



Est. April 15, 1899

Mailing Address:

PO Box 6, Cupertino, CA 95014

Meeting Address:

20589 Homestead Rd, Cupertino, CA,

Phone (408) 736-6563

Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 8:00 PM, in-person and by the Zoom link below;

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Cupertino Lodge No.70, Independent Order of Odd Fellows met to discuss regular business on May 27, 2024.

Meeting started at ____ 8:03 PM.

Meeting ended at ____ 9:10 PM

Duration = ____ 67 minutes.

11 Lodge members in person (P), 9 officer(s) absent (A), 1 lodge member(s) by internet Zoom (Z), and 0 visitor(s) (V).

Roll Call of Officers

Elected Offices:		Elected Officers:	<u>May 27</u>
	Noble Grand	Ronald Myres	P
	Vice Grand	James Kabage	P
	Secretary	Thomas E. Blackburn (in Japan)	A
	Treasurer	Mark St John	P
	Financial Secretary	Randee Chin	P
	Past Grand	Simona Benjamin	A
Appointed Offices:		Appointed Officers:	
	Warden	Richard Sanico	A
	Conductor	Marvin Carter (pro-tem Warden)	P
	Chaplain	Todd White	A
	Right Supporter NG	Michael Greenzeiger	A
	Left Supporter NG	Leon Torrey	P
	Inside Guardian	Leslie Wong	A
	Outside Guardian	n/a	
	Right Supporter VG	Donald J. Lang	P
	Left Supporter VG	Karen Sanico	A
	Right Scene Supporter	John Hogle	A
	Left Scene Supporter	Ivan Fawley	A

Pro-tem Officers:			
Secretary Pro-tem	Mason Wolf (via zoom)		Z
Chaplain Pro-tem	Annie Cronin		P
Ending Term:		Elected Trustees:	
2024		James Kabage	
2025		Leon Torrey	
2026		Annie Cronin	
2027		Donald J. Lang	
2028		Karen Sanico	

Additional Attending Members:

Estelle Ramolete	Bob Devine	Ed Brown	

1. **Visiting Members (V):**
2. **Reading of Records, the prior meeting.**
 - a. Minutes were approved after reading
 - b. Emailed minutes stand approved after Noble Grand asked for any corrections.
3. **Members Reported Sick or in Distress:**
 - a. Mason Wolf is sick
 - b. Les Wong is recovering from hand surgery
4. **Visiting committee Report:** (Chair: Ron Myres, Jim Kabage, Todd White, Sandy Narasimhan)
5. **Bills read and Referred:**(Bills read by **Mark St John**)
 - a. PG&E - \$866
 - b. Council for Native Hawaiian adv - \$1755
 - c. Emerald Bay 50 - \$1250
 - d. reimbursement of security deposit - \$600
 - e. reimbursement of sec dep 5/18 - \$600
 - f. Marvin Carter paper plates \$18.73
 - g. Randee Chin postage flowers water - \$56.28
 - h. Jim Kabage light fixtures - \$460.81
 - i. Richard Sanico refreshments - \$46.33
 - j. Annie Cronin sessions - \$1828.44
 - k. Don Lang sessions - \$1367.56
 - l. Ron Myres sessions - \$1672.43
6. **Communications Read and disposed of: (All Grand Lodge Communications must be read.)**
 - a. Board meeting on June 1
 - b. Encampment Pancake Breakfast at True Fellowship #52
 - c. Receipt from City of Hope - shared by Mark Saint-John
 - d. Flyer from Grand Lodge about Joint Reception
 - i. Don Lang mentions that Ria Toolis of Mountain View is looking for volunteers to help with decorations
7. **Reading of Applications for Membership:**
 - a. **Adam Potolsky of Saratoga wants to join as an associate**

- i. interview committee:
Annie Cronin
Mark Saint-John
Marvin Carter

8. Report of Interviewing Committee:

9. Balloting on Applications for Membership:

10. Applications and Balloting for Degrees:

- a. Todd White is now a third degree member
- b. Annie mentioned that since there is no scheduled second degree, and we have several members who need it, perhaps we can look at bringing the second degree to Cupertino.
 - i. Mason mentioned that he's trying to get buy-in from Redwood City (Bay View 109) to host a second degree ceremony, but doesn't yet have confirmation. They'll need to make a decision at their meeting on June 4th.
 - ii. Discussion is tabled for now, pending response of Bay View 109

11. Finance committee Report: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Simona Benjamin, Les Wong)

- a. **Report:** _____ **Estelle Ramolete** reviewed the bill on the secretary's desk and found them in order.
- b. **MOTION:** _____ **Jim Kabage** moved to pay the bills on the secretary's desk. Seconded by _____ **Randee Chin**.
- c. **Motion passed** after request for discussion.

