

Menifee Valley Lodge No. 289, F. & A. M.
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MENU

*For the St. Patrick's
Day program
Sunday, March 15th,
1:00pm*

***Corned Beef and cabbage
with boiled potatoes and
carrots, salad and
dessert***

***Our Price - \$8.00(cheap)
A Fund Raiser for
the Eastern Star***



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

As of January 1, 2009, we have 252 members of Menifee Valley Lodge. Of these 252, 45 have not paid dues for 2009. The dues notices were sent out late this year and I apologize for that. Please try to remit your dues by the end of March in order to bring our books up to date. If any Brother is in need of assistance to remit their dues, please notify us by mail.

Fraternally,
Bill Barker, PM
Secretary

2009 Lodge Officers

Master	Frank Postmus, PM	756-6966
Sr. Warden	Phil Mooney, PM	678-5963
Jr. Warden	Harold Whitford, PM	246-2111
Treasurer	Claude Bealer, PM	679-6758
Secretary	Bill Barker, PM	678-4214
Chaplain	Tom Hafeli	541-7693
Asst. Secretary	Lisle Kaufman, PM	672-1147
Sr. Deacon	Jim Dalton	943-7702
Jr. Deacon	Jacob Wheeler	672-0406
Marshal	Ray Brunk	679-8123
Sr. Steward	Dennis Santiago	672-8417
Jr. Steward	Joe Cox	244-9560
Organist	Mike Palmer, PM	926-0593
Tiler	Tom Dawson	677-5853

Building Assn. News

Brethren:

I put out an appeal to our Masonic Family to donate some new American flags for the pole in front of the lodge hall. Sure enough, the plea was answered. Mrs. Gladys Ogborn donated two 5' by 9' flags. They will be flown in honor of her late husband Brother John Ogborn, P.M.

Harold Whitford, P.M.
MVMHA, President

Let The Sun Shine

Russ Baldauf
Bill Berry
Lloyd Boshaw
Harold Brandman
Ron Brown
Mike Carmichael
Bill Daddario
Phillipe Dunant
Craig Freeman
Harry Gray

Lester Gremard
John Hesford
Dave Holman
Paul Hudson
Gerd Krause
Frank Lovell
Ed Marshall
Bud Metcalf
Bill Miller
Clyde Moore

Jack Myreng
Charlie Oostdyk
Macey Rosenthal
Carl Seedborg
Bud Smith
David Terhark
William Victor
Thomas Wilkes
Dean Young
Richard Zavetz, Sr.

COMMITTEES FOR 2009

Audit

Phil Mooney, PM, SW
Jacob Wheeler
Dick Staley, PM

Finance

George Punchard
Claude Bealer, PM
Bill Barker, PM

Social Events

Joe Cox
Tim Findlay
Harold Whitford, PM

Charity

Frank Postmus, PM, WM
Phil Mooney, PM, SW
Harold Whitford, PM, JW

Head Candidates Coach

Phil Mooney, PM, SW

Widows

Gary Garrison
Frank Postmus, PM, WM
Harold Whitford, PM, JW

Sickness and Distress

Gary Garrison
Sidney Lee, PM
Frank Postmus, PM, WM

Member Retention

Bill Barker, PM
Dennis Santiago
Jim Dalton

Masonic Education

Vick Knight, Ed. D.
Frank Postmus, PM, WM

Hiram Award

Harold Whitford, PM
Jack Myreng
Neil Ankrim



FROM THE WEST

Phil Mooney, PM,
Senior Warden

Brethren,

I am sorry that my busy schedule has not allowed me enough time to send you all a Senior Warden's message this month.

I promise to have something interesting for the April Trestleboard. Meanwhile, I will see you all at lodge!

