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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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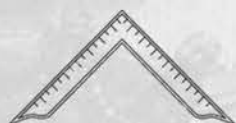
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WISDOM



FROM THE AST



JERRY DONATHAN, PM

Worshipful Master

Hello Brethren,

Well it's now November, so we will be electing new officers at our Nov. Stated Meeting as well as voting on a dues increase. We all had a great time at AnCom and enjoyed the company of Masons from all over the country.

Everyone enjoy Thanksgiving and have a Fantastic Holiday Season !

Fraternally,

WM Jerry Donathan

STRENGTH



FROM THE EST



ADELBERT "AL" CAGUNGAO

Senior Warden

Brethren of Menifee Valley Lodge #289,

As we close another remarkable year, I extend sincerest gratitude to each of you for your unconditional labor, tireless efforts, unwavering dedication and unrelenting passion. Our collective hard work has elevated our lodge, fostering: - Growth - Unity - Excellence Thank you for your invaluable contributions.

Special Recognitions:

Bro. Jose Shepard Your dedication to securing excellent rentals and ensuring impeccable building maintenance has significantly contributed to our lodge's success. - Well-maintained facilities - Financial stability

Worshipful Bro. Chuck Markle HA President and Officers' Coach Your leadership has ensured: - Financial stability - Meticulous maintenance Your guidance enables us to excel in degree works, enhancing our Masonic experience.

Worshipful Bro. Harold Whitford Assistant Officers' Coach Your tireless efforts have significantly impacted our lodge's success: - Expert mentorship - Personalized guidance - Encouragement - Seamless officer transitions - Enhanced degree works - Masonic excellence Thank you for: - Selfless service - Wisdom - Inspiration Your influence has shaped our lodge's future leaders.

Bro. Sherman Hernaez Thank you for leading our members to success in our Annual District BBQ. Your dedication and commitment made a great impact.

Worshipful Master Jerry Donathan Thank you for leading us for the past three years in our resurrection from the ashes. Your love and trust in our members have been invaluable.

Final Words To all members of MVL #289: Thank you for your unconditional efforts. Let us continue this momentum! May our lodge forever flourish! Masonic blessings!

*Bro Adelbert Cagungao
Sr Warden*

INSIGHTS

FROM A PAST MASTER



HAROLD WHITFORD

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

Brethren,

I may see you at Lodge before you read this but either way I want to dedicate my message to Worshipful Jerry Donathan PM for completing 5 terms as Master of Perris / Menifee Valley Lodge Number 411/289. It's been a long but satisfying ordeal (right Jerry?) We've been thru' District Inspectors every few years but we're still here..

A couple of beat-up constuction workers who just happen to Love Freemasonry (especially Menifee Lodge 289). I am sorry that the last 3 years with your loss of parents and a brother made things tougher but you persevered and tied my record..You're not considering 6 are you?? My Hat's off to you my Brother, 'Job well done'

WB Harold Whitford, PM

CALENDAR

OF

EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



Nov 6

Flag Presentation & Election Practice

Nov 13

EA Conferral Practice

Nov 21

FC Double Conferral Practice

Nov 7

Stated Meeting & Election

Nov 14

EA Conferral (Normandy Ramas)

Nov 27

MM Conferral Practice

Nov 11

Veterans Day

Nov 20

District OSI

Nov 28

Thanksgiving Day!

BIRTHDAYS

Jeffrey Michael Grayton
 Jene Truman Carlisle
 Solomon Charles
 Joseph Daniel Donaldson
 Tychicus Robert Edwards
 Bruce A. Flowers
 James Wesley Gilmore II, PM
 Newton Pasaol Isaac
 Jose R. Shepard
 Diego Tagle
 Monte Ray Wells

RAISED

Member

Christian Bustilleon	13 years
Norman Laurence Chaffin	56 years
Emeric Castillo Cornel	2 years
Joseph Daniel Donaldson	59 years
Gary Michael Myer	34 years
James Daniel Pike	20 years
Diego Tagle	2 years



BROTHER'S CORNER

THE FORM OF THE LODGE

by *Bro Christian Bustilleon*



Greetings Brethren,
Our election of Officers is upon us. Let us have a great election and continue supporting our new and upcoming line of Officers. Furthermore, the holiday season is also just around the corner. The season of joy, Thanksgiving, celebration of life, especially the life of Jesus Christ, as well as the season of giving.