12. Initiation or Conferring of Degrees: for 2024

a. FUTURE DEGREE POTENTIAL CEREMONIES:

- b. **Initiatory:** At this time, will be held on the fifth Monday of each month at Cupertino Lodge No.70. They potentially are;
 - i. January 29 (took place)
 - ii. April 29 (took place)
 - iii. July 29
 - iv. September 30
 - v. December 30
- c. **First Degree (Friendship):** If held at Mountain View Lodge No.244, will be on the 5th Thursday of the month, 823 Villa Ave. They potentially are:
 - i. February 29 (took place)
 - ii. **May 30**
 - iii. August 29
 - iv. October 31
- d. **Second Degree (Love):** At this time, if done at Saratoga Lodge No.428, will be at 14414 Oak St, Saratoga on,
 - i. March 12 (Tuesday) (took place)
- e. **Third Degree (Truth):** At this time, if done at San Jose True Fellowship Lodge No.52 on the 4th Wednesday of months that have a 5th Wednesday; 1035 Emory Street. They are:
 - i. May 22 (took place)
 - ii. July 24
 - iii. October 23
- f. **The Cave Degrees:** At the Yreka Cave (aka Pythian Cave, Yreka, CA, 41.5921, -122.58598 via Google), through the Yreka Lodge No.19, all four degrees will be performed over two days in the summer during full moons. The Initiatory and First degrees will take place on the day before at Yreka Lodge No.19. The Second

degree will take place later in the evening at the cave. The third degree will take place back at the Yreka lodge on the next day.

- g. The Dates for the cave degree will be:
 - i. (August 17-18) Aug. 17 moonrise at 7:15 PM PST. Sunset 8:03 PM.
 - ii. (September 14-15) Sept. 14 Moonrise at 5:46 PM PST. Sunset 7:19 PM.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Budget: (Chair: Randee Chin, Mark St John, Jim Kabage, Les Wong, Ron Myres, Simona Benjamin)**
- 2. Building: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Marvin Carter, Ron Myres, Les Wong, Steve Frankie)**
 - a. Jim reports that the city requires diagrams of the building to review permit request.
 - i. Jim scanned the blueprints, but the city wants "more than that"
 - ii. HVAC company is working with their architect to scan something to present the city
 - b. Ron Myres reports that water heater will be delivered next week
- 3. By-Laws: (Chair: Mark St. John, Jim Kabage, Don Lang and Michael Greenzeiger)**
- 4. Events: (Chair: Karen Sanico, Richard Sanico, Marvin Carter, May Serrano, Estella Ramolete, Jim Kabage, Randee Chin, Simona Benjamin)**
 - a. Event coming up June 24th - 4th of July BBQ - which is also a fundraiser for RCS
 - i. will serve typical BBQ food (hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, salad)
 - ii. Rebekahs will join us and give presentation
 - iii. cost is \$20
 - iv. communication will be sent to usual lists
 - v. Jim Kabage proposed to pay for the food budget \$800, Randee seconds
 1. Mason proposes a lower budget of \$500
 2. Mark proposes a budget of \$15 per person
 3. Motion changed to \$15 per person based on count shortly before the lunch
 - 4. Motion passed**
- 5. Finance: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Simona Benjamin, Les Wong)**
- 6. Historical: (Chair: Don Lang, Mason Wolf, Michael Greenzeiger)**
- 7. Marketing: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Mason Wolf, Randee Chin, Karen Sanico)**
- 8. Membership: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Annie Cronin, Simona Benjamin, Michael Greenzeiger)**
- 9. Rental: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Richard Sanico, Simona Benjamin, Todd White, Mark St. John, Don Lang (Hall Manager))**
 - a. Indian Community Center is interested in renting from us again
 - i. before pandemic they rented 4 days a week, 4-5 hour per day
 - ii. not ideal rental experience
 - iii. committee is attempting to come up with a fair price for them
 - iv. formerly they paid \$4000 per month, plus paid for cleaners
 - v. we had issues with their cleaners before
 - vi. Jim has asked UBS to give us a new quote based on more frequent cleaning
 - b. We've been talking about renovating dining area - If ICC starts renting from us, it would start up July 1, so we should have renovation done by then

- i. have been looking at following approach of Redwood city (white walls with gray trim)

