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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 masona 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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ADELBERT "AL" CAGUNGAO

Worshipful Master

Worshipful Sirs, Brethren,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for all that we have accomplished together.

We have had our share of challenges, but through it all, our bond of brotherly love and affection has only grown stronger. We have supported one another, lifted each other, and worked tirelessly for the success of our lodge.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to our immediate past master, WB Jerry Donathan, PM, our Officers Coaches, WB Chuck Markel, PM, and WB Harold Whitford, PM. Because of their dedication, our lodge has thrived. And the Officers of the lodge for their leadership and commitment. Our selfless service to our lodge has borne fruit, and I am grateful for your hard work.

To our new members, I extend a warm welcome. You have joined a fraternity that values Integrity, Compassion, and Service. I encourage you to get involved to get involved, ask questions, and seek guidance from our fellow brethren.

In closing, I offer my sincerest gratitude to our lodge officers, committee chairs, and every member who has contributed to our success. I am proud to be part of this brotherhood, and this lodge in particular. And I look forward to continuing our journey together in the years to come.

Fraternally, WM Adelbert "Al" Cagungao





SHERMAN HERNAEZ

Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren!

As we celebrate the holidays, let us celebrate with it the great work and achievements we had the entire year and take this opportunity to reflect and thank every member of our Menifee Valley Lodge 289 for their great work and dedication. I would personally like to show gratitude to our mentors and previous MVL289 Pillars, Worshipful Brothers J (Jerry), C (Chuck), and H Harold). Thank you for all the guidance, Worshipful Sirs. Without you, our lodge could have closed down. Without you, the officers would not be prepared for the role to continue the legacy of Menifee Valley Lodge 289. You patiently guide the current officers while we advance through the progressive line. I want to thank the brethren for putting their trust in us. I will try my best to actively carry out the responsibilities and duties you have given me.

With this role, I would like to share a vision with you: "Motivate for the Best!" I would like to align this vision with our current Grand Master's one word of "Inspire." Let us prioritize unity and collaboration instead of personal strife and crab mentality competitions. I would like everyone to motivate and challenge each other in bringing out the best in each of us, not only to improve our Hive for the better but for the best. Always remember our noble contention of who can best work and best agree. Let us challenge the brothers who have the skills to perform and motivate everyone to cooperate and work harmoniously to achieve our goal of being the best. Not just a better man but the best. Not just a better lodge but the Best Lodge!

With that vision shared with you, let us have time to reflect and ask ourselves, what are we looking for in Freemasonry? What are we looking for in our lodge? How can we improve for the best? How can we have the best lodge? (Message me your answers, email, or DM). I can think about five things. Friendship, fellowship, enjoyable activities, community involvement, leadership opportunities, and perhaps the ability to network with our peers. I think if we don't meet those particular needs—the 'me first philosophy,' 'what's in it for me?' or 'what do I get out of it?'— If we don't meet the needs of our brethren. I'm not sure how long we will keep surviving.

Our previous leaders, WBs J, C, and H, prepared us and the lodge to prosper like never before. Clearly defining the virtues and reminding us to always keep in mind, of course, brotherly love, relief, and truth and those other virtues—the strengths of our institution. Once we have that shared vision, one that reflects the entire Menifee Valley Lodge 289, and the brethren feel part of it by using attractive and appropriate programs, calling on our membership, finding out how they are, and then asking what they want to see for Freemasonry and Menifee Valley Lodge in the future. MVL 289 Bees, I believe we can do it. Once we have a shared vision, we can find the balance between individual skills and collaborative harmony, striving to be the most productive and effective lodge and maintaining a positive relationship with our brethren without discord and conflict.

MVL289 leaders and worker bees it is then up to us. Let us come out and share it. Go and Motivate to bring out the Best Menifee Valley Lodge 289 Hive!

On the level, Bro Sherman Hernaez





SAMUEL SANCHEZ

Junior Warden

Fraternal Greetings from the South,

Before I start, let me first extend my warmest congratulants to all the newly installed officers of Menifee Valley Lodge #289 for the 2025 Masonic Year. It's been a great 3 years under the helm of Worshipful Jerry Donathan, and we will try to, at least, duplicate the dedication he has given to this lodge.

Thank you, everyone, for the support and dedication to our lodge, and without it, we will not be here today. As we start on this new Masonic Year, let us make this year a memorable year not only for the lodge members but also for the new candidates. We are a team here, and I am your servant, so let me remind you that we want and need all your suggestions that may or can improve the lodge and its operations and are always welcome to present it. I encourage all members and not just officers to continue studying our rituals and let us know if you are ready to be part of it. Do not just memorize the lines but understand the real meaning of it and put it in your heart.

As a Junior Warden, my plan is to provide the lodge with delicious refreshments not only during practice and rituals but also during our monthly stated meeting. Just like I have mentioned earlier, food menu suggestions are highly encouraged. Just like one of the sayings, "Food brings together on many different levels; it's nourishments of the souls and body; it's true love." Let's do our work and eat delicious food.

