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"A single word. A call to action for every Mason. "INSPIRE"!"

My hope is that my logo will inspire you to embrace who you are. And be willing to share your experiences and perspectives with your brothers.

On the other side- my hope is that you will be willing to open your hearts and minds to learning, truly learning one another. When we as masons learn to embrace one another, and truly exemplify our tenets within our lodge, we will inspire one another to continue to work, towards becoming the other version of ourselves. And when we achieve that, we would have created true friendship and harmony within the walls of our lodges.

— **Grand Master Arthur Salazar**

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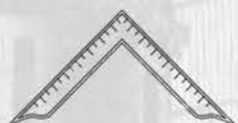
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WISDOM



FROM THE AST



JERRY DONATHAN, PM

Worshipful Master

Merry Christmas Brethren ! Well it's December and time for the Holidays and our Installation of Officers, so come on out on the 14th and watch your new Officers being Installed and the fantastic Program they've put together for everyone to enjoy.

Happy Holidays!
See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,
WM Jerry Donathan

STRENGTH



FROM THE EST



ADELBERT "AL" CAGUNGAO

Senior Warden

Warmest Greetings to Our Dear Brethren!

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes to our dear brethren.

May this special time of year bring you and your loved ones joy, peace and happiness. May your heart be filled with love, kindness, and compassion for one another.

As we celebrate the true spirit of the holiday season, let us remember the values that bring us together as a community: faith, hope, and charity.

May your holiday season be filled with wonderful moments, cherished traditions, and the warmth of fellowship with the family and friends.

From our family to yours, we wish you a holiday season that is truly blessed and memorable.

Warmest wishes,
Bro Al & Sis Pat and Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



Dec 2

3rd Degree Second
Section Practice

**Dec 11 or 19
(TBD)**

Initiation for
Candidate Allen

Dec 4

3rd Degree Demo for
Lodge Qualification

Dec 12

Installation of
Officers Practice

Dec 24

Christmas Eve

Dec 5

Regular Stated
Meeting and Dinner

Dec 14

Installation of
MVL289 2025
Officers

Dec 25

Christmas Day

BIRTHDAYS

Bo Barber
Al Cagungao
Paul Arthur MacQuiddy, PM
George Carlton Marple
David Wayne Marston
Thiago Sousa Moreira
Kenneth Warren Thacker
Harold Whitford, PM

RAISED

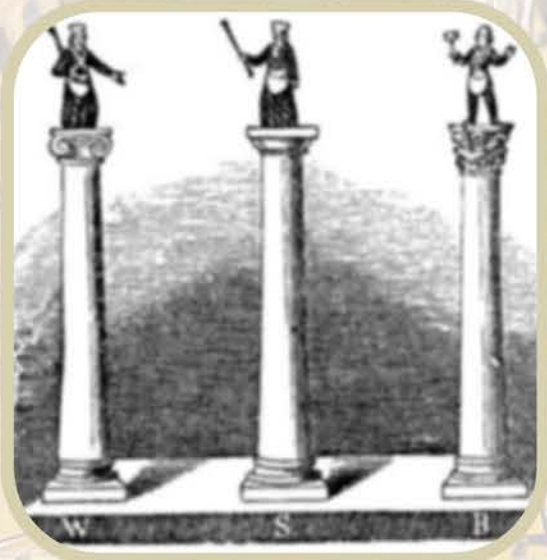
Member

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| David Ralph Barnett | 63 years |
| Yale Benson Eisenstein | 64 years |
| Jimmie Frank Jackson | 70 years |
| Dean Gary Malibiran | 3 years |
| Angel Pangilinan | 3 years |

BROTHER'S CORNER

THE THREE PILLARS

by Bro Christian Bustilleon



Greetings Brethren,

I would like to congratulate our newly elected and soon to be installed Officers. May the coming year be as blessed as before and more.

A Lodge is metaphorically said to be supported by three great pillars. The three pillars working together represent the balanced approach necessary for any successful endeavor.

Just as a physical building needs a solid foundation, a Lodge, and indeed any worthwhile pursuit, requires wisdom to plan, strength to execute, and beauty to inspire.

This symbolism is a rich source of contemplation, encouraging us to cultivate these virtues in our own lives and to apply them in our work within the Lodge and the wider community.

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

FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP

by William R. Fischer

There are duties owing by every Mason to his brethren. By allusion to certain points of the body, we are taught the “The Five Points of Fellowship.”

1. To serve
2. Pray for
3. Keep the secrets of
4. Support
5. Counsel

We must be constantly reminded of these points so we will not lose sight of them, once we leave the Lodge. More the brother who does not attend than he who attends regularly.

