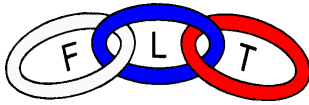


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Initiation Held on July 29th

There was 4 candidates conferred at the Initiation held at the Cupertino Lodge on July 29. They were **Mark St John** from Cupertino Lodge #70, **Martin Sanabria**, from Oceanview Lodge #143 and two candidates from Mountain View lodge #244, **Kaittyn Osman** and **Arika Van de Water**. The degree was very professional performed by the district degree team. This included music, incense and a dozen of long stem red roses. If you have never seen this degree conferred, and you are an Odd Fellow, we invite you to come and view or take part. This degree is conferred on the 5th Monday of the month, which comes up only 4 times a year.

The next one will be September 30. The December date doesn't usually take place due to the closeness to the Christmas holidays. There was around 22 members attending. Afterwards we all enjoyed Chicken drum sticks that our chef brother **Ted Wong** cooked up, with some members also having ice cream sandwiches.



From left to Right: **Arika Van de Water, Kaittyn Osman, Mark St John** and **Martin Sanabria**.

Initiation Degree September 30th

The district Degree team will again be conferring the Degree of Initiation on Monday, September 30th. It will be held at the Cupertino Hall on 20589 Homestead Rd in Cupertino, 8:00 PM. So get your candidates ready. You only have less than a month to go.

AMOS LOTO Convention

We had a great time at the 2019 AMOS & LOTO Supreme Convention held in Santa Cruz. There were 31 attendees in total, coming from California, Oregon, Texas, Illinois, Florida, and Washington DC. The Perfection Degree, the second and highest degree of AMOS was conferred on many members of Xanadu Sanctorum #321, including **Bill Boiko, Joe Brennan, Stark Dagesse, Nick Johnson, Carlos Juarez, Ron Myres, Wally Patapoff, Adam Potolsky, Henry S. Rosenthal**, and **Randy Schmidt**. These members are now hailed within AMOS as "Sheiks."

Some of the highlights of the Convention included the activities day in Santa Cruz lead by **Zoe Timmerman**, the fabulous convention merchandise effort lead by **Debra LaVergne**, and the auction lead by Henry S. Rosenthal. Another major highlight was the formal installation dinner banquet with Hawaiian music and hula dancing entertainment provided by Cupertino Lodge members **Ron Myres, Jim Kabage**, and **Les Wong** plus **Rose Mallari**.

It was great to get to meet Odd Fellows from around the country and show them how much fun California can be. We had rave reviews from many of the attendees and I'm sure we will get a chance to host the convention again in the future. Thank you to everyone who made this event as enjoyable as it was!

By **Michael Greenzeiger**, Convention Chairman and
Linnea Bredenberg Convention Chairlady

Mountain View Lodge Events

Lodge #244 would like to invite other Odd Fellows to attend three fun events in the next month, all at our lodge (823 Villa St, Mountain View, CA 94040):

1. Mad Hatters' Tea Party Sunday, September 1, 2019, 9:30am. Come and enjoy a mad brunch put-on by the young leaders of Theta Ro. [RSVP here](#).

2. Pop-Up Photography Gallery Saturday and Sunday September 21 - 22, 10am - 10pm Come and see our pop-up photography gallery, featuring photographs taken in 9 states, 9 national parks, over the course of 9 days. This event is a fundraiser to benefit organizations helping immigrant families in Santa Clara County and at the border. Donate \$25 to one of the selected charities (Bay Area Immigration Bond Fund, Freedom for Immigrants, Santa Clara County's Rapid response Network, Sacred Heart Community Service, PACT, and SIREN) and take home a beautiful hand-framed photo of the Mountain West. [RSVP here](#).

3. Rapid Response Network Info Session Thursday, September 26, 6:30 - 8pm Come and learn more about Santa Clara County's Rapid Response Network at an info session. Our Noble Grand volunteers as a Rapid Responder and has seen the positive impact this group brings to our communities. [RSVP here](#).

