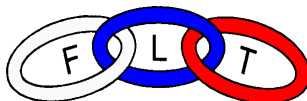


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Initiation

The Initiation degree set for August 30th, which was going to be held at the Cupertino Lodge 70, was postponed at their second meeting in August. There are 4 Cupertino candidates and one candidate coming down all the way from San Francisco, Morse Lodge and I hear that Mountain View Lodge also has now 2 candidates. This was all due to the Delta variant of COVID 19. The worry was that the in person degree, could possibly bring home to the children in their family, who were just starting school, the virus. So we voted to hold it on zoom, however the date was not chosen. It is highly likely that it will be held on the third Monday of either September or October, However, if those dates turn out to be bad for to many members or the candidates, it could be put off to another date which could really be any day in the week. We will be in contact with the candidates and some of the degree team who have signed up to confer the degree. So please be looking for the new date. During this pandemic time, we need to stay flexible and be patient and allow the different parts to all come together, so that the degree can happen.

By **Don Lang**, editor



Fundraiser Craft Sale

Hermenia Rebekah Lodge #49 will be having it's Fundraiser Craft Sale on the Weekend after Labor Day, September 11 & 12. All are welcome, bring cash. No credit cards or phone money will be accepted this year. Will have Baby booties, blankets, & hats. Afgans, blankets, ponchos, scarves, hats, messy bun hats, fingerless gloves, coasters, pot holders. tote bags, aprons, hanging towels, hangers, etc. Come one, come all. Everyone is welcome. Please wear mask.

By **Jackie Brown**, Secretary

Monthly Hamburger Fry is Back

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.

Dates for the year 2021 are
Wednesday, September 29
Wednesday, October 27

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

\$3.75 - Hamburger with all the trimmings

\$4.00 - 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 Kingsmen Junior Odd Fellows Lodge.

By **Debra LaVergne**

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Leif Landin

Leif Landin just passed away from Colon cancer. His wife **Ingrid Landin**, passed away few weeks before Leif, from a long battle with bone marrow cancer. Leif was a member of Caritas Lodge #34 in Malmo Sweden. Leif had colon cancer that spread to his kidneys and was kind of sudden..

This is the Story that connects our lodges with Leif:

Leif would come out to California and visit his son and his wife and after awhile his grandson starting around 1994. He would time his visit such that it would coincide with one of our Cupertino Meetings. During his visit, almost every year, we would also go out to eat dinner at Marianne's restaurant with a small group of our members and their wives. Brother's **Don Moody** and **Gordon Mason** and myself went and visited them in Malmo. I went, with **Mary Lou** and my Grand Marshal's wife **Marcia Weaver**, and visited them as Grand Master of California during the time they were celebrating their lodge's 100 year anniversary, in 2002. One other of Caritas' lodges brother came over and visited us too, but I forgot what his name was. Leif gave us a small banner from their lodge and we would trade small gifts like Odd Fellow ties and clasp pins.

They wrote and publish a 20 page stapled booklet or Newsletter a couple times a year. Leif wrote a two and a half page article on Cupertino lodge, during his visit with us. He had one picture of the front of our lodge with our Three Links sign and behind our NG podium, with was Leif was standing behind it, as he is addressing our lodge during Good of the Order . He had another picture of myself standing behind a different podium. Of course the story was in Swedish and I could not tell what he really said. However, in his talks at our lodge he would say that he could follow our meetings, because they were very similar to theirs. But, they also have parts that are different. They have a part in their meetings where they just sit and listen to classical music. They have 2 year terms where a new members would have to serve as waiters and take care of the other brothers during their dinners. They would have a dinner after every one of their meetings, with much drinking going on and with toasting one another across the room. Lots of fun and laughing going on. They would be in very formal dress during their lodge activities, with not just tuxedos, but tux's with tails! Their dues were also very expensive, in the neighborhood of \$500 a year.

You know we have a section on our website where we talk about benefits of being an Odd Fellow, but I am not sure this one is listed there. All the life long friendships we make, at our lodge and other lodges throughout state and even in other country's. And with that all the opportunities that it presents and gives you to travel to all those new wonderful places and visit and see.

By *Don. Lang, editor*

Octoberfest

This year's Octoberfest, if we are able to hold it, will be held on Saturday, October 16th. The Octoberfest event menu is still up in the air. We may need to make changes due to the Pandemic and we are also thinking about other changes in the program. So stay tuned in for the latest news.

By *Don Lang, editor*

No Social for September

Since the COVID 19 is still running wild and we just had a social last month and we are planning for a big one, the Octoberfest, in October, the Cupertino lodge decide not to hold a social in September. We are still getting very few renters, due to the pandemic. We even decided to cancel all renters for August and had to give back one renters deposit. We wanted to be extra safe and not be the cause of spreading COVID 19 within our lodge, because by chance, our renter was slack in following all the CDC health regulations. Anyway, we hope to see you all in October.

By *Don Lang, editor*

Last Month's Social

Cupertino 70's August Gone' Fishing Dinner, on August 16, was a great success! The lodge came together and volunteered to prepare Baked Salmon with Mashed Potatoes and Greek Salad. For dessert we enjoyed New York Cheesecake with whipped cream and blue berries. We prepared in total 50 meals and about half of the meals were picked up and enjoyed at home by our members. It was wonderful to have the members of the lodge again sharing a meal and participating in the cookout. We all had fun !

By *Simona Benjamin, Vice Grand*

Filming in the Garden

The Pollinator Project Foundation, which gave the community garden a grant for \$1000, is sending a videographer on September 25, 2021 to document all of the good work in the garden. If you'd like to be interviewed about your work, please plan to come help at the garden from 8:30am - 12:30pm (St. Stephens-in-the-Field Episcopal Church, 7269 Santa Teresa Blvd, San Jose, CA 95139). In fact, anyone in the Odd Fellows community is welcome to come and help out in the garden from 8:30am - 12:30pm, every Saturday. Come harvest seeds, plant seedlings, learn about (or teach) native plant gardening, or just enjoy some fellowship. Email or text me (650-804-9044 | Jessica.Dickinson.Goodman@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

By *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*



Electronic Worlds @ Mountain View IOOF

On Saturday, August 28, 2021 the Mountain View Odd Fellows lodge hosted Electronic Worlds concert, showcasing four local electronic music and video artists. **Sibling Sally** and I co-hosted the event which brought in dozens of community members and celebrated the first in-person event of the lodge since the beginning of the pandemic. Learn more about the artists and the [Mountain View lodge's resuming monthly pop-up art gallery series on their event page](#).

By *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*

