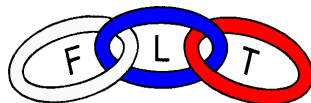


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Remembering Brother Donald J Lang, PGM

Brother **Donald J. Lang** has passed on from mortal life, but his accomplishments and all the lives he has touched live on after him. Don lived a life dedicated to Odd Fellowship and to caring for the communities he belonged to and those in need.

Don was born in Elizabeth, NJ in 1937 and received his Electrical Engineering degree from the Stevens Institute of Technology in 1959. He married Sister **Mary Lou** in 1962. They have two children, daughter Ann Marie and son Donald Jr. The family moved to California in 1968. Don retired from IBM after 36 years of service as development engineer. During his career at IBM, Don received 16 patents, was widely published, and also received many awards for his leadership and achievements.

Don became an Odd Fellow in 1987 when he joined Cupertino Lodge No. 70. He joined Philotesian Rebekah Lodge in 1991, Barnes Encampment No. 77 in 1991, and Canton Santa Clara No. 6 in 1992. More recently, Don has also been a member of Mountain View Lodge No. 244 and became a charter member of Xanadu Sanctorum No. 321 of AMOS in 2014. Don has served extensively beyond his local lodge participation, serving as DDGM of District No. 107 multiple times. He served as Grand Instructor for Grand Master Gerald Poarch 1992-1993 and served on the Grand Lodge Board of Directors for 7 years before being elected Grand Warden in 2000. Don served as Grand Master of California 2002-2003 and then as Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge from 2004 to 2012. During his long tenure as Grand Rep, Don served as chair of the SGL Communications Committee in addition to various other appointments.

In Cupertino Lodge, Don served as editor of the Triple Links newsletter for many years and also as hall manager, working diligently to ensure the lodge had a steady income and was able to build up a comfortable financial cushion. Don was also Lodge Treasurer for many years. Together with Mary Lou, Don helped to produce and assemble the District 107 program books each year. At the Grand Lodge level, Don was



chairman of the Grand Lodge Vision 2001 Committee, focused on Membership, Redevelopment, and Public Relations. He also founded and led the Odd Fellows Officer's Education Seminars for over a decade, a program which has continued to this day. He worked hard to move our Order into the new millennium through the use of new technologies and teaching materials for Grand Lodge. For all of Don's achievements in the Order and beyond, Don was awarded the Meritorious Service Jewel in 2008.

Outside of Odd Fellowship, Don was also extremely active in his church and other community organizations including the De Anza Lions Club. He was a Cub Scouts Den Leader from 1980-1983 and a Boy Scout Leader from

1983-1987. He also supported numerous other non-profit organizations and clubs. One of his major interests was bowling; he went twice a week with other Odd Fellows.

While Don's life of service through Odd Fellowship and other groups has been exemplary, his public activities only tell part of the story. Don has always worked behind the scenes to help others, never seeking glory for his acts of charity and compassion. Due to his humility and modesty, we will never know the full extent of Don's selfless acts. Don has always looked to the future, developing new leaders and encouraging his lodge family to deepen their own involvement in the Order. He has welcomed new ideas and opinions, even if they were different from his own, and has unselfishly passed the mantle of leadership on to his successors. We have all been deeply touched by Don's enthusiasm, his kindness, and his dedication.

I am reminded of the words of the Venerable Warden, so often delivered from memory by Don in the Initiatory Degree to so many generations of new members, "In the practice of Friendship, Love, and Truth will be found the best safeguard against the ills of life." Never have I met an Odd Fellow who better exemplified this maxim than Brother Donald J. Lang. His life of true and faithful service should stand to remind us all of what we have pledged to do as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Forget it not, forget it not.

--By **Michael Greenzeiger, PGM**

E-mail NG@CupertinoOddFellows.org to receive service details once available.

Cards may be sent to **MaryLou Lang**, 11220 Monterey Ct. Cupertino, CA 95014

If making a donation in Don's name, his family recommends [Rebekah Children's Services in Gilroy](#), [The Country Store at the Saratoga Home](#), or the [DeAnza Lions](#).

An Acknowledgement From the Editor on the Passing of Brother Donald J Lang

"Often have we been reminded in the solemn ceremonies of our order, of the great truth that all that is born must die."

