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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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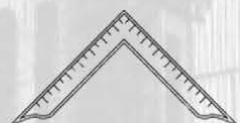




# WISDOM



## FROM THE AST



**JERRY DONATHAN, PM**

*Worshipful Master*

Hello Brethren,

We'll look at this it's already June and our Masonic Year is half over. We have accomplished a great deal so far this year so let's finish with a bang! Brethren, I ask that you continue to pray for my Brother Stacy as he's in the hospital again and gravely ill. On another note, I just had a root canal, post, and a crown done by our own Brother Dr. Paul Feliciano and I have never had such a fantastic experience at the dentist. He aligned every thing perfectly so if you in need of a fantastic dentist, he's your man!

Fraternally,  
*WM Jerry Donathan*



# STRENGTH



FROM THE  
EST



**ADELBERT "AL" CAGUNGAO**

*Senior Warden*

Brethren,

Let me take the opportunity to thank our brethren for extending their cable tow for the outdoor degree and raising to the sublime degree of our very own brother Aluel "Orr" Jalandoni at Santa Margarita, CA.

My heartfelt thanks to Cypress Mountain Lodge 196 & Kings David Lodge 209 of 534th Masonic District for making this happen.

Also, Special thanks to our brethren from:

- Andres Bonifacio Lodge 879
- Anacapa Lodge 710
- Bay Cities Lodge 337
- Black Mountain Lodge 845
- Garden Grove Lodge 351
- Golden Rule Lodge 479
- Liberty Lodge 299
- Monterey Lodge 217
- Patterson Lodge 488
- Salinas Lodge 204
- San Fernando Lodge 343
- Willow Glenn Fraternity Lodge 399

And right after coming out from hibernation, we are able to confer another third degree to our Brother Perry King.

I am so proud of all of us who contributed to the success of the masonic degree. Some brethren even traveled just to participate and witness the great degree. Keep up the good work, Brethren!

Fraternally,

*Bro Adelbert Cagungao, Sr Warden*



# INSIGHTS

## FROM A PAST MASTER



### **HAROLD WHITFORD**

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

Here we are going into June and the final 6 months of the year, I don't know about Menifee, but here in Covina I'm tired of May Gray & June Gloom! Give me some of that Sun City Fun in the Sun.. I don't know if the Lodge has much going in the way of degree work but June does bring some historical and fun events.

First on the Patriotic list is Flag Day the 14th (Bro. Perry King got his new flag on May 30th at his 3rd Degree) Courtesy of El Bekal Shrine! Then on Sunday the 16th is Fathers' Day and my favorite, the US Open Golf tournament.(It's called Open because amateurs who can qualify can actually play with the PGA pros.) And then on the 17th is a celebration called Juneteenth (proclaimed by Congress in 2017) as a national holiday to recognize the release of 250,000 slaves who were still being held in Texas after the Civil War had ended.

I never knew this story before, but it certainly relays the need for good communication in many walks of life, even OR especially in our Lodge scheduling.

One last event for June will be the visitation to the Covina Masonic Home (Destiny Lodge) for a 2nd Degree conferral by Widows Sons Lodge on Saturday June 8th.  
Contact WB Dennis!

Hope to see you there,  
*WB Harold Whitford, PM*



# CALENDAR

OF

# EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



**June 6**

Stated Meeting &  
Dinner

**June 15**

3rd Degree Conferral  
(Bro P. Feliciano)

**July 4**

Independence Day  
(Lodge is Dark)

**June 12**

Officers School of  
Instruction @ MVL

**June 20**

2nd Degree Rehearsal

**July 11**

Next Stated Meeting &  
Dinner

**June 13**

3rd Degree Rehearsal

**June 27**

2nd Degree Conferral  
(TBA)

## BIRTHDAYS

Ronnie Blas  
Adam Billy James Hall  
Ernesto Pagulayan  
Ralph Lester Starks  
Mark Anthony Williams  
Dennis Calvin Wolfe

