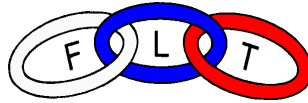


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Grand Master Official Visit Monday July 10th

Grand Master Fred Dolling will be making his Official Visit to Cupertino Lodge #70 on Monday evening July 10th. He will be greeted with open arms, starting off with a dinner at 6:00 PM and then joining us at 8:00 PM for our meeting. The Grand Master or Grand Lodge Officer usually is assigned one lodge in each district to visit, between the GM, DGM and GW, they will visit 1/3 of the lodges in the state annually. We would like to encourage all district lodge members to join in on this occasion. We have plenty of parking and fellowship.

At the end of the meeting, Fred will address all of us and give us his message and words of wisdom. After that we will proceed to the dining room where we will enjoy conversation and dessert.

Please RSVP to us at the following link so we know how many to expect.

<https://cupertinooddfellows.org/gmvisit/>

By **Don Lang**, editor



Grand Lodge 2023 Session

The Grand Lodge Sessions of 2023 were held in Modesto CA at the Double Tree Hotel. On Wednesday evening we opened with a memorial service following that with our formal opening dinner. After Dinner the program included Reports from all our Boards, which were, CA Odd Fellow Foundation, Odd Fellow Homes of CA, Rebekah Children's Services, Odd Fellows Youth Camp, Odd Fellows & Rebekah Rose Float and the Home Insurance.

On Thursday the 171ST session of Grand Lodge session was opened and **Grand Master Reggie Fleeman** took over. We proceeded to go through the formal opening procedure which included Marching in of Officers, Pledge a legend to the flag, Chaplain giving opening prayer, Roll Call, moving into the first Report which was the Credentials. Since the Credentials are given each day, I will give the final day which will be what you would want to hear.

Elected Representatives	167
Past Grands for the GL Degree	16
Visitors, 3 rd degree	25
Out of State Visitors	2
Past Grand Masters	13
Total	207
Members Eligible to Vote	180

Since my Committee appointment this year was be assistant to **Rick Boyles**, PGM Chairman of the committee on Assignments, I got to sit on the stage next to him and one seat away from the Sovereign Grand Officer, he **Grand Warden of Sovereign Grand Lodge, Gerry Workman**. I was later escorted to the Podium to be given the honor to wear the **Ezra Jewel** during the session, It is a beautiful gold and pearl jewel, from the late 1800s. The 2 most senior Grand Master's serving are given jewels to wear.

Friday session was the election of new officers and as usual we did have multiple officers running for some of the boards and Deputy Grand Master and our Grand Warden positions. **Dave Reed**, ran against the **Terry Cree** for DGM. Dave felt that since Terry was appointed to the Grand Wardens position Terry should be given the change to be elected by the Grand Body. Dave is a Past Grand Master and was qualified to be elected in that position if he won, which he did. For Grand Warden was **Rita Cooper** running against **Carlos Juarez**. Rita Cooper won, becoming CA's first Female in that position.

The balloting took place with the electric clickers; however, there were major problems with the system this year. There was electrical interference with the voting system and the clickers would not register and seemed to interfere which one another. The voting for one position took over half an hour and we did not get finished with the Friday session until after 6:00PM. This was the latest I ever remember a session taking.

Some of the Bills and Resolutions which were important to me had to do with the sale of the Saratoga Home in order to get money so that the GL can give to weak lodges money so they can repair their lodge. I was against this sale. In order to have any kind of a right what so ever to be able to sell the Saratoga Home, the GL needed to receive back the Quit Claim that they gave away to the Home board years ago. The Resolution to return the Quit Claim to the GL was defeated. And the resolution to sell the Saratoga Home was pulled.

By **Don Lang**, editor

Silicon Valley Odd Fellowship

Lodge 70's May Social

Lodge 70's **Noble Grand Simona Benjamin** is not only a successful business owner but is a great events planner and chef as well! On Sister Simona's menu for our May Social Event were corned beef and cabbage, roasted carrots, potato salad, green salad, French bread and watermelon, chocolate chip brownies, and cheese-cake for dessert. We had a great turnout with a lot of returning members and guests enjoying the delicious meal and conversation. Everyone helped out with setting up tables, chairs and cleaning up. We're looking forward to more socials in the coming months!

by **Karen & Richard Sanico**



Lodge 70's Kanikapila "Let's Make Music!"

Aloha! Cupertino Lodge 70 hosts a monthly event called **Kanikapila**, which is Hawaiian for a gathering to make music. Twelve years ago, Brother **Les Wong** started a kanikapila in a local Hawaiian restaurant where people could learn and play Hawaiian songs together. After several moves, he found a home for the event at Lodge 70. Today, Kanikapila helps showcase the Lodge and attract potential members. Brother **Jim Kabage**, who joined Les at the original site, uses his technical expertise to display song charts on a large screen for in-person and virtual Zoom participants. Their band, Laule'a--whose other members are Brother **Ron Myres**, Sister **Randee Chin**, **John Hogle**, and **Joe Ho**--leads songs chosen by participants who play 'ukuleles, guitars, or other instruments, dance hula, or just sing along. All are welcome to Kanikapila every 4th Wednesday of the month, starting with a potluck at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 in Zoom. Contact Les at les.maverick@gmail.com to join in the fun. We ask for a \$5 donation to our Lodge from each non-member to support our charities. Mahalo and see you at our next Kanikapila!

