



Getting Back to Normal

I wondered if I could get a couple items into the next Triple links. First, I want people to know that the San Jose lodge (True Fellowship on Emory street) is going to be available to rent, with special discounts for memorial services. And second, we're going to resume the hamburger fry. The next one will be on June 30.

By *Mason Wolf*

Hamburger Fry Returns

Sigma Tau Theta Rho girls and their brothers are looking forward to serving you at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose on Wednesday, June 30.

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

\$3.25 - Hamburger with all the trimmings

\$3.50 - 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 a potential new Junior Odd Fellows Lodge.

By *Debra LaVergne*

Michael Joseph Rudometkin

The son of Philotesian Rebekah member, **Rose Marie Rudometkin**, was one of the 9 victims who was shot to death in the tragic mass shooting that occurred this past Wednesday at the Valley Transportation Authority light rail yard in San Jose. **Michael**, who was 40 years old, started work in 2013 and was an electro mechanic and an overhead line worker. He was a close friend of San Jose Councilmember **Raul Peralez**.

Rose Marie reached out to Cupertino Lodge to hold their Memorial service on June 5th, but because of the COVID 19 restrictions, our building was not big enough and would not hold as many people that was expected to come.

We wish Michael's family and Rose Marie our condolences and allow them to heal and grieve in their own way in peace.

By *Don Lang, editor*

Clara Omelet Breakfast

The Rebekah lodge #34 is hosting a Omelet breakfast on Saturday, June 5th. It is held at the True Fellowship Odd Fellows lodge at 1035 Emory Street in San Jose. It will be handled in a similar manner as the years before, However, there will be 2 versions offered:

Dine-In Option \$10.00

You will arrive and place your order for your custom made Omelet. It will be served with a side of potatoes, a biscuit, and a fruit garnish. Beverages & select homemade jams will be available as before. Their Dining Room Capacity, at this time, allows for 14 individuals at one time, so with their 2 workers they can safely seat 12 people at once.

Take-Out-Option \$7.00

You will arrive and place your order for your custom made Omelet. It will be serviced with a side of potatoes, an a biscuit, if selected on your form. No beverages or jams will be available for take-out. You may wait in your vehicle or in the waiting area while the food is prepared for you. It will be delivered to you in a covered container for transport.

Clara Lodge had a form that they wanted the lodges to fill out and send to them by May 25th which already has passed, so you might want to contact **Trudy Wilson**, Noble Grand of Clara Lodge. Her phone number is **1(408) 903-7134**. To let them know you will be coming.

By *Don Lang, editor*

Salute to our Female Veteran's

The Cupertino Federated Women's Club, with a grant from the Office of Women's Policy and the Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge will salute our Female Veteran's with a thank you Luncheon, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM on Thursday June 17, at the Cupertino Odd Fellows Hall. For more information call **Mary Lou Lang 408 252-3954**.

The luncheon menu is COVID 19 friendly, Dark & White KFC Fried Chicken Box Lunch, Coleslaw, mashed potatoes & gravy, biscuit and delightful dessert Tiramisu, Eclairs & ice cream.

By **Mary Lou Lang**

Governor Expected to Lift Restrictions June 15

However, if the social distancing inside a building and the spraying for COVID 19 after the people leave are not also lifted, then many of our lodges will not be opening as planned. Keep your fingers crossed.

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Wally Patapoff

I received some great news from **Wally Patapoff** yesterday, that his stomach cancer is now in remission. He has been fighting this for a little over a year now. He is very weak and lost a lot of weight, but recently he has gained a few pounds. He spends a lot of time in bed but manages to do some exercise each day which consist of walking around the inside of his house around 10 times during the day. He says he eats 2 good meals a day which he takes his time doing, since he chews his food very good. He does enjoy phone calls from the Cupertino Lodge Members. His phone number is 1 (650) 272-1960).

By **Don Lang, editor**

Cupertino June BBQ

At this time, the time of the writing, there will not be a June BBQ. No one said they are willing to take it on. I believe there are several who said they will help, but we need a commitment from a chairperson. This is what our lodge is usually good at and **Ted Wong** has been doing it for the last many months. But maybe the Pandemic has finally gotten the best of us and is showing its head by the members not wanting to take it on and just stay isolated and at home.

