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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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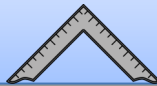
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## From the East

Marty Gushwa, PM  
Worshipful Master



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

will get a little bit better for us all. Anyways, thank you all for taking the time out of your day to peruse this Trestleboard, and, read the articles therein.

Have a great month of May!

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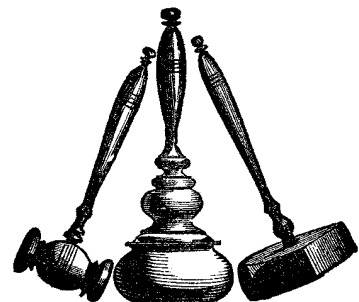


## From the West

Bro Charlie Haselwood, SW

Brethren,

I hope all of you have been well this past month. I have been busier than ever with work and home projects. We have a lot of work to do, in order to get our Lodge up to snuff with the GM new directives on having in person meetings. I don't really have too much to say about any of the directives at this time, but maybe in due time things



# A Letter from Worshipful Sutton, P.M.



Brethren of Lodge 289;

As some of you know, Connie and I will be leaving California for Corpus Christi, Texas on or about April 14th. The move took some hard and long consideration, but due to family health issues, I must go to help out.

Please allow me to thank each and every one of you for the friendship, Brotherhood and support for my many years at Lodge #289. And I am especially grateful for all of the help and understanding while I was Master in 2016. I couldn't have done it without all of your support.

Being a Mason in our Lodge led me to much personal growth and has put me in the path of Brotherly Love and Affection. I thank each and every one of you for that. At times, we may have had differing opinions, but in the end, none of that mattered as we came back together.

Once again, I have been honored to be a part of Menifee Valley Masonic Lodge #289.

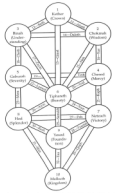
I wish you Godspeed in the Lodge's future endeavors.

I will forever remain,

Fraternally Yours,

Steve Sutton, PM





# Masonic Education

I came upon this article and found it to be very interesting. It was translated from Spanish, so some words and sentences came through strangely. Link at the end.

## The Secret Alphabet of Templars

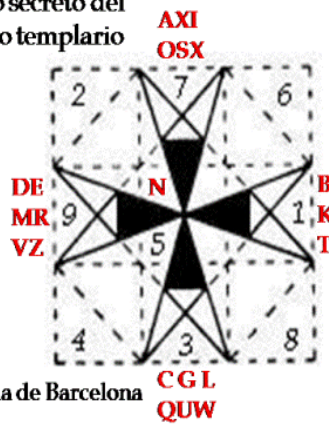
In 1995 there was a sensational finding that would confirm some of the numerous issues surrounding Templar esoterism, when the Sorian scholar Angel Almazán de Gracia discovered in the church of San Bartolome, in the canyon of the Lobos river, Province of Soria, the Cross of Eight Beatitudes, sculpted in a capitol, the first one to be seen to the left of the cover, which is well lit by natural light. This paradoxically, had gone unnoticed for many medieval scholars, in general, and Temple experts in particular. A cross of Eight Beatitudes is also preserved reproduced in the fortified building that the order had in the villa of Barbens (El Segrià, Lleida); according to the chronicles, the building was built in 1164; therefore, it is, from one of the first encomiendas of Temple in Catalonia.

The Eight Beatitudes cross is one of Temple's most enigmatic secret codes, because it contains a cryptogram carrying one of the keys used to exchange confidential messages, or to give full and cryptic account of its commercial transactions. The letters of this alphabet, eight-pointed cruciform structure on Greek cross plant, would be represented as follows:

A total of twenty-one letters (five vowels and sixteen consonants, wrapping as an astral constellation to the first nine numbers, also represented.

The structure of the cross inserts within the square sets, at the same time, angles and intermediate points, which would be represented by letters, the reading of which could be done by means of a module in the form of a secret code that the chosen knights had to wear hanging from the Neck. Reading these secret alphabets, therefore, was only within reach of the initiates in the deepest knowledge of the order. Let's remember that something similar used medieval builder lodges, some of whose signs have been preserved

Código secreto del alfabeto templario



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engraved on stones used by the different builder s' brothers.

Of the different crosses related to Templars, it is undoubtedly in this, the cross of the Eight Beatitudes, the carrier of an encoded alphabet, where the symbolism of eight, much appreciated by the Temple, transcends a cryptographic message to which only a minority of initiates of the order had access.

