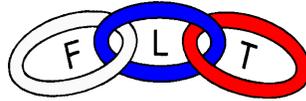


Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 6
Cupertino, CA 95015-0006
(408) 736-6563

The Triple Links Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

August 2020
Don Lang - Editor
donlang@sbcglobal.net

Established 1987



Don Moody Passes

I have some very sad news, **Donald P. Moody**, or **Don** as he was called, passed away yesterday, 8/4/20. He was our long time member, 70 plus years. He joined on March 10, 1950, the Sunnyvale Odd Fellow Lodge. Later on, Sunnyvale Lodge consolidated with Cupertino lodge. He transferred to Scio Lodge in November 2012 and 5 years later he transferred back to Cupertino Lodge. He was Cupertino's historian member. He was not only the longest time member but he was always very active and had a very good memory. I remember when we had our Roll Call Dinner every year, which is like our Anniversary party, we would go through the roll and call all our members, one at a time, from the longest time member right down to the newest member. Don would be asked to mention a few things about the members if they were not there for the dinner. Don knew every member and he would try and keep in touch with most of them, even heading up visits to see them, bringing other members who may not even have met them.

Don enjoyed meeting at the Donut Wheel every Wednesday at 9:30 AM with many of the retired members of Odd Fellows. We would have as many as 12 Odd Fellows from many different Lodges in the area. We had a sign in their window advertising that we would meet there for coffee, donuts and conversation every week. We picked up several new members from that.

Don was a past Grand Herald for **Past Grand Master Don Smith**. Don will be surely missed. Don was 92 years old. His son is planning to hold a church service once the danger of the coronavirus passes. Cupertino Lodge also plans on holding a celebration of life at the lodge also when the coronavirus is safe to gather.

His son **David** is also a member. He lives at
12360 Indian Rock Way
Los Gatos, CA 95033
His phone is 408 867-2425

Don Lang

Obituary of Donald Parsons Moody

Donald Moody, 92 years of age and a 70-year Sunnyvale resident, passed away on August 4, 2020 after a short illness. He was born to **William Bradley** and **Annie Evelyn Moody** in Oakland CA in 1928. Don graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1945. The same year he met his wife, Ila, and they were married on August 4, 1947.

Don is survived by his daughter, **Deborah Whaley (John)** of Rio Vista and son **David (Carmel)** of Los Gatos. He also leaves 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, 4 nephews, 2 nieces, and several grand nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, **William** and **Gordon**, and a sister, Vera. He was also predeceased by his wife, Ila, in 1990.

From 1949 until 1984 Don was employed at Ames Research Center, NASA, in Mountain View. He worked first as a machinist, and soon became the first scientific glassblower at Ames. He enjoyed being involved in the space program.

Don was a 70-year member of the Odd Fellows, and, for the last number of years, a member of Cupertino Lodge #70. He was also a longtime member of Crosswalk Community Church in Sunnyvale.

A service in celebration of his life will be held early next year when we are once again able to safely gather.

To plant a tree in memory of Donald Moody, please visit

<https://tree.tributecenterstore.com/memorial-tree?oId=17960999>

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Odd Fellows Cupertino Lodge 70 at 20589 Homestead Rd, Cupertino, on Tuesday 10/20/2020. They also will be at True Fellowship Lodge 52 at 1035 Emery St, San Jose on Thursday 9/10/20. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

DMC

Past Grand Master Dave Rosenberg's, last issue of the Dedicated Members for Change newsletter, featured an article from **Grand Warden Redgie Fleeman**, which I thought would be very worthwhile reprinting. Here it is.

"It's a cool morning in my town. I live in a town not so different from yours. Sitting at an outdoor restaurant the other day, looking at folks passing by, I see people enjoying the day. Dozens and dozens of young adults.

Everyone looks happy, eager and energetic! I ask myself, why are they not members of my Lodge! Is it as simple as asking?

Among the 60 or more people that I see, only two of them are using their phones. That's nice to see. They are talking to each other the "old-fashioned" way, face-to-face and verbally, the way people did before cell phones took over. They all seem to enjoy the interaction, person to person.

I don't have the answer. I only pose the question. Why is membership dropping in some Lodges, while it increases in others?

