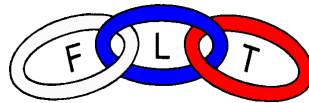


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### Michael Greenzeiger Grand Warden

The high light of this convention for me was when **Michael Greenzeiger** won the election of Grand Warden. Michael ran against two other brothers, **Redgie Fleeman** and **Mark Preston**. On the second round, Michael won by 1 vote. Of course everyone is taking credit for that vote and is saying they are the reason he won, Congratulation Michael. Michael's partner, Warden of Rebekah Assembly is **Diana Schmeigel** from Davis. They make a nice pair. Michael is a regular member of Mountain View lodge and is also an associate member of Cupertino Lodge, so he is well represented. Now it will be two years of preparation, getting ready for when he will become Grand Master. The time seems to fly by and before you know it, it is Grand Lodge convention time again and you are being installed into the very important office of Grand Master. Good luck Michael and Diana.

### Last Month Correction

On last month's article on the Initiation that was held on April 29, I unfortunate left out the name of one of the candidates. She is **Bev Manzano**, the fourth member to be initiated into Mountain View Lodge that evening. Welcome Bev as an Odd Fellow. I am sorry I left you name off our newsletter list.

### Staff takes a Vacation

The Triple Links staff plans on taking a vacation during the month of July, and there will be no paper in July. We will be back in force with the August issue.

### Are you missing your June Paper?

We received very few responses from last months request to switch over to receive your newsletter via e-mail verses snail mail. I hope this is what you meant to do and not just forget to have responded. Anyway, we thank you for this, because it is saving us so much work and money to mainly delivering the paper by e-mail.

### Clara Lodge Omelet Breakfast

Clara Rebekah Lodge #34, will hold their Omelet Breakfast at 1035 Emory St on June 1st from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. You get so much to eat and at the same time, you enjoy the social activity, so why not stop by on Saturday morning and take part with this great event. **Debbie Shuler** will also have her home made jam for sale.

### Cupertino's Dues are Due

Cupertino #70's dues are due on June 1st. So, please make out your \$50 check to Cupertino Lodge 70, and send it to the Cupertino Lodge #70, PO Box 6, Cupertino, CA 95015. Cupertino 70 has the lowest possible dues, so you have no reason to be delinquent. Our new Financial Secretary, **Les Wong** is doing a great job, he almost already has all next years dues collected.

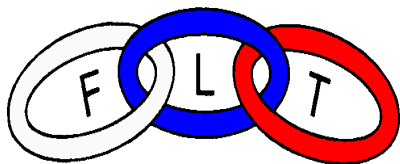


# Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

## First BBQ Great Success

Yes, our first BBQ was a great success with 61 members and friends in attendance. We expected some firemen to show up, but they did not. We had plenty of food. **Ted Wong**, the head chef for the evening, bought an extra 10 pounds of beef and 10 pounds of pork, when he heard how many people were expected to come. He made pulled pork and pulled beef with hamburger rolls, veggie burgers, potato salad, home baked corn bread, corn on the cob and water melon. For dessert he made 2 strawberry cakes and 2 carrot cakes. Of course we had the usual assortment of drinks including our great choices of fine beer provided by brother **Mal Hopkins**.

This was the first time we used EventBrite to generate the number of people who were coming. We did have some problems with it, several members had difficulty using it. As can be seen from the one picture, we had our big screen down showing pictures from some of our other events. Fun was had by all and we enjoyed socializing and seeing some of new members and some of our older members, especially the ones who recovered from a major illness.



## Marlene Bois DDGM

**Marlene Bois**, from Saratoga Lodge, was elected as District #107 District Deputy Grand Master. I believe that she has been deputy before so she should do a good job representing us. To be one of her installing officers in January, you would need to be a Past Grand. Good Luck Marlene.



