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"Freemasonry is an institution that promotes moral and upright living. It promotes harmony, brotherhood, certainly relief, and truth. All of these things are needed in our society for us to live free and peacefully. And I think if more people understood that Freemasonry focuses on these virtues and can be applied to the betterment of people who are not members, they will come to us."

— Grand Master Sean Metroka

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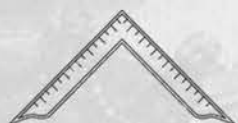
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WISDOM



FROM THE AST



JERRY DONATHAN, PM

Worshipful Master

Hello Brethren,

Well, it's already October which means this Masonic Year and my time as Master is almost done.

Again, let's finish this year by completing everything still on the table. Everyone come out to the District picnic and have a great time and also have a Happy Halloween!

Fraternally,
WM Jerry Donathan

STRENGTH



FROM THE EST



ADELBERT "AL" CAGUNGAO

Senior Warden

Hello Brethren,

September 19, 2024, marked a momentous occasion for MVL #289. We proudly conferred the Entered Apprentice Mason degree upon Bro Jason Crook, symbolizing our lodge's resurgence. Bro Samuel Sanchez the incoming Jr Warden of the lodge, successfully Opened the Degree and Obligated and did the lecture for Bro Jason Crook.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to:

Worshipful Master Jerry Donathan for his steadfast leadership.

WB Chuck Markle and WB Harrold Whitford, our dedicated officer's coach.

Building on this momentum, we successfully Initiated Bro Lloyd Meneses as an Entered Apprentice Mason on September 26, 2024. The lodge was opened and the candidate was Obligated and Lecture done by Bro Sherman Hernaez the incoming Sr Warden of the Lodge.

To Bro Samuel Sanchez and Bro Sherman Hernaez, MVL #289 is very proud to witness your growth and dedication to our craft.

As we embark on the Masonic Year 6025 A.L., we again aim to sustain this revitalized energy.

Thank You to the Officers and Members for your tireless efforts. May our Lodge continue to flourish!

The Beehive

In Freemasonry, the Beehive is a symbolic representation of:

1. **Industry:** Bees' hard work, organization, and cooperation exemplify the importance of diligent effort and teamwork.
2. **Community:** The hive represents a harmonious, interdependent community, reflecting Masonic Values of brotherhood and unity.
3. **Wisdom:** Bee's highly organized social structure and communication are seen as models of wisdom and effective governance.
4. **Fertility:** the Hive's productivity and honey production symbolize abundance, fertility, and fruits of labor.
5. **Purity :** Bee's association with flowers and honey represents purity, innocence, and moral cleanliness.

Masonic teachings from the Beehive:

1. **Unity in diversity:** individual bees work together for the Hive's prosperity.
2. **Responsibility:** Each bee contributes to the collective well-being.
3. **Order and Structure:** The Hive's organization reflects Masonic emphasis on order and harmony.
4. **Productivity:** Bee's hard work yields sweet results, symbolizing the fruits of Masonic Labor.

This symbolic representation inspires Freemasons to strive for:

1. **Brotherly Love and Unity.**
2. **Diligent Effort and Productivity**
3. **Wisdom and responsible governance.**
4. **Moral Purity and Cleanliness**
5. **Harmony and order within the Fraternity.**

MVL # 289, We Continue to Thrive!

INSIGHTS

FROM A PAST MASTER



HAROLD WHITFORD

*Past Master - Perris #411 1987, 1994,
2004, 2005, MVL #289 2011*

Hello Brethren,

Here it is October and what are the big events of this month? College and Pro football are here (YAY) time changes (blagh) Autumn begins (feels just like summer did) Halloween (seems like everyday in California traffic) Grand Lodge!!! You mean it's here already?

Who's going (don't know?) Get your Bu** in gear or you'll be sleeping in the Oracle Stadium dugouts. Seriously Brothers that are eligible, Do It! It's something that not everybody will get to experience!

My first trip in about '86 or '87 (Attendance was at a peak at that time), the Grand Chaplain said, Amen at the end of his Invocation and 2000 Masons said, 'So Mote It Be' Made my hair stand-up (still does to remember it).

