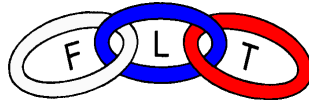


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True Fellowship Cookie Exchange

On Saturday December 17th there will be a holiday cookie exchange, baking projects, cookie and gingerbread decorating at True Fellowship lodge in San José from 2-4 pm. Come for the whole time or just drop by for part of it.

To participate in the exchange, bring a plate of holiday treats such as cookies and an empty Tupperware. Set up your treats to give away and collect goodies into your container to take home with you.

There will be sugar cookies and gingerbread cookies to decorate. To participate: show up! Cookies and colored frosting will be available.

There will also be gingerbread house decorating. To participate: RSVP to Debbie Wolf at debbiewolf01@gmail.com and let her know if you would like to have a gingerbread house to decorate or will be bringing your own kit. Decorator and royal icing provided. Candies to decorate with are potluck style. Please bring something to share.

Finally, we'll be making our kitchen available for your own holiday baking projects. To participate: RSVP to Jane janegbeckman@gmail.com if you would like to use the ovens for your own bake project or to offer to help someone else's. Bring your own mixer and ingredients. We have cookie sheets, fridge, ovens.

By *Mason Wolf*

Coming Up Degrees Scheduled

At this time there is no information of any scheduled Installations or Degrees that will take place in January. However, all the lodges will probably schedule their Installations soon and I know there are Initiation Candidates who are waiting the Initiation degree.

By *Don Lang, editor*

District Planning Meeting

Please read the article on page 4 of this Newsletter. It gives you information on the District Meeting with all the lodges in the district that allows us to get the information for our printing of the District Directory or our Program Year Book, plus make sure that the lodges can hold their planned Lodge Events for the 2023 year. The meeting makes sure there are no conflicts with other lodges in the district or other events at the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly level. It will be held at the Cupertino Lodge on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 AM

By *Don Lang, editor*



Veterans Day Parade

This years San Jose Veteran's Day Parade was a great success with 75 entries of which we were number 65. Our Cupertino's Lodge was well represented with 7 of the 16 members in our Odd Fellow section. We were small but looked sharp. Several could not come because they caught COVID.

The weather turned out to be very nice with the sun shining brightly during our march. Our section started with three young girls carrying the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Banner, followed by our Military members in uniform, carrying the American and California flags with their escorts. Then came the odd fellows wearing their lodge shirts with their lodge collars. Finally came the 1930 antique car driven by True Fellowship member **Jane Beckman** the car owned by her husband **Andrew Crockett**. Lastly, my Honda Odyssey driven by **Mason Wolf**, with passenger **Will Shulyer**, acting as Grand Master. Our real **Grand Master, Reggie Fleeman** was at his lodge cooking for some veterans, who were being honored there. **Debra LaVergne, Warden of Rebekah Assembly** carried the California flag while **Fred Dolling, Deputy Grand Master** was one of the escorts for the American flag.

By *Don Lang, editor*



Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship



Cupertino Lodge #70 New Year's Party and Kani Ka Pila

Come join us in the lodge for a celebration of 2022 and welcoming in 2023 (New York time). The gathering starts at 5pm in our dining room and will go until 9pm when the ball drops in New York.

The lodge will be providing Pizza and Beverages, and all are invited to share their favorite side dish or dessert in a Potluck. Please send an email to events@cupertinooddfellows.org, or reply to the event email sent to members, with the number in your party and what dish you can bring. The list will be shared to all invited to help each to select which dish to bring. To check the list of what others already pledged to bring, please go to <http://www.cupertinooddfellows.org/new-years>.

Dinner starts at 5:30pm. Music and Hula starting at 7pm. This event is free to all members and guests.

By *Jim Kabage*

Cupertino Lodge #70 2022 Christmas Party

On November 30th, the lodge had it's Christmas party to benefit Toys for Tots San Jose. There were nearly 70 people including 10 or so members. There were even a few prospective members. We collected \$620 in cash and about two dozen toys. The lodge voted to match up to \$500, so the total donation to Toys for Tots was \$1120. Maybe this will become a recurring event to support Toys for Tots.

In the photos, you see some of our members and other guests as well as dancers in their marshmallow skirts about to dance to "Marshmallow World." Music was provided by the Laule'a Hawaiian Band with lodge members, Noble Grand Ron Myres, Les Wong and Jim Kabage.

By *Jim Kabage*



The Festival of Trees

The Rebekah Children's Service in Gilroy, had their big annual fund raiser, the Festival of Trees and 14 members and guests from Cupertino Lodge were there to enjoy it and contribute. As you can see from the pictures, everyone is dressed in their finest clothes. **Mary Lou** and **I** were guests of **Gayle Joslin** a director of the home and large contributor to the home. We sat at her table and were invited to enter an hour earlier than other guest, where we got to meet the entertainers and have some hors d'oeuvres.