As always, we forgive the brother who does not frequent the Lodge. We should, because we know not the reason for his absence.

The five points of fellowship are a daily responsibility, and should become a habit. They should be so familiar to us, that we would act upon them with no more thought, than would be to give to washing your hands or opening a door.

We constantly help, or serve our family, our brothers, our friends, and even strangers when we see the need.

We pray for others and ourselves, for strength and for peace.

We diligently keep the secrets from our detractors, from the ignorant, from the obsessed.

We support those who try to make life better, and we support those who fail. Then we counsel them, so they may have more knowledge, more understanding.....more light.

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>Normandy Ramas</i> | 11/14/2024 | <i>Bro Sherman Hernaez</i> |

| NAME | PASSED | COACH |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Thiago Moreira</i> | 06/27/2024 | <i>Bro Sherman Hernaez</i> |
| <i>Jonathan C. Ojeda</i> | 08/12/2021 | |
| <i>Abel Arteaga</i> | 10/17/2024 | <i>Bro Merck Cornel</i> |
| <i>Jason Crook</i> | 11/21/2024 | <i>Bro Samuel Sanchez</i> |
| <i>Lloyd Meneses</i> | 11/21/2024 | <i>Bro Merck Cornel</i> |

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Master: WM Jerry Donathan, PM
Senior Warden: Bro Al Cagungao
Junior Warden:
Treasurer: Bro Bruce Flowers
Secretary: Bro Wilson Bohol
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
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 Wilson Bohol
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 Wilson Bohol
Bro Samuel Sanchez

TRESTLEBOARD & WEBSITE

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 Wilson Bohol
Bro Bruce Flowers

COMMUNICATION/ FACEBOOK

Bro Wilson Bohol
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

OUR APPLICANTS



Richard P. Munoz

A native of Manila, Philippines, I migrated to the USA back in 1996 and enlisted in the United States Navy out of Long Beach, CA in December of 1999.

I thought I was going to become a Navy Musician, but I did not make the cut because of my inability to read music manuscript. In year 2000 I reported to my first duty station aboard USS Tarawa (LHA-1) in San Diego, CA.

Around that time, I met my wife and we got married in 2002 and 2 years later had our Son (Gabrian Jeremy) in 2004, followed by having our daughter (Kimberly Mae) in 2006. I did shore duty in NAS North Island and in July of 2011, we moved to Japan for our first overseas duty. While in Japan we had our youngest son (Sojiro) 3 months before we moved back to the States in 2021 prior to my retirement from service.

While I am serving in the Navy, i have met a lot of Freemasons. At first I had no idea what Freemasonry is all about, until I started making friends with a lot of them in service while doing community relations and volunteer work in every port we hit during deployments. I loved giving back to community and I really enjoyed making connections with the locals in foreign ports to meet people and learn their culture, that was the main reason why I always volunteer for those community work. It was truly a remarkable experience for me.

The reason why I started visiting a lodge and just applying now it is because, during my time in the Navy I wanted to maximize my time with my family as I can due to being away from deployments. So, when I retired from service in 2021 I had to settle my family first here in Menifee CA, after that I asked a Freemason friend more about Freemasonry and he told me to visit a Lodge, then I went to visit Menifee Valley Lodge Number 289 the closest Lodge to my house along with him. I started coming regularly since day one because I feel like I re-living those COMREL days when I was still in active duty.

Valdo Mota is a dedicated leader with over 20 years of service in the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Sergeant Major, a testament to his commitment, discipline, and excellence. Born and raised in San Diego, California, to Mexican parents from Aguascalientes and Zacatecas, he is a first-generation Mexican-American who embraces his heritage and values community service and personal growth. With a Master's degree in Management, he is preparing to transition to civilian life, targeting roles in project management and background investigations, leveraging his extensive leadership experience and security clearance.



A proud homeowner and family man of six, he actively invests in his future, including planning a fellowship with Amazon, Tesla, or CACI post-retirement in 2026. Valdo is eager to contribute to the mission and principles of Freemasonry while continuing his journey of personal development and service to others.

Why I am interested in Freemasonry: Thank you for considering me. I am honored to have the opportunity to share more about why I am interested in joining Freemasonry. The first reason is the pursuit of brotherhood. Having spent 20 years in active-duty service, I've grown to value the deep bonds of camaraderie and mutual support in such a close-knit community. Freemasonry's principles of unity, friendship, and shared purpose resonate deeply with my desire to continue fostering these connections as I transition into civilian life. Secondly, I am drawn to Freemasonry's dedication to service and its commitment to positively impacting the community. Serving others has been a cornerstone of my life, and I want to carry forward that tradition in an organization that values giving back. Lastly, personal growth is a lifelong journey. I strive to be the best version of myself as a father, husband, son, and friend. Freemasonry's focus on moral and personal development aligns perfectly with my goals of continuous self-improvement and living a life of integrity. Thank you again for this opportunity.