Is our per-capita paid? And plans made by those who are going? At one time many of the officers took their wives, which made it a bit expensive and it was Friday to Monday (Fleet Week) ANCHORS AWAY MY BOYS! Now days and back to my last trip with WB Jerry, we car pooled and shared a room (Yeah I know, I'm still staying at his crib)..We had a Ball and could afford it.

Now that I'm a resident and member of Destiny lodge, I could go on the Masonic Home's dime. But my knees won't allow me to do & enjoy it. They remind me that they have elevators, electric chairs, attendants, etc. But I know there's always ramps or stairs some where..I'll wait until next year.

So Go to Anncom, learn, enjoy the experience, and bring the news Home!

Hi to all. Keep the Faith!
WB Harold Whitford, PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



Oct 3
Stated Meeting

Oct 19
District Picnic

Oct 10
FC Practice

Oct 25-27
175th Annual
Communication

Oct 17
FC Conferral
(Tentative)

BIRTHDAYS

Allan F. Bowman
Yale Benson Eisenstein
Monte Gale Euler
George C. Lyon Jr.
Carl Dale Noblitt
Angel L. Pangilinan
Primo Reguyal
Sam Gary Sherman

RAISED

Member	Date
Allan F. Bowman	10/12/1968
Jene Truman Carlisle	10/21/1968
Thomas Dowden	10/16/2007
Timothy Findlay	10/30/2008
Sammy Gillo	10/29/2011
George Carlton Marple	10/16/2000



BROTHER'S CORNER

THE SCYTHER

by Bro Christian Bustilleon



Greetings Brethren,

This time we are going to discuss an emblem that conveys a profound message about the nature of time and its impact on human existence– the Scythe.

The scythe, a tool traditionally associated with harvesting crops, is used as a symbol for time itself. Just as a scythe cuts down ripe grain, time relentlessly brings an end to life. It underscores the swiftness and finality of death.

Life is depicted as a fragile thread, easily severed by the scythe of time. This emphasizes the vulnerability and impermanence of human life, even in its prime.

The havoc of life acknowledges the numerous challenges and dangers that we face throughout our lives, particularly during childhood and youth. Yet, even if we manage to overcome these obstacles and reach adulthood in good health, the scythe of time remains an unavoidable threat.

The inevitability of death concludes by reminding us that death is the ultimate fate of all humans. We will all eventually be "gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us."

The scythe is an emblem that serves as a powerful reminder of the fleeting nature of life and the importance of making the most of our time. It encourages us to live with purpose and intentionality, recognizing that our time on earth is limited. It also invites contemplation of our mortality and the legacy we will leave behind.

To any Brothers who would like to share stories or narratives, please send an email to the Trestleboard Editor.

MASONIC EDUCATION



by Bro Bruce Flowers

MASONIC LIGHT

by the Rev. Dr. James M. Floyd, Jr., MPS
Evergreen Lodge No. 713, F. & A. M.

Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research, U.D., Indiana F. & A. M.

Are you a source of light, or of darkness?

We create our own reality. What we expect from life is what we receive. If we expect and look for the trouble, disagreement, and negativity in situations that is what we are sure to find. If, however, we expect and look for the good, cooperative, and positive outcomes in situations that is what we will experience.

Life cannot, and does not always go smoothly. We cannot appreciate the good times and the joys that life brings without the rough times and the sadness that must cross our path on occasion. It is our response to these times that defines who we are.

Brothers, I am guilty of being a source of darkness. That is, in seeing and focusing only on the problems in lodge that I perceive need to be corrected. And in being privy to, and a part of, the occasional personality conflicts that are destined to arise in any group.

Yes, there are problems in every lodge. Yes, we do not always agree with, or get along with each other. This has always been, and always will be. But we cannot be negative about these difficulties. Our negative thoughts are like a cancer which spreads and weakens us, and those around us, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

It is easy to fall into the trap of negativity or darkness. But, with effort on our part, and the assistance of the G.A.O.T.U., we can instead choose to open our eyes to the light. My Brothers, that light is Brotherly love. Love is being positive and expecting the best life has to offer. Love is knowing that, although our human frailties will result in disagreement, where there is hope and understanding there can be the peace and harmony to work together towards a common goal.

So, for the sake of the Fraternity and your well-being, I urge you to make the commitment to change your life, to become a source of Masonic Light, that, like the Sun in the heavens, all the world can see.