Most of our members sat at the Cupertino Lodge Table which included **Noble Grand Ron Myres** and his wife **Susan**, **Mal Hopkins** and **Mary**, **Mark St John** and **Judy**, **Leon** and **Margaret Torrey** and **Annie Cronin**. **Tom Blackburn** and his wife **Lilly** were also sitting a Gayle's Table.

The dinner was delicious, with plenty of wine. The entertainment was great, with the theme of the night, being the Roaring Twenty's, and many people, beside the performers, were dressed for the occasion.

After the the dancers performed and a few speeches given on how wonderful the Children's Home programs were and all the good things happening there, the live auction started. The beautiful Christmas Trees went for 3 and 4 thousand dollars. Our own Annie bid on a tree, which included four 49er tickets, plus other items and won. I believe I heard her say that she will donate the tree to the lodge after the holidays. Then came "Raise your Paddle" where guest would donate to the Home. There were also many gift baskets that were raffled off.

It all took place in Morgan Hill at the Willow Heights Mansion. The drive way out there and up the mountain on a very windy road was pretty bad, and was even worse coming home.

All and all it was fun and the Children's Home did get a lot of donations. I am looking forward to going again next year.

By **Don Lang, editor**



Wednesday: December 7, 2022

When: Sunday, December 18th, 2022 at 3 PM at Cupertino IOOF Hall.

To: Incoming Noble Grands, Rebekah & Odd Fellow Lodge Secretaries:

This meeting is for the **scheduling of all district**, public social and fund-raising events for the **2023-year** and to get information to print in the District Directory. Please have your current **Secretary** fill out the included information to ensure that the dates your lodge wants, will be reserved. (Remember you must get a dispensation from your District Deputies to hold any public, social or fund-raising events, in the name of Odd Fellows.

Please include your choice of dates for all your special events and fund-raisers. Remember no district event may be scheduled if a Rebekah Assembly or Grand Lodge event like a reception, special session or meeting is taking place within a 50-mile radius. As far as we know today, the dates for 2023 are:

January 1, & 2 nd , 2023	Game January 1 st Rose Parade January 2 nd	Pasadena
March 4, 2023	March Meeting Special Session Reb. Assembly	Redondo Beach
April 9th, 2023	Easter Sunday	FYI
May 17 th to 21 st , 2023	Grand Lodge & Rebekah Assembly	Modesto
June 3, SAT, 2023	New Grand Master/Rebekah Assembly President	Reception
June 23 th , & 25 th , 2023	Youth Camp Festival	Long Barn
August 13 ^h to 20 th , 2023	SGL & IARA Joint Sessions	Winston/Salem
September 4th, 2023	Labor Day	FYI
September 16th, 2022	Volcano Home Coming (any member may go)	Volcano
October 7th or 14th, 2023	Golden Valley Day Special Session Reb. Assembly	Bay Area/
Sacramento		
October 17 th – 21 st , 2023	Grand Encampment/Department Council	Visalia
October 31st, 2023	Halloween	Mountain View
Event		
November 11th, 2024	Veteran's Day Parade (SATURDAY)	San Jose

USE the 2022 yearbook page from your lodge's pages (please correct all changes in red), the information needed for this year's **District Directory** is to be filled out either by your **Noble Grand-elect** or **Secretary** and is to be brought or emailed/snail-mailed by December 18th to Don & Mary Lou Lang, 11220 Monterey CT, Cupertino, CA 95014. marlang@msn.com. Your Noble Grands-elect should ask their officers to serve now. You can always make changes in your program before the **publication deadline** which is on **December 31st**. This year we request **Lodges' & members' E-Mail address**, this is for mailing out the District News Letter. District Deputies Annie Cronin & Diane Urbano will decide to accept all your dates. Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly's Officers reception dates if any that are in our area will be available at the December meeting.

District Directories will be printed & available for distribution by the first Installation in January. Every Lodge is asked to pay for at least five directories, if your lodge needs more or less than the five, please just let us know when you return your information so we can have enough printed. Each Directory is still only \$2.00. That is the cost of printing only – this covers postage, assembling & binding – We do this service to help to all Branches, District Lodges, and Deputies; as this is quite time consuming, please make every effort to adhere to the deadlines. Emergencies and illness do accrue and we will make every effort to accommodate your difficulties. We appreciate and encourage your consideration for the fact that, **first time Lodge Officers** may need more time - so - **Please** if you are a pro - **any early entries are welcome**. My computer crashed after 200 corrections; The Publisher Program I used scrambled last year's work %\$#@&?

Hermentia Craft Show

Hermentia Rebekah Lodge #49 in Mountain View is having another Fundraiser Craft Sale December 9, 10, & 11 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come and scout out your Christmas Presents early. Remember, we take Cash Only. Hope to see you there. Lots of choices in which to browse.