Fraternally,
Phil



FROM THE SOUTH

Harold Whitford, PM,
Junior Warden

Brethren:

It looks like the Master has made a good decision by putting extra emphasis on the SPECIAL DINNERS when we don't have a Stated Meeting dinner. We had 105 reservations for the Sweethearts' Dinner in February. Now, let's get behind the Eastern Star and make their Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner a big success. Chef Conrad will be preparing an outstanding meal for 1:00pm, Sunday, March 15th. The cost is \$8 per person and the OES officers will be glad to sell you tickets.

We are now serving light refreshments before lodge officers' practices on Thursday evenings. Our working brethren may not have time to get home for dinner, beforehand. All are welcome! Come join us at 6:00pm and stay for the practice and maybe take a part in the ritual if you are interested. Or, you can always just come for the fellowship for which Menifee Valley Lodge is known.

Fraternally,
Harold

THE LODGE CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 5----- Stated Meeting, 7:00pm,
Building Assn., 5:30pm
- 8-----Daylight Savings Time begins
- 12-----2nd Degree, Bro. Rellias, 7:00pm
- 15-----St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 1:00pm,
Fund Raiser for O. E. S.
- 20-----First Day of Spring
- 19-----O.S.I., Menifee Valley No. 289, Host.
2nd Degree, 1st Section, 7:00pm
- 26-----3rd Degree Practice, 7:00pm

OTHER BODIES

Bethel No. 165, I.O.J.D, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.
Bro. Jeff Magness, Associate Bethel Guardian.

Vallecitos Court No. 148, Order of Amaranth meets 4th Mondays
(3rd Mondays in May and December) at 7:00pm
Jackie Barnofski, Royal Matron
Al Azevido, Royal Patron

Sun City Shrine Club meets for lunch at 12noon on
3rd Fridays, Harold Whitford, PM, President

MASONIC INFORMATION

Is Freemasonry a secret society? The answer is 'NO'. A secret society is one in which the membership is concealed; the meeting places are kept secret; and knowledge of its organization and principles are unknown to the public. We have a few secrets in Freemasonry – a part of our ritual, our modes of recognition, and the business of the Lodge. Portions of our ritual have been handed down within Freemasonry for centuries and form a part of our traditions. However, our purposes, ideals, and principles may be learned by anyone who inquires. There are numerous books on these subjects available to the public. We wear lapel pins and Masonic jewelry, march in parades as Masons with our distinctive aprons, advertize the time and place of our meetings, and openly sponsor charities. Yes, we have some secrets, but no more than most other fraternities or even families,

Menifee Valley Chapter No. 243, O. E. S.
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Lynn Arias, Worthy Matron
Bob Arias, Worthy Patron

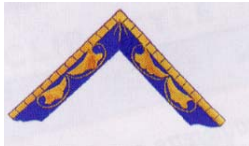
Sun City Masonic Club meets 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays at 8:00am for breakfast and
Interesting programs.
Bro. Pete Monsen, President



MENIFEE VALLEY BEEHIVE



February 2009



Master's Message

W. Frank Postmus, PM, Master

My Brethren:

What a wonderful thing to see is a plan working and brethren coming together to fellowship with one another. Attendance at our Stated Meetings and degrees is up. It is my sincere wish that this trend continues. I have asked the Junior Warden to have good refreshments after all degrees and Stated meetings when there is no dinner. Also, he is providing sandwich makings before practices and we have had sideliners attending them, too.

I especially ask those of you who attend the meetings not to run out the door when a degree is finished. Come to the dining room for the friendship and camaraderie that is taught by Brotherly Love.

In March, we will confer what looks to be the first in a number of Master Mason Degrees that will occur. We presently have 3 Fellowcrafts and 3 Entered Apprentices working like beavers on their proficiencies as well as a petition for degrees and a petition for affiliation to vote on at the Stated Meeting. Menifee Valley Lodge is moving forward!

Thank you, my brethren, for making this possible.

Fraternally,

Frank

Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch you words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your legacy!

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Robert Bert Barrett

Born December 18, 1927

Passed from this life January 28, 2009

Age 71 years, 1 month, & 10 days

"Soft and safe to thee, our Brother, be thy resting-place."