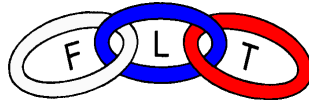


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Initiation Held on Feb 27

There was another Initiation degree conferred on Monday, February 27 at the Cupertino Lodge #70. We had 4 candidates from two different Lodges, True Fellowship #52 with 3 new members and Cupertino #70 with 1. They were mostly candidates that were not able to make it on the Initiation that was held on January 30th. The new members were **Gregory Gentile**, **Alexander Gentile** and **Jeff Rively** from True Fellowship and from Cupertino **Sangeetha Narasimhan** also known as **Sandy**. Our District Deputy Grand Master **Annie Cronin**, was also the Degree Captain for the degree. We thank all the different lodges and their members who came and took part and supported the degree. Afterwards we went in the dining room where we shared some very nice conversation and refreshments.

By *Don Lang, editor*



True Fellowship's Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras was a blast at the True Fellowship lodge in San José. About 35 revelers met together and celebrated with bright colors, delicious food, lively music and enthusiastic dancing. By the end of the night, our king and queen, **Andrew Crockett** and **Jun Alcid**, made a fetching pair in matching gold and silver crowns.

We enjoyed jambalaya and sausage made by our own brother **Ben Shuler**, beineits made by **Debbie Wolf** and mocktails by **Jane Beckman**.

Here's hoping the spirit of fun keeps burning brightly this year. And for the two people who got the baby from our scrumptious king cake, may they enjoy the fabled luck it's said to bring.

It's not easy to get people excited about a brand new event on the social calendar, so thank you to everyone who came and made it a real party! There are more pictures online at <https://true52.org/mardi-gras-2023/>

By *Mason Wolf*



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14th Annual Herman DeVille Memorial

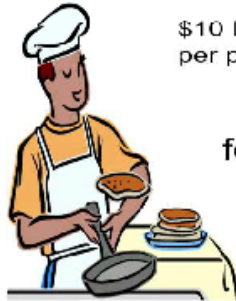
Pancake Breakfast

March 18, 2023

8 AM to 10 AM



Benefitting the *Fight Against Cancer*



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CupertinoOddFellows.org



Pancake | Scrambled Eggs | Sausage | Tea | Coffee

District Directory

We have some District Directories still available, so Lodges, if you need more or you didn't get your original 5 copies, please give **Mary Lou** or **Don** a call. 408 835-7261. They are only \$2 each. We thought we had to make a second printing.

By **Don Lang**, editor

125 Year Celebration

In April 2024, Cupertino Odd Fellow Lodge 70 will be celebrating our 125th year. Our By-Laws say that we need to have a big celebration then, like we had on our 100th year anniversary. If you are interested in working on this committee, let our Noble Grand **Simona Benjamin** know. There is a lot to do and it is not too early to start working on this. For instance, we need to let next years **Grand Master, Fred Dolling** know, so that he can put it in his itinerary. Also we need to let our city Mayor and other state officers know. We also need to make sure our lodge is in good order so that we can really be proud of who we are. and what we have.

By **Don Lang**, editor

Cupertino Lodge's Pancake Breakfast

This year's Cupertino Lodge #70 Pancake Breakfast is planned to be the best ever. Besides having pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, orange juice, and either coffee or tea, it will all take place in just 2 hours, from 8:00 AM to 10:AM.. The food will be served hot and you will see all your friends and new friends at the same time. Besides having members from other lodges, we expect to see our usual patients from, Kani Ka Pila, Aikido, DeAnza Lions and a few from off the street and social media. Take outs will also be available. Remember all donations will be forwarded to a 501 C3 charity, so your full donation will be able to be deducted from your income tax, if you so choose. Ask for a receipt as proof, when you come in and sign in.

We will also have a 50/50 drawing, where the one side of the 50 will go to the cancer Charity. The City of Hope is again the selected charity. So please be generous. We hope to see you all there

By **Don Lang**, editor

City of Hope

Cancer doesn't just harm the body. It also takes a tremendous psychological and emotional toll on the patient and their family.

That's why City of Hope has always made supportive care a critical part of a patient's treatment plan. Whether it's psychological counseling, navigating appointments or dealing with the physical side effects of treatment, City of Hope guides patients and families from diagnosis through survivorship.