## RAISED

Member	Date
Jeffrey Scott Conway	6/2/2005 (19 yrs)
David Wayne Marston	6/8/1992 (32 yrs)
Benny Lee Neal	6/17/1993 (31 yrs)
Frank William Roberts	6/13/1960 (64 yrs)
Salvador B. Salarda	6/11/2022 (2 yrs)
Ralph Lester Starks	6/1/1951 (73 yrs)
WB John Paul St. Clair, PM	6/10/1974 (50 yrs)
Dennis Calvin Wolfe	6/21/1984 (40 yrs)



# BROTHER'S CORNER



by Bro Christian Bustilleon

Greetings Brethren,

Another month passed by in such a short space of time. I hope everyone is well. In this issue of Brothers' Corner, I'd like to share yet another important emblem – The sword pointing at a naked heart and the all-seeing eye.

The sword pointing to a naked heart conveys a powerful message about justice and accountability. It serves as a reminder that our thoughts, words, and actions, though hidden from others, are not hidden from a higher power. This all-seeing entity governs the universe and observes the deepest parts of our hearts. Ultimately, it will dispense justice and reward us based on our deeds.

In essence, this emblem encourages moral conduct and integrity, reminding us that even though we may escape human judgment, our actions will face divine scrutiny. It emphasizes that our deeds, whether good or bad, have consequences and that we will be held accountable for them in the end.

*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 DOES YOUR BEHAVIOR SAY ABOUT FREEMASONRY?

*by Midnight Freemasons Founder*

*Todd E. Creason, 33°*

I posted this on my personal blog some time back and it got a big reaction. I don't know that we think about this a lot. We should. I've talked about it before.

When I became a Mason back in 2005, I was joining a group of men. Not only was I joining a group of men, but I became a representative of that group. I joined that group with a desire to improve myself. I embraced those principles, ideals, and morals that the group believed was important to develop in ourselves in order to become men of good character. There was nothing in any of those basic building blocks of character that conflicted with my religious or personal beliefs. And over the last fourteen years I've met some of the finest men I've ever known, and learned a great deal about Freemasonry, about life, and about the characteristic of being a man of principle. We aspire to live by a higher standard than those in the profane world outside.

I used to say that Freemasonry's best advertising was its members. In the social media age, I'm not sure that's true. I'm frequently embarrassed by the way I see Masons behave on social media. I see Masons posting memes they know will start a huge debate, and then take part in online fights that are disrespectful and crude. There's one social media page that seems to pride itself on the lack of respect that they show each other. It's also a public forum. That behavior certainly doesn't represent my values nor most of the Masons I know, and it certainly doesn't demonstrate the standards of our fraternity either.

I wonder what non-Masons think about our Fraternity when they see our members behaving this way? I wonder what perspective Masons looking for information think when they stumble on these forums? I'll tell you honestly, if I'd seen some of that back in 2004 when I became interested in Freemasonry, I'm not sure I would have joined. In fact, I'm pretty sure I wouldn't have. That conduct of our members (our representatives) is not what I thought Freemasonry was about back then, and it's definitely not what I know Freemasonry is supposed to be about today.



I'm a true believer in what this Fraternity can do for men, what it can do for communities, and the positive influence these values we instill in our members can have on the world. I've studied it. I've applied it. I've written about it. I've spoken about it. I've lived it for the last 14 years. I must admit, however, I sometimes question the direction we're headed. This public foolishness is beneath us. We can't even talk about something as mundane as how we should dress for official functions without getting into ugly public fights with one another.

We've become so inwardly focused on ourselves as individuals and our own needs in this era that we forget we're part of a group--each representing each other and all of us representing a higher standard that we aspire towards. We've forgotten that we're not Freemasons to change Freemasonry into an image of ourselves, we became Freemasonry to be changed by the traditional teachings and values of our Fraternity. To become part of a long and proud tradition. To become better men--to rise above the crude and profane world around us and serve as examples to others.

