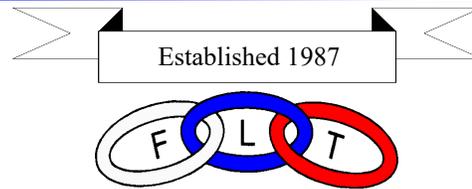


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Initiation will be July 29

The District 107 Initiation degree team will confer the initiatory degree at Cupertino on Monday, July 29. There will be a practice on Sunday, July 28 at 7pm. If you already have a part, please come to make the practice go more smoothly. If you are interested in taking part, please come! We always need more people involved! The district degree team confers the Initiatory degree on the 5th Monday of the month, which will be July 29, September 30 and December 30 this year and March 30 next year, but the December date is usually not done due to the close time to the Christmas holidays. Cupertino, Mountain View, Saratoga and possibly Boulder Creek lodges already have a candidate.

Ball Room Dance

Cupertino Odd Fellows will be holding a Ball Room Dance on **August 3, 2019**. It will be both open dancing and dancing lessons by the well known couple Samy & Judy, DJ's and Teachers. From 6 - 7 PM will be Waltz lessons,

7 - 8 PM will be Cha Cha lessons and from

8 - 9 PM will be Night Club 2 Step lessons, from

9 - 11:30 PM will be open dancing.

You can come as singles or with partners, all are welcome. Partners will change during the lessons and it is beginner friendly. The cost is only \$10 and light refreshments are included.

The attire is dressy or nice casual with very comfortable non marking shoes that don't grip the hardwood floor. (You want to be able to turn easy). Please RSVP to Cupertinoioof@gmail.com

Where: Cupertino Odd Fellow Lodge
20589 W Homestead Rd
Cupertino, CA 95014

The hall is Air Conditioned

Monday, August 5

Cupertino Lodge will hold a special work session where the different committees will meet and discuss how they will work better together. The event committee will come up with something good to eat. 6:30 is the gathering time.

3rd Degree, August 14th

The third degree will be conferred at True Fellowship Lodge #52 on the second Wednesday, August 14, at 8:00 PM. If you will be taking the degree and need a little brushing up on it, please come around 7:30 PM. This degree will take place in the middle of summer, so many people may be on vacation, so we will probably need as many members that can make it to come. Many of our Cupertino members have been waiting a long time for this degree and were not able to be installed into lodge offices until now. So they are happy to take part.

Hermania Craft Fair

Hermania Rebekah Lodge #49 will be having a fundraising craft fair September 6, 7, and 8th at the Mountain View IOOF Hall, 206 Castro Street, Mountain View from 10 - 4:30 p.m. each day. Plenty of items available including hanging towels, baby items such as bonnets, booties & blankets; aprons, afghans, tote bags, pot holders, wash cloths, soap bags, hats, scarves, earrings, wine bags, bookmarks, etc. Think Christmas and come buy your gifts from us. Proceeds go for School Supplies for First Graders at Castro and Mistral Schools in Mountain View. Contact: **Jackie Brown**

By *Jackie Brown*

Cupertino Lodge Website

Lodge 70 has been working on a new website in the recent months. Developed in WordPress, there are two major user groups to serve - the public and the lodge 70 members. On the public side of the website, we'll have information about our lodge and its activities. On the members only secure section, members will be able to login and find meeting minutes, lodge procedures and policies as well as other local information. We are currently in the data architect stage designing the navigation and documentation necessary to build out the members only site. Please visit our site at

<http://www.cupertinooddfellows.org>.

It will evolve over time.

We've also customized our Facebook URL, so now you can find us at [facebook.com/cupertinooddfellows](https://www.facebook.com/cupertinooddfellows).

By *Jim Kabage*

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Smash Brothers

Have you ever heard of the computer game, Smash Brothers? Well neither have I until a few months ago when I got a phone call from a High school student, **Wei Chong**, wanting to use our lodge dining room one evening, to play computer games and have a contest, between the different high schools in the area, to see who will be the winner. Yes, I was skeptic to say the least and it took a few more phone calls before I was convinced to let them use the hall. You see, the boy is an eagle boy scout and knew brother **Tom Blackburn** and had excellent references. We made sure they took out insurance, signed a contract and left a down payment for a cleaning deposit and that there would be a chaperone there during the evening. Since I was gone on my vacation, **Simona Benjamin** was called on to meet Wei with his mother, to sign the contract.

The night of the event, Wei's father was there as chaperone all evening and **Annie Cronin** and **Nicholas Lutz** stopped by to see how things were going. Nicholas is only 2 years older than the students and knew of the game. Everything went fine. The boys even took up a collection and donated \$31.19 to the lodge. I will make a motion to turn around and donate that amount to the Rebekah Children's Home..

AMOS & LOTO Convention

The moment many of us have been planning towards for the last two years is now nearly here, the 2019 Supreme AMOS & LOTO Convention, being held in Santa Cruz. The hotel block is fully booked, but it's still possible to register to attend the convention itself - or just drop by to take the two degrees of AMOS, "Humility" and "Perfection."

The Convention is being held from August 4th to 6th at the Hilton Santa Cruz Scotts Valley. The degrees are both being performed on Monday, August 5th, beginning at 1:30 PM. If you are interested in attending the convention but haven't registered yet or if you would like to join Xanadu Sanctorum, California's AMOS group by taking the degrees at the convention, contact **Michael Greenzeiger** at greenzeiger@gmail.com. If you wish to take the LOTO degree, contact **Linnea Bredenberg** at lbredenberg@gmail.com

We are very excited to be bringing this convention back to California for the first time since 1954 and hope to see as many of you there as possible!