What I want to share this time is a great match for this season—the form of the Lodge.

The form of a Lodge is very significant. It represents the world, stretching from East to West and North to South. This symbolizes the universality of Freemasonry, indicating that its principles and teachings are relevant and applicable across all cultures and regions.

It emphasizes that Freemasonry is a global brotherhood. Wherever Masons travel, they will find brethren who share their values and commitment to the craft.

The expansive form of the Lodge serves as a reminder to Masons that their charitable actions should be equally far-reaching. They are encouraged to extend their compassion and support not just to fellow Masons, but to all those in need, regardless of their background or location.

The Lodge's form serves as a visual and symbolic reminder of the fraternity's core values.

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

BEHAVIOR

by William R. Fischer

Masonic behavior is a subject, if taken into the Lodge for debate, could take up a lot of time. Behavior changes with attitude and the ever-shifting social structure.

In the old charges behavior was divided into six sections:

1. Behavior in Lodge.
2. Behavior after Lodge with members who did not attend.
3. Behavior when brethren meet outside the Lodge.
4. Behavior in the presence of non-members.
5. Behavior at home and in your neighborhood.
6. Behavior toward a strange brother.

Behavior is generally affected by two means:

1. By those around you.
2. By age.

Normally, we are respectful of the people around us, more now than when we were younger. We also have much more tolerance, mainly because of those who tolerated and respected us.

Our behavior is a reflection of who we are and as a Mason this image either improves or taints our institution. To be a considerate member of the Lodge and our brethren is easy. To be a person of integrity to strange brothers, non-members, and even those who would seek to discredit the fraternity, is the most important act of brotherly love one could do for his Lodge and its members.

A Lodge is only as good as its worse member, therefore strive to be a better person.

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>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	
<i>Abel Arteaga</i>	10/17/2024	<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 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

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 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

OUR CANDIDATES



Normandy Antonio Castro Ramas, born on September 12 1960. A 64-year old born and raised in the Philippines (Leyte and Cebu).

I got married on December 25, 1985, that's right, Christmas Day. It will be our 40 years this coming December. We have 2 children, a girl and a boy. My girl is already 34 years old and my son is already 34 and have two grandchildren from my eldest ages 14 and 11 years old.

About my work, I've worked as a Cook pretty all my life from hotels to restaurants and hospitals, so Cooking is my life.

I finished elementary school in ORMOC City, Leyte, Philippines. My High School was in Sacred Heart Seminary, Palo Leyte, Philippines and I took College in Cebu University of San Jose Recoletos, also in the Philippines.

I've worked as a Merchant Marine on board Container Ships for nine years. Pretty much travelled around the world.

My main reason for joining the Mason is to be a better person and why Menifee lodge #289, it's closer to home and the members that the lodge has show me the true meaning of brotherhood and loyalty to the home lodge.

My full name is Allen Lee Hilliard III. I'm currently 38yrs old. I come from a split family and have 6 sisters and 2 brothers. I grew up in Riverside CA but was born in North Carolina.



Before I joined the Marine Corps at 21 I worked as a tile setter, a job which I truly hated. I've been a Marine for almost 18yrs now.

I have a wife and two kids Tessa, James(7) and Alice(3). Me and my wife have been married since Nov 28th 2011 (13yrs). During that time we spent 3yrs living in Okinawa Japan. We bought our home in Menifee in 2015 after returning from Japan. Some say I am a workaholic. I just love my job and was raised to put forth maximum effort when working. In what free time I have I like to spend time with my kids. I enjoy playing role playing video games such as Skyrim and Minecraft. I never got into sports until I found NASCAR.

I love going to the races and enjoy watching it on TV. Spending time on the grill or smoking meats is something that I also really enjoy and always look for an excuse to do. While living in Japan I worked for a mason named Ronald Graham. Like many others I waited for an invitation to join. When I had not received one I figured that he had made an assessment and I wouldn't fit in.