Let's remember who we are when we interact with the world . . . and try to remember that when we represent ourselves as Freemasons to the world, each of us represents ALL of us.

~TEC

*Todd E. Creason, 33° is the Founder of the Midnight Freemasons blog, and an award winning author of several books and novels, including the Famous American Freemasons series. Todd started the Midnight Freemason blog in 2006, and in 2012 he opened it up as a contributor blog The Midnight Freemasons (plural). Todd has written more than 1,000 pieces for the blog since it began. He is a Past Master of Homer Lodge No. 199 and Ogden Lodge No. 754 (IL) where he currently serves as Secretary. He is a Past Sovereign Master of the Eastern Illinois Council No. 356 Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a Fellow at the Missouri Lodge of Research (FMLR). He is a charter member of the a new Illinois Royal Arch Chapter, Admiration Chapter No. 282 and currently serves as EHP. You can contact him at: [webmaster@toddcreason.org](mailto:webmaster@toddcreason.org)*



PAST  
MASTERS

(living)

HIRAM  
AWARDS

(living)

GOLDEN  
VET

(living)

NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR
WB Michael Christian Smith	1975, 1998	WB Harold Whitford, PM	1992	Monte R. Wells	2007
WB Delbert Dewey Queen, Jr.	1980	WB Vernon Claire Campbell, PM	2002	WB John Paul St. Clair, PM	2023
WB Harold Whitford	1987, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2011	Thomas King Hafeli	2004	WB Michael Christian Smith, PM	2021
WB John Paul St. Clair	1991	WB Allan F. Bowman, PM	2012	Clark Lovan Bacon	2020
WB Vernon Claire Campbell	1996	WM Jerry Donathan, PM	2014	Harold “Bud” Smith	2002
WB James Wesley Gilmore II	2002	WB Paul Arthur Mac Quiddy, PM	2016	Frank William Roberts	2010
WB Paul Arthur Mac Quiddy	2015	Harold Lewis “Bud” Smith	2019	George C. Lyon, Jr.	2011
WB Monte Gale Euler	2017, 2020	WB Charles Markel, PM	2022	David Ralph Barnett	2011
WB Charles Markel	2018	WB Thomas Dowden, PM	2023	Lloyd Ronald Prater	2018
WM Jerry Donathan	2012, 2013, 2022, 2023			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	1999
				Richard French Goward	2001
				Yale Benson Eisenstein	2010
				Joseph Daniel Donaldson	2016
				William Leonard Dexter	2016
				WB Vernon Claire Campbell, PM	2017
				WB Allan F. Bowman, PM	2018

NAME	INITIATED	COACH
Jeffrey M. Brayton	09/19/2019	
Rodney L. Gray	03/18/2002	
Thiago V. Sousa Moreira	10/19/2023	Bro Sherman Hernaez
Jonathan C. Ojeda	01/30/2020	
Roland Ortiz	02/16/2023	
Juan Vera	01/19/2012	
Howard Harvey Walmsley III	03/23/2023	WB Harold Whitford, PM
Lucio Collado	03/21/2024	Bro Samuel Sanchez
Abel Arteaga	03/28/2024	Bro Merck Cornel

NAME	PASSED	COACH
Peter Paul Feliciano	04/11/2024	Bro Sherman Hernaez



# COMMITTEES

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Master: WM Jerry Donathan, PM  
Senior Warden: Bro Al Cagungao  
Junior Warden: Bro Sammy Gillo  
Treasurer: Bro Bruce Flowers  
Secretary: Bro Benigno Del Barrio  
Asst. Secretary: Bro Jerico Alvarez

## HALL ASSOCIATION

President: Bro Sammy Gillo  
Vice President: Bro Devynn Hicks  
Secretary: Bro Jerico Alvarez  
Treasurer: WB Chuck Markel, PM  
Building Manager: Bro Jose Shepard  
Member: Bro Sherman Hernaez  
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 Sammy Gillo  
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 Sammy Gillo  
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 Jerico Alvarez  
Bro Samuel Sanchez