At the same time, it is a strange damero formed by four panels that remember the set of three in line, over which the four arms of the cross extend, which end up double-tip, generating the number eight cabalistic. It is, we could say, a whole geometric composition that facilitates meditation, as happens with the Buddhist mandalas of Tibet, which leads us to the mystical symbolism of the triple enclosure and, at the same time, to the search for the center; a strange maze formed by four large triangles, sixteen medium and thirty-

two small.

In other places in Europe, especially France, we have contemplated other forms of the cross of Eight Beatitudes, specifically, in the castle of Chinon (Turuena), where the Templars made graffiti and drew it with their own blood on the lobs and umbrella dungeons where The last Temple teachers were jailed and tortured, in 1308, before they were taken prisoners to Paris to be burned alive by order of the French monarch. It is also located on the pavement of the presbytery of the Octagonal Church of Laon (Champagne); it is a square encompassing a series of rombos and engulfing the cross of Eight Beatitudes in its center.

In the cave temples of Anatolia (Turkey), built under the volcanic soil by the collective of Christians fleeing the first Islamic invasions (th and th centuries), decorating the interior walls of the churches of Göreme and other valleys of the heart of Cappadocia, as pictorial frescoes, we see numerous crosses that evoke the cross of the Eight Beatitudes. Although we can't confirm it, it wouldn't be crazy to go there, in that ancient region of the Eastern Mediterranean, where the Templars were inspired to conceive this cross, the most iconic and esoteric of the Temple Order, since that immense plain rode in numerous Occasions knights in their struggles against seldjucids, or in the constant pursuit of initial knowledge. Not far from Cappadocia is Konya, the sacred city of Turkish Islam, how of Mevlana, the mystic Sufi creator of the Mevlevi Dervish Order, practitioners of the esoteric dance of the Sema; Mevlana was contemporary of the Templars and established with them a thread of secret dialogue between religions of their time. <https://planetaenigmati-co.wordpress.com/2012/07/18/el-alfabeto-secreto-de-los-templarios/>

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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,  
 To meet the GM's requirements on the in-person Stated Meeting, I would like to ask each and everyone of you who desires to attend the June SM in person. Please remember that you will need to have your vaccination record or a negative Covid test within 72 hours of the June 3rd meeting date (May 31st thru June 3rd). Please send me an email so that we can plan ahead and be able to assign an officer in-charge of examining the documents and seats assignment in the Lodge room. Your quick response is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

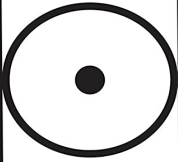


**BIRTHDAYS**  
 APRIL

Member	Day
Harold, Smith	06
Massey, Kenneth G.	06
Wor. Donathan, Jerry	09
Schultz, Charles E.	17
Harrigan, Eli	22
Branson, Gary	26
Smith, Michael C	28
Punchard, George W	29

**RAISINGS**  
 APRIL

Member	Date Raised	Years
Bacon, Clark	5/2/70	51
Danner, Lewis A.	5/16/1956	69
Geisler, Douglas W.	5/17/1980	41
Wor. Gilmore, James W.	5/24/1995	26
Goward, Richard F	5/23/1951	70
Wor. Gushwa, Marty	5/12/1977	44
Haefli, Thomas K.	5/14/1990	31
Hall, Adam B.	5/17/2001	20
Hern, Bernard H.	5/14/1964	57



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# The Masonic Monthly Poem



## The Letter G

Harry Carr

*P.A.G.D.C., P.M., Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge*

He entered the Lodge, and filled each Chair,  
He was sent to the East, and presided there,  
He could give the lectures of each degree  
But, then he fell down on the Letter G.

Yes, he said each head must In honor bow,  
But, out of the Lodge, he forgot, somehow  
And from his careless and prayerless lip,  
The name of Jehovah would often slip.

He recited the Lecture, with solemn tone,  
When the Letter G to the Lodge was shown,  
But, we knew at once why the world did scoff,  
When it heard this man with his apron off.

The Fellowcraft too, when the Lodge was through,  
Listened as you and I would do  
And the work, though finely exemplified,  
Was spoiled by the talk in the room outside.

For no one did as the Master said,  
Not a humble bow from a single head  
So the Fellowcraft thought, as he said goodnight,  
I'll just talk as before, it will be all right.