PAST MASTERS

(living)

HIRAM AWARDS

(living)

GOLDEN VET

(living)

NAME	YEAR
<i>WB Michael Christian Smith</i>	1975, 1998
<i>WB Delbert Dewey Queen, Jr.</i>	1980
<i>WB Harold Whitford</i>	1987, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2011
<i>WB John Paul St. Clair</i>	1991
<i>WB Vernon Claire Campbell</i>	1996
<i>WB James Wesley Gilmore II</i>	2002
<i>WB Paul Arthur Mac Quiddy</i>	2015
<i>WB Monte Gale Euler</i>	2017, 2020
<i>WB Charles Markel</i>	2018
<i>WM Jerry Donathan</i>	2012, 2013, 2022, 2023

NAME	YEAR
<i>WB Harold Whitford, PM</i>	1992
<i>WB Vernon Claire Campbell, PM</i>	2002
<i>Thomas King Hafeli</i>	2004
<i>WB Allan F. Bowman, PM</i>	2012
<i>WM Jerry Donathan, PM</i>	2014
<i>WB Paul Arthur Mac Quiddy, PM</i>	2016
<i>Harold Lewis "Bud" Smith</i>	2019
<i>WB Charles Markel, PM</i>	2022
<i>WB Thomas Dowden, PM</i>	2023

NAME	YEAR
<i>Monte R. Wells</i>	2007
<i>WB John Paul St. Clair, PM</i>	2023
<i>WB Michael Christian Smith, PM</i>	2021
<i>Clark Lovan Bacon</i>	2020
<i>Harold "Bud" Smith</i>	2002
<i>Frank William Roberts</i>	2010
<i>George C. Lyon, Jr.</i>	2011
<i>David Ralph Barnett</i>	2011
<i>Lloyd Ronald Prater</i>	2018
<i>Edward Johnson Sibhy</i>	2018
<i>Norman Lawrence Chaffin</i>	2018
<i>Jene Truman Carlisle</i>	2018
<i>WB John Royal Laird, PM</i>	2006
<i>John Wilbur Jackson</i>	2018
<i>Jimmie Frank Jackson</i>	2005
<i>Eli Harrigan</i>	1999
<i>Richard French Goward</i>	2001
<i>Yale Benson Eisenstein</i>	2010
<i>Joseph Daniel Donaldson</i>	2016
<i>William Leonard Dexter</i>	2016
<i>WB Vernon Claire Campbell, PM</i>	2017
<i>WB Allan F. Bowman, PM</i>	2018

NAME	INITIATED	COACH
<i>Jeffrey M. Brayton</i>	09/19/2019	
<i>Rodney L. Gray</i>	03/18/2002	
<i>Roland Ortiz</i>	02/16/2023	
<i>Juan Vera</i>	01/19/2012	
<i>Howard Harvey Walmsley III</i>	03/23/2023	
<i>Lucio Collado</i>	03/21/2024	<i>Bro Samuel Sanchez</i>
<i>Abel Arteaga</i>	03/28/2024	<i>Bro Merck Cornel</i>
<i>Jason Crook</i>	09/19/2024	<i>Bro Samuel Sanchez</i>
<i>Lloyd Meneses</i>	09/26/2024	<i>Bro Merck Cornel</i>

NAME	PASSED	COACH
<i>Thiago Moreira</i>	06/27/2024	<i>Bro Sherman Hernaez</i>
<i>Jonathan C. Ojeda</i>	08/12/2021	

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Master: WM Jerry Donathan, PM
Senior Warden: Bro Al Cagungao
Junior Warden:
Treasurer: Bro Bruce Flowers
Secretary: Bro Benigno Del Barrio
Officer's Coach: WB Chuck Markel, PM

HALL ASSOCIATION

President:
Vice President: Bro Devynn Hicks
Secretary: Bro. Sherman Hernaez
Treasurer: WB Chuck Markel, PM
Building Manager: Bro Jose Shepard
Member: Bro Merk Cornel
Member: WB Harold Whitford, PM
Ex Officio: WM Jerry Donathan, PM
Ex Officio: Bro Al Cagungao, SW

