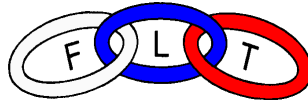


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3rd Degree Conferred

On Wednesday, November 17, third degree was conferred on **Mark St. John** and **Marvin Carter** both members of Cupertino Lodge #70. It was expected to take place at the True Fellowship Lodge, however, their 2 key members were not planning on being there that night, so Cupertino members decided to hold the degree at their Lodge. Then, since attendance at True Fellowship's meeting was going to be very light, two of their members decided to help out Cupertino and came over there to the degree. **Jeremy Sutterfield** and **Mason Wolf**. As can be seen by the picture there was a pretty good number of members that were present to confer the degree. All positions were filled by a different person and robes were used. It was a good feeling seeing how everyone worked together, to make the degree, a great success. The third degree candidates, can be seen in the picture, as the members wearing the collars, Mark to the left and Marvin to the right.

By **Don Lang**, editor



District Planning Meeting'

Our district Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will hold a planning meeting at the Cupertino Lodge at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 19 in the meeting room. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the event dates of the different lodges so that they don't conflict with one another, local and state wide events that are already planned in the area. This has worked and has been very successful in the past. The lodges also provide information on their new officers and the lodge committees which then gets printed in a district wide Directory Book which is distributed to who ever wants it at cost to the members. **Mary Lou Lang** spends hours upon hours, you can't imagine, every year. Each lodge secretary was mailed a letter and forms to fill out to assist in this task. The secretaries and in coming Noble Grands are encouraged to attend the meeting. Both District Deputy's, **Annie Cronin**, DDGM and **Debra LaVergne**, DDP will attend.

By **Don Lang**, editor

Cupertino Lodge #70 New Year's Eve Kanikapila

Cupertino Lodge #70 will be hosting a New Year's Eve Kanikapila (Hawaiian/Christmas Sing-a-Long) on Dec 31 from 6pm to 12am. Led by a house band, we will be playing/singing Hawaiian and Christmas songs by request.

Attendees can also come up and lead a song if they desire. It's best to arrange song and key ahead of time via RSVP so we can display for all to follow along.

Pizza and drinks will be provided by lodge. Outside food is welcome, but not shared (ie no Potluck).

The following Covid Protocols will be enforced: Sign in/checklist sheet at door, Vaccination proof required, Temperature check at door and Masks required except when actively eating or drinking.

Come play and sing along, or just come listen and ring in the new year with a song in your heart!

[A Zoom link will be provided at RSVP site for those not wishing to attend in person.](https://www.cupertinooddfellows.org/event/new-years-party)

Please **RSVP**. Space is limited.

<https://www.cupertinooddfellows.org/event/new-years-party>

By **Les Wong**



Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Veteran's Day Parade

This year's San Jose Veterans Day Parade had a great showing in our Odd Fellows and Rebekah section of the parade. It was our biggest members participation with all the branches represented with their head officers. I started naming everyone with their position, but it would take too much space, so I decided against it. Leading our section was 5 Theta Rho members carrying the Odd Fellow and Rebekah banner, followed by uniformed Patriarch Militant members. First the American flag with 2 escorts carrying swords, followed by the Odd Fellow and the Rebekah banners with 2 escorts. Then **Gerald Poarch** with his little red fire engine, who came all the way up from Costa Mesa, followed by many rows of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs wearing Odd Fellow & Rebekah clothes emblems, like a top Hat, IOOF caps, fezzes, regalia, collars and sashes, and lodge shirts. Then finally the Odyssey van, all decorated



with patriotic flags, including **Michael Greenzeiger's** magnetic Grand Master sign. The van was carrying members who could not walk in the parade. They made 2 announcements on the way about Odd Fellows and when we passed the reviewing stand, we did an eyes right, and the flag escorts with swords, did a present swords. All and all, I think we looked pretty sharp and by my count had 33 members in the parade. I believe it shows that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs cares enough to get together and honor our Veterans and also, that IOOF is alive and doing well.

By **Don Lang**, editor



Merry Christmas



In the picture above, can be seen the Cupertino #70 lodge members who were in the parade. From left to right are **Michael Greenzeiger**, Grand Master; **Ivan Fawley**, Homes Director; **Ron Myres**, Noble Grand; **Annie Cronin**, District Deputy Grand Master and **Don Lang**, Past Grand Master.

