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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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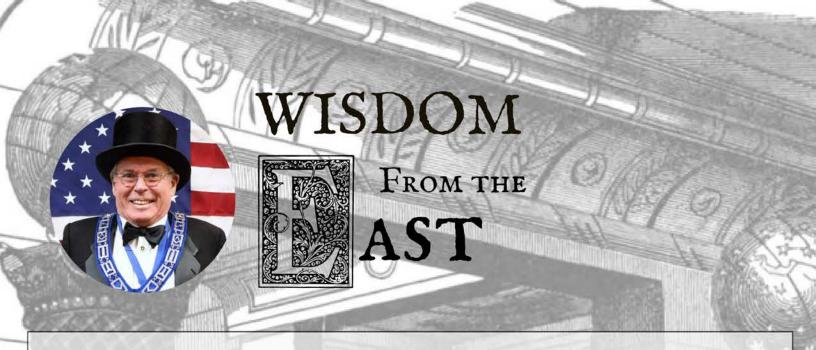
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JERRY DONATHAN, PM

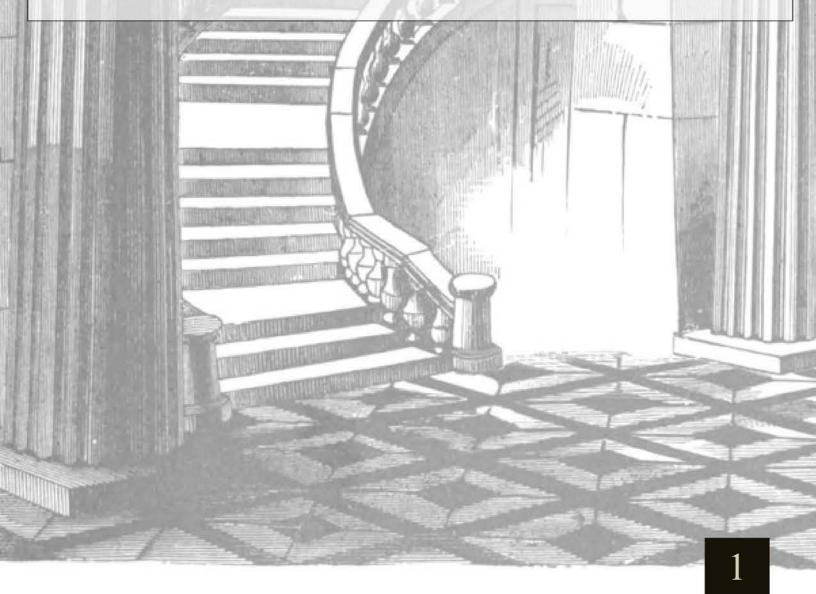
Worshipful Master

Hello Brethren,

My Goodness, it's already March, this year is flying by!! Brethren we are having growing pains, we have conferred 2 FC and 1 Ea degrees in Feb. In March voting on 3 new members 2 candidates and one affiliation as well as doing 3 MM degrees if everything works out.

Check our calendar for work days etc. Remember we are just like a bee-hive the busier we are the better we like it.

Fraternally, WM Jerry Donathan







ADELBERT "AL" CAGUNGAO

Senior Warden

For the month of February, we had two outstanding conferrals: one Fellow Craft degree and one Entered Apprentice degree. Both degrees were outstanding and well attended by brethren from the district. As new members continue with their masonic journey, officers of the lodge also take this opportunity to prepare for their qualification up the ranks.

We also hosted this year's 2nd Officers School of Instruction for the 826th Masonic district. It was also a success for it was attended by all officers of the different lodges in the district.

As the season of Spring enters this March, our beloved lodge will have a busy month. Like the leaves of trees blooming in Spring, our MVL289 Beehive also grows as we initiate our knocking prospects and schedule a couple of our brethren who were patiently waiting to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

I encourage the brethren to continue with their unconditional support to the lodge.

Fraternally, Bro Adelbert Cagungao, Sr Warden







SAMMY GILLO

Junior Warden

First of all, my prayers and thoughts to our Worshipful Brother Harold Whitford. WB Harold's wife who has just passed away last month of February. Also, may the Great Architect of the Universe answer our prayers and comfort to our newly passed Brother Choi Atelano's wife for her successful cervical surgery.

And now, I would like to inscribe a few lines about my experience of being one of the officers of the lodge. As we learned our duties in our respective places in the lodge, we did our learning through repetition, time and time again and in the end the concept was so inculcated in us that we were breathing to our lives by those four cardinal virtues. This is quite rewarding and worthwhile as you continued attending the events we had every Thursdays of the month.

Masonry is an attractive and serious idea, so I sincerely inspired all our fellow brethren to get a seat in the lodge as an Officer and if you have any opportunity to be on that seat, grab that chair as you won't regret it in the future. Remember, repetition is the key to success in the Officer's line.

Masonry is not only good for the personality of a brother but also for the intelligence he retains. It's a great memory and mental reservation to stay longer and kept steadfast.

