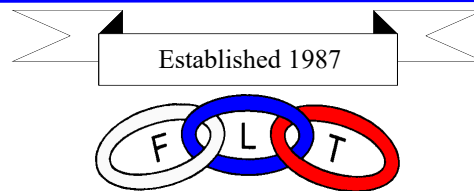


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Veterans Day Parade

On Thursday, November 11, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County will be holding the Veterans Day Parade in the heart of down town San Jose, Santa Clara and Market streets. All branches of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will again be taking part in the parade. Everyone is invited to take part with us, to honor our Veterans. Contact **Don Lang, 408 835-7261**, if you are interested. More information will be given next month. We ask that all taking part are vaccinated. We will gather at the True Fellowship lodge on Emery Street and car pool over to the parade area. It should be safe COVID wise, since it takes place outside.

By **Don Lang**

Session

The Grand Encampment, Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, Department Council Patriarchs Militant, and the Department Association Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant of California & Nevada will be holding their 2021 session in Visalia, CA, starting Sunday October 17 and ending on Thursday October 21. It will start with an opening and memorial service on Sunday and end with the Encampment Installation on Thursday evening. There will be a Banquet on Tuesday evening honoring all the Officers of the Department Council and the department Association.

Zoom Initiation Held

Cupertino Lodge #70, with the help from Mountain View Lodge #244, held a very successful Zoom Initiation on September 20th. This was the very first time, which to my knowledge, that this was done, at least in the immediate area. COVID 19 kept us from doing it in person and the continuous waiting for COVID to get better, was not fair to the new candidates in waiting. There was a total of 23 people who attended on the zoom initiation that evening.

There were supposed to be 9 candidates but two didn't show-up in Zoom. So we only initiated 7.

Allen Fox (Lodge #70)

Avner Braverman (Lodge #70)

Bruce Shem (Lodge #70)

De Tran (Lodge #70)

Rosa Rodriguez (Morse Lodge #257)

Margaret Brown (Morse Lodge #257)

Madison Jaynes (Maddy) (Morse Lodge #257)

Here are the contact information that is available for the candidates.

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De Tran, 408-234-4801, DTran1260@hotmail.com

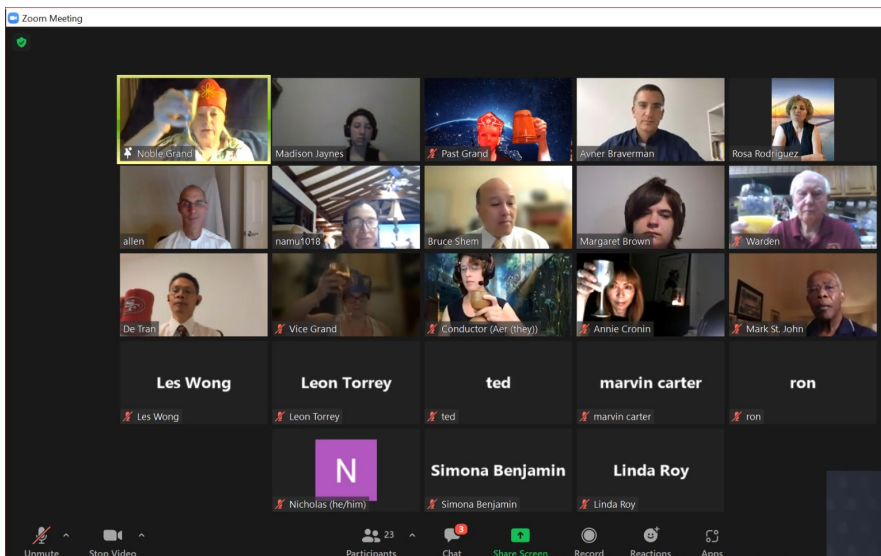
---Lodge #257 (Morse)

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MBrown21@MercyHSB.com, 415-619-4268
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Madison Jaynes - JaynesMadison72@gmail.com, 650-290-4948

These names were collected from the Video of the meeting. (See the attached picture.)

Here's a picture of everyone on Zoom that night. 23 members

By **Tom Blackburn & Don Lang**



Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Remodeling

Cupertino Lodge 70 is using this COVID time, while we have a shortage of renters, to fix up the lodge. **Ron Myres** our Noble Grand happens to be a contractor and is heading up this work. He has **Ted Wong** assisting him on most days. They replaced the front and back doors with brand new doors. The old ones would always be going out of adjustment preventing them from closing and locking properly. Now they work beautifully.

The other project is upgrading the restrooms to be ADA standards. Not only that, but all the water faucets and hand dryers are all automatic and are touchless. We thought this would be a good thing with all this COVID going around. The restrooms are not finished yet, but are targeted to be completed by mid October, in time of **Linnea Bredenberg's** Reception and a weekend Flower show renter.

By **Don Lang**



No Cupertino Oktoberfest

There will not be an Oktoberfest / Halloween Party this year, because the lodge members will be busy working on **Linnea Bredenberg's** reception which will be held at the lodge on October 24. So we will have to wait until next year, however, we can celebrate at Linnea's reception.

