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2022



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



Hello **Brethren**,

Brethren, We are getting close to the End of this Very Successful Masonic Year for MVL289.

Our Annual Election of Officers will be held at our November Stated Meeting and we have a very Capable and competent Officers Line ready to move up.

The Holidays are upon us and I wish all of our Members and Friends a very safe and joyous Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

Jerry Donathan

Worshipful Master

MVL #289

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From the West

Harold Whitford, PM, SW

Hello Brethren,

Masonry and fun/celebrations etc. just keeps getting better in the 826th Masonic District! Things got rolling Mid year with Tem-Cats' Annual 'Outdoor Degree' and then Menifee Valley (including the entire 826th Masonic District) knocked it out of the park with the '124th Philippines Independence Birthday celebration' Yes, the building is still standing!

Tem-Cat contacted Grand Master ,Jeffery Wilkins and asked him to participate in their

100th Anniversary, He and the First lady attended and made a big hit with their Hawaiian Shirts... Sunday morning Breakfasts and Golf tourneys ,by Hemet & Gat Jose Rizal Lodges filled out other weekends!

So how do you top all that? Try the Annual Baldauf Ranch BBQ and Hoe down! This year was the biggest and best in my memory.. The food was (as Guy Fieri would say" Off The Hook") Entertainment was provided by a guy named, Johnny.. Not a Mason YET (a petitioner for Widows Sons) He came with a big motor home w/awnings and carpet on the ground and a Bad A-- DJ performance.. Even had 3 Hula Dancers. COOL! Ruffi from WSA did a good job organizing this years' BBQ !

Look for more information concerning our Installation next month.

Respectfully,

Harold Whitford, P.M.
Senior Warden



TRULY MASONIC ORNAMENTS

Written by: Jerico J. Alvarez
Menifee Valley Lodge No.289
Lodge Secretary 2022

Brotherly Love

Bonding
Relationship
Of
The
Human
Endeavor will
Respect the
Level of
Your
Loyalty
On every
Venerable
Engagement

Relief

Rescue
Everyone's
Livelihood
Into
Eternal
Faith

Truth

Time
Requires
Ultimate
Truth &
Honor



"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall .Confucius"



From the South

Bro. Sammy Gillo

Greetings Brethren,

It may come true if you follow your dreams. An article written by **William R. Fischer** is a good example about **DREAMS!!**

You have passed your third degree exam and now you are a Master Mason. So now what.

You have several choices in front of you.

1. Become an officer.
2. Become proficient in ritual work.
3. Move on to the other degrees.
4. Join one of the many other organizations only a Master Mason can join.
5. Or slowly fade away like so many do never to be seen or heard from, except for dues time.

There are other options but these are the most prevalent. If you do the fifth choice in this list you will never know any more about Masonry than you know right now. You will never be any use to the fraternity nor will the organization ever be useful to you.

If you stay with one or more of the top four you will learn how a group can act as a team. You will see how much more the team can accomplish than just one person alone. This does not mean that we are not individuals. Masonry teaches free thinking and this can only be accomplished through self-sufficiency. A determination to be free from all types of restraints is preferred.

Free thinking will open up your thoughts, your hopes, your aspiration. You will be able to express yourself by using your head and embrace those ideas with your heart. What all of this means is that you should:

Speak with your head

Listen to your heart

And always, always follow your **dreams.....**

Fraternally,

Junior Warden



From the Secretary

Bro. Jerico Alvarez

Brethren,

October begins the new billing cycle for the upcoming calendar year 2023 dues. Therefore, invoices need to be sent, lifetime membership receipts issued and preparation for Annual Lodge Officers Election should begin. Then, immediately following the 173rd Annual Communication held in San Francisco, dues notices should be sent to all active Masons of the Lodge. Dues notices are not required in the California Masonic Code; however, it is highly recommended because members usually will not remember to pay their dues by January 1, so if members do not received such notice most of the time they will miss a payment. This notification can be sent via email or regular mail. There is no standard form to use so what I do is send a mass email or text notifications using iMember. Hence, the Lodge Secretary is allowed to create an effective way of communication about dues payment that works for the Lodge. For everyone's awareness, there is an extra transaction fee if members pay online. Anyhow, once dues notices have been sent for the upcoming year, generally I keep following it up with the members via text messages or phone calls.

On another note, the Lodge's member retention committee should continue to help the Lodge Secretary to make contact with all members who have not paid their current year's dues to prevent any members from being suspended for non-payment of dues. I usually run the delinquent dues report in iMember program and provide an updated copy to the executive officers. In the meantime, I will continue to process dues payments as they come in by recording them in iMember and issuing dues receipts. If ever any requests come in regarding requests for dues remissions, the process is to forward the information directly to the charity committee for their investigation. Be true to yourself brethren and answer the 3 questions below:

Do you know if Masonry aids or hinders one's search for light?

