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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,

I can't believe its September already and what a year we have had. Our Lodge is in Great shape with new Officers stepping up and filling the Chairs and keep our Officers Line moving up.

Our new solar system should be installed soon which will help fix our financial situation. Everyone come out on the 11 th and support Wor. Chuck Markel on receiving the Hiram Award a great time will be had by all.

I'd like to tell you all about Wor. Chuck and I being related in a way kind of like in-laws. This all takes place in Henryetta Oklahoma. My Grandfather had a Brother named Bob (my Uncle Bob), who had a son named Willy (my cousin) who married Wor. Chucks cousin Oleta and they had a son named Bryan Donathan who is both Wor. Chuck and my self's cousin.

How all this happened is unbelievable, Wor. Chuck's family moved from Oklahoma to the Stockton area, my family moved from Oklahoma in 1938 to the Artesia area then in 1978 we moved to the Nuevo area and when Wor. Chuck retired, he moved to Homeland area right next to Nuevo and then we both wind up being Past Masters of the same Lodge and being related to the same people in Oklahoma over 1,000 miles away is unbelievable.

Fraternally,

Jerry Donathan

Worshipful Master

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From the West

Harold Whitford, PM, SW

Hello Brethren,

Here we go into the last quarter of the year and what a time it's been, with practically every month. Having something special. Sometimes it might be a 3rd degree or Officially a Master Mason Conferral that can be at times uneventful Unless it's at Men-Val 289. Where the dinner often includes Lechon and members attending often come from all over Southern California and often from the Philippines!

In the middle of the year we hosted the 124th Anniversary of the Philippines Independence Day, this event was suggested by District

Inspector WB Carl Black and was a joint effort of the 5 Lodges of the 826th Masonic District. (Gat Rizal U.D. ; Hemet-San Jacinto; Menifee Valley; Murrieta; & Temecula-Catalina) also Brazen Pillars Masonic MC. This was a 'Showcase' event for Masonry in the Inland Empire!

We put on a 'Killer 5 course Breakfast' in August , and as we go into September we're looking forward to the Hiram Award for WB Chuck Markel. As you read this article you still have time to plan to attend.

This event that happens at 2PM on Sunday September 11 (Patriots Day). At the ceremony you will hear Chuck's biography and reasons that he was selected to receive this award but it's hard to put into words things that he's done for our Lodge that go unnoticed, like his personal contributions to our Scholarship program...we plan to see you there!

Respectfully,

Harold Whitford, P.M.
Senior Warden



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"The poor man is not he who is without a cent, but he who is without a dream."





From the South

Bro. Sammy Gillo



From the Secretary

Bro. Jerico Alvarez

Greetings Brethren,

Dreams

by William R. Fischer

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

Brethren,

September is another busy month for the secretary and the Lodge because this is the time to prepare the lodge for Annual Communication 2022. Therefore, the following tasks must be done such as reviewing the legislation and per capita that will significantly impact the Lodge monthly business transactions.

Other duties to perform during the month are reviewing recommendations and decisions from the Grand Master. These are important for each Lodges to observe and should be undertaken as a Lodge. As a secretary, I should review all the proposed legislations, decisions and recommendations and per capita proposal by the GLC. Some pieces of legislations will impact the work I do and how I do it. These legislations cannot be taken for granted and must be followed accordingly.

Also, I must understand what the per capita variations and how it will affect the total dues for our Lodge. For every one's awareness, if the Lodge Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are unable to attend the upcoming Annual Communication, then the lodge may choose a representative to carry the ballot to vote on their behalf. The chosen representative takes place of all the pillar officers, not just one. Once selected, will submit the required form to the Grand Secretary's office to make it official and allowed to vote at the Annual Communication scheduled to commence on October 21st, 22nd and- 23rd.

Please be advised, if any brethren come to requests for dues remissions, forward that information directly to the Charity Committee or to Worshipful Harold Whitford for further investigation.