Every town is different, but every town has young adults with new ideas. I imagine many young men and women are looking for an organization that is composed of congenial people, who are outgoing and like to have some good social times together - whether it's a meal together, or a hike, or enjoying some music. I also imagine that many young people are looking for an organization that cares about the community - that helps frail seniors who need help, that cares about the environment, that works with foster kids. The attitude for wanting to help others starts at an early age. Odd Fellowship can provide the vehicle to deliver that help to others. Because, bottom line, people want a sense of belonging. They want to be part of a greater good - a group that welcomes them, that accepts them for who they are, that values their ideas and suggestions. Those Lodges that have recognized these realities are Lodges that thrive and grow.

So, to answer my original question: Yes, it may very well be as simple as asking. If you don't ask, you will never know.

In F.L.&T.

Redgie Fleeman ``
Grand Warden
Jurisdiction of California''

Laurie Prescott

Sister Laurie Prescott had surgery on her foot to clean up a sore that was not healing. She cannot walk on it yet, so she is at Alameda Health and Wellness, 430 Willow Street, Alameda CA 94501. She has her cell phone with her, so she can receive phone calls at 415-250-2292 and e-mail messages at prescottlaurie@yahoo.com. If you try to reply to a message that she sent you, you will need to correct the email address, because the reply-to address is wrong.

No visitors are allowed in the facility, so Laurie would appreciate cards, calls and messages. She is hoping to be transferred to the Skilled Nursing Facility at Saratoga Retirement Community, but there is no schedule for that to happen yet.

Membership

After reading **Redgie Fleeman's** DMC article about getting new members, it started me thinking about membership. As many of you remember, Redgie attended our zoom meeting about a month ago. Cupertino Lodge did pretty good in getting new members in the last 3 or so years. We got over 35 members during that time and most were very energetic, became active and enjoyed being an Odd Fellow. However, ever since the pandemic hit us and we could no longer meet personally at Lodge meetings, or could not meet at Lodge for other social events, I am starting feeling empty and like I am missing something. I realized we have not gotten one new member since then. Everything in Redgie's article is still true today. We should still be asking our friends to join. It is true that we can not hold our usual great Initiatory Degree at Lodge, however, I know some lodges are holding a zoom initiatory degree on the internet, using the initiatory degree disk. We could do that and once we are back to our more normal conditions, we then would give our Initiatory degree to them live at the lodge. So, lets get back in the groove and start asking and looking for more new members. We really need them and they could surely use us.

Wild Fires

Boulder Creek fire -

Our **Noble Grand, Adrian Otera** and his wife **Kala**, who is also a member of Cupertino lodge, had to evacuate from their home in Boulder Creek. They are lucky to have Kala's mother who lives locally, to be able to stay with. Their home was near or on the Boulder Creek Golf Course. At this time, Adrian doesn't know the status of his house, however, the Golf Course is where the Firemen are stationed, after the fire started.

Brother **Rod Metoyer** also was evacuated from their home in Boulder Creek. Talking to Rod on 8/30, his house is OK and appears to be safe from the fire, However, all electricity is out and is not expected to be back for several months. Also his water line in the area was damaged and will probably be out for at least a month. The fire, today, is only 40% contained. They will not be allowed back into their neighbor for awhile. The first thing they will have to do when they go back is throw away all the food in their refrigerator and freezer and clean up the mess and ashes.

Felton fire -

Secretary of Cupertino Lodge, **Linda Roy**, is worried about her vacation cabin in Felton due to the fire there. She is not able to find out any information about her status there.

We pray for and wish these members and all others involved, are safe and are not hurt by these fire. We know that there is also an emotional side that effects us, and we wish that those feelings and conditions don't take over our lives.

Face Masks

Sister Debra LaVergne is selling face masks that she bought printed with emblems of the Order. Masks are made of 2 layers ring-spun cotton jersey, including the straps. They do not have a pocket for adding an extra filter. You can order them on her webpage at <http://www.burwur.net/emb/Mask1.htm>



Pricing

1 for \$15
 2 for \$28
 3 for \$40
 4 for \$50
 5 for \$60
 6 for \$70