening up our Lodge to in person meetings once again. This is great news, and I hope to see you all very soon, IN Lodge! FYI—This





Masonic Education

June 24th of this year marks a significant one indeed. It is the celebration of one of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, St. John the Baptist. Our Illustrious Brother, Albert Mackey, quotes Dalcho in Volume II of his Masonic Encyclopedia, "The stern integrity of St. John the Baptist, which induced him to forego every minor consideration in discharging the obligations he owed to God; the unshaken firmness with which he met martyrdom rather than betray his duty to his Master; his steady reproof of vice, and continued preaching of repentance and virtue, make him a fit patron of the Masonic institution." (Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry, Volume II – pg.659). I could not have said it better myself regarding our allegiance to such a venerated individual as St. John the Baptist. We learn in our 1st degree long form lecture, that there is, or should be, represented in every regular Lodge a certain point within a circle. The circle being supported by two perpendicular parallel lines, which represent St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The initial teaching here is for the Entered Apprentice to circumscribe his passions to keep himself within due bounds.

June 24th also happens to be considered the Summer Solstice, the Midsummer and shortest day of the year. A deeper meaning behind the Point Within a Circle symbol, the point, the sun, the Centre of the solar system; the circle, the earth's orbit around the sun; the parallels, where they touch the circle, the winter and summer solstice. The limit of the sun's apparent course to the Northward and Southward of the Equator; the left hand perpendicular, B**Z or the Northern Pillar, the right hand perpendicular, J***N, the Southern Pillar, standing in the porch of the Temple of the Lord, which is the Universe. While the Bible, as now placed in the symbol, or more properly in our opinion the sun, as the symbol of divinity, has its place in the Orient. I believe this leads us to the conclusion as to why our great Fraternity didn't use St. Thomas as our Patron Saint, who was the patron Saint of architecture and building.

The summer and winter solstices were two pagan holidays that continued to remain popular well into the Christian era. John the Baptist Day is celebrated on June 24th, and John the Evangelist on December 27th. The Baptist was a zealous man, the Evangelist was a learned one. But both were Godly and had virtues that enhanced each other. This is the foundation, or Cornerstone for our first initiated Brethren. Where they are taught this valuable lesson of our Fraternity. That the spiritual cornerstone (you), will not rot or decay, but will remain true and square. Our operative brethren used the point to construct the circle. The square was tested for squareness by using a diameter and a point on the circle. This was a great secret to the Master Builders of Antiquity. Ultimately, this symbol truly becomes a test of our virtue.

I suggest you all start delving deeper into the symbology ever present just in our own Blue Lodge. There is MUCH more to look into regarding the Point Within a Circle, as well as each Patron Saints of Masonry and the days celebrated in remembrance of them yearly. I hope you all have a positive start to your summer for 2021, Lord knows we need it!

*-The Craft and Its Symbols –
Allen E. Roberts*

*-Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry,
Vol.II – Albert G. Mackey & Charles T.
Mclenachan*

*-https://
www.thesquaremagazine.com/mag/
article/202012the-feasts-of-st-john/*



A beautiful system of Morality, veiled in Allegory, illustrated by Symbols



from the South
Wor. Bro Jerry Donathan, SW



from the Secretary
Bro. Sammy Gillo

**There is no article from
 Wor. Jerry for this
 month.**

**Brethren,
 Please see my instructions later in this
 issue regarding digital dues cards.
 Thank you.**

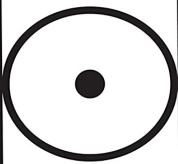


BIRTHDAYS
 APRIL

Member	Day
Hall, Adam B.	05
Adams, Daniel M.	07
Starks, Ralph L.	13
Wolfe, Dennis C.	14
Williams, Mark A.	15
Wijesinghe, Don	18
Trenary, Norman F.	23
Alaniz, Christopher E.	30