Well, my brethren February is gone and we are looking forward to a busy month of March with more degrees ahead of us and new prospect members in our beehive, MVL 289!!

GO MVL # 289, REPRESENT THE NUMBER ONE BEEHIVE IN 826TH MASONIC DISTRICT

Brotherly, Bro Sammy Gillo, Jr Warden

INSIGHTS FROM A AST MASTER



HAROLD WHITFORD

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

We are inviting the Brethren of the 826th Masonic District to a free Brunch on Saturday, March 9th, from 9am to 1 pm. This is designed to give something back to the Brethren and Friends who graciously donated to Brother Harold Whitfords' needs at the time of his lady Mary Anns' 'untimely death'.. Event planner, Jerico tells me that 'This will be one of Men-Vals' "Off The Chain" culinary events. Woo hoo!

Here's the Kicker tho', All (especially Men-Val & Gat brethren) Users of the lodge, are encouraged to help with a Work Party from about 10 am to 2 pm. Areas needing attention are the shrubs around the 'flag pole in front', some painting on the West side, sidewalk clean-up, general 'policing' of the grounds.

We have hand tools and you can bring rakes etc. Plus Vonn said he has a chain saw! Please plan on participating if possible.

Fraternally, WB Harold Whitford, PM



CALENDAR

OF EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



Mar. 7
Stated Meeting

Mar. 21
3rd Degree Conferral
(TBD)

Mar. 9 Work Party Mar. 23
3rd Degree Conferral
(V. Atilano)

Mar. 12
3rd Degree Rehearsal

Mar. 28
1st Degree Conferral
(TBD)

Mar. 14
3rd Degree Conferral
(E. Capule)

Mar. 31
Cesar Chavez Day

Mar. 20

March is a special month for two of our Masonic youth orders.

In the worldwide movement of DeMolay, March is DeMolay Month.

DeMolay Month is the time of year when every chapter and their members are keenly focused on two objectives- participation in activities that involve and/or serve the local community and the exemplification or practice of their vows as DeMolays.

Job's Daughters also has a reason to celebrate in the month of March. March 9th is the annual celebration of the birth of Ethel T. Wead Mick or "Mother Mick", the founder of Job's Daughters International.

source: Masons 4 Youth

BIRTHDAYS

Edward Johnson Sibby
Delbert Dewey Queen Jr., PM
John Stephens Phillips
Gary Michael Meyer
Jose Juan Marquez
Charles C. Markel, PM
John Royal Laird, PM
Sherman Hernaez
Rodney Leight Gray
Eduardo Fontanilla, Jr.
Michael Carfaro

RAISED

Member	Date
Dale Bartolo	3/14/2020 (4 yrs)
Jerico Alvarez	3/22/2018 (6 yrs)
Bo Barber	3/29/2007 (17 yrs)
Bong Del Barrio	3/9/2023 (1 yr)
Tychicus Robert Edwards	3/10/2022 (2 yrs)
Michael Anthony Iannolo	3/11/2010 (14 yrs)
Eddie Wayne Leverett	3/15/1984 (40 yrs)
Paul Arthur MacQuiddy, PM	3/17/1977 (47 yrs)
Lloyd Ronald Prater	3/15/1968 (56 yrs)
Ronald Dewey Price	3/25/1965 (59 yrs)
George William Punchard	3/31/1982 (42 yrs)
Kenneth Warren Thacker	3/27/1989 (35 yrs)

BRETHREN'S CORNER

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

by Bro Benigno Del Barrio

Let me borrow former Inspector (now Inspector-at-Large) WB Carl Black's favorite quote after a degree conferral, "To be or not to be, that is the question . . ." Yes, it is the famous quote from Hamlet's Soliloquy in one of Shakespeare's tragedies. This particular line in itself shows the big dilemma that Hamlet was facing. As the soliloquy goes on, the dilemma is revealed as it further explores Hamlet's frustration at his inability to act in avenging his father's death, as well as feelings on the pointlessness of life.

However, my point here is not to delve on the whole theme of Hamlet's dilemma, but on the quandary that a mason is faced as he makes progress in his journey to be a better father, a better husband, a better member or a community, and a better man as a whole.

In the very short experience I have since becoming a Master Mason, the question that always nags me is why some brother masons will not pursue the very essence of what freemasonry is all about as we are taught in our obligations.

It seems typical to note that some would be initiated as Entered Apprentices, some would have passed to being Fellowcraft Masons, and still some would be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, but at some point would never return to the lodge thereafter. Of course, it is understandable if the reasons are due to inevitable changes in life circumstances, especially for those who would communicate, at least to anyone in the lodge, this kind of predicament. Nonetheless, I don't find it acceptable to note a name or two, or five or even more names of brothers who would just be out of touch, as if they just cease to exist.

This leads me to ask, is this common among lodges? Or is this a usual state of affairs in freemasonry? In this particular lodge where I belong, I always think, are there obvious reasons that we fail to comprehend that would discourage a brother from returning, from participating in the rituals, and from learning and enjoying the fellowships?

