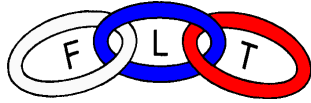


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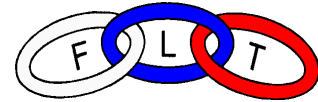
The Triple Links

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Degrees Scheduled

There are several degrees scheduled in the next two months. The first being the Third Degree on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30. This will take place soon so that the members receiving this degree can be installed into their Appointed or Desk offices. It will take place at True Fellowship Lodge on 1035 Emery St, in San Jose. Second degree will be conferred at Cupertino Lodge on Monday, February 25. The regular scheduled initiation degree will take place at Cupertino Lodge on the 5th Monday of April the 29th. The Initiatory and second degrees will take place at 8:00 PM, but candidates and degree team should be there at 7:30 PM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Triple Links staff: **Debra LaVergne** Sigma Tau & treasurer, **Mary Lou Lang** Calendar & **Don Lang** editor, publisher and mailer, wishes everyone a very *Merry Christmas and a*

Happy New Year.



Niles Canyon train of Lights. From left to Right: **Mary Lou Lang, Delya Stoltz and DJ Lang**

Installations

The following Installations have been scheduled at this time, and will be installed by **District Deputy Grand Master Bill Boiko** for Odd Fellow district #107, **District Deputy President Debra LaVergne** for Rebekah district #3 and **District Deputy President Karolinne Livingston** for Rebekah district #24.

Monday, Jan 28 - Joint Cupertino #70, Saratoga #428, and Philotesian #144 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, Feb 9, - Joint True Fellowship #52, Clara #34, 2 PM

Monday, Feb 4 - Joint Volcano #25, Freja #284 & Stella #22, 7:30PM

Thursday, Feb 7 - Joint Mountain View #244 & Hermenia #49, 6 PM

Clara's Omelet Breakfast

Clara Rebekah lodge will hold their annual Omelet Breakfast on Saturday February 2nd at 1035 Emery St, San Jose. Come on over between 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM and check it out, you will be treated well and enjoy a great breakfast.

Niles Canyon Railway

I was surprised the other day, when my son and his girl friend invited me and Mary Lou on a very delightful train ride. It is called the Niles Canyon Train of Lights. During the Christmas holidays, you can take it from Niles, 37029 Mission Blvd, Fremont, to Sunol. Not only the outside of the train is lit with Christmas lights, as can be seen from the photo, but the inside is also decorated in Christmas fashion, including a Santa Claus coming through the train, stopping to take pictures with the children on the way. The train leaves Niles and is pulled by a steam locomotive engine to Sunol and it is pulled back by a diesel engine on the return trip. The trip to Sunol and back to Niles each takes about 30 minutes. The train ride and museum are run by volunteers'. Tickets cost \$11 for seniors and \$14 for adults.

The Pacific Locomotive Association, Inc. operates the Niles Canyon Railway as a living history museum interpreting the importance of our heritage railroads in the development of California and the nation. The purpose of the organization is to preserve the physical aspects and atmosphere of Pacific Coast railroading during the period from 1910 to 1960.

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Cupertino Christmas Dinner

The Cupertino Christmas Dinner held at the Cupertino lodge on December 17 was one of the best every. First the number of members and their guest out numbered all the past years and totaled 85 people attending. Second the entertainment was out of this world. They included the Laulia Hawaiian Band, (which many of them are our own members), led by brother **Les Wong**. The music was both Hawaiian and Christmas songs and was high lighted by Hawaiian dancers.

The food again was prepared by Golden Harvest, **John Nguyen** and as always it was fantastic. We had the poach Salmon, meat loaf with mushrooms good gravy and roast chicken plus vegetables, green salad and fresh fruit. For dessert we supplied the Belgian Chocolate cake, tiramisu, pumpkin cake role, walnut crumb cake all with vanilla ice cream. We also raffled off 10 \$25 See's Candy gift certificates.

The dining room was decorated in Christmas fashion two sets of large red bells hanging from the ceiling, garland around all four walls and small Christmas trees on all the tables. After the dinner, many stayed to help clean up. Fun was had by all.



2018-End-of-Term- Address by the Noble Grand

Dear Lodge Members,
Year 2018 was a good year at Lodge 70 Cupertino. None of our members passed on. Our hopes and wishes went out to those who were sick including Simona Benjamin who successfully is back in good health. Ten new members joined! They are Les & Ted Wong, Richard & Karen Sanico, Annie &

Joseph Chen, Charles Chiang, James Kabage, Brent Paine and Nicholas Lutz. We also have Marvin Carter & Ted Guerrero becoming initiated in 2019.

Over \$10,000 was donated, split among IOOF-Rebekah related and local community charities and causes. Funds for these donations have been possible because of income from various renters and events like pancake breakfasts, Ballroom dance nights, etc.