By **Jessica Dickinson Goodman**, Noble Grand

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Pauline Love

Pauline Love, a member of Cupertino Lodge, an associate member of Volcano Historical Lodge and also a Rebekah member of Freja Historical Lodge and Ceres Rebekah Lodge, passed away Aug 12. Pauline seems like she was a Rebekah all her life. She was a state officer twice for **Carolyn DeBoer**, PRAP and held many lodge offices, including Noble Grand in the Odd Fellows. A very nice Rebekah service was held for her at Friendship Hall at the Saratoga Retirement Home, where she lived. The Noble Grand was **Diane Urbano** Noble Grand of Freja, the Chaplain was **Mary Lou Lang**, Treasurer of Rebekah Assembly and the Vice Grand was **Don Lang**, Past Grand Master. Pauline was a very sweet, friendly, kind person and will greatly be missed by so many Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and friends.

August BBQ

Richard & Karen Sanico hosted the August Social on August 19 at the Cupertino Hall. The theme being, take a trip back to the sixties to the Summer of Love. As people entered they were treated with a Woodstock guitar style, by Rich. We all became flower children, with many of us wearing a live flower in or hair. Wonderful decorations were provided by **Linda Roy**. Chef **Ron Myres** and his crew helped Richard making the Hamburgers, foot long Hot Dogs, French fries, baked beans and Root Beer Floats. Our audio system was on and our large screen was down and songs of the 60's were played.

After dinning, we had **Chris Rebboah** CEO and **Claudia Sandoval**, Director of Fund Development of the Rebekah Children's Home give us a slide presentation on the Children's Home in Gilroy. It was very enlightening. At the end we asked many questions.

We were also privileged to have **David Toy** speak, he is having a fundraiser for the victims of the shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival.

Thanks to all who attended and all our volunteers who made it happen!



Third Degree

The third degree was conferred at True Fellowship Lodge #52 on August 14. There were 11 members who received the degree. They were **Annie Chen, Nicholas Lutz, Ted Guerrero, Ted Wong, Simona Benjamin**, and **Karen and Richard Sanico** from Cupertino Lodge #70. **Jeremy Satterfield, Mason Wolf** and **Anthony Cacao** from True Fellowship Lodge #52 and **Karen Lane** from Boulder Creek Lodge #152. Lets congratulate these members on becoming full 3rd degree members. Now they are qualified to become officers and to join the Encampment and Military branches of the Order.



Left to Right, First Row: Karen Sanico, Annie Chen, Richard Sanico, Simona Benjamin, Anthony Cacao; Second Row: Jeremy Satterfield, Ted Guerrero, Ted Wong, Nicholas Lutz, Third Row: Mason Wolf and Karen Lane.

Web Site & Other Enhancements

The Cupertino Lodge #70 has been busy with infrastructure updates. We still have a long way to go, but we have started work on, Web Site revamp, Member only access portal, Committee organization, Lodge facilities organization and updates. We also have future plans to offer online membership renewals, online Member interaction, Updated membership and advancement requirements, Organized lodge visits, and Sponsored Community events.

We have had many new, enthusiastic members beginning to actively participate in the improvement of our lodge.

FLT, *Les Wong, Membership Chair and Fin Secretary*

What's Happening at Philotesian?

September 4	-----	California
		<i>Don Lang</i>
September 18	-----	School Time
		<i>Don Lang</i>
October 2	-----	Autumn
October 16	-----	Grand Encampment
		<i>No meeting</i>
November 6	-----	Harvest
		<i>Pat Aanenson</i>
November 20	-----	Movie Night
		<i>Don and Mary Lou Lang</i>
		<i>Pizza and a Movie</i>
December 4	-----	Winter Lights
		<i>Debra LaVergne</i>
December 19	-----	Roll Call Soup Supper
		<i>Mary Lou Lang</i>
		<i>6:30pm dinner</i>
January 15	-----	Last meeting/reports
		<i>Don and Mary Lou Lang</i>

Theta Rho Council Meeting

Sigma Tau Theta Rho will host a Council Meeting on Sunday, September 15. The weekend will start with a 6pm dinner on Saturday, September 14, then a Movie Night. There will be a sleepover for the youth. After breakfast, the Council meeting will start at 10:00am. It is intended to be a training session for the Youth.

By *Debra LaVergne*

Hamburger Fry Dates in 2019

Sigma Tau Theta Rho girls (and members of 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 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.

Wednesday, September 25

Wednesday, October 30

Since the girls are planning to do at least one more 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 Fries during the year.