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE 289 ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER STATED MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS



Bro. Normandy Ramas

FIRST DEGREE CONFERRAL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

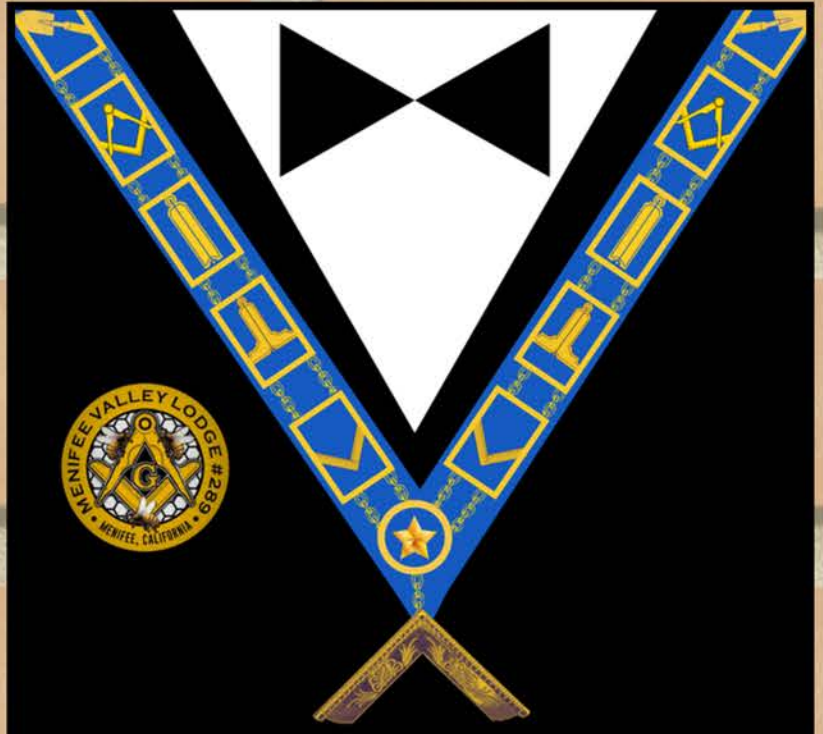




NOVEMBER 21, 2024
SECOND DEGREE
CONFERRAL
OF
Bro. Jason Crooks
& Bro. Lloyd Meneses



ANNOUNCEMENTS



MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE #289

136th Annual Installation of Officers

December 14, 2024
@ 10:00 AM

Attire: Tuxedo or
Black Suit

2722 McCall Blvd., Menifee, CA 92585



136th Annual Installation of Officers

INSTALLING OFFICER

Worshipful Rick Opina, PM
Inspector of 826th Masonic District

MASTER OF CEREMONY

Worshipful Alan Solis, PM

INSTALLING CHAPLAIN

Worshipful Allan Bowman, PM

OFFICERS FOR MASONIC YEAR 2025

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>WORSHIPFUL MASTER</i> | Bro. Adelbert Cagungao |
| <i>SENIOR WARDEN</i> | Bro. Sherman Hernaez |
| <i>JUNIOR WARDEN</i> | Bro. Samuel Sanchez |
| <i>TREASURER</i> | Bro. Bruce Flowers |
| <i>SECRETARY</i> | Bro. Wilson Bohol |
| <i>CHAPLAIN</i> | Bro. Peter Paul Feliciano |
| <i>SENIOR DEACON</i> | Bro. Emeric Cornel |
| <i>JUNIOR DEACON</i> | Bro. Aluel Jalandoni |
| <i>MARSHALL</i> | Bro. Dean Malibiran |
| <i>SENIOR STEWARD</i> | Bro. Primo Reguyal |
| <i>JUNIOR STEWARD</i> | Bro. Dean Limbo |
| <i>TILER</i> | Bro. Ed Fontanilla Jr. |
| <i>ORGANIST</i> | Bro. Victor Atilano |
| <i>OFFICER'S COACH</i> | WB Charles Markel, PM |
| <i>OFFICER'S COACH</i> | WB Ralph Banci, PM |

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

Division 8 Assistant Grand Lecturer

Wor. Victor Ropac, Jr.

CONCORDANT BODIES



Job's Daughters Bethel 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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