Solemnly and Sincerely,

Bro. Jerico Alvarez
Lodge Secretary

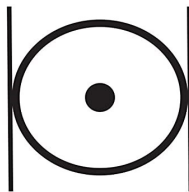


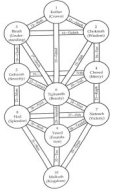
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Cumming, Douglas	9/8
Clark, Brandon	9/10
Iannolo, Michael	9/10
Santiago, Dennis	9/11
Mahrling, Richard	9/13
Capps, Melvin	9/15
Sherman, Sam	9/16
Brayton, Jeffrey	9/19
Charles, Solomon	9/19
Monsen, Peter	9/20
Sibby, Edward	9/21
Krikorian, Markam	9/22
Malibiran, Dean	9/23
Pangilinan, Angel	9/23
Hafeli, Thomas	9/25
Palmer, Michael	9/25
Queen Jr, Delbert	9/25
Alvarez, Jerico	9/28
Edwards, Tychicus	9/30

BIRTHDAYS

SEP

Member
Jackson, Jimmie
Ojeda, Jonathan
Feeney, Ronald
Barber, Elbert
Vera, Juan
Mahrling, Richard
Capps, Melvin
Staley, David
Del Barrio, Benigno
Rasalan, Onofre
Brown, Robert





Masonic Education

Masonic Blue

The origin of Masonic Blue is somewhat of a mystery.....or is it?

Colors are somewhat subjective for each of us. Different people see colors differently. Even each graphics program and computer monitor display them a little differently and so, even the color "light blue" can denote a vast array of hues or tones of the same color.

Freemasons learn that the answer to this question is that Masonic Blue is the color of the starry decked sky,... the celestial clouded canopy that covers each and every one of us. But,... why "blue"? Why not purple or red or any other color in the spectrum?

Q: And... what exact hue of blue does Masonic Blue represent?
 ...the light, clear blue of a Summer's day, the dark blue before the storm?
 ...the royal blue of a Mediterranean sky
 ...or something in between?

A: The answer to this question might be forever lost to us
 ..except for the long lost (and recently rediscovered) knowledge of the
 Chilazon. (more on the Chilazon later in this page)

But, first...let's go back in history and "poke around" a bit, shall we?

BLUE AND GOLD

We see the colors blue and gold repeatedly used together throughout nature, in the scriptures and in the process of learning why blue is a sacred color.

SUN AND STARS

The sky is blue. The sun's rays are gold in color. Therefore, it is easy to see why the colors blue and gold have historically been associated with Deity (God, G_d, the Creator, the Almighty, the Supreme Architect of the Universe).

Masonic Blue Paraphernalia

We see the colors blue and gold repeatedly in

Masonic paraphernalia such as gold Masonic rings with the ring's face or background being blue. We see Masonic Blue on a Masonic lapel pin, most Masonic cufflinks, Masonic gifts and the overwhelming majority of Masonic jewelry...not to mention upon Masonic aprons and other Masonic supplies.

Is there one single, definitive answer as to why Freemasonry's primary color is called "Masonic blue"?

There are an overwhelming number of thought-provoking indicators throughout history that lead us closer to the answer.

BLUE IN ISRAEL

Blue was a sacred color to the priests of Israel in biblical times. The color is mentioned first in the Old Testament in:

Exodus XXV:3-4: in which the Lord commanded Moses to speak to the children of Israel, saying:

"And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goat's hair."

Throughout the Books of Exodus and Numbers are many references to the color, blue, and several more are to be found in Chronicles, Esther, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

We read of the *"fine twined linens,"* and *"Make the ephod (pronounced ee-foo-daw) of Gold and Blue,"*

What is an Ephod? An ephod is a part of the sacerdotal (of or relating to priests or a priesthood) habit (clothing or vestments) among Jews. It is a covering for the back and breast, held together on the shoulders by two clasps or brooches of onyx stones set in gold, and fastened by a girdle of the same material as the ephod. The ephod for the priests was of plain linen. The ephod worn by the high priest was richly embroidered in colors. The breastplate of the high priest was worn upon the ephod in front. Thus, the ephod is essentially an apron-like garment.

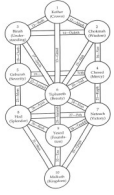
We find many references to the color, blue, in the Bible:

... "bind the breastplates with a lace of blue," "pomegranates of blue," "an hanging for the tabernacle of blue," "needlework of blue," "a cloth wholly of blue."