-- From the I.O.O.F. funeral degree

It was with shock and sorrow that I received the news of Don's passing on February 26, 2025. We had just emailed each other the previous night discussing plans for the March 2025 issue. For the past year, I have greatly enjoyed collaborating with Brother Don on these issues, celebrating the vibrant culture of Odd Fellowship in our district, and finding the stories that our lodge brothers and sisters have to tell. I expected that partnership to continue, and wasn't prepared for its sudden end.

I was grateful for the trust he placed in me when I first began collaborating with him last year, and it was such a privilege to work with a man for whom I had so much admiration and respect.

Don didn't start the Triple Links, but for over 30 years, he's been the chief face of it. It's a legacy that commands respect and genuine appreciation.

What was once just a newsletter for Cupertino 70 has grown into a place where the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in our area can share their stories with one another, and which I believe helps us care more about each other and remember our duty not only to our lodge, but to our Order.

All of us are heading for that rest which Don has found. This is the first lesson we are taught as Odd Fellows, and the one that drives us. We know our time is limited, and so within those limits we should remain committed to doing as much good as we can. Don's legacy is awesome, and as sad as I am today, how incredible do I feel that I got to know such a great man, and call him my Brother.

May those of us who knew him cherish a lively recollection of him in our memories, and continue the good work he began while he was with us.

-- By **Mason Wolf**, editor



Brother **Don Lang**'s final degree work was as Chief Patriarch in the Patriarchal Degree for Barnes Encampment #77 on 2/13/2025.

The Patriarchal Degree LIVE

"Cherish the beautiful teachings of our Order, which, falling upon the heart like rays of light, give color to every affection of our nature, and dictate every act of our lives."

-- From the Patriarchal Degree

On Thursday, February 13th, my new Brothers and Sisters of Barnes Encampment #77 conducted a Patriarchal Degree and welcomed **Jon Hart** into our Encampment. Unlike the month before, when I joined using a recording from the degree done last September at the cave, this time we acted out the entire degree ourselves.

We were led by **Don Lang** as Chief Patriarch, **Debra LaVergne** as High Priest, and **Mason Wolf**, as Junior Warden. The other members acted out different parts as needed, including **Carole Wahrer**, **Alison Holean**, **Katrina Hazen**, **MaryJane Shabalin**, and myself.

The journey was long and we stopped for lessons along the way. To my Brothers and Sisters who have not joined an encampment, I highly recommend it as a way to spend time with Odd Fellows outside of your home lodge and even your District. The future of our beloved Order is strengthened by the connections, encouragements, and conversations amongst the Patriarchs of the Encampment.

--By **Debbie Wolf**

A Note from the Lang Family

Don became a member of the Odd Fellows on November 11, 1987, serving as Grand Master of California in 2002–2003. Don pioneered the Officers Seminars and was the publisher of Triple Links News, the District #3 newsletter. He also played a key role in launching the IOOF website in California alongside Mel Astrahan and Debra LaVergne. For 17 years, he chaired the Sovereign Grand Lodge Communication Committee, assisting other jurisdictions in establishing their own websites.

Don retired in 1999 as a Senior Engineer at IBM and was an active member of Cupertino 70 IOOF Lodge, Philotesian 145 Rebekah Lodge, and an associate of Mountain View IOOF Lodge No. 244, and a devoted participant in the DeAnza Lions Club in Cupertino.

Don was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on March 26, 1937, to John and Marie Lang. He was also preceded in death by his middle brother, Richard Lang (Carol). Don is survived by his younger brother Thomas Lang (Rose) and his favorite cousin Robert Schollenberger (Doris). Don graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in June 1959. He began his career with IBM and relocated to the Bay Area in California in 1968, later retiring in 1999.

He married Mary Louise Lang on April 30, 1960, and together they raised two lovely children: daughter Ann Marie Lang Troutman (Mike) and son Donald John Lang Jr (Charise Beckett).

Don's hobbies included raising tropical fish, tending to his Koi fishpond, working out at the YMCA with Lih-Chung Kuo, bowling, gardening, fishing, square dancing, and participating in Lodge and Lions Club meetings. He was passionate about fundraising and dedicated much of his time to supporting various charitable causes.

We will miss his sense of humor, kindness and generosity.

