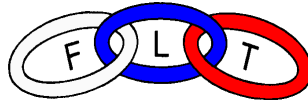


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The Triple Links Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

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Established 1987



Come one, come all

To: 1035 Emory Street on February 4th 2023
We have a full day of events planned.

- 8:00 – Omelet and Crepe Breakfast:
Omelets are \$10.00 each and include potatoes
& biscuits and beverages
Crepes are \$5.00 each
Both for \$13.00 for each per person
- 11:30 – Breakfast is finished cooking
1:00 – Installation of officers of True Fellowship & Clara
– Includes installation of 11 new members
2:00 – Installation of Barnes Encampment
3:00 – Installation of Santa Clara Canton

By *Debbie Shuler, Treasurer*

Initiation Jan 30th at Cupertino

There was a great Initiation degree conferred on Monday January 30 at the Cupertino Lodge #70. We had 17 candidates in all from three different Lodges, True Fellowship #52 with 11 new members, Cupertino #70 with 4, (1 already initiated by Zoom) and all the way from Stockton, was Stockton lodge #11, with 2 candidates. We needed to acquire extra equipment for all those candidates that we had. Our District Deputy Grand Master **Annie Cronin**, thanks all three lodges for coming together and conferring the degree on all those new members. Another one is planned for Monday, February 20 at Cupertino Lodge.

By *Don Lang*

First Degree in Mountain View in 2023

Mountain View Lodge (#244) is planning to host first degrees on 5th Thursdays in 2023. We invite candidates from other lodges in the district to attend our first degrees. Please email the Vice Grand, Aer van de Water (arikeh2o@gmail.com) at the start of the relevant month if you have a candidate or an Odd Fellow who wishes to volunteer for a role that month.

Should you wish to join us in organizing or attending first degree, here are the dates for 2023:

March 23 (practice) and March 30 (1st degree)
June 22 (practice) and June 29 (1st degree)
August 24 (practice) and August 31 (1st degree)
November 23 (practice) and November 30 (1st degree)

For other degrees, we are hoping to be able to send our candidates to other lodges in the district, just as we are hoping you will send your candidates for 1st degree to ours. We are very glad for Cupertino's long-standing tradition of organizing the initiatory degree.

By *Aer van de Water*



Picture by *Tom Blackburn*

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Linnea Receives Jewel



Live Hawaiian Music by Ben Kaili from Hilo

Guest stars:

Dwight Tokumoto on steel

Stan Meidinger on bass

Hula Guest: Kumu Meleana Manuel

Friday FEB 3, 2023

Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge #70

20589 Homestead Road

Cupertino, CA 95014

Doors open at 6pm

Show 6:30 to 8:30pm

\$20 paid in advance

\$25 at door

Seating is limited so Please RSVP # of seats to:

les.maverick@gmail.com

Please also indicate payment method:

PayPal. Venmo, check or cash.

I will reply with payment instructions

You can also prepay at Open Mic and at Kani Ka Pila.

CDs will be on sale \$20 each

Pancake Breakfast



Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge 70

20589 W. Homestead Rd, Cupertino 95014

14th Annual Herman DeVille

Memorial Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser for the City of Hope Cancer Center

Saturday, March 18, 2023 8:00 to 10:00 am

\$10.00 donation

Free breakfast for same day Lodge membership applications.

\$50 application fee required.

Donations also accepted:

Online at [The City of Hope](https://www.thecityofhope.org).

OR Checks made out to Cupertino Odd Fellows, mailed to the address above, or dropped off at the event.

Indoor & Outdoor dining or Boxes to go!
(while supplies last)



Menu

Pancakes

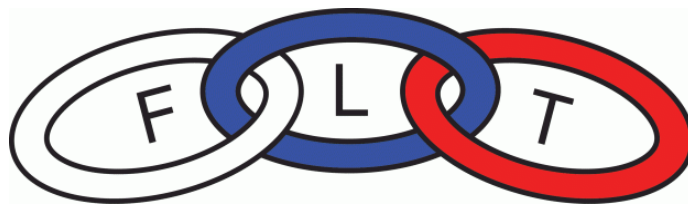
Scrambled Eggs

Country Potatoes

Sausage

Orange Juice and Coffee

Silicon Valley Odd Fellows



This year I am honored to be the Noble Grand of Mountain View lodge 244. It is a lot of responsibility and I hope to do justice to the role.

The triple links, represent our principles: Amicitia, Amor et Veritas - Friendship, Love and Truth. It is important each year to reflect on these principles, and to interpret them afresh for ourselves in how we continue to promote personal and social development in our lodge.