Wally Patapoff Passes

Walter P. Patapoff was born in East Los Angeles on 7-29-32 to proud parents George and Hazel. He attended Auclid Elementary. Stevenson Jr. High, Roosevelt High and Garfield High. It was at East Los Angeles College in a geometry class that he met **Grace**, the love of his life. They were married for 56 years, until her death in 2015. He graduated from Los Angeles State with a degree in Mathematics. Their daughter **Jeanette** was born in 1960 and son **Philip** in 1963. His first job was at AAISL in Ridgecrest, CA. His next job was at Data Dynamics in Monterey, CA. In 1970 he moved his family to Los Altos, CA and worked at Litton Computer until his retirement in 1992.

Walter and Grace traveled around the world, enjoyed tap and ballroom dancing, and played in a bowling league. Walter volunteered at the Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge #70 for 13 years. Walter was also partners with his brother James growing avocados in Escondido.

Walter died of stomach cancer on 9-8-21 and is survived by his son **Philip**, daughter **Jeanette**, son-in-law **Larry** and granddaughter **Tanya Stansfield**. A memorial was held at the Oddfellows Lodge, 20589 Homestead Rd., Cupertino CA 95014 on Monday, September 27th at 7:00pm.

Wally Patapoff's Lodge Service

The Odd Fellow Memorial Service was held in honor of **Wally Patapoff** on Monday, September 27, at 7:00 at the Cupertino Odd Fellow Lodge #70. There were 39 friends present in person and 9 monitoring on zoom. The Master of Ceremony was the **Noble Grand, Ron Myres**. It started with the presentation of the flag, by his son-in-law **Larry Stansfield** escorted by **Mal Hopkins** and **Annie Cronin**, District Deputy Grand Master. They then preceded to Drape the Odd Fellow charter, by the Warden, **Ted Guerrero**, after the principal Officers gave some sobering words. Then they held the Odd Fellow ceremony which was given by Noble Grand **Ron Myres** and Chaplain **Don Lang**. They proceeded to share memories of Wally, starting off with a short history of his life by Larry. Many others also shared their stories. Not only his Odd Fellow members but Wally's bowling friends. The flag was retired and all the attendees placed their evergreen on the table next to Wally's picture, represented that we will forever remember Wally's presence. Then everyone preceded to go into the dining room where we were treated to snack foods and a large assortment of special delicious cakes, all provided by Larry and **Jeanette**, Wally's daughter.

Wally was a great Odd Fellow, he was always there to help when needed, he was kind, fun to be around. Wally, during our Odd Fellow meetings, at the Good of the Order, would always tell us at least one joke.

He will be missed by all. Wally rest in peace and Thank You for your contribution to Odd Fellowship.

By **Don Lang**

Hermenia Rebekah Lodge #49 Mountain View

You have one more chance this year to purchase hand made Christmas Presents at the next Craft Sale which is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 19-21, 2021. Just in time for Christmas! Wonderfully useful items such as bookmarks, angel earrings, pot holders, wash cloths, baby blankets, booties, hats and bibs. Also we have shawls, scarves, hats for adults; in addition to blankets, afghans and pillows. Don't forget the soap bags, wine bags, tote bags, and baskets. There will be other items not mentioned that will tempt your pocketbook. All profits will go to charities as usual. The open hours on those three days will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. That is the weekend before Thanksgiving.

By *Jackie Brown*

Philotesian Rebekah Lodge #145

Philotesian Rebekah Lodge #145, has one meeting a month in Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 PM. Their Noble Grand, Mary Lou Lang still has back problems and is not ready to travel to lodge yet. Her sharp back pain has gone away with her cortisone needle, but she hasn't driven her car yet, do to her weakness' of her legs.

By *Don Lang*



Submitted by *Mary Lou Lang*



Mountain View IOOF #244

Just a reminder for all of Mountain View Lodge members and groups meeting there, that there is to be **no open flame** in the building including candles and incense. We will be able to use the gas range once it is hooked up again to the gas supply.

By Building Committee member.

First Degree Rehearsal on Zoom & Degree in Person on September 30th!

On September 30, 2021 the Mountain View Odd Fellows lodge will be hosting a first degree ceremony at 8pm at our lodge. We had a lovely rehearsal over the weekend and are ready to go! If you're interested in volunteering for the next 5th Thursday 1st Degree offering, please contact our lodge Chaplain, Aer van de Water (arikeh2o@gmail.com).

By Jessica Dickinson Goodman

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will once again be coming to the Cupertino Odd Fellow Lodge. We feel that this is worth while for the health of our community, so we want to make this easily accessible to our community.



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A 6-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for irregular heartbeat.

Osteoporosis Risk:

An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density.

We will be in your neighborhood soon: October 19, 2021

**Where: Odd Fellows Cupertino Lodge 70,
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Linnea's Reception

Linnea Bredenberg, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of California, who is a member of Cupertino Lodge #70 and an Associate member of Mountain View Lodge #244 will be honored and be celebrating with a reception on Sunday, October 24, 2021, for her. This was supposed to be a joint reception with the Grand Herald, **Matthew Finkelstein**, held at his lodge which is the Vallejo lodge #43. However, a few weeks ago, it was decided to be held at the Cupertino lodge instead, and the new reception Chairman, **Annie Cronin**, is running around, like crazy, trying to take care of all the things necessary for the reception. So we ask you all to hold this date open. It is expected that the lodge members attend this event. There usually is a small fee involved to help cover the expenses for some of the things with the reception, like the dinner, decorations and invitations.

By Don Lang