--By **Ann Lang Troutman**

A Grand District 107 Party: April 15th

As Odd Fellows, we're heirs to a rich tradition of crafters and artists creating beautiful custom pieces for their lodges, as well as a number of lovely yet mass-produced items that lodges could acquire from the established fraternal supply houses of their time. On April 15, we'll have a chance to celebrate 175 years of Odd Fellowship in California.

As California Odd Fellows, our forebears in the Order saw roughly 700 lodges that were chartered, operated for a period of time, and then consolidated or disbanded as those lodges, for whatever reason, ceased to be independently viable. And while that's a somewhat sobering thought, it means that over those decades, quite a few rare and beautiful items have been too precious to simply discard once their owners have lost their charters, and instead made their way to the Grand Lodge's care. During the renovation of the Race Street Odd Fellows building to turn it into the new Grand Lodge office, they created a wing devoted to displaying some of these treasures.

As District Deputy for 107, which happens to be the district where the Grand Lodge office is located, I've had a few opportunities to browse the museum wing established at these offices, and I think more Odd Fellows should have a chance to see it. It's our heritage, and as April is the month we recollect the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I think we should celebrate it!

On Tuesday, April 15th, you are invited to join us at a "Grand District Party". It will begin at 6PM at the Grand Lodge building at 122 Race St, where we'll enjoy some light appetizers provided by Kneaded Culinary Academy while we browse the museum collection. At 7:30, the party will transfer to True Fellowship Lodge #52, which is just 1 mile away (and an easy walk if you want to build up your appetite), where we'll serve a hearty meal and present a short reenactment of the founding of the first IOOF lodge in North America, Washington Lodge #1 in Baltimore, back in April of 1819.

And this isn't only an invitation to members. If you have friends curious about what Odd Fellows is, they're very welcome to come as well! [Purchase Your Tickets Here.](#)

—By *Mason Wolf*



Some of the items on display in the Grand Lodge museum wing



A bust of Thomas Wildey will greet partygoers at True Fellowship 52.

Castro Steet Window Display

Mountain View Lodge #244 is very fortunate to be located on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View. We are on the corner between Castro Street and Villa Street and can put on window displays in our Castro Street windows. The smaller window is dedicated to Odd Fellows and Rebekkahs.

Our larger window has a changing monthly display. Displays are attractive, informative, entertaining, non-sectarian, multicultural and hopefully make passing foot traffic stop and look at them. We also hope that the displays allow passerby to look at our building and wonder who are the OddFellows? Maybe I should find out more about this organization?

The theme for February was Black History Month. Black History Month is an annually observed commemorative month originating in the United States. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora, initially lasting a week before becoming a month-long observation since 1970. It is celebrated in February in the United States.

The display was created using prints and quotes by famous African-Americans throughout

history as well as posters describing significant events in the fight for Civil Rights.

The background colors of the display were black, red, yellow and green representing the Pan – African Flag. These colors were chosen for the Pan-African flag as many nations in Africa have these colors on their own flags.

— *Ria Toolis, MV 244*





Meet the LARPerS!

An Introduction to Refuge LARP (Many are now Members of True Fellowship 52)

What is a LARP?

Live Action Roleplaying (LARPing) is an immersive hobby involving collaborative storytelling, sport-combat, cosplay, improvisation, and acting. It's like playing a high-fantasy video game, except you are performing the actions.

What does this look like?

Imagine ten players, dressed in fantasy armor and costume, and wielding safe foam weapons taking on the role of their characters. A Storyteller, describes a scene for the players, and will try to represent the area physically, markings in the dirt, setting landmarks as boundaries, so the players know the area of play. Within the area of play the Storyteller and cast will play the roles of antagonist, allies, environmental effects, or bystanders depending on the scene. Players will interact with the scene trying to solve a puzzle, battle monsters, or negotiate a peaceful resolution. Players will need to improvise and adapt to what they find, as things may not be as they appear. The outcome of the scene is unknown. The scene plays out as the players improvise their way through it and from there the Storyteller adjusts the story.

What is the Refuge LARP?

We are the Bay Area California chapter of Refuge LARP, a high-fantasy LARP played in the US and Canada. Our chapter is built around a wonderful community of creators, storytellers, and adventure-seekers. We're excited to welcome new players. In our fantasy world our players play the role of heroes helping fledgling nations to rebuild, while uncovering the secret dangers shrouded by the tenebrous mists, making new friends, learning to trust their fellow adventurers, and gaining confidence in themselves and what they are able to accomplish together.