Is it necessary to determine what light it is for which we as Masons are to search?

Is Masonry give us that Light, or merely give us direction as to where we may find that Light?

P.S.(stands for Postscript) if you have any ideas for a design or unique style on our Lodge pride shirts please present them to the next Stated Meeting for everyone to appreciate. Let's help each other make a difference in this ensuing Masonic year.

Solemnly and Sincerely,

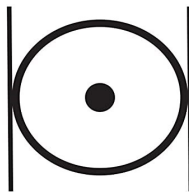
Bro. Jerico Alvarez

Lodge Secretary

BIRTHDAYS

NOV

Member
Flowers, Bruce
Tagle, Diego
Charles, Solomon
Wells, Monte
Edwards, Tychicus
Donaldson, Joseph
Brayton, Jeffrey
Shepard, Jose
Carlisle, Jene
Isaac, Newton

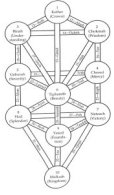


MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NOV

Member	Birthdate
Sutton, Steve	11/08
Whitford, Harold	11/10
Sanchez, Samuel	11/11
Jackson, John	11/12
Thacker, Kenneth	11/14
Euler, Monte	11/14
Vasquez, Daniel	11/20
Prater, Lloyd	11/20
Barber, Elbert	11/21
Echelberger, Mark	11/24
Harrigan, Eli	11/24





Masonic Education

A C A C I A

Acacia sprigs were planted by the Hebrew people at the head of a grave for 2 purposes:

1. To mark the location of the grave.
2. To show their belief in immortality.

Immortality: Both the Hebrews and the Egyptians believed that because of its hardness, durability and evergreen nature, that this tree was a symbol of both innocence and immortality.

Shittim: In the Bible, it is called "shittim". Chosen above all others, shittim was the wood which God commanded Moses to use to create the Ark of the Covenant into which Moses placed the 2 stone tablets upon which The 10 Commandments were carved.

Ark of the Covenant: The entire chapter of Exodus 37 is devoted to the creation of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark was first constructed of shittim wood and then overlaid with gold before being placed into the Holy of Holies (Sanctum Sanctorum) in Solomon's Temple.

Hardwood: The wood is a beautiful hardwood with dark and light coloring. Due to this intermingled coloring, furniture and flooring made from its wood is both very durable, as well as exceptionally beautiful.

The tree is a thorny, and many times multi stemmed tree or bush which many would call a "scrub" tree because it never grows large and tall like an oak, walnut or many other hardwood trees. Depending on the species, the seeds grow into either trees or shrubs, which are hardy in many climates, but they are not long-lived trees. Their typical lifespan is between 30 to 40 years.

Deep Roots: In order for it to survive in very dry, arid lands such as parts of Israel, Iran, Iraq, Australia, Africa, etc., it has very deep roots from which to absorb more water in arid lands. Some species have roots which are 40-60 meters (approximately 120-180 feet deep).

Genus: The genus Acacia belongs to the family Mimosaceae and is related to both the Locust and the Mimosa trees. There are approximately 1350 species of Acacia found throughout the world and close to 1000 of these are found in Australia.

Its most common name, world-wide is known as "Wattle". which is Australia's national floral emblem is Acacia pycnantha, the Golden Wattle. Australians celebrate Wattle Day on the 1st of September each year.

Varieties: Different varieties are common in many countries such as Australia, Africa, Madagascar, throughout Asia, Israel, Iran, Iraq, South America, southern parts of the United States as well as in the Pacific. They are found in a wide range of differing habitats from coastal, wet and tropical to sub-alpine (just below treeline), but are most prevalent in the arid and semi-arid areas.

Unlike most other plants, they will even grow on beaches and in rocky areas... near the ocean taking their moisture from the

saltwater!

The Acacia Flower: Each year the tree flowers. Depending on the variety, the flowers can be yellow, white, cream-colored, or a reddish-pink). Afterward, seed pods which are about three inches long, containing from five to six brownish-black seeds, ripen and turn from green to brown. When fully ripe, the pods split to release the seeds.



Seeds: Interestingly, unlike most plants, its seeds have a hard coating which, in most cases, is nearly impervious to water, therefore, germination does not usually occur unless some sort of pretreatment is first carried out.

In nature, fire is the most common means of getting the seed pods to split open and reseed themselves.

As a Human Food Source

As a human food source, it has been a subject of increasing interest and research in recent years. Much of this work is based on understanding the traditional Aboriginal use of many of these species.