If Masonry does what we claim for it,  
We should guard our tongues, lest we forget  
To use that Great High name with care,  
While at work, at play, or engaged in prayer.

For the world is watching both you and me,  
To see if we honor the Letter G  
And our lives and teachings they compare.  
To see if they're Plumb, and on the Square.



## 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 this Month's 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!

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

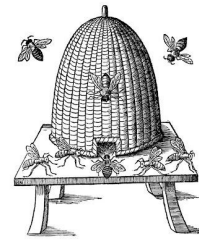
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4  May the 4th Be With You.	5	6 -Virtual Stated Mtg. Meeting ID: 925 542 9467 Passcode: Email Secretary.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 -OSI- Murrieta to Host. Zoom is TBD.	20  -MSS: Freemasonry & Scouting-See Below!	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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### Schedule of Events

- ◆ 5/6/21- Virtual Stated Meeting via ZOOM Call. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9255429467?pwd=N1VwcZRHbmFVa1cwN29Ha2t1c282UT09>
- ◆ 5/19/21- OSI @ Murrieta - Read through 1st Degree & Lecture. Starts at 7:00PM, and is mandatory for all Officers.
- ◆ 5/20/21- Masonic Speaker Series - Tony Harvey: Freemasonry & Scouting. Click picture to Register!!

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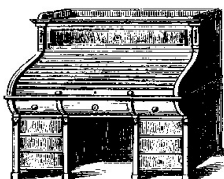
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- d) You can also click the Play Button for more information below the Membership Registration.
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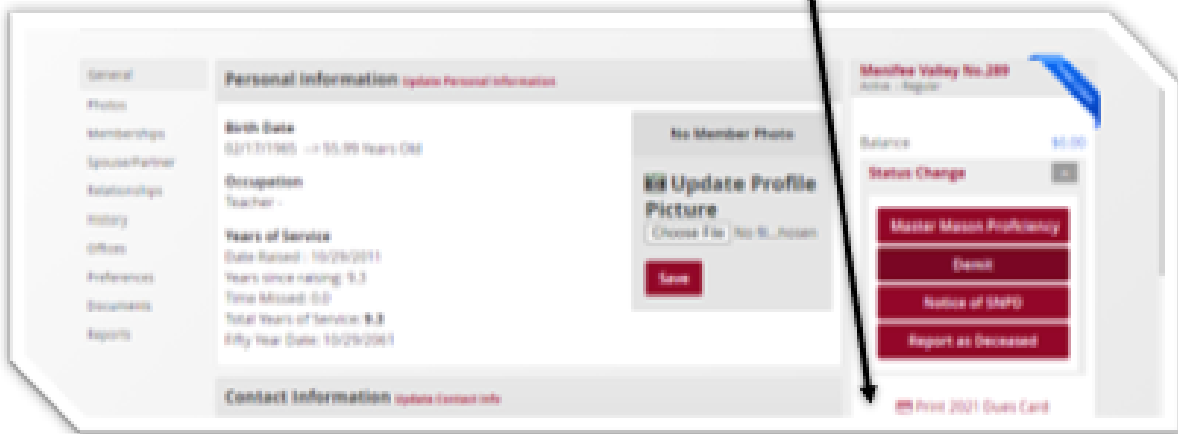
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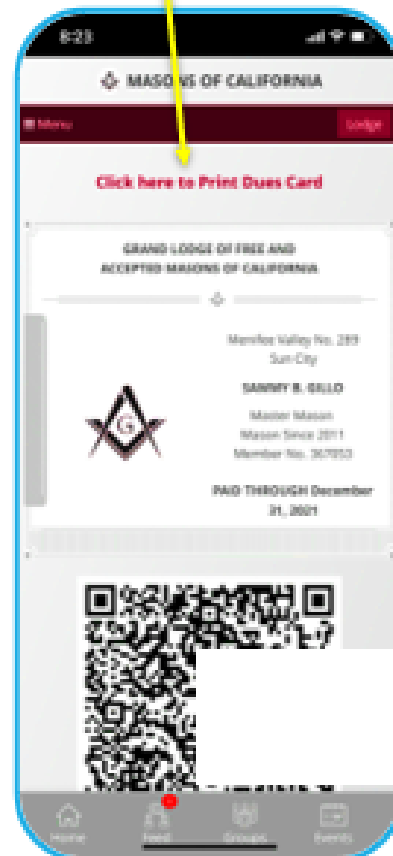
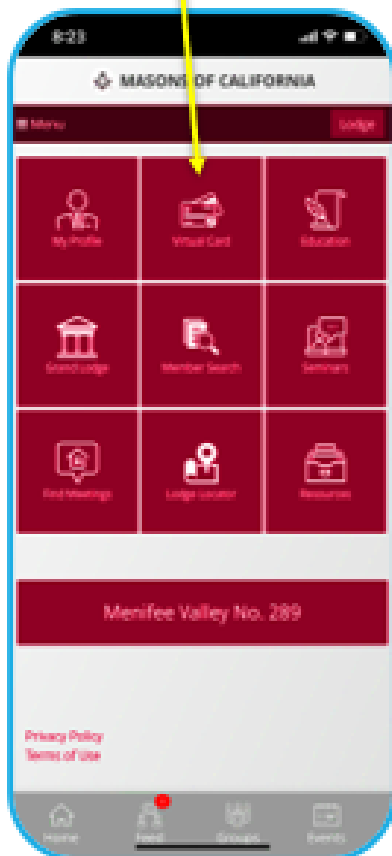