By **Karen Sanico**

2023 Fundraise for Ukraine



Last summer, Cupertino Odd Fellows teamed up the Northern California Peace Corps and created a wonderful Ukrainian Sunflower Festival. Led on the Odd Fellows side by member **Simona Benjamin**, the partnership raised \$10,000 for a non-profit in Ukraine that supports refugees and internally displaced people. The funds raised helped house 113 refugees, including the purchase of furniture, and repairing of windows in the building.

Following the success of last year's fundraiser, we are hosting it once again. Our goal is to raise a similar amount of money as last year to facilitate the purchase of medical supplies and equipment in collaboration with **Ed's Friends**, an organization founded by Ukraine **RPCV Edward Ma**. We hope to have him in person at the fundraiser to speak about the work that he and his organization are doing to support civilians affected by the war in Ukraine.

Of course, no Ukrainian fundraiser would be complete without food and entertainment! Guests will be treated to a delicious and traditional Ukrainian 3-course meal along with traditional music and dance. Ukrainian vendors will also be on hand. Even if you can't attend, we invite you to donate in support of this important cause.

Please join us on July 22nd from 4 to 7pm at the Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge to support this worthy cause.

For Donation and Ticket Information, please visit the [Northern California Peace Corps Web Site](https://www.norcalpca.org/events/ukrainian-fundraiser) (<https://www.norcalpca.org/events/ukrainian-fundraiser>).

By **Jim Kabage**



Odd Fellowship Membership Class

The following Odd Fellow Membership Class is being initiated by **Ron Carrey, Past Grand Instructor**, and should be a great success. Ron is currently assistant to the Grand Instructor and comes to this position with a great deal of experience. Ron started with **Don Lang** the Noble Grand and Vice Grand seminars over 25 years ago, which turned into the Membership Seminars that are still going on today. Ron is very interesting to listen to and his team will present a class that promises to be very rewarding. The following is their flyer.

“ODDFELLOWSHIP MADE SIMPLE”

PLACE:

WINDSOR LODGE NO. 215
337 WINDSOR RIVER ROAD
WINDSOR, CALIFORNIA, 95492

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 8, 2023 SATURDAY.

TIME: 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON, CLASS.
NOON TO 1:00 P.M. LUNCH PROVIDED,

AGENDA:

OPENING: PLEDGE A LEGION
INTRODUCTIONS NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:
WEBSITE DISCUSSION
HAND OUTS AND APPLICATIONS
QUESTIONS TO OUR LEADERS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

PRESENTATIONS.

“THIS IS A BASIC INTRODUCTORY CLASS AND IS NOT INTENDED TO COMPETE WITH THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION IN VENTURA, CA.”

RONALD J. CARREY

Assistant to the Grand Instructor.
papacarrey@yahoo.com 408 515 8213

August Social for Lodge 70

Lodge 70's August Social is scheduled for Monday, August 28. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner service from 6:30 to 7:30. Our Social is FREE to members and their families. We're working on the menu so see the next Triple Links issue and visit our website at <https://www.cupertinooddfellows.org/social> for more information. Looking forward to food, fellowship, and fun!

By *Karen Sanico*

Carol Fraher Relaxing

I was having dinner this year at our Grand Lodge Session when we noticed our Odd Fellow and Rebekah California quarterly Magazine editor and photographer **Carol Fraher** and her husband **John**, relaxing and eating at the same restaurant that we were at. I thought I would have a little fun and go up to her, like she did to me so many times and ask to take her picture. She was surprised, but seemed to enjoy it. Carol works so hard with every issue making it the best and interesting that she can. She needs to gather these articles try to get them from different lodges with different subjects so it will be interesting to the readers. I still to this day, as soon as the new issue comes, I try to sit down and read it from cover to cover. I enjoy reading about what the different Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are doing through out the state and seeing any positive signs that the membership is growing a little.

By *Don Lang, editor*



Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Odd Fellows Cupertino Lodge 70 on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>



Odd Fellows Bay View Lodge Hosts Benefit Concert to Support Street Life Ministries

With the goal of bringing the community together for a night of fun music and to raise funds for a local organization, the Odd Fellows Bay View Lodge No. 109, the oldest fraternal organization in Redwood City, is thrilled to present the 'Meeting of Acoustic Minds' Concert on Saturday, June 24th at 7pm!

World renown and award-winning musicians **Mark Lemaire** (guitar), **John Lester** (bass) and **Mark Kostrzewa** (guitar) will perform individually and together genres of folk, rock, jazz and acoustic to cultivate into a night to remember! All net proceeds of the evening will go towards Street Life Ministries, a Redwood City based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk populations across the Peninsula.

Doors open at 6:00pm and the concert will begin at 7:00pm. The concert will be held at the Odd Fellows Bay View Lodge at 839 Main St, Redwood City, CA 94063. Food and Drinks will be available for purchase. Plentiful parking in the surrounding area.

Invite family, friends and everyone in between for a relaxing night of beautiful music and community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets can be purchased at: <https://oddfellowsrwc>

By **Hannah Joyce Koury**

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PURCHASE TICKETS AND DONATE BY QR CODE OR VISIT
BAYVIEWLODGE109.ORG



\$35 General Admission
Doors open at 6:00PM
Food and Drinks
Available For Purchase

Seating is limited. Reserve your tickets online.
We can't wait to see you there and help support ...



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