After a few years and some research I learned the truth and if you want to be one ask one. I then searched online for a way to join and submitted an application on the CA grand lodges website. After receiving a call from someone at the grand lodge he informed me that there was a lodge just down the street from me and ask if I'd like to be put in contact with them and I agreed.

There have been quite a few brothers and prospects that I have been able to converse with and everyone of them has been super friendly. Over the past month I have come to look forward to Thursdays to hang out with my new found friends.

MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE 289 ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER STATED MEETING



826TH MASONIC DISTRICT PICNIC HOSTED BY MVL289



2024
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



GRAND LODGE F&AM OF CALIFORNIA
175TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION



**THREE FIRST DEGREE
PROFICIENCY BROS. ABEL,
BRO JASON AND BRO. LLOYD**
(OCTOBER 10, 2024)





Bro. Abel Arteaga

SECOND DEGREE CONFERRAL

OCTOBER 17, 2024



MEET OUR NEW GRANDMASTER

ARTHUR L. SALAZAR JR.

Brother Arthur Lupe Salazar, Jr. is a past master of Irvine Valley Lodge No. 671 in Lake Forest and was the charter master of The Thirty-Three Lodge in Orange County. He received the Degrees of Masonry in San Francisco Lodge No. 120 in 2004 and was honored with the Hiram Award in 2012 by Irvine Valley Lodge No. 671.

An Orange County native, Brother Salazar is an accomplished Certified Public Accountant having practiced tax and accountancy for over 20 years. Most recently, he was owner and president of Salazar Accountancy Corporation. His career in public accounting began in Palo Alto before relocating back to Orange County in 2006. In 2020, he retired from public accounting and accepted the



the full-time role of Executive Vice President and Secretary of the California Scottish Rite Foundation. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from University of California Riverside, where he was an academic research scholar and a recipient of the A. Gary Anderson Special Achievement Award. He later earned a Master of Business Taxation from the University of Southern California.

Brother Salazar has acted in service and leadership to the Grand Lodge of California for eighteen years. He's served on several Grand Lodge committees including Annual Communication Activities, Audit, Inspector's Development, and the Joint Committee on Fraternal Relations. He has served as a consultant and a member to the Executive Committee, was a member of the Let's Write the Future Campaign committee and served on the Strategic Planning Group. He was an Inspector for five years and was elected Grand Treasurer in 2015 and served six terms in that role. Over that time, he served as Treasurer of Acacia Creek Retirement Communities, California Masonic Foundation, California Masonic Memorial Temple, Masonic Homes of California, and Nob Hill Masonic Center.

In addition, Brother Salazar has been active in many Masonic organizations and youth orders. He is a 33° Inspector General Honorary in the San Francisco Scottish Rite Valley and Orange County Scottish Rite Valley where he served as Treasurer and as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He was president of the Orange County Scottish Rite Foundation. He has served as Treasurer and Audit Committee chairman for the California Scottish Rite Foundation. He is a member of the Orange County York Rite Bodies, El Bekal Shriners, Royal Order of Scotland, Saint Gabriel Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, and California College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. He has been an adult volunteer for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International, which bestowed upon him the Honorary Legion of Honor and made him a Deputy Member in 2022. And he is Chairman of the 2025 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

An engaged member of his community, Brother Salazar volunteers as treasurer of the Youth Fund of Southern California. He was previously on the school site council for Oak Grove Elementary School, and he served as president of the school's foundation for six years. He has volunteered for the Red Cross of Orange County and the American Youth Soccer Association for which he served as a coach and referee. He and his family are members of Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Brother Salazar is a proud husband and father. His wife of 24 years, Dr. Laura Camacho Salazar, is a physician in internal medicine. They have three children. Ixchel is a medical student at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Sofia is a nursing student at Chaminade University of Honolulu and volunteers at the Shrine Hospital. And Amira is studying to become a genetic engineer at UCLA. The Salazars reside in Aliso Viejo in Orange County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date!!



MENIFEE VALLEY LODGE 289

**INSTALLATION OF
2025 OFFICERS**

December 14, 2024 @ 10:00am

27221 McCall Blvd, Menifee, CA 92585

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.

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

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