How does this relate to Odd Fellows?

Larping is about...

- ...building a community of friends through shared experiences and solving problems. It provides opportunities to learn about yourself and others as you work together.
- ...finding and working on aspects of yourself through roleplay. It creates a safe environment for shy or withdrawn people to shine. Because it is a game, people feel free to experiment and take risks.
- ...finding creative solutions to situations with other people in a way where everyone's voice can be heard. It promotes compromise and negotiation.

- ...Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Different people from varying backgrounds, finding ways to make things equitable and inclusive for everyone.
- ...Love: Love of other people, love of creativity, adventure and acts of everyday heroism.
- ...Fun! Coming together as a community to enjoy a day or a weekend as a group. We share stories of events from years ago, and to help bring up new players so they can tell their own stories.

Though less formalized than the Odd Fellows Three links, the Refuge Larp has built a community based on friendship, love and truth. We take care of our members when they are having rough times, whether it is helping a fellow member with rides to medical appointments if they have no car, or gathering donations and food for a member who has lost one of their parents. We have members who serve to be a kind and willing ear when things in life become stressful. We strive to be a safe and welcoming space to everyone who comes to us. We built a community not unlike that of the Odd Fellows.

You can find us at: <https://refugesf.org>, then join our Discord, Refuge LARP San Francisco.

— *Terrance Sendon, True Fellowship 52*



Xanadu Sanctorum Installation of Officers

On Sunday, February 2, Xanadu Sanctorum #321 of the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans (AMOS) held its annual installation of officers in Mountain View which was presided over by District Deputy Supreme Monarchos **Ron Myres**. The new officers installed were **Mason Wolf**, Grand Monarch; **Tom Blackburn**, Grand Counsellor; **Michael Greenzeiger**, Registrar/Collector; **Henry S. Rosenthal**, Banker; **Carlos Juarez**, Venerable Friar; **Andrew Crockett**, Grand High Executioner; **Adam Potolsky**, Grand Chief Guide; **Paul Milleson**, Grand Monitor; **Joe Brennan**, Grand Stentoros; and **Bill Boiko**, Grand Herald. Congratulations to all the new officers, especially our new Grand Monarch!

AMOS is a light-hearted, fez-wearing fun group for men who belong to the Odd Fellows and also has a similar sister organization called LOTO for women. To learn more about joining AMOS contact Michael Greenzeiger at greenzeiger@gmail.com or for LOTO contact **Zoe Timmerman** at timmermanzoe@gmail.com. We never sleep!

—By *Michael Greenzeiger*

BAY VIEW 109: Concert Powerhouse!

Hello Odd Fellows, Etc...

On March 9th, from 3-6 pm. Bayview Lodge 109 will host the Grateful Dead cover band "[One Man Gone](#)". We are charging a mere \$20 for the event (\$25 at the door). We are also providing very reasonably priced drinks and snacks.

([Click here to get your tickets](#))

Our November 9th concert was very successful, and we are very excited to begin the journey of having concerts and events at our lodge on a regular basis. As for music, the collective vision is to have music concerts—some which may be dance oriented, others being listening oriented. "One Man Gone" could be both!

I saw The Dead a number of times, sometimes I danced, sometimes I sat and watched. I'll leave it to your imaginations as to why that might have been.....

Reed [Sutton] and I have spent a considerable amount of time thinking about the kinds of bands and music genre's might be appropriate for an OddFellows Hall. The thing about the DEAD scene, is that for one thing, the vast majority of DeadHeads are over 40 years old! Therefore we think they be less apt to be behaviorally problematic, for one thing.

Furthermore, the VAST majority of DeadHeads that I've known are pretty peaceful folks. They tend to be tech nerds, or (my opinion) pleasantly quirky. They also tend to be respectful people, pretty culturally eclectic, and I think, importantly—FUN!

The DEAD's music covers a wide range of styles and tastes, and can include Folk, Rock, Blues, Jazz, World Music, Indigenous Music, Singer-Song Writer, Pop, etc... Therefore, if we start building a "clientele" of these folks, not only would we be bringing in potential new members, but also a listenership which would be open to various musical experience. Our new member **Tony** wants to bring, among other interesting themes such as film festivals, wants to bring in Comedy!!! Our Secretary, **Han-**



nah Koury, wants to bring in Chamber Music. So... I think it's safe to say that there are practically ENDLESS ideas for events at our hall.