Wattle: While the seed from most of the wattle varieties are generally thought of as being poisonous or generally inedible, there are a few exceptions. Forty-seven species of wattle trees growing in southern Australia produce seeds which are suitable for human food. Some species of it are also used as stock food, for example, the pods of *A. farnesiana* (prickly Moses) and *A. cambagei* (gidyea) are eaten by sheep.

In both Australia and Africa, there are several species of the seed which are edible. Seed is eaten and prepared in different ways by indigenous (originating and living naturally, usually off the land) Aboriginal Australians and is beginning to be marketed to other countries.

<https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/acacia.html>



"Be kind to unkind people. They need it the most. - Ashleigh Brilliant"

Candidate's Corner



Benigno "Bong" Del Barrio

I am a newly retired Judicial Clerk of the Los Angeles Superior Court after completing 25 years of service. I started my employment with the Court System as an Office Assistant and rose from the ranks -- going through every positions until I reached the Judicial Clerk level. My experience includes assignment to Superior Court Judges in the following areas of litigation: Juvenile Delinquency, Family Law, Complex Litigation, and Civil General Jurisdiction. Prior to my employment with L.A. Superior Court, I worked as a cashier at Home Depot.

I was born in the Philippines and migrated to the United States at the age of 32. Hence, I completed my formal education in my home country with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in Philosophy and English. After my collegiate graduation, I was employed as the Corporate Public Information Officer in a Philippine Government Corporation.

My interest in Freemasonry was fostered by four personal childhood friends who are Master Masons.

I am married to my smart and charming wife Joan and we have cute and brilliant six-year old daughter named Eloise. We were long-time residents of Glendale, CA. Upon my retirement we purchased a house in Menifee and made this appealing city our new home.



MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

October Stated Meeting



"Do one act of kindness each day of the year and change 365 lives. - Anthony D. Williams"

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

October 13, 2022 Second Degree Conferral for Bro. Merck Cornel



"Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty. - Jack Canfield"

The Masonic Monthly Poem

The Five Points Symbolism

By: **Neal A. McCauley**

1916 Foot to foot, that we may go,
Where our help we can bestow
Pointing out the better way,
Lest our brothers go astray.
Thus our steps should always lead
To the souls that are in need.

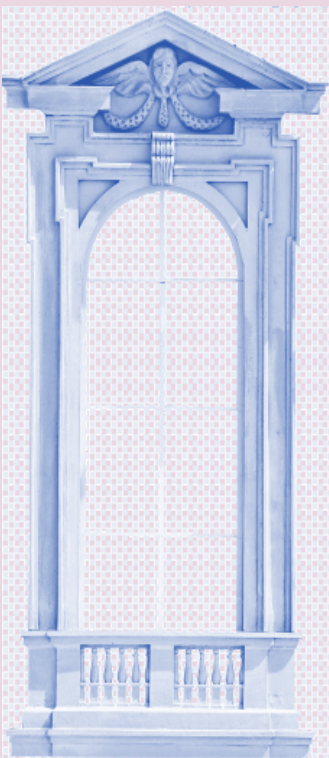
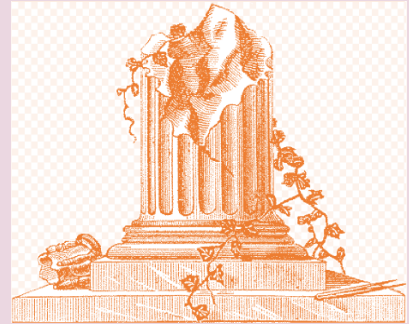
Knee to knee, that we may share
Every brother's needs in prayer:
Giving all his wants a place,
When we seek the throne of grace.
In our thoughts from day to day
For each other we should pray.

Breast to breast, to there conceal,
What our lips must not reveal
When a brother does confide,
We must by his will abide.
Mason's secrets to us known,
We must cherish as our own.

To the brother, bending low:
Underneath a load of care,
Which we may and ought to share.
That the weak may always stand,
Let us lend a helping hand.

Cheek to cheek, or mouth to ear,
That our lips may whisper cheer,
To our brother in distress:
Whom our words can aid and bless.
Warn him if he fails to see,
Dangers that are known to thee.

Foot to foot, and knee to knee,
Breast to breast, as brothers we:
Hand to back and mouth to ear,
Then that mystic word we hear
Which we otherwise conceal,
But on these five points reveal.



Concordant Bodies



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

SAVE THE DATE!