Cupertino Christmas Dinner

Cupertino Lodge Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 19, at the lodge at 5:00 PM. The dinner will not be catered as originally talked about, but will be cooked by our own members headed up by committee chairpersons **Ron Myres & Simona Benjamin** and cooked by **Jim Kabage & Simona**. The menu being planned is Prime Rib w/ Au Jus, Baked Salmon, with mashed potatoes, green beans and green salad with cheese cake for dessert. Members, spouses and widows will be free. You will be sent an Event invitation, so please respond. We will be looking for more willing Dinner Committee members at the next regular meeting. Hope to see you all at the Christmas Dinner. Oh, there will also be live music.

By **Don Lang**, editor



Ex Fire Chief **Gerald Poarch**, Past Grand Master

Community Garden Featured in Short Documentary

Several members of Mountain View Odd Fellows Lodge #244 were featured in a short documentary about the South Bay Community Garden that many of our members have supported in the past few years. **Jun-Mayer Alcid**, **Aer van de Water** (Chaplain), and I were all delighted to showcase the good, hard work in the garden. [Take a look here.](#)



Particularly touching was a comment on LinkedIn from Lodge #244 Lodge Member **Ashley Searby**: "Working in this garden with **Jessica** is a dream and a half. My partner volunteers most Saturdays, and I'm there on occasion when not running low on spoons - but the times I am there [bring] such peace and knowledge knowing I'm doing good, honest labor to assist the community with this space."

Thank you to everyone who has come to work in the garden, who has donated cardboard, tables, fence boards, pots, and all kinds of other wonderful things to the garden! We're looking for more cardboard and old hoses if you have any to spare!

By *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*

Odd Fellows Dues Remain the Same

We received notice from the Grand Lodge office, **Barry Prock**, that the Odd Fellow's dues will remain the same at \$55 per member. This is good news, because we all know as our membership shrinks, it takes more money per person to pay the same amount of dollars, since our costs do not go down by the same amount. We all know what the answer is, to increase our membership. So let's try a little harder.

By *Don Lang, editor*



Philotesian Dues are Due

Philotesian Rebekah dues are due January 1st, and the good news is they are the same as last year, which is \$65. Please send the check in the mail to Philotesian Rebekah Lodge 145, PO Box 76, Cupertino, CA 95015. I know that the financial secretary will be very glad to receive them.

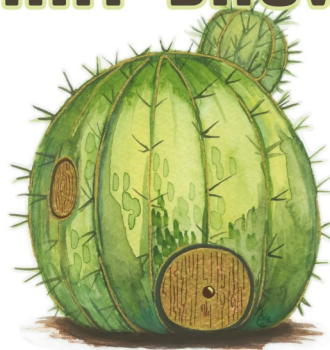
Charity Pop-Up Galleries Put \$10,000+ into the Pockets of Local Artists And Raised \$2,000+ for Non-Profits

Between July 2019 and today, with about a year break at the height of the pandemic, Mountain View Odd Fellows Lodge #244 has been hosting monthly charity pop-up art galleries. These are triple bottom line events: local artists get to use a coveted space for free, they donate at least 10% of proceeds to a non-profit serving local people and issues, and members of our lodge get to speak with hundreds of members of our community in a friendly and open environment. To date, we've raised \$2,771 for non-profits and put \$12,612 into the pockets of local artists, including a number of lodge members. Charities we've highlighted have included: VIA Services, Bay Area Immigration Bond Fund, Freedom for Immigrants, Santa Clara County's Rapid Responder Network, Sacred Heart Community Service, People Acting in Community Together, Services Immigrant Rights & Education Network, Transgender Legal and Education Fund, Pangea Legal Services, Lilith Fund, and Local Color San José.

If you are (or you know!) a local artist who would like to host a solo or join in a group show, they can fill out the application and suggest a few dates [here: https://mountainviewoddfellows.org/use-our-space](https://mountainviewoddfellows.org/use-our-space). This weekend, Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday, we're hosting another pop-up art gallery and would love to see you there!

By *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*

ART SHOW POP-UP DEC 3-6



Originals
Prints
Stickers
and more

Odd Fellows Lodge
Corner of Castro and Villa
Downtown Mountain View