One Man Gone (O.M.G.) is a band which was formed in Palo Alto during the Pandemic. (I actually saw them a few times playing at a park, and wondered what the heck THEIR story was!).

Reed Sutton, the hall manager of Bayview 109, met OMG at a DEAD event at the Club Fox in downtown Redwood City. He approached them, and sure enough they were open to the idea of playing at Bayview 109. OMG seem like SUPER nice guys, and I actually had a long talk with their manager Ned last week. (I now call him GRATEFUL NED!!!). He is super enthusiastic, and really wants to spend his retirement promoting OMG, and immersing himself/OMG in the Greater Dead Experience. We hope that Bayview 109 can be something of a home-base for these guys, and that in turn, they will turn OTHER musicians onto US.

Some other thoughts we've had on possible acts at the Hall:

Music Shows:

- Singer-songwriter shows.
- DEAD cover bands.
- Bluegrass/Ol-Time Music.
- Gospel Music.
- Christian Rock Bands.
- Vintage Dance Societies.
- Jazz of all sorts.
- Classical music of all sorts.
- Musical Open Mic.

Comedy Shows:

- Comedy Open mic.
- Sketch Comedy

- Improv.

Theater Shows:

- Plays
- One-person shows
- Works in progress
- musical theater
- film test screenings

Regarding the realities of making an event happen: **1)** At our events, Bayview 109 has had a rather small but DEDICATED group of volunteers who do a great job of working cooperatively, helping with tasks of all sorts. I am truly impressed with the GOOD people which OddFellows attracts. **2)** At this event, we want to provide food and drink at REASONABLE prices, so that people will want to come back to our events, and for them to know that we are NOT out to "stick-it-to-em". Yes we will make money on concessions, but unlike a bar or club we don't NEED to charge \$10 for a beer or glass of wine. **3)** As alcohol is being served, we are hiring two security people for the event. We had a large event at our hall in August, and having, in particular, one VERY good security person there, really does make you feel safe, and gives you peace of mind. **4)** A number of our members have gone through a online state of California alcohol servers certification process. Very easy, costs \$15. **5)** At our events, we charge a security deposit, and a cleaning fee. **6)** We are VERY clear with our renters about what is and IS NOT acceptable behavior at our lodge. No smoking/vaping, be NICE to our belongings and furnishings, socially responsible behavior, etc...

Furthermore, we want to work with the other lodges in the area, to help THEM with their events, support each other as Odd Fellows, and build our Odd Fellows network. *I went to a movie night at Half Moon Bay in November, and that was an interesting experience!!!!

So—please feel free to dialogue with Bayview 109, and let us know any ideas that YOU have regarding community building events.

--By **Steve Koehler**

The 150th Installation of Officers, Mountain View #244

February 6 was an exciting day for our lodge as we witnessed the installation of our new officers for 2025.

The installation kicked off with a Venezuelan dinner catered by CaliCaracas, a Latina-owned catering company in Mountain View and organized by our incoming Vice Grand Sister **Katy Dickinson**. We had a lovely cake for dessert.

Our incoming Noble Grand **Sally Calpo** decorated our tables with purple tablecloths, vases of flowers and pride decorations. Flowers were chosen for their symbolic meaning related to our mission of Friendship, Love and Truth. The tablescape was a delight to behold. After dinner, we went upstairs for the installation.

Sibling Sally chose a formal, public installation so that visitors would be able to learn about our organization.

As outgoing Noble Grand I opened the meeting but soon passed it over to our District Deputy Grand Master to start the installation process which went very smoothly.

Our Noble Grand gave a heartfelt and thoughtful speech. They talked about how they initially did not know that Odd Fellows was a place for them until our lodge reached out to their organization, the Oddizens. They reminded us that many people in our community do not know that they have a welcome place in our fellowship unless we reach out our hand first. It is our job to be the hand of Fraternity, to reach out to our community and find those in distress, whether that distress is as simple as not having a place to meet or whether it is more pronounced. They also spoke of wishing to provide more social experiences to our members so as encourage us to get to know each other better such as at a Game Night or an Open Mic night.

I feel that Sibling Sally spoke to all the members present and made them think about what they can do to fulfill our mission of Friendship, Love and Truth. I believe Sibling Sally will be a great Noble Grand and look forward to their tenure.

