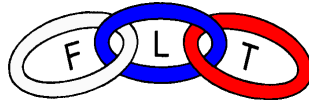


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Initiation Held via Zoom

Cupertino Lodge 70 held a zoom video Initiation on the fifth Monday of January with 2 candidates, one from Cupertino 70, **Victoria Carmo-na**, wife of Cupertino member and one from Mountain View Lodge 244, **Shafqat Khan**. The degree was very successful and professionally run by a small Initiation team lead by **Annie Cronin**, **Simona Benjamin**, **Debra LaVergne**, **Ron Myres**, **Tom Blackburn** and **Don Lang**. The new initiates will be required to receive the Degree of Initiation in person before they can become full pledged third degree members. Congratulation Victoria and Shafqat and enjoy your time in the lodge and we hope you do your part to make this world a better place to live in.

By **Don Lang**, editor

Grand Master Reception

Mountain View Odd Fellows Lodge #244, Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge #70 and Philotesian Rebekah Lodge #145 wish to invite you to a **Roaring Twenties** themed reception honoring our member, **Michael Greenzeiger**, the **Grand Master of California** on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at Cupertino Odd Fellows Hall, 20589 Homestead Road, Cupertino.

Brunch will be at Noon in the Dining Room. Cost is \$15 per person. Make checks payable to Mountain View Odd Fellows #244, and mail to **Debra LaVergne**, 2369 Saint Francis Drive, Palo Alto CA 94303-3136.

The formal Reception will be in the Lodge Hall at 1:00 pm and will also be virtual. Please email Debra debra.ella@gmail.com by March 19 to receive a link.

Cake and coffee will be served after the reception.

By **Debra LaVergne**

District #3 Official Visit & Meeting

You are invited to a Rescheduled to Spring District Meeting for District #3 and Official Visit of President Mary Sellers to Philotesian Rebekah Lodge #145 on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Cupertino Odd Fellows Hall, 20589 Homestead Road, Cupertino.

There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. Since Philotesian is providing KFC, please bring salads, or side dishes. Meeting will be at 7:30 pm

Cake and coffee will be served after the meeting.
It is an official visit, so, Ladies and Gentlemen, please dress up.

By **Debra LaVergne**

Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge 70 20589 W. Homestead Road

13th Annual Herman DeVille

Memorial Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser for the City of Hope Cancer Center

Saturday, March 12, 2022 8:00 to 11:00 am

\$10.00 donation

Donations also accepted:

Online at www.cupertinooddfellows.org/cityofhope

Checks to Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge 70

P.O. BOX

Cupertino, CA 95015

Indoor & Outdoor dining or Boxes to go!



Menu

Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Country Potatoes
Sausage
Orange Juice and Coffee



*Free breakfast for same day Lodge membership applications.
\$50 application fee required.*

The Hamburger Fry returns

Assuming that Santa Clara County will have lifted the indoor mask mandate, the first Hamburger Fry of 2022 at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose will be on Wednesday, March 30.

There will be homemade desserts as well as the usual hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and chili.

Doors open at 5:45 pm. Serving 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 the potential new Junior Odd Fellows Lodge.

Other Hamburger Fry Dates in 2022 are April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28, and October 26.

By **Debra LaVergne**

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

The Story about Cupertino's Pancake Breakfast

*I can't remember when our first Pancake Breakfast was held, all I know is it was some time ago. Back then, Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges would hold many such breakfasts. Some would be big and many would be small. But whatever they were, they would be supported by many members of all lodges. In the area The breakfasts would have a theme, like St Patrick's Day or Valentine's Day or even Mother's Day. The money would either go to either pay the rent or would go to some favorite charity. And so it was for our lodge, until 2008. What happened then? Well one of our hard working Brothers, **Herman DeVille**, who was a Trustee, a handy man who spent many long hours at the lodge, and who also spent time organizing Cupertino's Pancake breakfast every year. He was the main cook. Well during the previous year, he developed cancer and he spent too many long hours fighting a losing battle. He passed away on 8/10/07. We all were devastated, especially **Betty** his wife.*