"There's so much collateral damage to this disease. With supportive care, we have the power to help with that, so patients can feel free enough to focus on getting well," explains **Sheri Biller**, who, along with her husband **Les**, established the Sheri & Les Biller Patient and Family Resource Center at City of Hope.

Thoughts on the teachings of the Initiatory Degree

I've learned a lot from being in odd fellows. For starters, I'm going to die. All of us are. It wasn't a secret before I joined the order, but it certainly wasn't something I was inclined to think about. It's going to happen though, whether we think about it or not. Whatever waits for us, the time we have here in this world will end. It's ok to be sad about that. But it means we need to recognize how precious that time is, and act like it.

May the good that we do here, with the time we have left, echo into eternity.

That's the message we all should have taken away from the initiatory degree: Not that we're a creepy cult with a death fixation, but rather that our time is limited, and it's our obligation, as well as our privilege, to busy ourselves doing good, to make the most of it.

Beyond that simple fact, there are the three principles of our order: Friendship, Love, and Truth. And that order is no accident. There's a good reason we make these our first, second, and third degrees.

The first principle, Friendship, means we're not just here because we happen to be part of the same club. It means we care about each other. The reason we make time in each meeting to discuss members reported sick and in distress is so we can lift each other up. The reason we share our triumphs in "good of the order" is because we rejoice in each other's good accomplishments and happy news. We're not just here because it's where we go on on whichever night we happen to meet, but because it's our chance to visit our friends.

But the second principle, Love, is even deeper than friendship. And it's so much harder. The love taught in odd fellows isn't just reserved for our brothers and sisters in the order; it's for the world. Strangers are included. You can love someone, without even knowing them, because you know they share your humanity. And we believe in the brotherhood of all mankind. We say it every time we recite our valediction.

But oh, the third principle! If ever there was one that could get a person into trouble, it's Truth. There's a reason it comes last. If you speak truth without friendship or love, your words can become a weapon. And frankly, you can manage a decent life with the first two principles alone. You can do good, live well, be loved by others: A good life. Maybe even tell a white lie now and then.

But, if you're able to add Truth; if you can be brave enough to call out injustice, even by those with power; and kind enough to correct another with love; and if you can be humble enough to accept when someone points truth out to you when you hadn't seen it for yourself - in that case, you can live a great life, and one that will be spoken of with honor, long after your passing.

And therein lies the point of the phrase, "Remember your end."

And may you be remembered with Friendship, Love, and Truth.

By Mason Wolf

Corn Beef and Cabbage

Corned beef and cabbage night is returning to True Fellowship lodge in San José! This once popular annual event is coming back after the pandemic. Come and have a delicious feast with us!

When: March 15th at 6pm

Tickets: \$15

Tickets need to be reserved in advance and will be limited to 50 people in all. To attend, tickets must be purchased no later than March 11th, so we know how much to buy).

To reserve your seat by paying in advance, you may visit our website: <https://true52.org/mc-events/corned-beef-and-cabbage-feast/>

If you would prefer to pay at the door with cash or check, please send an email to sanjoseoddfellows@gmail.com and let us know how many tickets to set aside for you.

By Mason Wolf

Hamburger Fry

True Fellowship Lodge #52's Hamburger Fry will start up again on Wednesday, March 29th and will continue on the last Wednesday of the month throughout the year until next winter. So we hope to see many of our members from all the different lodges in the area there. Where else can you get a fine home made hamburger with all the trimmings plus the side dishes that go with it, including desert for so cheap a price? Not to mention the company who you will share with.

By Don Lang, editor

GL & RA Annual Convention

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly annual Convention will be held in Modesto starting on Wednesday, May 17th and ending with the new officers Installation on Saturday evening, May 20th.. If you haven't made your Double Tree Hotel reservation, you should do it now, otherwise you will miss out on the special rate of \$150 per night and have to stay at another location away from all the action. You need to be a Past Grand in order to vote for the new officers or the legislation that is brought up, however 3rd degree members are allowed to attend. If you need more information on this, your secretary of your lodge should have all the information on this from Grand Lodge. There is a lot of socializing going on during these 4 days, including the main Banquet on Wednesday evening and of course the breakfasts, lunches and dinners going on.

By Don Lang, editor