--By **Ria Toolis**, MV 244



The District 107 installation staff at Bay View 109 on Feb 5, 2025.

From L to R: **Debra LaVergne** Chaplain, **Isador "Izzy" Mahon** Warden, **Paul Milleson** Secretary/Musician, **Ron Myres** Marshal, **Mason Wolf** District Deputy. (Not pictured, **Ben Shuler** Treasurer)

Installation season is now over. We performed 4 separate installations on 5 Odd Fellows lodges and 2 Rebekah lodges, for a total of 53 Odd Fellow offices and 12 Rebekah offices. As DDGM, I wish peace, harmony, and prosperity on all of the incoming administrations. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to serve their lodges, and a very special thanks to my installation staff. I had fun, but am delighted to hand the reins over to my successor. District 107 will be in good hands next year with Ron Myres. -- **Mason**



Sister **Ria Toolis** presides one final time at the opening of the Mountain View 244 Officer Installation, 2/5/2025

April 12 School of Instruction

We're having a School of Instruction in Hayward, at Sycamore Lodge 129 on Saturday, April 12 from 10am to 3pm. Topics will include training for new members, making motions or changing by-laws, a reference on how to read the code and where to find pertinent information, duties of officers and trustees, and how Grand Lodge works. And we'll leave time for discussion about how to have a fun and successful lodge.

Past Grand Master **Peter Sellars** will be leading this instruction, covering topics he's reviewed in other lodges many, many times over. As this will be a combined school of instruction for districts 36 and 107, you'll get a chance to meet lots of new faces you've probably never encountered. These sorts of inter-district events are great opportunities to network and be inspired by what's happening in the wider world of Odd Fellowship.

Who is this training for? It is geared mostly toward anyone who's recently joined, recently taken on a new role in their lodge, or is interested in taking on leadership roles in their lodge or in the Order. But everyone is welcome, and if your primary goal is just to meet other people excited about Odd Fellowship and exchange ideas, you'll find yourself in the right place for that too.

To cover the cost of lunch and training materials, attendees are asked to provide \$10. As this will benefit the participants' lodges, my suggestion is that lodges arrange to cover the cost of their members wishing to attend, and preferably help arrange carpools.

Also, if you've never visited the Hayward Odd Fellows lodge, you really owe it to yourself to check it out. It is larger than any lodge in District 107, includes a museum wing, a huge costume closet, a pool room lounge area, a large meeting room, and more features they'll be happy to show off. Sycamore



Sycamore 129, where school is taking place, is a lodge well worth your time to visit, at least in this editor's opinion.

129 is primarily known as a lodge for musicians, which makes it no surprise that it's the home lodge of Brother **Ted Seitz**, this year's Grand Musician. I know we have lots of musicians in our own district, so it's only natural that our two districts should get to know each other a little better.

Brother **Jon Hart**, who happens to be the newest member of Barnes Encampment 77, is the DDGM of District 36, and I'm so excited to be working with him on this event.

To register, simply send an email to: secretarysycamore129@gmail.com

Space is limited, so reserve early. I hope to see you there!

-- By **Mason Wolf**

Update From Volcano 25

Volcano #25 – Truly, we want to become a better place in District 107 life. We are welcoming new faces at V-25. Rebuilding membership after Covid has been accomplished.

Our Mar. 4 vote on our twice-reviewed amendment of our bylaws will hopefully support recognition at the Grand Lodge annual meeting in May. Our social committee is fired up, so watch for what they come up with next!

-- By **Jim Reyner**



Beginner 'Ukelele Class at Cupertino 70, From March 12

This class is open to anyone who wants to learn to play the 'ukulele with little or no previous experience in playing the 'ukulele.

This will be an **8 week session**, with an \$80 suggested donation payable upon registration. All proceeds are for class materials and operating costs. The remainder will be added to the Cupertino Odd Fellows Charitable Donation Fund. The classes will be taught by **George Bobias** and **Randee Chin**.

George started his 'ukulele experience while a hula student at Island Spice and was an apprentice with the Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band. While George's daughter was still in elementary school, he started an after school 'ukulele class for K-5 grade students in 2017.

Even though the classes were suspended during the pandemic, they were restarted the first quarter of 2023 and are still in operation.

