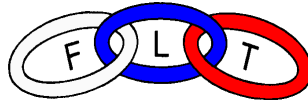


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Initiation October 30th

The Initiation District Degree Team will confer the Initiation Degree on the 5th Monday of October, Oct 30 at the Cupertino 70 Lodge. We have several candidates from different lodges in the area. We ask that as many of the regular lodge members attend this degree to either take part in the degree or just be in the audience and show their support to the new members. It will start at 8:00 PM so you should show up around 7:30 The next scheduled Initiation is on December 31, which I have a sneaky suspicion that it will be called off or re-scheduled.

Grand Warden Visit's MV Lodge

The **Grand Master, Jamie Jepsen** was supposed to pay Mountain View Odd Fellow Lodge #244 an Office Visit on Thursday, October 3rd, but he had to change his plans. He has asked the **Grand Warden, Michael Greenzeiger** to do the Official Visit for him and he will instead pay Mountain View Lodge a Social Visit later on in the year when he can make it. It is a custom for other lodges to come and visit that lodge and see what the Special Grand Lodge Officer has to say and do. You usually find out what is happening around the State and what his program is. The officer also makes polite corrections if the lodge doesn't do things the correct way. So this is a great way to learn something while visiting with some of the heads of the Order and socializing with your peers. The meeting is at 8:00. at 823 Villa St, in Mountain View at the corner of Castro Street.

Grand Encampment

The Grand Encampment and Grand Cantonment will take place in Visalia during 4 days in October, Sunday October 13th through Thursday October 17. Any third degree member of the Odd Fellows can join the Encampment or the Canton branch of the order. Each of these branches, meets once a month, at the True Fellowship lodge on Emery St for their meetings. It is a great way to find out what is happening in the other lodges in the area.

Canton Santa Clara #6

Canton Santa Clara #6, mustered (Initiated) in as a new Chevalier, **Ben Shuler** into their Canton on September 26. The Officers doing the honors were **Randy**

Octoberfest, Oct 26th

This year's Cupertino #70's 31st annual Octoberfest / Halloween party will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019. It will be held at our lodge, Cupertino 70 and begin at 6:00 PM, eat at 6:30 PM. Costumes are encouraged, but are not necessary. Original costumes seem to be the norm. We will have a costume contest where the 3 winners get to pick their prize first from the gift table. We ask that you donate some gifts that you no longer want but would be appreciated by someone else, including bottles of wine. These will be given away as door prizes. We will also include 10 See's Candy gift certificates worth \$25 each. Again **Frank LaDucca** will be playing live German music with a variety of instruments as well as singing.

The dinner will be a real German menu, cooked up by our **Head Chef Ted Wong**. The menu will include: fruit salad, potato salad, brats and sauerkraut, plus German Chicken thighs and Red Cabbage. For dessert Ted will make homemade cakes, German cake and Black Forrest cake and with vanilla ice cream. Of course there is plenty of beer, wine and other drinks available.

The party is free to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their spouse, but for all other guest, there will be a \$5 charge. Everyone, no matter who you are, must make reservations by contacting **Don Lang**, at donlang@sbcglobal.net or phone 408 252-3954 by Thursday 12 noon. Why not bring a friend and prospective members? This is a great way to show off our lodge and have fun..

Please remember to bring some boxed or canned food for our Thanksgiving Food drive. The food will go to West Valley Community Services for the less fortunate people in the area. The lodge will also make a nice donation to WVCS for the holidays. Hope to see you all.



Richmond as Captain, **Rod Metoyer** as Guide and **Debra LaVergne** as Chaplain. Now they will have to try and find him a uniform and sword. Welcome aboard Ben. I think you will like it.

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Unwritten Customs-Rules by a 30+ year member.

New Member questions: Why is it that we are not to cross between the Noble Grand's station and are supposed to walk around an Imaginary hole in the center of the floor?

All Rebekah Lodges and some Odd Fellow Lodges have an Altar in the center of the floor when Lodge is open. We used to have enough members at meetings to have 4 or more Altar Bearers who sit on either side of the Chaplain Station and Past Noble Grands Station. If you go to a Rebekah Special Session or at Rebekah Assembly you might still see members appointed to these stations. In the Opening March - Yes, we still do this at Rebekah Assembly. The Altar Bearers march out before the Chaplain leaves the Chaplain's Station and return after the Chaplain has returned to the station. and also, during the opening march - the chaplain marches in with the Bible closed and places it on the Altar, opens it reverently before taking the Chaplain's chair. It has been a long-time custom to show respect for the link between the Noble Grand and the Altar, so much so - that during Open-Lodge no one takes a short-cut between that area, between the Altar and the Noble Grand's station. Also making square corners as one process around that space where the Altar is usually placed. Many Odd Fellows Lodges still use Altars and those who don't still hold this space special. I have heard it told that this space is a link between our deceased members and the Lodge. You might notice that in all old Lodge Halls that the lights may be dimmed and the spotlight is turned on during the opening prayer and the opening and closing ceremonies and also during Initiation. During Initiation we walk the candidates around the Altar and do cross in between this space. It is because they are not members until they are finished with the ceremony and practice entering and giving the entrance sign. If anyone else has a story about this space. Let me know.