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



"All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."



Masonic Education

BURTON LEE FRENCH IS BORN

Today in Masonic History we present

The Thousandth Man

by Rudyard Kipling.

One man in a thousand, Solomon says,
Will stick more close than a brother.
And it's worth while seeking him half your days
If you find him before the other.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine depend
On what the world sees in you,
But the Thousandth man will stand your friend
With the whole round world agin' you.

'Tis neither promise nor prayer nor show
Will settle the finding for 'ee.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine of 'em go
By your looks, or your acts, or your glory.
But if he finds you and you find him.
The rest of the world don't matter;
For the Thousandth Man will sink or swim
With you in any water.



You can use his purse with no more talk
Than he uses yours for his spendings,
And laugh and meet in your daily walk
As though there had been no lendings.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine of 'em call
For silver and gold in their dealings;
But the Thousandth Man he's worth 'em all,
Because you can show him your feelings.

His wrong's your wrong, and his right's your
right,
In season or out of season.
Stand up and back it in all men's sight --
With that for your only reason!
Nine hundred and ninety-nine can't bide
The shame or mocking or laughter,
But the Thousandth Man will stand by your side
To the gallows-foot -- and after!

<https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php>



"If you see something wrong and don't correct it, you have just set a new standard."



WB Charles Markel
Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m.

Menifee Valley Lodge #289

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PLEASE RSVP WB HAROLD WHITFORD 951-446-4250
OR BRO JENCO ALVAREZ 626-617-8782



"The beauty of the sunbeam lies partly in the fact that God does not keep it; he gives it away to us all."

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting and Breakfast Fundraising



"There are few who have courage enough to admit their faults or resolution enough to mend them."

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Benigno Del Barrio's First Degree Conferral August 25, 2022



"The last part of success, is to pass your work on to those whom will do better than you."

The Masonic Monthly Poem

Brothers All

Silas H. Shepherd

In the Lodge we meet the fellows,
 Who, in other walks of life,
 We would seldom ever contact,
 And then perhaps in strife.
 They are men of every leaning
 Whom we good and honest call,
 And the splendid thing about it
 Is, that we are Brothers All.



They are men of every station
 Some are rich and some are poor
 But they all are full of friendship
 And of service have a store.
 We may differ in our methods,
 But our objects we recall
 And it binds us in a labor
 And it makes us Brothers All.

They are men of truth and honor
 Trusting always in the right
 Seeking always further light.
 What a power for perfect justice!
 How can failure e'er befall
 Such a firmly founded body
 For the Lodge makes Brothers All?



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

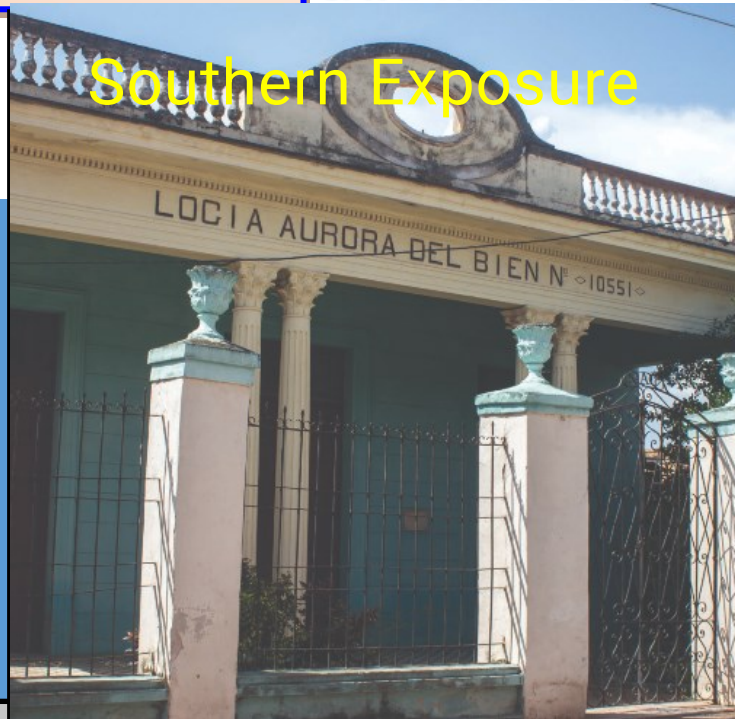
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"Every child comes with a message that God is not yet discouraged of man."