By **Don Lang, editor**

Life Line Screening June 23

Have you ever thought about the following?

- I want to see my grandchildren grow up.
- I want to continue living independently.
- I don't want to be a burden on my family.

Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings.

The mission of Life Line Screening is to provide advance, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare.

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A package of 5 vital screenings is offered for only \$149. If you call today to register, you will receive a \$10 discount!

This has been Cupertino Lodge's only paying renter since the Pandemic hit us over a year ago last March. We are grateful to them and we can't wait to get back to normal again. You can see them again on June 23.

By **Don Lang, the editor**

A Noble Grand Message

Spring has sprung! Yes, the smell of new flowers and the agonizing of allergies and watery eyes is upon us. It's the time of year when we reflect on the beauty of nature and the rebirth of mankind. It is only in this solemn moment that we come together as a community to embrace the spirituality of the season and the reverence it deserves. We have put away our Easter bonnets and have eaten all the chocolate. We need now to concentrate on serving one another.

We have so much to be thankful for and yet we pass on helping each other. A single drop of kindness can swell the tide of necessity and lead us to embellishing our sacred motto of "Brotherhood". We all can relate to having a fun and social get together, yet we fail to recognize the thought and effort that goes into the planning and preparation. In a matter of minutes the party is over and no word is ever mentioned about the success that was had. People rely on praise and adoration for their continued support. If not for their own gratification, then for their own peace of mind. People are stimulated to do more when energized with self-confidence and self-worth.

As a lodge and brotherhood we need to contribute as much as possible to increasing our desire to grow and nurture as a thriving community and put away petty thoughts and disagreements. Working side by side and lending a helping hand is all that is needed to accomplish our goal. A few minutes or a grateful hour springs eternal when we work together as a whole.

Now that the pandemic is on the downhill slide we must bring that Brotherly love together as we look forward to a new and glorious finish to the year ahead. We can better plan social events and we need your input. Don't be that wall flower who has a brilliant idea yet keeps it bottled up and tabled for another meeting. "Spring" into action people and let's make a move on promoting a better lodge and even more compelling community life line. Your opinion is not only sorely needed, but even more welcomed. Make that pledge to raise your hand in contribution or become like so many who are complacent to dealing with problems. You know who you are!

If in fact we do not reach out and help, then we will see an ever growing decrease in membership. People who need people are the luckiest people in the world. Thanks Barb!

By **Ron Myres, Cupertino Lodge NG**

Dues are due

Many Lodges collect their dues mid year to coincide with the Grand Lodge session. Cupertino Lodge 70 is one of them. They are due the first of June. That is just after Grand Lodge passes it's budget for the next year, which includes a possible new rate for the dues. Cupertino keeps their dues as low as possible, what ever the Grand Lodge dues are. Right now, they are \$55. Remember, your dues need to be paid up, you must be a member in good standing, in order to be able to vote at the meetings. You can send your dues check, made out to Cupertino Odd Fellow Lodge 70, to : PO Box 6, Cupertino, CA 95015.

By **Don Lang, editor**



Pride Flags on Display

Mountain View Lodge to Fly the Pride Flags for Pride Month in June.

Saturday, May 29th, 2021, Mountain View Lodge members (**Past Grand Jessica Dickinson Goodman**, **Chaplain Arike van de Water**, and **Noble Grand Sinéad Toolis**) will be flying pride flags. This is the second year of this tradition, which was gleefully received by the broader community in 2020. We are flying flags representing a wide range of different identities that all often live under the umbrella of "queer." To the left are what communities each flag represents; as a note, each flag we're including at the specific request of a member of our lodge or broader community and nearly every single represented below is claimed by a member of our lodge. If you have questions about any of these terms, please feel to reach out to me! Just like learning the difference between a Noble Grand and a Grand Master and a Past Grand, there is a bit of terminology involved in understanding different people's identities. But learning the vocabulary is a great place to start if you're interested in connecting more with members (and potential members!) in these communities.

by *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*
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Do You Have Cardboard?

Many of the Mountain View Lodge Members spend enjoyable time at the south San José community garden each Saturday in the Spring and Summer months. Member **Arike van de Water** has volunteered to pick up your cardboard to put down on walk paths to keep the weeds down and if it ever rains, the pathways free of mud.. You can email Arike at arikevdw@hotmail.com

By *Don Lang*, editor