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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,

Let me start off by Congratulating Brother Tyhicus Edwards on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, well done my Brother and also to Brother Newton Isaac on being initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason, I know you both will make your Lodge Proud.

We have several Applications and Candidates going through the process and will be conferring EA Degrees for a while.

Our BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR is coming up so let's all pitch in and make our Lodge and District Proud.

Our Officers just keep amazing me with their drive and commitment to our Lodge and Ritual, it's hard to believe sometimes that some of them have only been Officers for a few months and are already advancing in the Line. Fantastic Job Guys, We are building an Officers Line of Superstars!

Fraternally,

Jerry Donathan

Worshipful Master

MVL #289



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From the West

Harold Whitford, PM, SW

There will be NO charge to the Guests for an evening of Fun, Food & Fellowship (Donations are always accepted.)

How can I/you/we Help? Start thinking of a gift you could donate; Gift card, Wine basket, Piece of jewelry..... (please nothing used or inappropriate) Haven't thought of anything yet? CASH is the right Color & Size!

Let's get to work, Time is short !

Hello Brethren,

Harold Whitford, P.M.

Senior Warden

We are only 2 months away from our Biggest event of the year (the 124th anniversary of the Philippines Independence Day w/an American Flair).

This event will be hosted by the 5 Lodges of the 826th Masonic District. Each lodge has pledged \$250 to pay for Food for all, and gifts for adult guests and members. Because of the generosity of the participating lodges;



In Memoriam

January 23, 1947

75 Years 67 Days

March 30, 2022

**“Place, Bright and Glorious
Be Thy Rising From It.”**

**Please, say a prayer for our
dearly departed Worshipful
Brother Marty Gushwa, PM**



If you aren't a Freemason, don't expect them to greet you in a secret way.





From the South

Marty Gushwa, PM, JW

As I was browsing the internet, I was struck to an article titled "What Freemasonry Teaches Me". This article received so much publicity with harsh comments relevant in today's situation.

Masonry teaches us the existence of a God as a being of Love, Light and Power. That alone it teaches us that we are powerless and as others help us over rough and dangerous places, so should we do unto others.

The light which will be an absolute guide and that no matter how we forget, there is a place where we can obtain information. It imparts us to be kind of heart, to cultivate friendly feelings; to not tell all we know; to be circumspect and to realize that others before us have walked the road we are on, and that others will follow when we are gone.

It explains to us how to help the needy and to defend the deserving; to care for the children of brothers and to treat their wives with the same kind, gentlemanly respect we would have others show to those we love.

Freemasonry teaches us to look upon every Mason as a younger brother, to be watched over, helped, encouraged, protected, cared for in sickness and carefully laid away after life's fitful trials are ended and he has been called to the land in the East. To defend virtue and to never tell a falsehood, to build up, protect and encourage the poor and laborious, no matter whether of our fraternity or not.

Finally, Freemasonry teaches us lessons in harmonious brotherhood and to control ourselves, our tongue, our passions, and our lives and that the Lodge, like the Eternal, is one place where differences in politics, religion, and passion of riches or honor is unknown, for before the beautiful light in the East we are all brothers.



From the Secretary

Bro. Jerico Alvarez

Brethren,

As I continue to process dues payments and record it in iMember, I'm requesting the lodge's member retention committee to assist me in contacting all members who have NOT paid their current year's dues.

By mid-April, I will run the delinquent report again and provide an updated copy to the committee to make any determination and take necessary course of actions with regards to non-payment of dues.

Furthermore, if any requests come in regarding requests for dues remissions, forward the information directly to the charity committee for their investigation. For members with multiple lodge memberships, the CMC requires a 60-day notice (section 804.165C), therefore the notice should list in May stated meeting.