- 10. Scholarship: (Chair: Karen Sanico, Mark St. John, Todd White, Steve Frankie)**
- 11. Visiting: (Chair: Ron Myres, Jim Kabage, Todd White, Sandy Narasimhan)**
- 12. Web/Technology: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Mason Wolf, Les Wong, Steve Grundy)**
- 13. Trustees: (Chair: Jim Kabage (2024), Leon Torry (2025), Annie Cronin (2026), Don Lang (2027), Karen Sanico (2028))**

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. **.Mark moved that the reports from Grand Lodge be postponed until a meeting with more people, seconded by Jim**
 - a. Annie spoke about the importance of being represented at Sessions
 - b. Annie proposed that the reports be given to the secretary, but reading could happen later
 - c. Mason made the point that he thought it was important to read the reports
 - d. In the absence of a secretary, Ron asked who would receive the report
 - e. Mark clarified that payment would not be postponed, only reading of reports
 - f. Motion passed**
2. **.Mason raised the point that dues have been raised by Grand Lodge**
 - a. Randee mentioned there was a question about whether to add the credit card fee to the dues amount for members who wanted to pay that way
 - b. Don pointed out that the lodge may not pay any part of the dues unless the members pay a collection, and cited that Mountain View adds the fee amount to the dues.
 - c. Mark compared paying fees to pro-rated dues and the costs that may incur when a new member joins late in the year.
 - d. Don still feels that the lodge should be paid what the dues are.
 - e. Jim makes the case that we're not paying any part of the dues, rather we're paying the fees to the carrier
 - f. Mason makes the point that it isn't inconvenient for someone with a credit card to pay the extra fee amount, and that way the lodge gets the proper amount
 - g. Bob expresses surprise that we argue about this tiny fee after paying a large amount for people going to sessions
 - h. Bob moves that the lodge absorb the credit card fee, seconded by Jim**
 - i. Annie says absorb the fee for now, see if it becomes a problem, and address it later if it is
 - j. Jim reminds us that the reason we accept credit card payments is to make things easier for the financial secretary
 - k. Don says if it's convenient for the members to pay that way then just have the financial secretary calculate the fee and charge it. Don says doing it without the fee is breaking the law (code).
 - l. Motion Passed.**

Receipts and Disbursements (copied directly from EXCEL report from the Treasurer.)

1. **TOTAL = \$2,420.10 (Receipts)**
 - a. (5/20/24)\$0.10<==[US Bank, interest]

- b. (5/13/24)\$6.00<==[US Bank, refund of service charge]
- c. (5/20/24)\$55.00<==[Ronald Myers, dues]
- d. (5/20/24)\$60.00<==[Linda Roy, dues]
- e. (5/20/24)\$25.00<=[Adam Potolsky, Associate application]
- f. (5/21/24)\$2,079.00<==[Elsa J Perez, 6/8 rental]
- g. (5/27/24)\$195.00<==[Karen Sanico, Hula ans Ukelele classes, 5/1 and 5/15]
195.00
- 2. TOTAL = \$9,951.32 (Disbursements)
 - a. (05/21/24)\$339.74==>[ACH Debit], {PG&E, May}
 - b. (05/13/24)\$1,755.00==>[2129], {Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (May Day event proceeds)}
 - c. (05/20/24)\$1,250.00==>[2130], {Emerald Bay Lodge #50, roll call dinner catering}
 - d. (05/27/24)\$600.00==>[2131], {Evereth Briseno-Hernandez, security deposit refund 5/11}
 - e. (05/27/24)\$600.00==>[2132], {Daniel Armenta, security deposit refund 5/18}
 - f. (05/27/24)\$18.73==>[2133], {Marvin Carter, paper plates}
 - g. (05/27/24)\$56.28==>[2134], {Randee Chin, postage, flowers, water}
 - h. (05/27/24)\$416.81==>[2135], {Jim Kabage, light fixtures, blueprint scans}
 - i. (05/27/24)\$46.33==>[2136], {Richard Sanico, drinks}
 - j. (05/27/24)\$1,828.44==>[2137], {Annie Cronin, sessions}
 - k. (05/27/24)\$1,367.56==>[2138], {Don Lang, sessions}
 - l. (05/27/24)\$1,672.43==>[2139], {Ron Myres, sessions}
- 3. Closing = \$11,638.21
- 4. Year-to-Date Running Receipts = \$55,157.88
- 5. Year-to-Date Running Disbursements = \$51,517.38
- 6. Year-to-Date-Running-BALANCE = \$3640.50