RAISINGS
 APRIL

Member	Date Raised	Years
Marson, W. David	6/8/1992	28
Wolfe, C. Dennis	6/21/1984	36
St. Claire, P. Paul	6/10/1974	46
Watkins, K. Robert	6/17/1957	59
Roberts, W. Frank	6/13/1960	60
Neil, L. Benny	6/17/1993	27
Starks, L. Ralph	6/1/1951	70
Brown, B. Robert	6/25/2009	11
Wor. Harold Whitford	5/11/1981	40



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The Masonic Monthly Poem

I Sat In Lodge With You Wilbur D. Nesbit

There is a saying filled with cheer,
Which calls a man to fellowship.
It means as much for him to hear
As lies within the brother grip.
Nay, more! It opens wide the way
To friendliness sincere and true
There are no strangers when you say
To me: I sat in lodge with you.

When that is said, then I am known
There is no questioning nor doubt
I need not walk my path alone
Nor from my fellows be shut out.
Those words hold all of brotherhood
And help me face the world anew
There's something deep and rich and good
In this: I sat in lodge with you.

Though in far lands one needs must roam
By sea and shore and hill and plain,
Those words bring him a touch of home
And lighten tasks that seem in vain.
Men's faces are no longer strange
But seem as those he always knew
When some one brings the joyous change
With this: I sat in lodge with you.

So you, my brother, now and then
Have often put me in your debt
By showing forth to other men
That you your friends do not forget.
When all the world seems gray and cold
And I am weary, worn and blue
Then comes this golden thought I hold
You said: I sat in lodge with you.

When to the last great Lodge you fare
My prayer is that I may be
One of your friends who wait you there
Intent your smiling face to see.
We, with the warden at the gate,
Will have a pleasant task to do
We'll call, though you come soon or late:
Come in! We sat in lodge with you!



Concordant Bodies



Job's Daughters Bethel No. 165,
 Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:00pm
 Carrie Ghent, Bethel Guardian,
 951-271-2054
 Bro. Alan Walbridge, AG
 909-241-5547

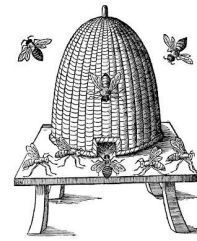
Inside 2021 Spring Issue

- * At Refreshment-Why lifting a drink matters.
- * Get to meet the toastmasters!
- * Brave New World-What can Masons do after the worst year Ever?
- * The Companies We Keep-Say Goodbye to this accidental Masonic icon.
- * Executive Message-Cheers to That!

Click on the image below to take you to the virtual CA Freemason magazine.

Click the snippet above for more information on this fantastic opportunity!

June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 -Stated Meeting @ 7:00PM-Zoom -HA Meeting @ 6:00PM Meeting ID: 925 542 9467 Passcode: Email Secretary.	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11 -Master/Warden Retreat-Irvine CA	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 ♈	21 ♉	22	23	24	25 -Master/Warden Retreat-San Ramon CA	26
27	28	29	30 -CA Masonic Symposium Register Below!			

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<p>IN PERSON: Irvine JUNE 11-13 San Ramon JUNE 25-27</p>	<p>ONLINE: Every Tuesday & Thursday in JULY</p>
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Schedule of Events

- ◆ 6/3/21- Virtual Stated Meeting via ZOOM Call. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9255429467?pwd=N1VwczRHbmFVa1cwN29Ha2t1c282UT09>
- ◆ 6/3/21- Virtual HA Meeting via ZOOM Call. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3508692648?pwd=T2JMbUx6STFZSDNkSGR6OFMvRno4dz09>
- ◆ HA ZOOM MEETING ID: 350 869 2648 / PASSCODE: Lodge289
- ◆ Various Dates - Master and Wardens Leadership Retreats - Click picture to Register Now!!
- ◆ 6/30/21- Masonic Symposium - Our Fraternal Family. Click picture to Register!!



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Exciting Changes to iMember Have Arrived. We'd Like to Share Them With You.

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- Lodge locator for over 30 jurisdictions, including California
- Lodge calendars
- Masonic education

Learn how to use the new system:

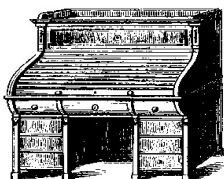
HOW TO PRINT YOUR DUES CARD

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- If it does not work, copy the link, and paste to your browser and hit enter button
- Click the Register Button at the top right corner
- Fill up the information shown below:

- You can also click the Play Button for more information below the Membership Registration.
- Update your information once approved if you find any errors.