Fraternally,

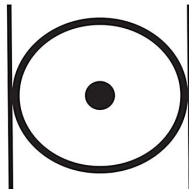
Bro. Jerico Alvarez

Lodge Secretary

BIRTHDAYS

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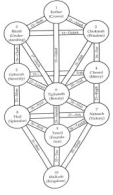
Member	Day
Leverett, Eddie W.	04
Daniels, Roy W.	6
St. Clair, John P.	10
Sutton, Steven A.	12
Jenkins, Richard E.	14
Jackson, John W.	18
Santiago, Dennis E.	20
Iannolo, Michael A.	22
Watkin, Robert K.	29
Fontanilla Rs, Eduardo V.	30



BIRTHDAYS

Member	Date Raised	Years
Lyon Jr, George C.	4/18/1961	61
Smith, Michael C.	4/22/1971	51
Williams, Mark A.	4/2/1984	38
Marhling, Richard A.	4/16/1990	32
Santiago, Dennis E.	4/12/2007	15
Jenkins, Richard E.	4/15/2010	12
Conatser, Dennis E	3/27/1989	12
Young, Chauncey J.	4/11/2013	9
Charles, Solomon	4/24/2014	8
Euler, Monte G.	4/10/2014	8





Masonic Education

History of Freemasonry in California: California's First Mason

Before the Grand Lodge of California came into existence in 1850, the first Masons began arriving in the area. While there were many Masons who came to California, first Master Mason to arrive and settle in the area permanently was Brother Abel Stearns.

Nicknamed "Cara de Caballo" ("Horse Face") for his "long-jawed countenance," Brother Stearns was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts. He was raised to Master Mason, as far as records indicate, in Salem, MA. He moved from Salem to colonial Mexico, where he became a naturalized citizen.

He moved from Mexico first to Monterey, California and began building. His first large-scale building was a three-story flour mill on North Spring Street, completed in 1831. After it's construction, he then settled in permanently in



the Pueblo de Los Angeles in 1833, where he obtained a concession to build a shipping/storage warehouse in what is now San Pedro. He expanded his business to include the first stage-coach route between San Pedro Bay and the Pueblo de Los Angeles.

In 1841, Brother Stearns married Arcadia Bandini, of the wealthy Bandini family who owned Rancho Jurupa – what is now the tracts of land known as San Bernardino and Riverside county.

Based on his business acumen, he quickly became one of the the most influential citizens of Los Angeles. Not content with being 'just' a business owner, Brother Abel became one of California's larger land owners, purchasing Rancho Los Alamitos, a 28,000 acre parcel between Los Angeles and the harbor. Due to the misfortunes of drought, he lost 50,000 head of cattle and the land that he'd mortgaged to keep the rancho going. in 1864.

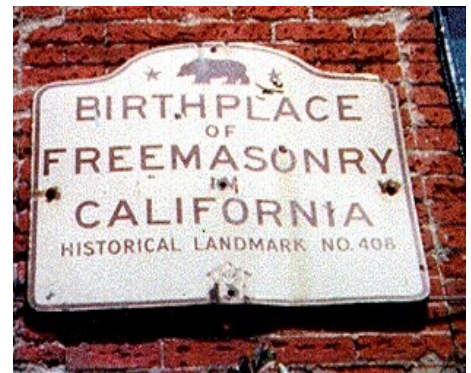
Another notable event that preceded the California Gold Rush and involved Abel, was that in 1842 is was the first person to make a shipment of California Gold to the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. Shipped in 1842, 1,834 ounces of

placer gold was safely deposited in the mint on July 8, 1843.

Between 1848 and 1850, under American military rule, Abel represented Los Angeles. In 1849 he was a delegate to the California Constitutional Convention, again representing Los Angeles. His political career went on to include the offices of California State Assemblyman, Los Angeles County Supervisor and even Los Angeles City Councilman.

By 1860, Abel Stearns was one of the most important and influential land owners in California, owning Rancho La Habra, Rancho Los Coyotes, Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana, Rancho Las Bolsas, Rancho La Bolsa Chica, Rancho Jurupa and Rancho Sepulveda (La Sierra). In 1868, he formed a real estate partnership known as the Robinson Trust and put 177,796 acres into the Trust (which included all but one of his Ranchos). By this time, cattle ranches were on the way out in California, and in it's place agriculture was springing up. The Ranchos were divided up into 40-acre parcels for farms and ranches.