The next time we held our pancake breakfast, we asked Betty who she would like to donate the money we collected for. After a short time, she replied PAMF, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, for families with cancer. So, our **Herman DeVille Pancake Breakfast** was born. Since then we have been holding them every year, normally in March. The lodge would pay for all the food and supplies and all donations would go to the charity, including the Lodges donation which would always round it up to some round number. The later years, when we were fortunate enough to have rent income, the donations were larger. Betty had a large family and they all came and helped out with the breakfast. Some cooked, like her son, others took orders like her young grandson and others served. This continued every year until Betty moved to Sacramento. The first several years the donations continued to PAMF for cancer families, and then we changed it to cancer research at PAMF. Then later **Michael Greenzeiger** mentioned that he was a cancer survivor when he was a child in Boston, so we donated to the hospital that treated him. We also heard that the City of Hope has a very good program in cancer research so we switch to supporting them. The one thing that continues is that the lodge members all support this and comes all out to make this breakfast a special successful event. Each year it gets a little bigger and we seem to make little more money for fighting cancer. I am pretty sure that will happen again this year. Lets make sure it does.

By **Don Lang**, editor

Cupertino Renters

After almost two years under the cloud of COVID, things are finally looking brighter for Cupertino Lodge. We are starting to get back to more normal times and we have picked up some Saturday party renters. However, we did lose our big week day renter, the Indian Community Center and two of our monthly one session renters, the long time Cupertino Grange and the Notational Association of Watch & Clock Club, who have been renting from us for over forty years. Luckily we still have our Hawaiian and our Aikido Clubs that are still hanging on. See **Karen Sanico's** article on the Hawaiian Club, Kanikapila, activities.

By **Don Lang**, editor

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby at Lodge

On your mark...get set...go! Cub Scout Pack 411 held their annual Pinewood Derby on January 29, 2022 in Lodge 70's dining hall. Pinewood Derby is a fun event for Cub Scouts and their parents, especially Dads, to turn a block of pinewood into a speedy race car. All cars must adhere to size and weight specifications but can be decorated according to each entrant's preferences. Lodge 70 supports this exciting and memorable event and congratulates each of the young racers!

By **Karen Sanico**



Friendship and Harmony

People see harmony from their own standpoint. And that is usually only what they want to see. Harmony is more about matching yourself to another. Harmony may not look like what you want. Harmony might even feel disturbing. And may not be easy to take. So, what is a harmonious relationship?

Friendship is a key tenet in Odd Fellows. We all know what friendship means. Or do we?

It is easy being friendly with someone who agrees with you. But what if someone yells at you and tells you things that are uncomfortable to hear, true or not from your standpoint. That's not an easy situation to be friendly about. You might even carry a grudge against such a person for a very long time. How do you control that?

Friendship is a huge step that we ask our lodge members to take. Friends get upset with friends. There is always a reason. If you don't try to find the reason, then a darker side might take over you. However, you have the power and opportunity to learn about yourself in such situations. And it may not be easy.

My dad told me to walk a mile in someone's shoes to see from their side. I heard the same thing from my Aikido teacher. Blending is one Aikido concept that especially applies to making harmony. Aikido teaches blending by having the body move with another person, like a dance. Once you learn to control your body to blend, then your mind starts working the same way. It also works the other way. If your mind broods on something, you are training yourself to act poorly towards others. It's not the other person's job to change. It's your job to change.

We don't often berate or yell at each other in our lodge. But if you are lucky enough to have someone care enough to tell you harsh truths, please feel honored that they care. Try to see past your inner emotions. Try to blend with what you have been told and see things from their side. There is always a good reason. If you only see bad reasons, you haven't blended enough. Look inside yourself. Be careful that your subconscious emotions don't grip you. And good luck.

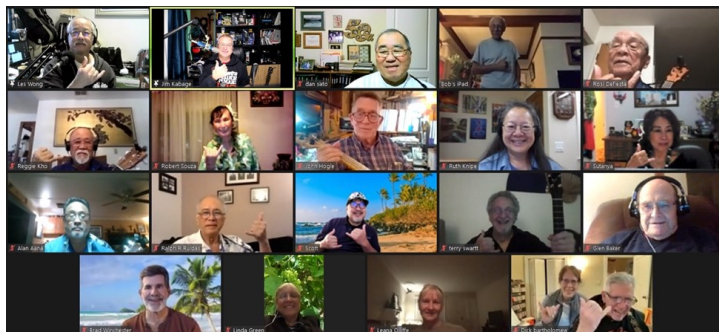
A noble prize winner, Daniel Kahneman and his friend Amos Tversky, wrote about our fast and slow thinking brain. The fast brain reacts. The slow brain considers more sides than just what they react to. We are "sold-to" through our fast brain. But if we allow our slow brain to have some time, it might make better decisions. The same applies to relationships, friendships and even love. Don't be "sold-to" by your fast emotional brain. Allow your slow thoughtful brain to help you. And make better decisions about friendships and relationships; and even love.