CHARITY & RELIEF

Chairman: WM Jerry Donathan, PM
Co-Chairman: Bro Al Cagungao, SW
Members:
WB Harold Whitford, PM to
Bro Sherman Hernaez
Bro Sam Sanchez
Bro Merck Cornel
Bro Primo Reguyal
Bro Wilson Bohol
Bro Sal Salarda
Bro Dale Bartolo
Bro Dean Malibiran

BUDGET

Chairman: WM Jerry Donathan, PM
Co-Chairman: Bro Al Cagungao, SW
Members:
Bro Bruce Flowers
Bro Benigno Del Barrio
WB Chuck Markel, PM

SICKNESS, DISTRESS, WIDOWS & ELDER SUPPORT

Chairman: WB Harold Whitford, PM
Co-Chairman: WB Chuck Markel, PM
Members:
Bro Al Cagungao, SW
Bro Bruce Flowers
WB Allan Bowman, PM

HIRAM AWARD

WM Jerry Donathan, PM
Bro Al Cagungao, SW
WB Harold Whitford, PM
WB Chuck Markel, PM

FUNERAL

Chairman: WB Harold Whitford, PM
Co-Chairman: Bro Al Cagungao, SW
Members:
Bro Sal Salarda, Chaplain
Bro Benigno Del Barrio
Bro Samuel Sanchez

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Editor: Bro Sherman Hernaez
Editor: WM Jerry Donathan, PM

REFRESHMENTS

Chairman:
Members:
Bro Primo Reguyal
Bro Wilson Bohol
ALL EA's, FC's, and New MM's
ALL Prospects and Candidates

OFFICERS & CANDIDATE COACHING

Officers' Coach: WB Chuck Markel, PM
Head Candidate Coach: Bro Sherman Hernaez
Asst. Head Candidate Coach: Bro Al Cagungao, SW
Member Cand. Coaches:
Bro Sam Sanchez (EA/FC)
Bro Merck Cornel (EA/FC)

DEGREE & SUPPORT

Chairman: Bro Al Cagungao, SW
Co-Chairman: WB Harold Whitford, PM
Co-Chairman: WB Chuck Markel, PM
Members:
Bro Samuel Sanchez
Bro Merck Cornel
Bro Sherman Hernaez
Bro Jose Shepard
Bro Sal Salarda
ALL OFFICERS

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Bro Benigno Del Barrio
Bro Bruce Flowers

COMMUNICATION/ FACEBOOK

Bro Benigno Del Barrio
Bro Al Cagungao, SW

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/PROSPECTING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Bro Al Cagungao, SW
Prospect Managers:
Bro Sherman Hernaez
Bro Samuel Sanchez
Bro Merck Cornel

FINANCE

Chairman: WM Jerry Donathan, PM
Co-Chairman: Bro Al Cagungao, SW

AUDIT

Chairman: Bro Sal Salarda
Co-Chairman: WB Harold Whitford, PM
Members:
Bro Samuel Sanchez
Bro Merck Cornel

ASSIGNMENTS

Fraternal Support Ambassadors: WB Allan Bowman
Masonic Education/History: Bro Bruce Flowers
Lodge Photographer: Bro Bud Smith

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE 289 ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING



SEA DEGREE PRACTICE





Bro. Jason Crook FIRST DEGREE CONFERRAL





Bro. Lloyd Meneses

FIRST DEGREE CONFERRAL



EDITOR'S ARTICLE

INTEGRITY TOOL

by Bro Sherman Hernaez

As I travel with my masonic journey, I always ponder things about what I need to become a better man, how to be good and true mason or how to become a just or upright mason. With that in mind, I want to talk about one of our tools – The Compass.

The compass ability to forever point north is what makes it symbolic for travelers and for us in Freemasonry. The word 'compass' comes from the Latin word com which means together and passus which means step. This combines to mean to step together or travel together. By its very definition compass means to travel. This means it is an amazing symbol for travelers and those who travel together or meet each other on their journey.

Since ancient times when the compass was first created, it has been viewed as a symbol of safety and protection. It can always guide you home safely and protect you from getting lost. If you have a compass, you can never really get lost. It provides a sense of comfort and safety as you know you can always rely on it to point you in the right direction no matter where you are. Whether it is in the ocean, hiking through mountains or exploring unfamiliar roads. It is like the North Star, celebrated as a symbol of guidance. Having it means you will always know which way you are facing. With it you will always be able to orient yourself and get your bearings no matter how unfamiliar the location is that you are in.