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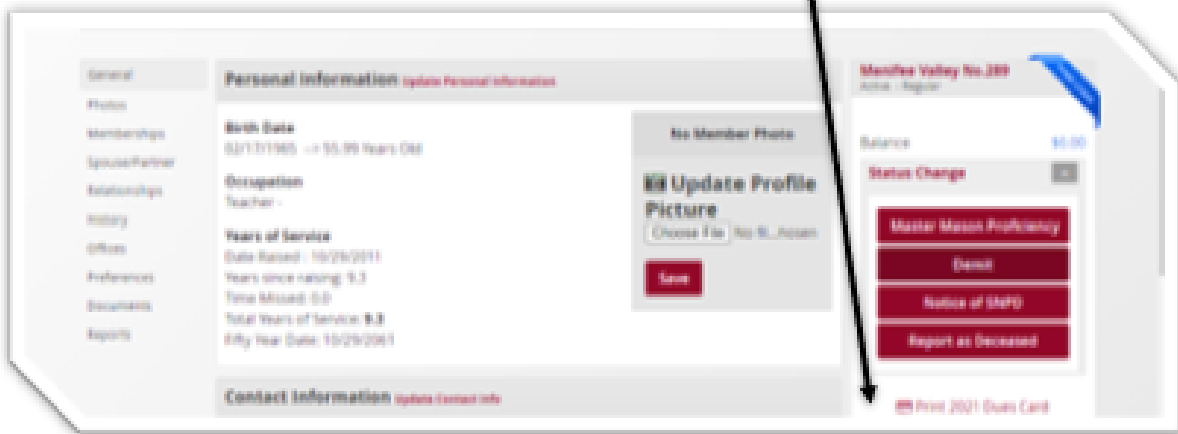


From
The
Secretary's
Desk



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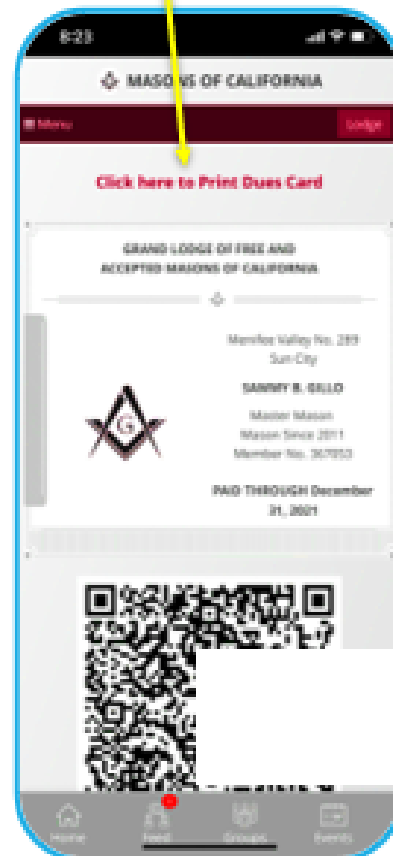
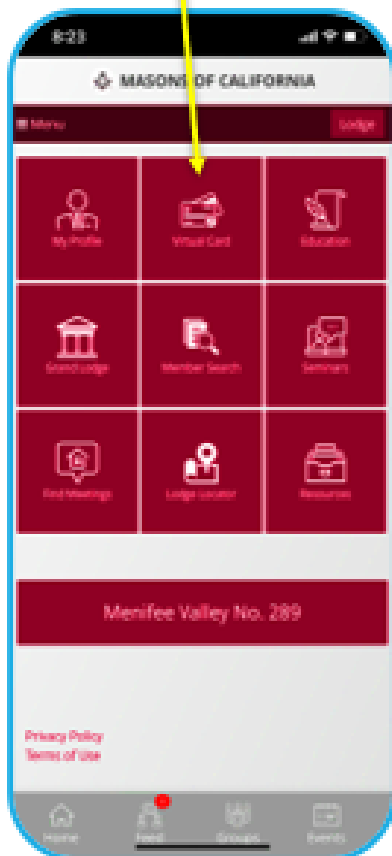