By **Michael Greenzeiger**

Our first meeting in August, on the 12th, we will have a guest couple come and talk to the lodge members during the meeting. Since they are not members, the Noble Grand has to call a recess, so they can enter. They are **Neil Lichtman**, president of the Disable Combat Veterans and **Sharlye Leidy**, who will talk about the Veterans. They will be looking for a donation. They are members of "Know a Vet", a 501C3 Non Profit Charity Corporation.

June BBQ

June 17th we had our Hawaiian Social. At the Cupertino Lodge. We had music performed by Pili Aloha comprised of members **Kellen Wertz** and **Jim Kabage**. Entertainment also included a number of hula dances. Traditional Hawaiian food, including kalua pig, shoyu chicken, and haupia were served plus mac and green salads. Fun was had by all 70 people who showed up.

July Movie Night

Richard Sanico hosted a last minute social event on the third Monday of July which turned out to be very successful. It was a very romantic and funny movie which was based in the San Francisco area. To add to the enjoyment and to fill our stomachs, he supplied us with 6 large Pizzas, 3 from Round Table and 3 from Costco, which also included a green salad. The name of the movie was "Always be my Maybe", starring **Ali Wong**, **Randall Park** and **Keanu Reeves**. A pair of childhood friends end up falling for each other when they grow up. We showed the movie on our big screen.

Thank you Richard for taking over at the last minute and making it such a success. There were around 30 people who came. Some pizza had to be taken home to eat later.

August BBQ

Richard & Karen Sanico will be hosting the August Social on the third Monday, August 19 at the Cupertino Hall. The theme is, take a trip back to the sixties for those of us who can remember those groovy times and Summer Love. They will be serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, fries with Root Beer Floats and peace and love. Come and enjoy the summer event.

RSVP to Events@cupertinooddfellows.org

We also expect to have someone from the Rebekah Children's Home to tell us what great things are happening down there in Gilroy. The Children's Home is one of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah charities endeavors that we can be so proud of. Some of us were talking about why we can't do more hands on things for the Children's Home. So this is a chance that we may just find out what we might do. Now I collect all our lodge's soda & beer cans, plastic water bottles and beer bottles, crush them and give them to **Ed Brown**, and he combines them with his and brings them down to recycle and the money he gets, we donate to the Children's Home. It is a small thing, but it gives the kids some extra spending money. Maybe we will come up with something really great.

Cupertino August Meeting

President Visits Freja

Monday July 15th from 11:30 am to 3 pm **President Marilyn Nichols** visited the Assisted Living's Friendship Hall for the Rebekah Lodges in District 3's Annual Meeting. There were 30 in attendance from Stella 22, Clara 34, Philotesian 145, Freja 284 and other Lodges all dressed-up in short and long dresses for the occasion. Marilyn and her officers enjoyed Pizza, salad, fruit, lemonade, iced tea and cookies for lunch and had a leisurely visit before the 2 pm meeting. The tables were set with beautiful pink dogwood branches, sparkling turquoise jewels, shimmering turquoise ribbon down the center of the white table cloths.

By *Mary Lou Lang*

Hamburger Fry Dates in 2019

Sigma Tau Theta Rho girls (and members of a new Junior Lodge) are looking forward to serving you at the Santa Clara Odd Fellows Temple, 1035 Emory St, San Jose.

Doors open at 5:45 pm. Serving from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

\$2.75 - Hamburger with all the trimmings
\$3.00 - 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.

Wednesday, August 28
Wednesday, September 25
Wednesday, October 30

Since the girls are planning to do at least one more set of gift bags for homeless people, they would appreciate donations of travel size toiletries (such as from hotels) and dentist toothpaste and toothbrush kits. They will have a box to receive these at Hamburger Fries during the year.

Philotesian Dues Reminder

SGL passed a dues increase of \$5 per member. Please add \$5 to your next payment of dues for a total payment of \$60 for the next year's dues. Please send your check to Philotesian Rebekah Lodge at PO Box 76, Cupertino CA 95015-0076.

Theta Rho Council Meeting

Sigma Tau Theta Rho will host a Council Meeting on Sunday, September 15. The weekend will start with a 6pm dinner on Saturday, September 14, then a Movie Night. There will be a sleepover for the youth. After breakfast, the Council meeting will start at 10:00am. It is intended to be a training session for the Youth.

By *Debra LaVergne*



Rebekah
CHILDREN'S SERVICES



Philotesian Rebekah Lodge

Philotesian Rebekah Lodge will hold its annual Guest Officers spaghetti Feed on Wednesday August 21st at 6:30 PM at the Cupertino Hall. Guest officers and all members of a Lodge and their families are invited to this special evening. Beside all beef home-made sauce, Meat Balls, Salad, bread, Wine & Dessert ...we will be having a presentation by the Children's Home in Gilroy about the changes that are being considered for the Future.... This would also be a good time to ask them how our lodges can help the children's Home better.

By *Mary Lou Lang*

What's Happening at Philotesian?

August 7 -----Hawaiian

Don Lang

August 21 ----- Guest Officer's Night

Mary Lou Lang

Mary Lou's Free Spaghetti Feed

Bring goods for West Valley Community Services

September 4 ----- California

Don Lang

September 18 ----- School Time

Don Lang

October 2 ----- Autumn

October 16 ----- Grand Encampment

No meeting

November 6 -----Harvest

Pat Aanenson

November 20 ----- Movie Night

Don and Mary Lou Lang

Pizza and a Movie

December 4 ----- Winter Lights

Debra LaVergne

December 19 ----- Roll Call Soup Supper

Mary Lou Lang

6:30pm dinner

January 15 ----- Last meeting/reports

Don and Mary Lou Lang

By *Debra LaVergne*