Randee's 'ukulele experience began when she was a hula student at Hālau Nā Wai Ole in Cupertino. While there, she learned to play the 'ukulele and sing Hawaiian music from the legendary Saichi Kawahara. She became a front line performer for the Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band and taught both adults and children 'ukulele along side Saichi Kawahara for over 10 years in the South Bay.

Randee and George worked together at the Central Park Elementary school 'ukulele classes. They wanted to teach this basic beginner 'ukulele class to share their love of music by offering low cost 'ukulele lessons and to help subsidize the Cupertino Odd Fellows charitable donations for those in need.

If you have any questions, email us at: ukeclass@cupertinooddfellows.org

-- By **Randee Chin**

Cupertino #70 16th Annual Herman DeVille Pancake Breakfast March 8th Benefiting the City of Hope



THIS Saturday, March 8th from 8 to 11am. Please Come Join Your Friends and Neighbors for a Yummy Pancake Breakfast Raising Funds to Fight Cancer! \$20 per person, suggested donation. Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Country Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, OJ and Coffee. Free breakfast for same day Lodge membership applications. \$50 application fee required. Enjoy a Meal, Raffle and Fellowship!

Can't Join Us? That's OK, You can still help by making a Donation Online!

[Register or Donate Here.](#)

Cupertino #70 Initiatory Ceremony, March 31st

Cupertino #70 will be holding it's 5th Monday of the month initiatory ceremony on March 31st. If your lodge has candidates ready for the initiatory degree, please go to CupertinoOddFellows.org/initiatory. This will allow any lodge to register their candidates and their visiting members. Food will be available for those who register and can come early.

Please save this Web Address for future initiatory ceremonies. We ask that registrations are submitted one week prior to the initiatory date so we can properly prepare. Please follow up with the standard letter to Secretary@CupertinoOddFellows.org, containing your candidate names.

—By **Jim Kabage**, Cupertino #70



Game Nights Coming to Mountain View #244 Starting on Friday, March 21st

Mountain View Lodge #244 is starting a new board game night series on 3rd Fridays of the month, following in the footsteps of True Fellowship #52 in San Jose. It will start at 7:30pm and run until around 10:30, though if we have to go longer to finish up a game that's perfectly fine. Eventually, when we have more people able to host who are comfortable teaching games, the hours may extend and/or start earlier. But for the time being, we are thrilled just to start a fun new activity that's open to the district!

Our first board game night is on Friday, March 21, 2025. We want new players to feel welcome, so if you're willing to bring a game you are comfortable teaching, that would be wonderful! We will of course provide our own games and people to teach them, but more teachers means more games can run concurrently. If you've been to the Mountain View Lodge on 823 Villa Street, you'll know that our main room is a bit on the smaller side, but we could comfortably seat up to four groups, maybe five. No matter how many guests we receive, though, if they're sitting together enjoying friendly competition and conversation at the game table, we'll know we're doing something right.

So come play with us! You can RSVP for one or multiple 3rd Friday Board Game Nights on our [Eventbrite page](#). If you end up coming early, there's a huge variety of restaurants in and around Castro Street to dine in or have a snack while waiting for us to open up.

—By **Sally Calpo**, MV 244

You're Invited to the Peninsula's Only Sunday Dead Cover Band Experience!

with

One Man Gone

Presale \$20
At the Door \$25
Kids Under 12 Free!
Doors open at 2:30PM



March 9 at Bay View 109 in Redwood City: One Man Gone!

One Man Gone is the Bay Area Peninsula's premier Grateful Dead tribute band, delivering high-energy performances filled with heart and soul. Specializing in the Dead's era, OMG blends a powerful two-guitar, two-drummer sound that captures both the raw, bar-band spirit and the band's progressive, disco, and improvisational influences. Their shows feature two dynamic sets—starting with country-tinged rock and deep cuts before launching into extended jams that take the audience on a wild, danceable journey. The band's core lineup includes Travis Huch on guitar and lead vocals, Mark Perlson on guitar and vocals, Alex Bird on bass, and the dual drumming powerhouse of Mark Heller and Bill Gunn.

