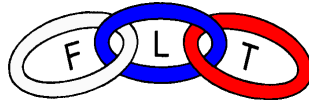


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Silicon Valley District Degree Team

Dear all, in 2019 we've seen some new members join our ranks. Cupertino Lodge has been kind enough to host quarterly ceremonies to initiate those new members in style. The incumbent Noble Grand of that Lodge – **Adrian** – has been working to get a regular team together to rehearse and help out at these ceremonies.

Now - The Mountain View Lodge has held ceremonies to elevate members to the First Degree quarterly the week after that. Our initiatory members would often complete the achievements we required for the first degree by helping out at a ceremony. Since we've made a good habit out of it, we would like to continue to hold it regularly in 2020 and invite members in the district to reach the first degree in style. We hope to start in March (with a rehearsal).

If you are interested in staying up to date on these events, if you like ritual work and especially if you'd like to come to rehearsals and help out regularly... please contact one of us. We try to keep everyone in the loop over email. We also have a discord for the degree team. (My email is arikeh2o@gmail.com)

By *Arike van de Water*



Happy New Year!

Installation Schedule

Joint Inst : Jan 13, 7:30 PM
Cupertino & Saratoga & Philotesian @ Cupertino

Joint Inst: Jan 19, 2 PM
AMOS & LOTO @ San Francisco

Joint Inst: Jan 20, 2 PM
Freja & Stella, @ Friendship Hall Saratoga Home

Joint Inst: Jan 25, 1 PM
True Fellowship & Clara,

Joint Inst: Feb 6, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:30 Inst
Mountain View & Hermania



Odd Fellow & Rebekah Rose Parade Float

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have had a float in the Rose Parade for over 60 straight years. Members come from all over, during the week after Christmas, to work on the float. They glue flower peddles & seeds on the bare float and you watch it become a beautiful colorful float. Members start working early in the morning and some continue to late at night. The different Lodges near by take turns bringing the workers dinner. Next year check out the IOOF Rose Float Committees information on working on the Float.

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Clara's Omelet Breakfast

Clara's Rebekah Lodges Omelet and Cakes Breakfast will be held on **Sunday**, February 2nd at True Fellowship Lodge on Emery street between 8 and 11:30 AM. **Debbie** will also be selling her famous jellies and jams. Try them, you will like them.



Cupertino's Christmas Dinner

Cupertino Lodge celebrated Christmas this year with their annual Christmas Dinner at the lodge. It was held on Monday, December 16th, and was catered by **Golden Harvest**. The menu was poach salmon in a nice sauce, meat loaf and Teriyaki baked chicken, plus all the usual side dishes. For dessert we had all types of cakes with vanilla ice cream and of course different types of drinks including beer and wine. This year again, all the Cupertino Lodge members, their spouse or significant other,

the lodge widows and their guests were free and all other guest were invited, but there was a \$10 fee for them. We collected \$240 from our guest and \$120 profit from the 50/50 drawing, which will be all turned over to the Rebekah Children's Home as a donation. We had a total of 70 people at the dinner. One See's candy \$25 certificate was raffled off.

Again we had the honor of having **Les Wong's** Lualaba Hawaiian Band, play some Christmas and Hawaiian music and some of their Hawaiian dancers do some Hawaiian dances. Everyone seemed to have a very nice time and enjoyed themselves, plus the lodge members all worked together to make the event a success. The dining room was decked out in a delightful holiday them.



Theta Rho Assembly in San Jose

Sigma Tau Theta Rho Girls Club #92 has the honor and responsibility of hosting Theta Rho Assembly on February 15-16, 2020. The Joint Youth Committee has hopes of instituting Junior Lodges for Auburn, Oakdale and San Jose, and restarting Grand Junior Lodge.

Donations toward the expenses of the weekend would be greatly appreciated. We also would like local lodges to volunteer to take care of one meal: dinner on Saturday or breakfast, lunch or dinner on Sunday.

Monetary donations would cover meeting materials and our food expenses to make sure the girls and boys have a good time and will come to our meetings excited and ready. Donations received above the expenses of Theta Rho Assembly will help send Sigma Tau Theta Rho to Sovereign Grand Lodge. They are working on a dance and on a skit.

Please make checks payable to Sigma Tau Theta Rho #92 and mail to Sigma Tau Theta Rho #92, c/o 2369 Saint Francis Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

The schedule for the weekend is

Saturday February 15	Sunday February 16
11:30am Registration	7:30am Breakfast
Noon Practice for Assembly	8:00am Registration
1:30 - 3:30pm Good Fellowship Practice	9:00am Opening of Theta Rho Assembly
5:00pm Opening	1:00pm Lunch
6:00pm Dinner	1:30pm Officers Meeting and Installation practice
7:00pm Good Fellowship Night	5:00pm Dinner
There will be a sleepover at the hall.	6:00pm Graduate Degree, Memorial and Installation

Theta Rho Girl worked on 2020 Float

Elizabeth, President of Sigma Tau #92, worked on the 2020 Float. She was a willing worker and put skills learned in theater tech class to good use. She also loved climbing scaffolding. She did refuse one task. She was willing to glue powdered rice onto the float, but not when there were bugs in it.

Membership Seminar

The Odd Fellow Membership Seminar took place in Modesto on Friday evening through Sunday on January 3rd to the 5th. At this writing, they had over 130 registered. It is a great learning opportunity, even the Sovereign Grand Master will attend and of course all the California Officers will be there.

Hamburger Fry Dates in 2020

Please come to the first Hamburger Fry of 2020 at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose on Wednesday, March 25.

There will be homemade desserts as well as the usual hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and chili.

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 Fries 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.

Other Hamburger Fry Dates are April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 23, and October 28.



Elizabeth Satterfield, posing in front of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Rose Parade Float, "First Responders, Bring Hope"