Continue to support all the endeavors and plans of our Worshipful Master, and I have no doubt that we will prosper and become the best lodge of our district. Once again, Happy New Year, and may we have a blessed year ahead of us.

Southerly yours, Bro. Samuel Sanchez

INSIGHTS FROM A AST MASTER



JERRY DONATHAN

Past Master



Well, Happy New Year Brethren!!

I'm relaxing in my retirement with full confidence that our Lodge is being ran and operated under the Golden Rule of Freemasonry which to me, means everything done has to be for the Good of the Lodge, nothing more and nothing less. This is how we have survived for 136 years and if continued, we have at least 136 more!

Long Live MLV 289!!!!

WB Jerry Donathan, PM



HAROLD WHITFORD

Past Master



Congratulations to the newly installed Officers of Menifee Valley Lodge #289!

You, along with your Committee members, the faithful sideliners (the Installing Team), and Brothers from our local Lodges will ensure that you have a successful year. My plan had been to be there to assist and enjoy the celebration that goes with an Installation Ceremony. An infection in my knee said NO! I had (have) a MRSA infection caused from an old knee replacement (don't know why) but I have 3 weeks of antibiotics left (to hopefully cure it).

Brothers Sherm, Sam S, Merck, and others who are now filling the top positions (you too) Al, it's not too soon to look for a 2025 Installation date. Please keep me in the 'loop' w/ pictures and notices..I'll be there for Bud's 100th!

Fraternally, WB Harold Whitford, PM

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

CALENDAR

EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



Jan 1 New Year's Day **Jan 15** OSI @ MVL

Jan 25
Possible Raising
(TBD)

Jan 2
First Stated Meeting

Jan 16
Initiation and
Proficiency (TBD)

Jan 29
3rd Degree 2nd
Section Practice

Jan 8
EA Practice &
Proficiency

Jan 22
Degree Practice and
Proficiency (TBD)

Jan 30
3rd Degree Practice

Initiation and
Proficiency (TBD)

Jan 23
Passing of Bro Allen
(TBD)

BIRTHDAYS

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Adelbert Bartolo
Richard Goward
Charlie Joe Haselwood
Markam Krikorian
Benny Lee Neal
Roland Ortiz
James Daniel Pike
Ignacio Salazar
Clifford Wallace
Chauncey Young

RAISED	
Member	Date
Ronnie Blas	01/25/2024
Wilson Bohol	01/15/2008
Jerry Donathan	01/30/2007
Ronald Feeney	01/13/1999
Devynn Hicks	01/28/2016
Charles Markel, PM	01/24/2013
Carl Dale Noblitt	01/29/1990
Ronald Feeney Devynn Hicks Charles Markel, PM	01/13/1999 01/28/2016 01/24/2013

BROTHER'S CORNER

THE THREE GRACES

by Bro Christian Bustilleon

Greetings Brethren,

I want to congratulate our newly installed Officers and wish them a great Masonic year. May GAOTU bless you and guide you in leading our beloved Lodge.

This time, I want to share something that is so dear to us and probably one of the well known virtues in Masonry. The three Graces - Faith, Hope, Charity.



During our initiation, we are presented with

the Lodge Covering and are informed that it eloquently describes the core principles of Freemasonry, drawing a parallel between the lodge's covering and the heavens, the ultimate destination sought by all good Masons. It evokes the image of Jacob's Ladder, symbolizing the journey of spiritual growth and the connection between the earthly realm and the divine.

This journey is guided by three principal virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith represents the belief in a higher power and the divine order of the universe. Hope embodies the expectation of immortality and a better life after death. Charity, the most important of these virtues, encompasses love, compassion, and benevolence towards all mankind.

The lecture emphasizes the enduring nature of charity, explaining that while faith may be replaced by direct experience in the afterlife, and hope is fulfilled upon reaching heaven, charity transcends these earthly limitations. Charity continues into eternity, highlighting the Masonic belief in selfless love and service to others as a cornerstone of spiritual growth and fulfillment.

In fine, this part of the lecture encapsulates the core of Masonic teachings, emphasizing the pursuit of spiritual enlightenment through the cultivation of faith, hope, and charity. It beautifully illustrates the Masonic journey towards a higher spiritual plane, guided by these fundamental virtues.

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

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY

Author Unknown

PRELUDE:

This article is a personal story from an unknown Masonic author. He describes the coming together of 2 factions within a Grand Lodge that were previously competing with one another but now agreeing to work together. The process of coming together, spreading the cement of brotherly love, relief and truth, truly describes what Freemasonry is all about, and applies equally to individual Lodges as well. Enjoy.

-Bro. Bruce

April 18, 1998, was a Landmark for Freemasons in Illinois. Formally it started in the Fall of 1997 at the Annual Proceedings of the A. F. and A. M. Grand Lodge of Illinois when a resolution was overwhelmingly passed to extend recognition to members of the F. and A. M. Grand Lodge, Prince Hall Affiliation, of Illinois. That was reciprocated in the Spring of 1998 when the F. and A. M. Grand Lodge of Illinois passed an identical resolution. Years ago, I attended a banquet given by the then A. F. and A.M. Grand Master at which an honored guest was the F. and A. M. Grand Master. A few months later we were the guests at a similar banquet and reception by the F. and A. M. Grand Master. Since that time many Freemasons of both jurisdictions have worked hard and against odds to make recognition happen.