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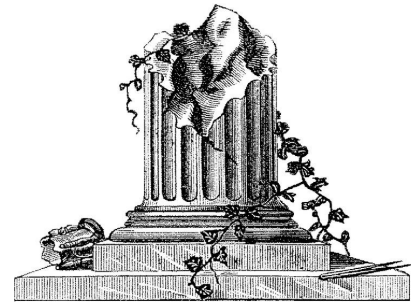
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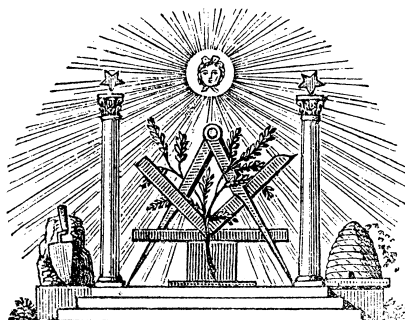


# Committees

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.



<p><u>Audit</u></p> <p>CH – TC Dowden</p> <p>Charlie Haselwood, SW</p>	<p><u>Charity &amp; Relief</u></p> <p>Marty Gushwa, PM, WM</p> <p>Charlie Haselwood, SW</p>	<p><u>Sickness &amp; Distress</u></p> <p>CH –Harold Whitford, PM</p> <p>Monte Euler, PM, WM</p>	<p><u>Hiram Award</u></p> <p>CH Charlie Haselwood, SW</p> <p>Jerry Donathan, PM</p> <p>Harold Whitford, PM, Chap</p>	<p><u>Funeral</u></p> <p>CH – Harold Whitford, PM</p> <p>Alan Bowman, PM</p>
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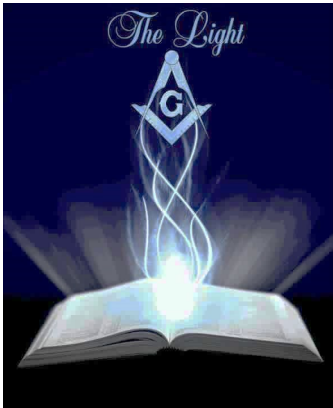
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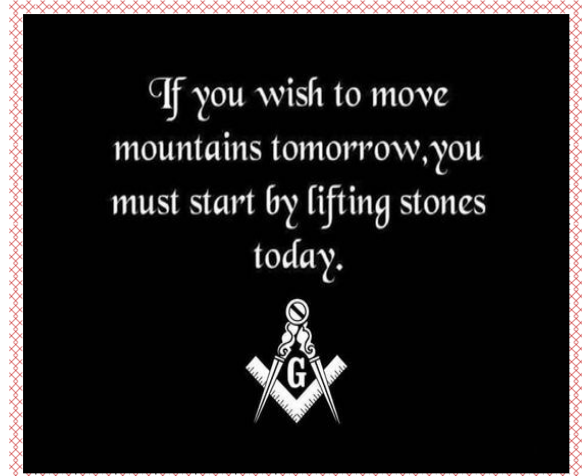
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<b>Senior Steward</b>	Vacant	
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<b>Inspector 826<sup>th</sup> Masonic District</b>	Wor. Carl Black, PM	



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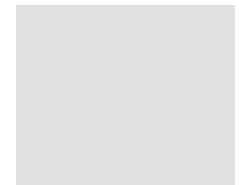
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