By *Debra LaVergne*

Hermenia Craft Fair

Hermenia Rebekah Lodge #49 will be having a fundraising craft fair September 6, 7, and 8th at the Mountain View IOOF Hall, 206 Castro Street, Mountain View from 10 - 4:30 p.m. each day. Plenty of items available including hanging towels, baby items such as bonnets, booties & blankets; aprons, afghans, tote bags, pot holders, wash cloths, soap bags, hats, scarves, earrings, wine bags, bookmarks, etc. Think Christmas and come buy your gifts from us. Proceeds go for School Supplies for First Graders at Castro and Mistral Schools in Mountain View. Contact: **Jackie Brown**

By *Jackie Brown*

Clara Rebekah Lodge # 34

Our lodge will be hosting the third, *and final*, Omelet Breakfast for 2019 on October 5th at the 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. Our Omelet Breakfast is \$7.00, crepes for \$5.00, or you may purchase both in one order for \$11.00. We also make "take-out" orders when requested. Please join us for this delicious gathering of members, family, and friends. Hoping to see you there!

Philotesian's Spaghetti Feed

The Philotesian Rebekah Lodge No. 145's held a Spaghetti Feed on Wednesday, August 21st, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Cupertino Hall. 16 Members and friends helped us celebrate our Guest Officer's Night. They brought food items to donate to the hungry, at West Valley Community Services. We enjoyed the Spaghetti & Meat Ball Dinner with Garlic Bread, Salad, Wine, Old fashion Seeded Watermelon, cookie's, Lemon-aid and Ice Tea. Everyone agreed that the old fashion watermelon was much sweeter than the seedless.

By *Mary Lou Lang, TRA*



News from Winston-Salem

The big news from Sovereign Grand Lodge was the election of Sister **Michelle Heckert** from Iowa as Sovereign Grand Warden. Sister **Ruth Earle** from Michigan was elected IARA Warden. **Earl Wys** from Illinois was elected Executive Officers of the GMC. Sister **Debra LaVergne** was elected 2nd VP IALAPM.

Sister Debra LaVergne attended the annual sessions in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She was the alternate representative for California Department Association LAPM to the International Association LAPM sessions, and served the session as typist.

Part of the entertainment at the Opening Banquet was a performance of the 1821 Initiatory Degree. Sister Debra gave the Past Grand charge.



Sister **Patty Heighton**, President of IARA, is an active member of the LAPM and asked the IALAPM to seat her officers one day. 32 Ladies went over to help with that.

Sister Debra did skip out on IALAPM session for a while on Wednesday morning to take the Sword Proficiency Test. Changing uniforms from LAPM to Canton, then back to LAPM uniform took longer than the actual test. She did well, and earned **First Class in Swordsmanship**.

In 2015, the IALAPM agreed that if the LAPM membership dropped by 20%, the process of consolidating LAPM into PM would begin. The LAPM membership has dropped enough to set that off. Part of the process is electing a Past President of IALAPM into the 2nd Vice President spot because IALAPM will go away before the person would get to be President.

By **Debra LaVergne, PPIALAPM**

Octoberfest/Halloween Party

Cupertino 70's Octoberfest / Halloween party will be on Saturday, October 26, 2019. So save the date. Remember you need to RSVP to **Don Lang** in order to be able to come to this annual event. Costumes are encouraged. donlang@sbcglobal.net

Festival of Trees

The Children's Home 17th annual Festival of Trees will take place on Saturday, November 16th, 2019 at the Granada, 17440 Monterey Rd, Morgan Hill. 6 - 10 PM. Tickets are \$125 per person. Some times Cupertino Lodge gets a table for 10.

This is the Children's Home big fund raiser, where they auction off Christmas Trees, (which have many big gifts under the tree), raffles and a silent auction. They also have a big dinner which some of our members usually attend. The dress code to the event is formal with champagne and wine served.

Cupertino's last BBQ

The Cupertino's final BBQ of the season will take place at the Cupertino Lodge on Monday, September 16. **Ted Wong**, head Chef, has it all planned out already. His kitchen team is fixed and he is taken names of the rest of his helpers. The menu is :

- Barbecue Chicken and Vegetables
- Pork baked beans
- Vegetarian chili
- Potato salad
- Dinner rolls
- Corn on the cob
- Watermelon

1 Kosher meal for **Michael**.

RSVP to: EventBrite