	May 27	May 13	April 22	April 8	Mar 25
Beginning Balance	\$19,695.69	\$21,230.66	\$9,785.10	\$8,707.66	\$8,125.00
Receipts	\$2,420.10	\$5,242.00	\$24,699.05	\$4,334.09	\$3,044.03
Disbursements	\$9,951.32	\$6,776.97	\$13,253.49	\$3,256.65	\$2,461.37
Ending Balance	\$12,164.47	\$19,695.69	\$21,230.66	\$9,785.10	\$8,707.66
YTD Receipts	\$55,157.88	\$52,737.78	\$47,495.78	\$22,796.73	\$18,462.64
YTD Disbursements	\$50,991.12	\$41,039.80	\$34,262.83	\$21,009.34	\$17,752.69
YTD Income Balance	\$4166.76	\$11,697.98	\$13,232.95	\$1,787.39	\$709.95

Good of the Order

1. Ron Myres reminds about the Lions club golf tournament, asks if anyone else wants to attend
2. Mason shared about the upcoming Richard Brouse Degree Lodge 190
3. Jim shared that Andrew Crockett of True Fellowship #52 is interested in passing the red folding chairs onto Gilroy, which is being reinstituted

Closing the Lodge

- Annie Cronin read the closing prayer.
- Jim Kabage read the valediction.

- Leon Torrey closed the lodge for business until 8:00 PM at the next lodge meeting.
- Ron Myres closed the lodge in the initiatory degree.

Signed: 
Mason Wolf, Pro-Tem Secretary, Cupertino Lodge #70, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Attachments with these emailed minutes follows:

1. Application for membership from Adam Potolsky
2. Encampment Pancake Breakfast Flyer
3. Grand Lodge Reception Flyer

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
 THE THREE LINK FRATERNITY Independent Order of Odd Fellows Date <u>5-20</u> 20<u>24</u>	
To the MEMBERS of Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge No. 70 working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California. As one who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe and is loyal to my country, I respectfully request admission into your Lodge by: ☐ Initiation ☐ Re-instatement ☐ *Transfer ☐ *Deposit of Card ☒ *Association I promise that if admitted, I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge, and those of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California. I also promise that I will seek my remedy for all rights associated with my membership in this organization within the tribunals of the Order only, and will not resort to the civil courts for their enforcement under any circumstance or for any purpose.	
REFERENCES _____ _____ _____	APPLICANT Print Name <u>Adam Potolsky</u> Birth Place <u>San Jose</u> Birth Date <u>5-23-70</u> Occupation <u>Homemaker</u> Residence <u>Sunnyvale</u> Street Address <u>1203 Oxford Ave</u> City, State, ZIP <u>Sunnyvale CA 94087</u> Phone <u>408-394-4044</u> eMail <u>adam.potolsky@gmail.com</u> Signature <u>[Signature]</u>
SPONSOR Signature <u>Michael G.</u> Sponsors's Lodge <u>Cup #70</u>	INTERVIEWING COMMITTEE We certify that this applicant meets all membership requirements of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of this Jurisdiction. _____ _____
*CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above applicant has taken the _____ Degree and is a member in good standing in _____ Lodge, Number _____. [Lodge Seal] Secretary Signature _____	
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On Saturday, June 1st

Barnes Encampment #77 Presents: Pancake Breakfast at True Fellowship



LOCATION:

1035 Emory St, San Jose

DATE: JUNE 1, 2024

TIME: 8am - 11am

PRICE: \$10

Get to know your local encampment! Barnes Encampment #77 includes respected elders of Odd Fellowship from 5 different lodges in our area. Their combined experience as leaders within our order makes them a valuable and cherished resource for understanding what it takes to make a lodge function well.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, assorted toppings, and sides in the company of these encampment brothers and sisters.

To learn more, visit:
true52.org/pancakes



You are invited to a Joint Reception
for 2024-2025 Grand Master Dave Reed and
Rebekah Assembly President Debra LaVergne
California Gold Rush



Sunday June 2nd
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge #70

20589 Homestead Road, Cupertino

Dress code: Formal (Victorian attire encouraged)

Barbeque Buffet Lunch and Dessert

(Chicken, Tri- tip, pulled pork, portobello mushroom and multiple salads)

Lunch - 1:00 p.m.

\$25 per person

Reception and Entertainment to follow

Please RSVP to **Michael Greenzeiger**

greenzeiger@gmail.com

phone # 617-699-5089.

Please make checks payable to "Mountain View Lodge" Pay at the door or
mail to M. Greenzeiger, 1025 East Cardinal Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087