Non-profits and other smaller groups were able to use our lodge at lower or no-rent rates. Some of them were Girl Scouts Leaders, Boy Scouts Troop 400, Clock-Makers club, Art events and others. Yet another way we serve our community.

Finally, we will transition to the new Noble Grand for 2019, Annie Cronin. Welcome to and good wishes to Annie. Ron Myers has stepped into the new trustee seat vacated by temporary-trustee Tom Blackburn. Note, all committee meetings, including trustees, are open to any members who wishes to listen in. The three new incoming desk officers are, Randy Schmidt as Vice Grand, Bill Boiko as Secretary and Les Wong as Financial Secretary.

Making this lodge work and survive rests on the shoulders of us noble members. Please help where you can. Remember, always go back to our four basic-tenets if you wonder why we exist. And please remember to perform them with these simple laws of Friendship, Love and Truth. I want to add one more law from Boy Scouts, Trust (the number 1 law).

Sincerely, *Tom Blackburn, NG*

District Meeting

The annual District Meeting for District #3 will be on Wednesday, February 20 at Philotesian Rebekah Lodge. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:00pm, followed by the 7:30pm meeting. We already have pin-ons that Freja #284 inherited from Olive Branch #48 (I believe they were made for Bay Area Day when Betty Hannaford was President). We have paper products. We have corsages. DDP Debra LaVergne is responsible for invitations. Philotesian as Hostess Lodge is responsible for housing the President.

Sigma Tau News

The first weekend in December was a busy one for the girls. On Saturday, December 1, they went to San Francisco via CalTrain and BART for their annual Chinatown shopping trip. The first stop was the San Francisco Odd Fellows Temple where California Rebekah Lodge #1 provided a pizza lunch and gave money the Rebekahs had collected for the youth during the year. Then, with Edna Casteel and Stark Degesse coming along, they walked to Chinatown. The first stops were the Far East Trade Center to get silk pajamas and the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory. Newest Sigma Tau member Angelina and her parents caught up with the group while the girls visited many shops along Grant. Tea tasting at TenRen Tea Company was an enjoyable rest.

After taking BART and CalTrain back to San Jose, the group went to Sweet Tomatoes for dinner before going to the Emory Street Hall for a sleepover. Advisor Debra turned off the projector after only one Harry Potter movie, and everyone eventually settled to sleep.

In the morning, Angelina's father Joe made French toast for breakfast. Then the girls decided what they wanted to put in gift bags for homeless people before the group headed for Target to spend money raised from Hamburger Frys on the project. Back at the hall with \$339 worth of stuff, the girls filled 30 bags. Each jumbo size Ziplock bag contained deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, hand sanitizer, babywipes, a couple large garbage bags, paperback book, a Christmas card, a gallon size Ziploc bag with snacks including jerky and juice, a small Ziploc bag with laundry detergent pod and half a dozen band-aids. Half of the bags were aimed at women and included feminine hygiene supplies.

At 2pm, TRA President Celeste Lawson paid her official visit to Sigma Tau. By vote of the club, the gifts bags went to Lompoc with Angelina and her parents for distribution. In the summer, the girls want to do another set of bags

***Philotesian Dues Reminder***

SGL has passed a dues increase of \$5 per member. Please add \$5 to your next payment of dues for a total payment of \$60 for the next year's dues. Please send your check to Philotesian Rebekah Lodge at PO Box 76, Cupertino CA 95015-0076.

Hamburger Fry Dates in 2019

Sigma Tau Theta Rho girls (and hopefully, a new Junior Lodge) are looking forward to serving you at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose.

Doors open at 5:45 pm. Serving from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

\$2.75 - Hamburger with all the trimmings

\$3.00 - Cheeseburger with all the trimmings

Chips, Coffee, Soda, and Dessert Available

Hamburger Frys are sponsored by True Fellowship Odd Fellows #52 and benefit Sigma Tau Theta Rho Girls Club #92 and the potential new Junior Odd Fellows Lodge. The next 3 Hamburger Frys are:

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday, May 29

Wednesday, June 26

In April, Ben Shuler will be unavailable to cook, so instead of a Hamburger Fry, Sigma Tau will have a spaghetti or macaroni and cheese dinner on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00pm.

Since the girls are planning to do another set of gift bags for homeless people, they would appreciate donations of travel size toiletries (such as from hotels) and dentist toothpaste and toothbrush kits. They will have a box to receive these at Hamburger Frys during the year.

Randy Richmond

Randy Richmond, from True Fellowship Lodge #52, fell at his home in November and hurt his back pretty bad and had to have his third serious operation on his back. He is the VA hospital in Palo Alto and is doing so so, but his spirits are high. He is not able to walk yet and has no feelings in his legs. So he is learning to walk all over again. One of the Odd Fellow's Commands is "To visit the sick". Brothers **Don Lang** and **Rod Metoyer** visited Randy separately on multiple occasions. Randy's cell phone number is **408 892-5290**



Happy New Year