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY

Meniffee Valley Lodge No. 289

PO BOX 312 Sun City, CA 92586-0312

Brethren of MVL289,

The monthly Stated Meeting is scheduled on September 1, 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: **Hawaiian Shirt, Black Plants and Black Shoes.**

Members/ Visitors: **Casual as appropriate**

Menu: **Smoked Beef BBQ Brisket with variety of side dishes and dinner rolls**

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

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

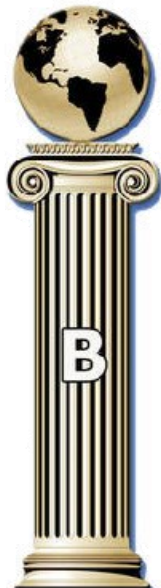
5:00pm - Welcoming committees will be available for petitioners in the hall. Application form is available upon request.

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 for the benefits of Freemasonry 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.



"Life is a flame that is always burning itself out, but it catches fire again every time a child is born."

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY



Menifee Valley Lodge No. 289

PO BOX 312 Sun City, CA 92586-0312

Brethren of MVL289,

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

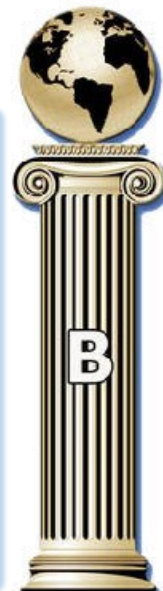
Sep 01, 2022 7:00 pm—Stated Meeting.

Sep 11, 2022 2:00 pm— Hiram Award Presentation at MVL #289

Sep 15, 2022 7:00 pm— Possible First Degree Conferral

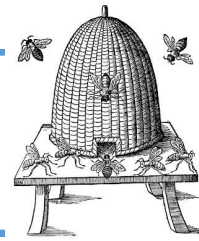
We are looking forward to your attendance at the event.

Peace and Harmony prevailing and God Bless to all Masons.



"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."

September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 STATED MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30	September: Birthstone: Sapphire 

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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
- ♦ 10/20/22— Meniffee Valley Lodge # 289, Balloting, Flag Presentation, and Elections.
- ♦ 11/21/22—Temecula Catalina Island Lodge #524, Installation of Lodge Officers
- ♦ December 2022—Dark

"To know the job you must do it, to know the sport you must play it, to know the person you must live their life."

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) Vacant 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	Editor—Wor Jerry Donathan, PM Editor – Bro Sammy Gillo Asst Secretary Editor—Bro Jerico Alvarez Secretary <u>Public Schools</u> CH –	CH– Marty Gushwa, PM 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	Bro Onofre Rasalan, SD
<u>Member Retention</u>		<u>Masonic Education</u>		<u>Facebook/Website</u>
CH –		Bro Onofre Rasalan Bro Dean Malibiran Any Willing Brother		CH – Bro Sammy Gillo Bro Jerico Alvarez Bro Adelbert Cagungao



“Death, is what happens to a person while he is making other plans.”



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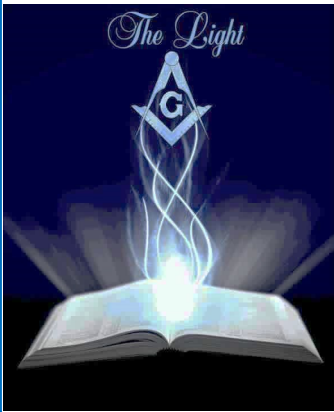
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Worshipful Master	Wor Jerry Donathan, PM
Senior Warden	Wor Harold Whitford, PM
Junior Warden	Vacant
Treasurer	Wor Chuck Markel, PM
Secretary	Jerico Alvarez
Assistant Secretary	Sammy Gillo
Chaplain	Wor Allan Bowman, PM
Senior Deacon	Onofre Rasalan
Junior 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.

"Better to keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world."



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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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