By *Mary Lou Lang*



Last month's Social

The last BBQ of the season went great except for the response to the invitation. We had 16 respond saying they were coming up until 2 days before the event and then it jumped to 40, which is about the amount of people that came. We need to be more considerate of the people running the event. Anyway it was great and we had a great dinner and a fun movie which we watched. **Ted Wong** is a great cook and he sure showed us that, that night. He had BBQ'ed chicken with vegetables, Pork baked beans, chili, potato salad, dinner rolls, corn on the cob and watermelon, plus he had special Kosher meals for Jewish members, which included baked salmon. **Rich Sanico** also should be thanked for setting up this event and picking a very interesting movie for us to watch.

October/November Social

Since Cupertino Lodge will be having their annual Octoberfest / Halloween party in October, we will not have our usual third Monday social. We encourage everyone to make the Octoberfest on October 26 a special event. For November, we will be going to Cicero's Pizza Parlor for their famous thin crust New York style pizza. We will eat at 6:30 PM in a reserved area. I hope some of you will join us and taste what Cicero pizza taste like. I am sure you will like it.



Veterans Day Parade

It is a little early yet, but I would like to make this years Veteran's Day Parade extra Special. So mark your calendar on Monday, November 11, and keep that day open. I would like to have our biggest group of Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Encampment, Canton Chevaliers, Ladies Auxiliary Patriarch Militant, Theta Rho girls and AMOS members marching in the parade. Why this year? Well **Gerald Poarch**, Past Grand Master, is coming all the way from Costa Mesa, and bringing with him, his small one seater little Red Fire Engine to lead us down Santa Clara and Market St in San Jose. I know that will be a great attraction to the crowds watching and I think it deserves a sizable group of marchers behind it. The parade is only one mile, but just in case that is too far for you to walk, there is a car for you to be driven. More details will be in the next addition of the Triple Links, but lets be proud of how we look in the Parade.

What's Happening?

October 2 ----- **Autumn**

Thur. October 3 --- **Grand Warden Official Visit**

Mountain View Odd Fellows, 8:00pm

Sat. October 5 ----- **Crepe Breakfast**

Clara Rebekah Lodge

1035 Emory Street, San Jose

October 16 ----- **Grand Encampment**

No meeting

Sun. October 20 -- **Pre-Halloween Youth Day**

2:00pm

1035 Emory Street, San Jose

Sun. November 3 ----- **Youth Game Day**

2:00pm

1035 Emory Street, San Jose

November 6 ----- **Harvest**

Pat Aanenson

November 20 ----- **Movie Night**

Don and Mary Lou Lang

Pizza and a Movie

December 4 ----- **Winter Lights**

Debra LaVergne

December 19 ----- **Roll Call Soup Supper**

Mary Lou Lang

6:30pm dinner

January 15 ----- **Last meeting/reports**

Don and Mary Lou Lang

BY Debra LaVergne

Last Hamburger Fry Date in 2019 Wednesday, October 30

Please come to the last Hamburger Fry of 2019 at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose.

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.

BY Debra LaVergne

Clara Rebekah Lodge # 34

Clara Rebekah lodge will be hosting the third, *and final*, Omelet Breakfast for 2019 on October 5th at 1035 Emory St. Hall in San Jose from 8:00 – 11:00 am. We are asking folks to *come early* this time since we will begin cleaning up by 10:30 am, due to another event in the state.

Come create your custom made Omelet or Crepe with beverages and sides included in the price. You build your own omelet by a checklist, which includes potatoes, juice, coffee & biscuit. They have an assortment of homemade jams, by **Debbie Shuler**, for the biscuits, which also can be purchased.

Our Omelet Breakfast is \$7.00, crepes for \$5.00, or you may purchase both in one order for \$11.00. They also make “take-out” orders when requested. Please join us for this delicious gathering of members, family, and friends. Hoping to see you there!

Hermenia Craft Sale

Hermenia Rebekah Lodge #49 will be having another craft sale on November 22, 23. and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 each day. Come and look for handcrafted Christmas Presents you may wish to give. Contact: **Jackie Brown 650 -208-2911.**

By Jackie Brown