Formed during the pandemic, One Man Gone found an eager audience when they began playing socially distanced outdoor shows at Palo Alto's Mitchell Park bowl. These impromptu concerts quickly became a beloved local tradition, helping the band build a devoted following. Over the years, O.M.G. has welcomed many guest musicians and side members, spanning generations from 12 to 72. Today, they bring that same infectious energy to bars, clubs, and festivals, expanding their reach while staying true to the spirit of community and celebration that defines the Grateful Dead experience.

-- By **Steve Koehler**

Upcoming Events:

For the latest updates, visit our District Calendar
<https://siliconvalleyoddfellows.org/district-calendar>

March 5: - Na Pua Nani Hula Class

Where: Cupertino 70 (20589 Homestead Rd, Cupertino)
 When: 6PM—7PM
 Price: \$5
 More Info: cupertinooddfellows.org/hula

March 7: - First Friday Game Night

Where: True Fellowship 52 (1035 Emory St, San Jose)
 When: 6PM—10PM
 More Info: true52.org/game-night

March 8: - Herman DeVille Pancake Breakfast

Where: Cupertino 70 (20589 Homestead Rd, Cupertino)
 When: 8AM—11AM
 Price: \$20
 More Info: cupertinooddfellows.org/pancake

March 9: - One Man Gone at Bay View 109

Where: Bay View 109 (839 Main St, Redwood City)
 When: 3:00PM—6:00PM
 Price: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door
 More Info: bayviewlodge109.org

March 12: - Beginner 'Ukelele Class (8 Weeks)

Where: Cupertino 70 (20589 Homestead Rd, Cupertino)
 When: 6PM—7PM
 Price: \$80
 More Info: cupertinooddfellows.org/calendar/

March 12: - Corned Beef and Cabbage Night

Where: True Fellowship 52 (1035 Emory St, San Jose)
 When: 6PM—8PM
 Price: \$15
 More Info: true52.org/corned-beef-2025

March 21: - Game Night at Mountain View 244

Where: Mountain View 244 (823 Villa St, Mtn View)
 When: 7:30PM—10:30PM
 More Info: bit.ly/mvioof-boardgamenights

March 26: - Combo Burger Fry and Kani Ka Pila

Where: True Fellowship 52 (1035 Emory St, San Jose)
 When: 6PM—9PM
 Price: \$15
 More Info: true52.org/burger-fry

March 28: - Last Friday Game Night

Where: True Fellowship 52 (1035 Emory St, San Jose)
 When: 6PM—10PM
 More Info: true52.org/game-night2



Ready to Try a Hawaiian Hamburger Fry?

True Fellowship no.52 and Cupertino no.70 have been cooking up a plan for music, dance, and juicy hamburgers for the last few months: and it all finally came together at the February Kanikapila hosted by Cupertino Lodge no.70!

Noble Grands **Jim Kabage** and **Andrew Crockett** agreed that instead of running events in competition with each other this year, they would host four dual events where the Cupertino Odd Fellows 4th Wednesday Kanikapila Hawaiian Music and Dance Nights and True Fellowship Odd Fellows long-running final Wednesday Burger Frys would merge into a shared event on dates where these events would have been in conflict. The schedule for these dual events celebrating friendship between Odd Fellows lodges were agreed to as follows:

- **March 26th @ True Fellowship Lodge no.52**
- **June 26th @ Cupertino Lodge no.70**
- **August 27th @ Cupertino Lodge no.70**
- **September 24th @ True Fellowship Lodge no.52**

The price will be \$15 per person, covering both hamburgers and music. And if the wonderful aloha-filled evening at Kanikapila in Cupertino is any indication – with its “bring your own uke, guitar, or similar string instrument and jam with us” participatory vibe, and lyrics on a projected screen to sing-along to – the warmth and hospitality these dual events will bring about will surely strengthen the bridge between our two lodges like a happy Hawaiian rainbow.

--By Andrew Crockett

Upcoming Degrees

March 27: - First Degree at Mountain View 244

Where: Mountain View 244 (823 Villa St, Mtn View)
 When: 8PM-9:30PM (candidates should arrive by 7:30)
 Registration: Email timmermanzoe@gmail.com with the names of candidates.

March 31: - Initiatory Degree at Cupertino 70

Where: Cupertino 70 (20589 Homestead Rd, Cupertino)
 When: 6PM-10PM (candidates should arrive by 6:30)
 Registration: Lodges should register their candidates at cupertinooddfellows.org/initiatory (by March 23rd), and also send an email to secretary@cupertinooddfellows.org.