## Second BBQ

**Jim Kabage**, will be doing the honors this month in preparing the second BBQ for Cupertino Lodge members. It will be held on Monday, June 17, with us eating at 6:30 PM. His menu will be Kalua Pig, Shoyu Chicken, Macaroni salad, steamed Rice and Haupia for dessert, it is a coconut pudding jello dessert. We invite you to come and bring some guests and don't forget to let Jim know how many are coming, so he knows how many to prepare for.

## President Reception

Saturday, June 15, is President of the Rebekah Assembly **Marilyn Nichols** Reception. It will be at 5:00pm dinner, cost of \$40 per person. Choice of chicken, salmon or filet mignon. Reservations by June 1, checks payable to Rainbow Rebekah Lodge #97, mailed to Mrs. Ida Brooks, 1715 W. Oxford Way, Stockton CA 95204, 209-464-3407. Reception following dinner.

Location: University Plaza Waterfront Hotel, 110 W. Fremont Street, Stockton CA, 209-323-3057 Attire: formal

## Grand Master Reception

Saturday, June 29 is the Grand Master **Jamie Jepsen's** Reception. It will be held at 11:30am Luncheon, \$40 per person. Reservations by June 15 to **Debbie Jepsen**, 35357 Schafer Ranch Road, Yucaipa, CA 92399, 951-640-4704.

Location: Mayne Events Center (above Los Angeles County Fire Museum), 16400 Bellflower Blvd, Bellflower CA 90706

***What's Happening at Philotesian?*****June 5** ----- **Assembly Reports***Pat Aanenson***June 19** ----- **Father's Day***Pat Aanenson***July 3** ----- **Independence Day***Michael Greenzeiger***July 17** ----- **Guest Officer's Night***Mary Lou Lang****Mary Lou's Free Spaghetti Feed******Bring goods for West Valley Community Services*****Youth Camp – Three Links Camp****Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21** ----- **Work Week**Come help us clean the camp, or just weekend. For dorm or RV space, Contact **Allen Merriman**, 707-275-2070, allenmerriman@sbcglobal.net**Friday, June 21** ----- **Reception****Honoring Grand Chaplain Fred Dolling and Grand Guardian Tom Kopping**

Dinner at 6:00pm - \$10 per person. Checks payable to Stanislaus Lodge #170, mailed to Fred L. Dolling, 17525 Frymire Road, Oakdale CA 95361, 209-881-0440 or 209-743-3461. Reception following dinner.

Location: Three Links Camp, 21950 Hwy 108, Mi-Wuk Village CA 95346

**Saturday, June 22** ----- **Youth Camp Festival**

Wild, Wild West. Come and have a yippi yi ahh day. Enjoy a day among the pines and cedars for fun activities, hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream. Spaghetti dinner at 5:30pm by the Oakdale Odd Fellows Lodge #228, \$10.

Location: Three Links Camp, 21950 Hwy 108, Mi-Wuk Village CA 95346

**Sunday, June 23** ----- **Youth Camp Chapel service**

8:15am – chapel service by Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly chaplains.

Following – breakfast by Stanislaus Lodge #170. Ham, eggs, pancakes, coffee, tomato juice, \$6 per person

**Sunday, June 30- Saturday, July 13** --- **Youth Camp**Three Links Camp will have two sessions of a week-long camp program are for youngsters age 7 years to 14 years using the entire camp June30-July 6 and July 7-July 13. The camp is closed to the public during those weeks. Youth Camp Activities can include Archery, Hiking, Crafts such as personal banners, cork and popsicle stick sail boats, tie-dyed T-shirts and acrylic or water color painting, Sports such as tetherball, soccer, four square, ping-pong and swimming, Evening Programs such as a scavenger hunt, Carnival Night, Game Night, Movie Night and Campfire Night, plus Educational Programs from the Forestry Service and "Camp Olympics" as teams. Contact **Joy Maestretti**, darling-springjoy@yahoo.com, 209-329-4707 to sign up. Application forms are available on the Three Links Camp website, threelinkscamp.com.**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, May 29,

Wednesday, June 26

Wednesday, July 24

Wednesday, August 28

Wednesday, September 25

Wednesday, October 30

**Theta Rho Girls**

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.