## TRESTLEBOARD

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

## REFRESHMENTS

Chairman: Bro Sammy Gillo  
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: WB Harold Whitford, PM  
Asst. Head Candidate Coach: Bro Al Cagungao, SW  
Member Cand. Coaches:  
Bro Sam Sanchez (EA)  
Bro Sherman Hernaez (EA)  
Bro Merck Cornel (FC)  
Bro Sal Salarda (FC)  
Bro Sammy Gillo (MM)  
Bro Benigno Del Barrio (MM)

## DEGREE & SUPPORT

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

## MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Bro Benigno Del Barrio  
Bro Jerico Alvarez  
Bro Bruce Flowers

## COMMUNICATION/ FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

Bro Benigno Del Barrio  
Bro Jerico Alvarez  
Bro Al Cagungao, SW  
Bro Sammy Gillo  
Bro Merck Cornel

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/PROSPECTING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Bro Al Cagungao, SW  
Prospect Managers:  
Bro Jerico Alvarez  
Bro Sal Salarda  
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 and Bro Jerico Alvarez  
Masonic Education/History: Bro Bruce Flowers  
Lodge Photographer: Bro Bud Smith



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY



**BENIGNO DEL BARRIO**  
*Secretary*

*THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR MONTHLY  
\*\*\* STATED MEETING \*\*\**

**DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 06, 2024**

***SOCIALS STARTS @ 5:00 PM / DINNER IS SERVED @ 6:00 PM / GAVEL DROPS @ 7:00 PM***  
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CRYSTAL BANQUET HALL

***OFFICER'S ATTIRE: BLACK TUXEDO, WHITE SHIRT with BLACK BOW TIE***

***MEMBERS: DARK SUIT WITH TIE***

***VISITORS: BUSINESS CASUAL OR MASONIC PRIDE SHIRTS***

***Bring \$10 cash donation to the Junior Warden's Fund***

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**4:30 pm** - Gate will be opened. FCs, EAs, and Petitioners are to help prepare dinner and refreshments in the kitchen.

**5:00 pm** - Welcoming Committee is available for any questions. The Application Form is available upon request from the Lodge Secretary.

**5:30 pm** - Announcements from Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens.

**6:00 pm** - Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Dinner follows.

**7:00 pm** - Stated Meeting Commences in the Lodge Room. ***(Masons Only)***

**7:30 pm** - Petitioners are to assist in cleaning up the kitchen and dining hall.

*JW, SS, and JS must ensure all trash are taken out of the Lodge after the event.*

***Address: 27221 McCall Blvd, MENIFEE CA 92585***

***"Peace and Harmony Prevail to all Masons"***

## **MONTHLY UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>June 6, Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 PM STATED MEETING</b>
<b>June 12, Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 PM Officers' School Of Instructions Hosted by Gat Jose Rizal Lodge</b>
<b>June 13, Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 PM Rehearsal – 3rd Degree</b>
<b>June 15, Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 AM 3rd Degree Conferral (Bro. Peter Paul Feliciano)</b>
<b>June 20, Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 PM Rehearsal – 2nd degree</b>
<b>June 27, Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 PM 2nd Degree Conferral (To be Announced Later)</b>
<b>July 4, Thursday</b>	<b>*HOLIDAY (Lodge is Dark)*</b>
<b>July 11, Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 PM STATED MEETING</b>

***\*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.***

***Pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of our By Laws, "In any month when  
the regular meeting date shall fall on legal holidays, the Stated  
Meeting shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM."***



# MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE 289 ACTIVITIES



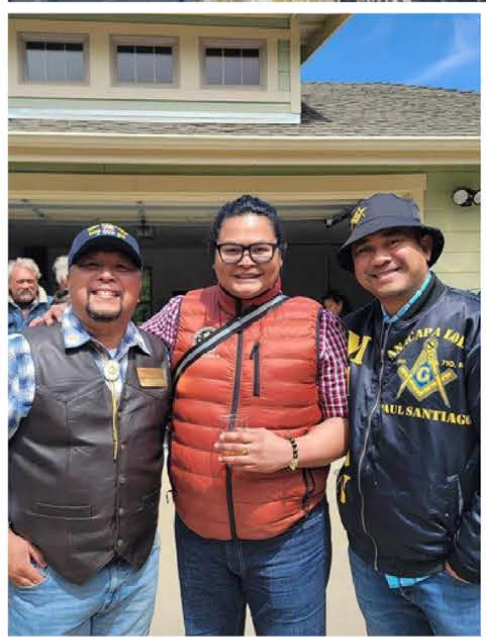
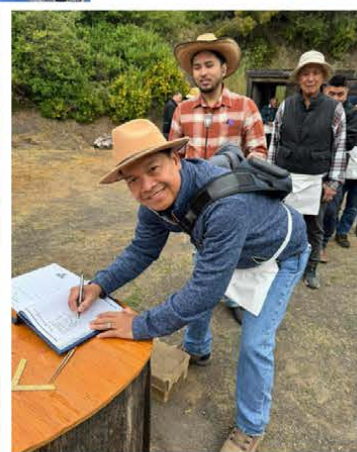
Bro. Perry King  
3RD DEGREE RAISING





# Bro. Aluel "Orr" Jalandoni

## 3RD DEGREE OUTDOOR RAISING





# RESOURCES



## Support from the Masonic Homes of California

Services in **green** are available to everyone, regardless of Masonic affiliation.

For youth ages 4 to 17

**Masonic Center  
for Youth and Families**

**(877) 488-6293 | [mcyaf.org](http://mcyaf.org)**

Evaluation and treatment for youth who struggle with emotional, learning, and behavioral difficulties

For families seeking support

**Family Outreach Services**

**(888) 466-3642  
[masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org)**

Information and referrals, care management, and in some cases, one-time financial assistance to families in need of support.

For seniors aging at home

**Senior Outreach Services**

**(888) 466-3642  
[masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org)**

Information and referrals, care management, and financial assistance to help seniors age safely in their home communities.

For families or seniors seeking referrals for senior caregivers and services

**Masonic Value Network**

**(888) 466-3642  
[masonichome.org/valuenetwork](http://masonichome.org/valuenetwork)**

A network of trusted caregiver services and providers maintained by Masonic Outreach Services, including in-home health care and senior communities.

For Masonic seniors seeking a retirement community

**Masonic Homes of California**

**(888) 466-3642  
[masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org)**

Vibrant continuing care communities offering multiple levels of care.

For those seeking short-term post-surgical rehabilitative care or respite care

**Transitions at the Masonic Home  
in Union City**

**(510) 475-2137  
[masonichome.org/transitions](http://masonichome.org/transitions)**

Designed to improve transitions back home following surgery, illness, or injury, as well as to provide short-term respite care for full-time caregivers.



# 2024 OFFICERS

**Worshipful Master**

**Senior Warden**

**Junior Warden**

**Treasurer**

**Secretary**

**Assistant Secretary**

**Chaplain**

**Senior Deacon**

**Junior Deacon**

**Marshal**

**Senior Steward**

**Junior Steward**

**Tyler**

**Organist**

**Officer's Coach**

**Candidate's Coach**

**826th District Inspector**

**826th District Inspector at Large**

*Wor. Jerry Donathan, PM*

*Bro Adelbert Cagungao*

*Bro Sammy Gillo*

*Bro Bruce Flowers*

*Bro Benigno Del Barrio*

*Bro Jerico Alvarez*

*Bro Salvador Salarda*

*Bro Sherman Hernaez*

*Bro Samuel Sanchez*

*Bro Emeric Cornel*

*Bro Primo Reguyal*

*Bro Wilson Bohol*

*Bro Adelbert Bartolo*

*Bro Dean Malibiran*

*Wor. Chuck Markel, PM*

*Wor. Harold Whitford, PM*

*Wor. Rick Opina, PM*

*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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