By 1870, the lands had all been sold, and Abel was well on his way towards amassing yet another fortune. But before he could realize his fortune, Brother Abel Stearns passed away on August 23, 1871 in the Grand Hotel in San Francisco, California. He was 82. He is interred at the Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles. Brother Stearns lived a rich and full life as a Mason, worthy of all imitation.



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124TH *Philippines* *Independence Day*

Date: June 12, 2022 Time: Sunday, 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Location: 27221 McCall Blvd Sun City, CA 92585

Menifee Valley Lodge Crystal Ballroom

The primary mission of the Menifee Valley Masonic Lodge is to help men improve their relationships with God, their family, their community, and most importantly, with themselves through utilizing the teachings, proven traditions and values set forth by Masons from the beginning of our Ancient Fraternity.

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MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

March 4, Stated Meeting



The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character & ever strives for its perfection.

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Ty Third Degree Conferral 03/10/2022



Life is a bridge. Cross over it, but build no house on it.

The Masonic Monthly Poem

I See You've Traveled Some

Wherever you may chance to be
Wherever you may roam,

Far away in foreign lands;
Or just at Home Sweet Home;



It always gives you pleasure,
it makes your heart strings hum

Just to hear the words of cheer,
"I see you've traveled some."
And if you are a stranger,
In strange lands all alone

If fate has left you stranded
Dead broke and far from home,

It thrills you--makes you numb,
When he says with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."
And when your final summons comes,
To take a last long trip,

Adorned with Lambskins Apron White
and gems of fellowship



The tiler at the Golden Gate,
With square and rule and plumb

Will size up your pin and say

"Walk In",
"I see you've traveled some."



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

SAVE THE DATE!

Inside this Month's Issue

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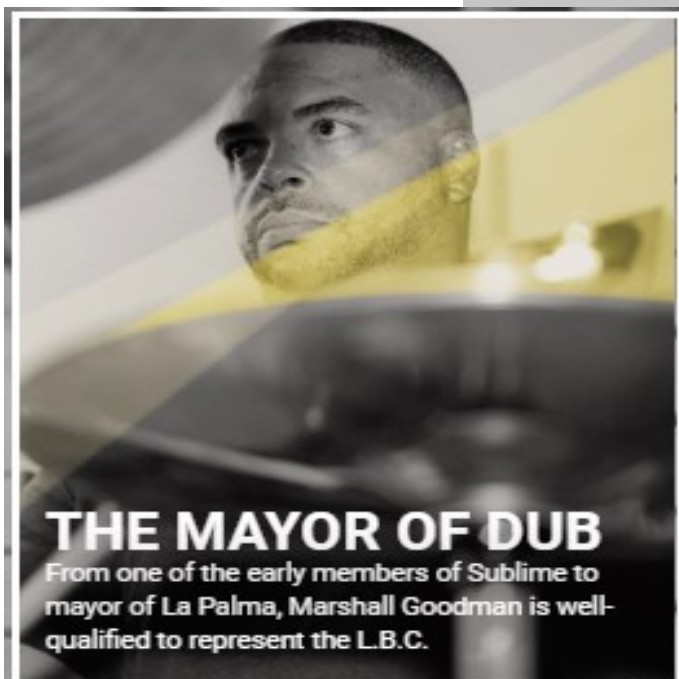


Next Week: The International Conference on Freemasonry Comes to Berkeley

With researchers and academics presenting brand-new work concerning Masonry and other fraternal organizations, the International Conference on Freemasonry is back—and still a can't-miss for anyone interested in Masonic education.

REGISTER NOW

International Conference on Freemasonry
The View from Here: The Masonic World Through North American Eyes
Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
UC Berkeley, Clark Kerr Conference Center
Admission: \$30; optional lunch \$20



Mark Your Calendar: 2022 California Masonic Symposium

For many members, Freemasonry offers a pathway to spiritual growth, acting as a "handmaid of religion," as it has been described. At this year's **California Masonic Symposium**, a group of experts on Freemasonry debate the role of spirituality within the craft—and the ways Masonry has influenced (and been influenced by) other spiritual and esoteric movements. Join us for this very special Masonic education event, held online and entirely free and open to all.