Compass are a symbol vital to understanding Freemasonry. As the compass are used to draw arcs and curves needed by a builder, we must use them to draw the arcs and curves that symbolically serve as guidelines beyond which we should not venture. Let us use the word compass as it fittingly describes an instrument by which to find our way. Let us use the magnetic North as the baseline from which all other directions can be discovered. Everyone should use his internal Compass to direct his behavior. It can only be done with a strong sense of what is right or wrong and enable us to use the tool at our disposal as a baseline from which a course of moral righteousness can be followed, if that is our desired outcome. As Freemasonry is a system of morality, that is the direction that anyone seeking to join our Fraternity, or anyone already within, should strive to maintain. Also, in the teachings of Freemasonry, compass is symbolically employed to draw a boundary line around our desires to avoid overindulgence and maintain moderation. Which is the foundation of morality and wisdom.

As the compass is a symbol that always point us the right direction and draw the boundary lines, let this serves as a reminder to all brethren that acting "TRULY" towards others and balancing our own's needs will lead to a life of INTEGRITY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proposed Increase in Annual Dues:



**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE § 802.020
ARTICLE III – FEES AND DUES
SECTION 2 (DUES)**

Revised September 2023

Date: September 30, 2024

Menifee Valley Lodge No. 289 F&AM of California

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California:

This is to certify that at a Stated Meeting of this Lodge held on the date of August 1, 2024, the following Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of The Uniform Code of By-Laws of Lodges was presented in writing and noted upon the minutes of the Lodge:

Choose one option. (Mark an "X" next to the appropriate alternative.)

 Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$ _____ per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

Or in the alternative;

 Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$ _____ per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January.

Or in the alternative;

 X **Section 2.** The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of **\$ 141.00** plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined, rounded up to the next higher whole multiple, of **\$ 210.00**, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January. (Note: Proposed per capita for 2025 is \$68.50)

Certification

This is to further certify that the members of this Lodge are notified in writing that this Amendment would be voted upon at the Stated Meeting on the 7th day of November 2024, and that said section will be amended by the vote of two-thirds of the members present on that date. The members of this Lodge understand that this Amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master and if a Lodge increases its dues, the increase shall become effective upon the start of the fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Master's approval of the increase.

Witness my hand on the date first above written.

BendelBarrio
Signature – Lodge Secretary

Satisfactory as to form:
Grand Secretary
Date:

Amendment approved by:
Grand Master
Date:

Directions Submit bylaw amendment via email to memberservices@freemason.org.
No lodge seal is needed to submit the bylaw amendment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER STATED MEETING DINNER

Menu: Spaghetti, Chicken, Garlic Bread, Eggrolls, Salad & Desserts



DATE

03 October, 2024



TIME

06:00 - 10:00 PM

**ATTIRE:
BLACKSUIT
AND TIE**



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The annual election of officers to be held at the November stated meeting. Only Master Masons who are members of Menifee Valley Lodge in good standing may vote.

2024 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master

Wor. Jerry Donathan, PM

Senior Warden

Bro Adelbert Cagungao

Junior Warden

Treasurer

Bro Bruce Flowers

Secretary

Bro Benigno Del Barrio

Chaplain

Bro Salvador Salarda

Senior Deacon

Bro Sherman Hernaez

Junior Deacon

Bro Samuel Sanchez

Marshal

Bro Emeric Cornel

Senior Steward

Bro Primo Reguyal

Junior Steward

Bro Wilson Bohol

Tyler

Bro Adelbert Bartolo

Organist

Bro Dean Malibiran

Officer's Coach

Wor. Chuck Markel, PM

Head Candidate's Coach

Bro. Sherman Hernaez

826th District Inspector

Wor. Rick Opina, PM

826th District Inspector at Large

Wor. Carl Black, PM

CONCORDANT BODIES



Job's Daughters Bethal No. 165

Meets 2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:00pm

Carrie Ghent, Bethel Guardian,

951-271-2054

Bro. Tom Hafeli

951-526-9300

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