On the other hand, in my ruminations, I came to the idea of Hamlet's dilemma. But more on the context on the part of a brother in making a decision of whether to pursue the goals of freemasonry in his journey or be contented of the lesser goal of becoming a mason in name only and thus distances himself from the lodge.

Needless to say, the big chunk of the responsibility in pursuing masonic goals is on the part of the brother. But I believe that the Lodge brethren as a whole, has an important share in the responsibility of fostering BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF and TRUTH.

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

THE THREE STEPS

by Bro Christian Bustilleon

Greetings Brethren,

In this issue of Brother's Corner, I would like to share a short, yet a great reminder of our stages in life – The Three Steps.

As we all commonly know, there are three steps upon the Master's carpet and they symbolize the stages of human life:

- * Youth (Entered Apprentice): This stage symbolizes a time for learning, gaining knowledge, and building a strong foundation of understanding.
- * Manhood (Fellow Craft): Represents the active application of knowledge. Focus shifts to fulfilling responsibilities toward oneself, others, and a higher power.
- * Age (Master Mason): A period for contemplation, evaluating the life lived, seeking fulfillment in past actions, and striving to leave a positive and enduring legacy.



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MASONIC MEDUCATION

by Bro Bruce Flowers

CHALLENGE

by William R. Fischer

In life challenge is abundant, life is a challenge, and because of this life has meaning.

In Operative Masonry the challenge was to build a great structure from rough stone. The challenge progressed from one building to another throughout the life of the Mason. He had a purpose and worked diligently with his brothers to fulfill that purpose.

In Speculative Masonry the challenge is to build a better person through instruction, deeds, and example. The purpose is no less noble than our operative brothers purpose, just more challenging.

Over the centuries Masonry has been persecuted by those who oppose it. Through these challenges Masonry has grown and become stronger. We have faced and defeated every challenge, and become satisfied. "Maybe too satisfied"

Now we face a new and more fearsome challenge.

"APATHY"

As a teen, we did not care. "Who cares?" "It doesn't matter." Now as adults many of us have the same bad habits, but it does matter. The only challenge most Masons think they have, is memorization of the degree work. The only education is teaching that memorization.

We have forgotten our young brothers who are starving for knowledge and information about Masonry. Even now it had to be ordered by the Grand Master so there would be an educational talk at every meeting.

This brings up another challenge, our educators need to be enlightened before they can instruct others. All because of the lack of education and apathy.

No one cared No one sought

No one taught

It's time for you to:

Care

Seek

And teach, if given a chance.

Help face this challenge and help challenge others to learn, to seek, to ask and most of all to care.

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

YEAR
1992
2002
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2019
2022
2023
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NAME	INITIATED	COACH
Jeffrey M. Brayton	09/19/2019	
Peter Paul Feliciano	02/22/2024	Bro Sherman Hernaez
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	A SECTION AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE PA
Juan Vera	01/19/2012	
Howard Harvey Walmsley III	03/23/2023	WB Harold Whitford, PM

NAME	PASSED	COACH
Eduardo B. Capule	11/30/2023	Bro Benigno Del Barrio
Perry David King IV	07/27/2023	WB Harold Whitford, PM
Victor M. Atilano	02/8/2024	Bro Benigno Del Barrio
Aluel F. Jalandoni	01/11/2024	Bro Al Cagungao
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NAME	YEAR
Monte R. Wells	2007
WB John Paul St. Clair, PM	2023
WB Michael Christian Smith, PM	2021
Clark Lovan Bacon	2020
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
William Leonard Dexter	2016
WB Vernon Claire Campbell, PM	2017
WB Allan F. Bowman, PM	2018

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Bro Dale Bartolo

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Bro Dean Malibiran

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Bro Sherman Hernaez (EA)
Bro Merck Cornel (FC)
Bro Sal Salarda (FC)
Bro Sammy Gillo (MM)
Bro Benigno Del Barrio (MM)

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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

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Bro Benigno Del Barrio Bro Jerico Alvarez Bro Bruce Flowers

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY



BENIGNO DEL BARRIO

Secretary

THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THEIR MONTHLY

*** STATED MEETING ***

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 07, 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

MARCH 07, 2024 MONTHLY STATED MEETING

MARCH 09, 2024 WORK PARTY

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (BRUNCH COURTESY OF WB HAROLD)

MARCH 12, 2024 3RD DEGREE REHEARSAL

MARCH 14, 2024 3RD DEGREE CONFERRAL (EDUARDO CAPULE)

MARCH 20, 2024 OFFICERS' SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION -

HOSTED BY WIDOW SONS LODGE

MARCH 21, 2024 3RD DEGREE CONFERRAL (TBD)

MARCH 23, 2024 3RD DEGREE CONFERRAL (V. ATILANO)

MARCH 28, 2024 1ST DEGREE CONFERRAL (TBD)

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE 289 ACTIVITIES



2024 OFFICERS

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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

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Job's Daughters Bethal No. 165

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951-271-2054

Bro. Tom Hafeli 951-526-9300

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