Inside this Month's Issue

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"Endomosaic"

In 1957, the artist Emile Norman unveiled what is widely considered to be his masterpiece: A 48-by-38-foot "endomosaic" mural that spans the entire southern face of the California Masonic Memorial Temple's main foyer. The term was an invention of the artist's, alluding to his unique method of artmaking. Today, the work is seen by more than 200,000 patrons of the building each year—making it one of the city's most visited public works of





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 November 3, 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: **Tuxedo.**

Members/ Visitors: **Business Suit**

Menu: **Potluck**

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

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

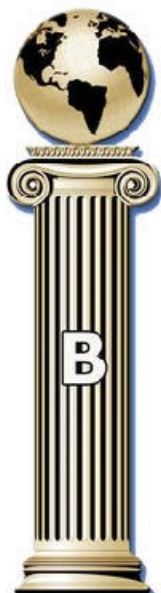
5:00pm - Welcoming committees will be available for petitioners in the hall. Application form is available upon request.

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, annual election of lodge officers and Masonic Hall Association Committee members 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.





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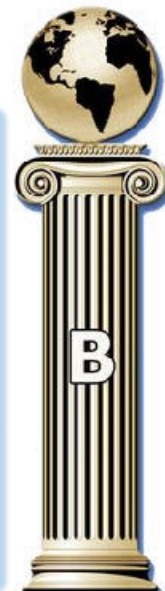
Please mark your calendar for the following MVL 289 events for the Month of Nov 2022. If you have questions or concerns, let the Lodge Secretary/Assistant Lodge Secretary know in advance so that the events will be modified with the WM's guidance:

Schedule of Events

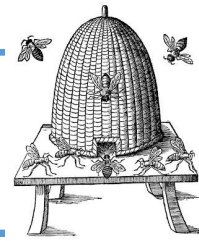
- Nov 03, 2022 7:00 pm**—Stated Meeting.
- Nov 06, 2022 3:00 pm** - GJRL #882 Constitution at MVL #289.
- Nov 10, 2022 7:00 pm**— Open 1st Degree, EA Proficiency, 1st Degree Conferral for Mr. Perry King, & FC Proficiency at MVL #289.
- Nov 12, 2022 3:00 pm**— Night Market at Menifee Parking from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. (30 food vendors).
- Nov 17, 2022 7:00 pm**— 3rd Degree Practice at MVL #289.
- Nov 19, 2022 10:00 am** - Double 3rd Degree Conferral at MVL #289.
- Nov 21, 2022 7:00 pm**— OSI Training at TemCat

We are looking forward to your attendance at the event.

Peace and Harmony prevailing and God Bless to all Masons.



November 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 STATED MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 	12
13	14	15	16	17 3rd Degree Practice TIME: 7:00 PM	18	19 Double 3rd Degree Conferral TIME: 10:00 AM
20	21 OSI At TEMCAT TIME: 7:00 PM	22	23	24 	25	16
27	28 	29	30			November: Birthstone: Topaz

2022 LEADERSHIP RETREATS

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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
- ◆ 10/19/22— Meniffee Valley Lodge # 289, Balloting, Flag Presentation, and Elections.
- ◆ 11/21/22—Temecula Catalina Island Lodge #524, Installation of Lodge Officers
- ◆ December 2022—Dark



"A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open. - Frank Zappa."

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 Donathan, SW	CH- Bro Sammy Gillo Pres (24) Bro Devynn Hicks VP(24) Bro Jerico Alvarez Sec (24) Chuck Markel, PM —Treasurer Bro Jose Shepard BM (24) Bro Sherman Hernaez (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– Vacant 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	WB Harold Whitford
<u>Member Retention</u>		<u>Masonic Education</u>		<u>Facebook/Website</u>
CH –		Bro Dean Malibiran Any Willing Brother		CH – Bro Sammy Gillo Bro Jerico Alvarez Bro Adelbert Cagungao





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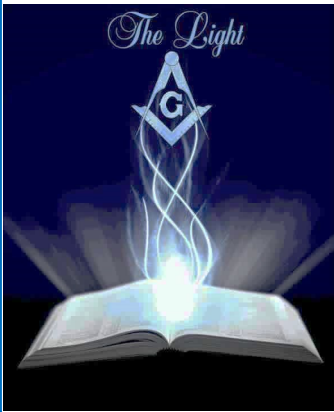
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Menifee Valley Lodge #289 Officers

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.



Annual Trestleboard Sponsorships and business card ads help defray the annual cost of printing and mailing the Trestleboard to those Brothers, widows and friends of the Lodge who are not adept at electronic publications.

If you can afford to sponsor, please see your Lodge Secretary.

Business card ads are limited by the CMC to brother Mason's only.

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



Integrity



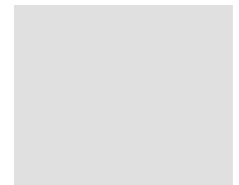
is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain.

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