**Dates Around the State****Saturday, June 1** ----- **Cave Degree, Yreka****Saturday, June 1** -- **Omelet/Crepes Breakfast**

Clara Rebekah Lodge

1035 Emory Street, San Jose 95126

**Wednesday, June 5** -- **ODM #2 at Isabella #17**

6:00pm salad bar dinner

7:00pm meeting

828 N. Branchiforte Ave, Santa Cruz

**Friday, June 7** - **Childrens' Home Orientation**

9:00am continental breakfast

9:30 – 10:30am - program

10:30-11:30am – tour

11:30am-12:30pm – RCS Board of Directors meeting



## Grand Lodge Convention

Our new Grand Master is **Jamie Jepsen**, our DGM **Greg Schoemaker**, GS **Barry Prock**, GT **Ron Mills**. There were 11 members who took the Grand Lodge Degree, with 21 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members present, 9 past Grand Masters and 2 out of state visitors (one being the Sovereign Deputy Grand Master **Wes Nelson** from Alberta). 205 total membership present. Other of Jamie's Appointed Officers are **Ben Shuler** as Grand Conductor from True Fellowship and **Adam Potolsky** as Grand Instructor from Saratoga. Saturday evening was installation time; all the men were dressed in tuxedos. The important job which I had that evening, was to escort **Mary Lou** to be Installed as Rebekah Assembly Treasurer. After all the installations were complete, I helped with directing the Grand March. That is where the people start marching around the ball room, first in couples, then increasing the size to 2 couples then 4 couples and so forth until you filled the room. After that we all enjoyed having Ice Cream Sundays

The legislation presented was 30 Bills, 13 Resolutions and 72 Reports. One Bill which passed, was to elect a new position as Director of Public Relations. Another reduced the number of years the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were elected for, from 5 to 3 years.

The membership awards, which were presented by **Rita Cooper** were, 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Fresno Lodge for 90.9% net increase initiated members, who won a nice trophy which they get to keep, plus \$2,000 and their name on a plaque which will be kept in the Grand lodge office with a new lodge added each year. Odin lodge won 2<sup>nd</sup> place certificate for 76.9%, Ocean View Lodge won recognition for highest net increase of initiate members of 25, and Davis lodge in recognition for its continuous years of membership increase, showing us it is possible. Cupertino had a net increase of 9 members, which is a 21.9 % net increase which is pretty good.

The sessions started each morning at 9 AM and ran through to around 3 o'clock, Thursday through Saturday, with a break for lunch. On Sunday morning there was also a planning meeting and a Visual Research Foundation meeting.

San Pablo Lodge of Vallejo presented a resolution which was to forgive an outstanding loan they had from Grand Lodge. They originally took out a \$200,000 loan nearly 20 years ago. They paid \$92,095 in interest and \$41,568 in principal but still had a long way to go. The lodge is an old and poor lodge and needs many repairs and needs to be brought up to code. They can't do these repairs and pay off the loan at the same time. The body voted to forgive the loan.



## Three Links Camp

Since earlier this year, the Three Links Camp came to the Grand Lodge Board of Directors, telling them they can no longer pay their Bills. The board, after much consideration, told them they will pay their bills until September, if all the different entities of the camp, turn over the deed to the camp, to the Grand Lodge. The Board of Directors would then work on a recovery plan for the camp. This action was ratified at the session and all mention of the camp was removed from the Code. Normal participation with the camp will continue through September. Then it is anyone's guess what will happen. There is talk about possibly closing down the camp for winter and laying off the camp manager. Another one is selling the camp, but no one wants that.

## Directors Award

After the Grand Treasurer resigned in March of this year, the Grand Lodge office needed a bookkeeper to help out. Sister **Debbie Shuler** accepted the task, arranged for time off from her regular employer, and went to work at the office. In thanks for her assistance, she was presented the Directors award during Grand Lodge.