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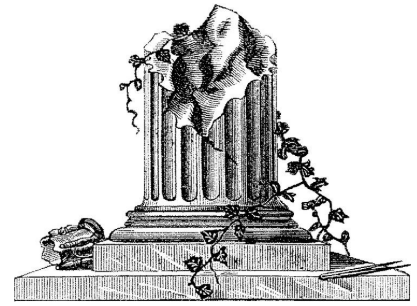
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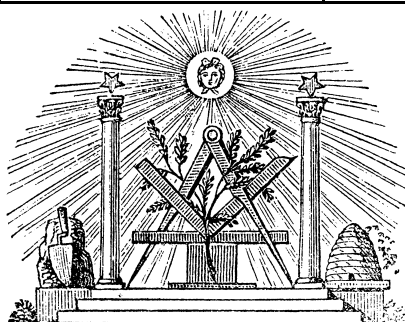


Committees

Here are our committees for 2021. 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.



Audit CH – TC Dowden Charlie Haselwood, SW	Charity & Relief Marty Gushwa, PM, WM Charlie Haselwood, SW	Sickness & Distress CH –Harold Whitford, PM Monte Euler, PM, WM	Hiram Award CH Charlie Haselwood, SW Jerry Donathan, PM Harold Whitford, PM, Chap	Funeral CH – Harold Whitford, PM Alan Bowman, PM
Budget CH - Steve Sutton, PM Monte Euler, PM, WM	Widows CH – Harold Whitford, PM Wor Jerry Donathan, PM Finance CH -Marty Gushwa PM SW	Hall Association Bro. Jose Shephard-President Wor. Harold Whitford, PM-Vice Presi- dent Wor. C Markel, PM –Treasurer Bro. Ed Sibby (24) Bro. Sammy Gillo (24) Bro. Jerico Alvarez-Secretary Bro. Ed Fontanilla Sr. Bro. Wilson Bohol Wor. Marty Gushwa, PM, WM-Ex Officio	Trestleboard Editor – Charlie Haselwood, SW Public Schools CH –	Refreshments CH J Donathan, PM Sr. & Jr. Stewards All EA’a & FC’s Newly Raised MM’s
Assignments				
Officer’s Coach Chuck Markel, PM	Masonic History Any Willing Brother	Photographer Bud Smith	Fraternal Support Amb Alan Bowman, PM	Head Candidate Coach Charlie Haselwood, SW
Member Retention CH – Devyn Hicks		Masonic Education Any Willing Brother		Facebook/Website CH – Devyn Hicks, SD





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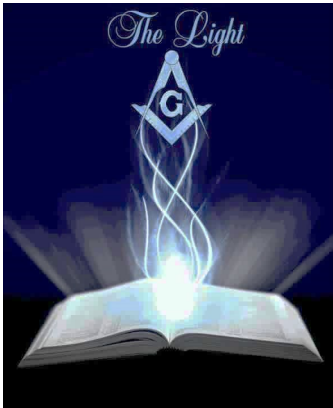
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Treasurer	Wor Chuck Markel, PM	805-732-3790
Secretary	Sammy Gillo	951-892-9055
Chaplain	Wor. Harold Whitford PM	951-440-4150
Senior Deacon	Devyn Hicks	425-876-1637
Junior Deacon	Wilson Bohol	619-735-6375
Marshal	Vacant	
Senior Steward	Vacant	
Junior Steward	Eduardo Fontinella Jr.	951-541-6440
Tiler	Ed Sibby	951-704-2035
Officer's Coach	Wor Chuck Markel, PM	951-733-2925
Inspector 826th Masonic Dis-	Wor. Carl Black, PM	



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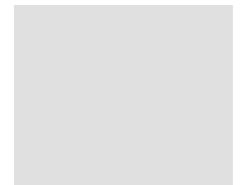
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