By **Tom Blackburn**

Let's Make Music!

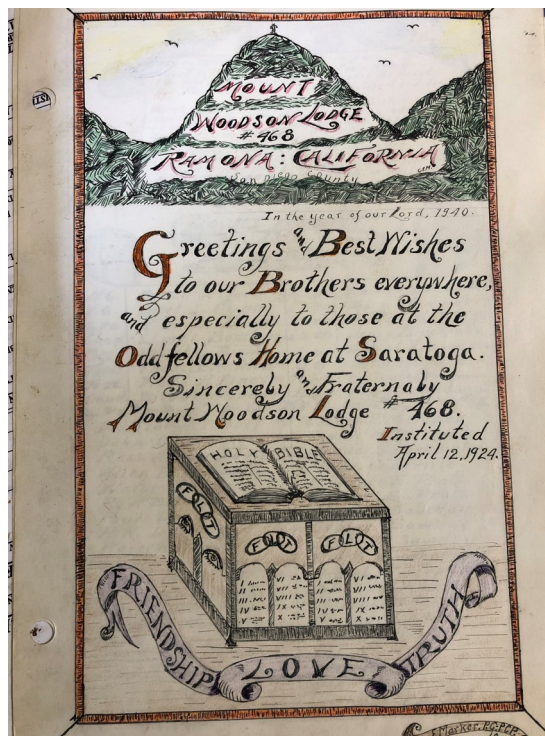
"Kanikapila" is a Hawaiian word informally meaning "a gathering to play music." Cupertino Lodge 70 hosts a monthly kanikapila open to members and the public. The events are free for members and non-members are asked for a nominal donation. This is a fun way to have potential new members become familiar with our Lodge. The house band, Laule'a (comprised of members **Nobel Grand Ron Myers, Les Wong, & Jim Kabage**), leads songs from Hawai'i sung in English and Hawaiian. Participants are encouraged to play an instrument if they have one, dance hula, sing, and have a good time! Our kanikapila has successfully transitioned to being a hybrid event (in-person and virtual via Zoom) based on safety guidelines until we can gather again. See Lodge 70's website page www.cupertinooddfellows.org/kanikapila for the Zoom link for kanikapila on the 4th Wednesday of each month!

By **Karen Sanico**



Book of Friendship -- an Incredible Find!

Huge thanks to Mountain View Odd Fellows #244 member Debra LaVergne who let me take a look at a 1930s-1940s-era Book of Friendship that originated at Lodge #244. She is currently scanning it but when I came by to pick-up cardboard from her house a few weeks ago, she let me take a peek at it. What a cool bit of history! By **Jessica Dickinson Goodman**





Community Garden Featured on California Native Plant Society - Santa Clara Valley Tour (and thinking about hosting events) [pictures attached]

April 3rd, 10am - 4pm, the Community Garden that several members of lodges in our district have spent their weekends working on for the past 3 years will be featured on the [Growing Natives Garden Tour -- check-out the profile page for the garden here](#). We're excited to show off all of our hard work to the community.

We're also considering opening the space up for weddings, memorials, and outdoor events; many of our experiences supporting our lodges in doing this work have helped up prepare for this next step. If you had any advice, please reach out!

By *Jessica Dickinson Goodman*



...White chrysanthemums in full bloom laugh at the frost at night...

~Luo Zhihai

Chrysanthemums are the quintessential flowers of fall. Over the last weekend of October, the Bay Area Chrysanthemum Society rented our Cupertino Lodge Hall for their flower show. This is the first time their show was held in the San Jose area. It always takes place much closer to San Francisco. The Society was pleasantly surprised at the turnout. When I went by to check it out, I took the last parking space. Cars were continuously circling the building looking for parking. As you can see from the pictures the mums were all different colors and sizes. On Friday, they do the judging of the different categories, then mark them with their winning ribbons, all very beautifully displayed. If you are interested in the Society, check out their website at www.bayareamum.org. They meet on the third Sunday of every month in San Jose's Japantown.

By *Don Lang, Editor*