REGISTER NOW



The Brotherhood of Man begins with the Manhood of the Brother.



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 April 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: **Barong**

Member / Visitor: **Casual**

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.

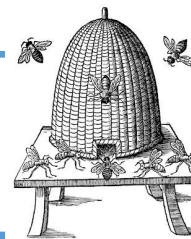
Kindly make reservation before April 7th, 2022 by logging into your **imember portal**.

We are looking forward to your attendance at the event.

Peace and Harmony prevailing and God Bless to all Masons.



April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 STATED MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY 	11	12	13	14	15 	16 
17 	18	19	20	21	22 	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 April Birthstone: Diamond 

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

- ♦ **4/21/22– Menifee Valley Lodge # 289.** 2nd Degree 1st Section. O & O, and closing in long form.
- ♦ **5/16/22— Temecula Catalina Island Lodge # 524.** 2nd Degree 2nd Section. Staircase and Master's Lecture.
- ♦ **6/15/22– Temecula Catalina Island Lodge # 338.** Hosted by **Murrieta Lodge # 869.** How to do a Candidate Investigation.
- ♦ **7/15/22—Menifee Valley Lodge # 289,** Hosted by **Gat Jose Rizal Lodge UD,** 1st Section of 1st Degree O & O and closing in long form.
- ♦ **August 2022—Dark**



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> CH –	<u>Charity & Relief</u> Jerry Donathan, PM, WM Harold Whitford, PM, SW	<u>Sickness & Distress</u> CH –Harold Whitford, PM	<u>Hiram Award</u> Jerry Donathan, PM, WM Wor Harold Whitford, PM, SW	<u>Funeral</u> Wor Harold Whitford, PM, SW Wor Allan Bowman, PM, Chaplain Bro Jerico Alvarez
<u>Budget</u> CH—Wor Chuck Markel, PM Bro Sammy Gillo Bro Jerico Alvarez	<u>Widows</u> CH – Harold Whitford, PM Wor Allan Bowman, PM <u>Finance</u> CH –Wor Jerry Donathan, SW	<u>Hall Association</u> CH- Bro Sammy Gillo Pres (24) Bro Ed Fontanilla Sr 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	<u>Trestleboard</u> Editor—Wor Jerry Donathan, PM Editor – Bro Sammy Gillo Asst Secretary Editor—Bro Jerico Alvarez Secretary <u>Public Schools</u> CH –	<u>Refreshments</u> CH– Marty Gushwa, PM Sr. & Jr. Stewards All EA’a & FC’s Newly Raised MM’s
Assignments				
<u>Officer’s Coach</u> Wor Chuck Markel, PM Wor Harold Whitford, PM Assistant	<u>Masonic History</u> Any Willing Brother	<u>Photographer</u> Bro Bud Smith	<u>Fraternal Support Ambassador</u> Wor Allan Bowman, PM	<u>Head Candidate Coach</u> Bro Onofre Rasalan, SD
<u>Member Retention</u> CH –		<u>Masonic Education</u> Bro Onofre Rasalan Bro Dean Malibiran Any Willing Brother		
				<u>Facebook/Website</u> CH – Bro Sammy Gillo Bro Jerico Alvarez Bro Adelbert Cagungao





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Junior Warden		
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Assistant Secretary	Sammy Gillo	951-892-9055
Chaplain	Wor Allan Bowman, PM	951-287-0109
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Junior Deacon	Adelbert Cagungao	951-466-8722
Marshal	Jose Shepard	951-231-4145
Senior Steward	Dean Malibiran	757-386-3550
Junior Steward	Angel Panganiban	661-755-8246
Tiler	Eduardo Fontanilla, Sr.	909-261-0121
Officer's Coach	Wor Chuck Markel, PM	951-733-2925
Inspector 826th Masonic District	Wor Carl Black, PM	619-857-9802



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.

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



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must start by lifting stones
today.



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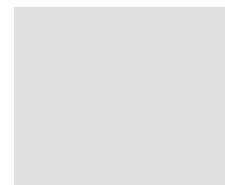
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actions based on values rather
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