Thursday night I greeted an Active Past Deputy of Illinois, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction F. and A. M., as he came for dinner and to sit in Lodge with us at our Reunion. As we ate, he spoke of Freemasonry with a quiet assurance and love that surpassed my own and I recognized that I was truly in the presence of a Master Mason. Saturday the 18th I sat at a table with twelve similar Freemasons as we talked about Freemasonry, Lodge affairs and the event we were celebrating. Each was again a Master Mason with whom I was honored to be associated. At dinner our table was shared by members of both Grand Jurisdictions as we talked of the Craft, current events, our way of doing things and the occasion. A youthful Master sat to my left and reminded me of my own exuberance as a young Mason. No one could have been with us without realizing that here indeed was a group of men with similar ideals, goals, dreams and aspirations.

Recently I finished James Boorstin's book, "The Americans; the Colonial Experience" in which he credits the common language and belief in government of those early colonials in establishing our present American Way of Life. Steven C. Bullock in his book "Revolutionary Brotherhood, Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order 1730-1840," posits that Freemasons were responsible for the social changes that formed our government and way of life.

Masonic Education cont.

In those times Prince Hall, a recognized Grand Master was active in Boston as were St. John's (Moderns) and St. Andrews (Ancients) Lodges. In the more than 250 years since then paths separated and each group went its own way. The rift between St. John's and St. Andrew's was healed before 1800 as was a similar rift between the Ancients and the Moderns in the Union in England in the early 1800's. The rift between those joined and united Lodges and Prince Hall remained breached. That breach was healed on the evening of April 18th, at an occasional A. F. and A. M Grand Lodge of Illinois which sat with the F. and A. M Grand Lodge of Illinois and that were Grand Masters signed an accord. One Grand Master said that it was up to us to forget the past and work in the present to improve the future.

My emotions were high as I sat in the crowded large preceptory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Chicago as the accords were signed. Freemasons of both jurisdictions mixed and talked after the accord and gave us hope that a new era was beginning for the craft. Colonial America gave Freemasonry a great thrust forward but the last decades have seen a degeneration of the Craft. I felt as if this evening was bringing powerful forces to the fore and that a new powerful thrust forward was beginning. It has been written that we give thanks to God for the future which gives us a vision of better things to come but, most of all for the present which gives us the opportunity to attain those goals. That evening brought a new exuberance into my own life replacing some of the stoicism and cynicism that had crept in with the other ravages of old age. Certainly, the young master I sat next to, and the many Prince Hall Masons I met that night were joining us and bringing a new meaning into our quest to seek a True Brotherhood of Man. In our times men who believe in God, work to create character with high moral standards, love their country and their Brother men are in high demand. My own cynicism had almost convinced me that truth, honesty and fair dealing were rapidly disappearing from the American Way of Life. Our news media are full of such dire news. Yet here in our Halls that evening men with these beliefs have met at last and mutually agreed to put their shoulders to the wheel to continue to work for such an America. This is what Freemasonry is about.

As I sat near the door, awaiting my friend who was driving me home I said my usual "Good night, Gentlemen" as participants headed for the parking lot. But one Prince Hall Mason stopped and said "and Good night to you Brother" and I realized the full impact of the evening. We were not just men of good will, believing in God, loving our Brother men, espousing charity and character building, using as symbols the tools of operative Masons, but we were in fact and truly Brothers, working to continue the greatness of America, and I felt great pride and a sense of well-being.

PAST MASTERS

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

NAME	YEAR
WB Harold	1992
Whitford, PM	
WB Vernon	2002
Claire Campbell,	
PM	
Thomas King	2004
Hafeli	
WB Allan F.	2012
Bowman, PM	
WM Jerry	2014
Donathan, PM	
WB Paul Arthur	2016
Mac Quiddy, PM	
Harold Lewis	2019
"Bud" Smith	
WB Charles	2022
Markel, PM	
WB Thomas	2023
Dowden, PM	23.71

NAME	INITIATEI 09/19/2019	COACH
Jeffrey M. Brayton Rodney L. Gray	03/18/2002	
Roland Ortiz	02/16/2023	
Juan Vera	01/19/2012	W Street
Howard Harvey Walmsley III	03/23/2023	
Lucio Collado	03/21/2024	Bro Samuel Sanchez
Normandy Ramas	11/14/2024	Bro Sherman Hernaez
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Abel Arteaga	10/17/2024	Bro Merck Cornel
Jason Crook	11/21/2024	Bro Samuel Sanchez
Lloyd Meneses	11/21/2024	Bro Merck Cornel

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

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JULY 2024









AUGUST 2024









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November 2024









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Bro. Wilson Bohol Menifee Valley Lodge 289 Secretary

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