My interpretation and focus as Noble Grand for this year will be on **Relevance, Guardianship and Kindness**,

Relevance

We are fraternal organization right on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View. Since we acquired our building, this area has seen great change. Mountain View is the home of Google. We are in the middle of Silicon Valley with the future of information and AI technology being rapidly built around us, with all its social and economic ramifications.

Our founding mantra was to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan". That mantra is as relevant today as it was then. As we know, basic human needs do not change throughout time but nothing stands still and today to be relevant in 2023, we need to go beyond our basic mantra. We need to reach out. We need to think about our relationship to the city, and to everyone in our community for whom this lodge could be a source of support - what can we add, what can we do better? We need to let the people who walk down Castro Street know who we are.

We are becoming better known thanks to Jessica Dickenson- Goodman and the other members of the Outreach Committee who have brought groups in to use our lodge.

We also need to think of our fellow Oddfellows. How can our lodge become more relevant to them? How can we grow closer as a lodge? How can we grow as a lodge?

Guardianship

Our lodge on Castro Street allows us to gather for meetings and social events. We are blessed to be able to let the larger community use our lodge. Like any relationship, we need to provide nurture to our physical space. Our building is a source of pride. It is important that we focus appropriate resources each year into improving our lodge, so we are continuously handing a better, more vibrant, and better looking lodge on to the next year, and, indeed, to the next generation.

Kindness

Lastly and most importantly let us practice kindness. Coming out of this pandemic, I suspect most of us are somewhat worse for wear, less tolerant, more fearful and somewhat less kind to the people around us.

When we meet our siblings, sisters and brothers in our lodge or on Zoom we have the opportunity where we are able to refresh our ability to be consistently **kind** and **inclusive** to each other and to those who use our lodge. We should all pay attention to our everyday interactions and use this year as a chance to keep improving. Perhaps we can adopt the philosophy of Thumper, a little rabbit in the movie Bambi, If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

In F, T and L, Ria Toolis, NG of Mountain View, Lodge 244



Mountain View Lodge #244, Welcomes a new potential member



By Jessica Dickinson Goodman

Hillside Finished at Community Garden

For 3 years we've been sheet mulching approximately 2000 sq ft of hillside in preparation for planting a grass mosaic. We've already planted 45+ native trees and shrubs back in March 2021. Sheet mulching is an organic process of suppressing weeds by laying down cardboard and then mulch, which decomposes over 6-18 months, suppressing the weed seed library, and allowing us to plant intended native plants that we're growing from seed. We aim to cover the entire hillside with different sizes of beautiful native grasses, but first we needed to get rid of the invasive, nonnative grasses. Thus the sheet mulching. Lodge members have donated cardboard, picked it up at local liquor stores and organizations, and carefully laid it down, staked it in, and covered it with mulch.

Fall is the planting season for native plants, so next Fall we'll be back to planting grasses on the hillside. But in the meantime, we've made incredible progress in finishing sheet mulching the whole thing. Huge thanks to the many, many Odd Fellows who have helped make this happen!

— By *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*



Mardi Gras in style:

Considering all of the chaos in the world, I wanted to promote peace and in doing so with: a dash of liberation, a zest of community, simmering fun, and music brewing and stewing is why I am super excited in hosting our very first annual Mardi Gras party in style on February 21, 2023, at the True Fellowship #52 Odd Fellows Lodge located at 1035 Emory Street in San Jose. You can score tickets in advance at our new website, true52.org.

A little basting history about Mardi Gras which originated in the United States during the year 1703 located in Mobile, Alabama comes as a surprise for some due to when some think of Mardi Gras, they think of jazz music, dancing, and New Orleans. With the first celebrations in Mobile, Alabama the festivities in New Orleans, Louisiana did not occur until the 1730s. Moreover, the meaning of Mardi Gras is Fat Tuesday, and why the celebration takes place which is the day to get rid of the unhealthy fats in one's refrigerator.

Next with the history are just a few facts about Mardi Gras which are:

Mardi Gras is the Carnival season which is from January 6 (The Three Kings) and ends on Fat Tuesday.

Mentioning the famous phrase, "throw me something, mister" at a parade will score you some Mardi Gras throws or some toys.

Traditionally, King cake is the famous Mardi Gras treat and the person who finds a baby doll in their slice is said to have good luck all the year and is responsible for bringing a King cake to the next party.

Furthermore, with the Mardi Gras celebrations, comes the colors purple which symbolizes justice, green symbolizes faith, and gold symbolizes power. The beads which are referred to as throws are thrown at parades based on the qualities people exhibit. For example, a friend throws another loyal friend green throws (beads).

In conclusion, with all of the celebrations and the meaning behind Mardi Gras, let's get brewing and get that pot of jambalaya out!!

By **Zandria Elber**, only one day a member