



Est. April 15, 1899

Mailing Address:

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Meeting Address:

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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 June 10, 2024.

Meeting started at ____ 8:03 PM.

Meeting ended at ____ 9:27 PM

Duration = ____ 84 minutes.

__12__ Lodge members in person (P), __7__ officer(s) absent (A), __0__ lodge member(s) by internet Zoom (Z), and __0__ visitor(s) (V).

Roll Call of Officers

Elected Offices:		Elected Officers:	June 10
	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	P
	Conductor	Marvin Carter	P
	Chaplain	Todd White	P
	Right Supporter NG	Michael Greenzeiger	A
	Left Supporter NG	Leon Torrey	P
	Inside Guardian	Leslie Wong	P
	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	P
Ending Term:		Elected Trustees:	
	2024	James Kabage	P
	2025	Leon Torrey	P
	2026	Annie Cronin	P
	2027	Donald J. Lang	P
	2028	Karen Sanico	A

Additional Attending Members:

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:**
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. Jim Kabage - \$38.43, plates
 - b. UBS - \$322
 - c. Tom Blackburn - \$334.22
 - d. Cal Water - \$60.47
 - e. Recology - \$282.37
 - f. Comcast - \$227.26
 - g. Credit card fee Elsa Perez - \$61.04
 - h. Cred card fee Juan Medina - \$53.86
6. **Communications Read and disposed of: (All Grand Lodge Communications must be read.)**
 - a. Cave Dedication Flyer
 - b. Dedication Ceremony Announcement
 - c. 3-Links Camp Festival (June 21-23)
 - d. 3-Links Camp Arts and Crafts Fair (Sat Jun 22, vendors wanted)
 - e. Grand Master Letter and Itinerary
 - f. Pilgrimage for Youth Fundraising Appeal
 - g. Saratoga announcement of guest speaker for 6/11 meeting
7. **Reading of Applications for Membership:**
8. **Report of Interviewing Committee:**
 - a. **Adam Potolsky**
 - i. the report from Annie Cronin was favorable
 1. Annie says he wants to become more active in Odd Fellows, and is available on Mondays
 2. He was also Grand Instructor of CA 5 years ago

- ii. He was reported by the secretary of Saratoga as a member in good standing

9. **Balloting on Applications for Membership:**

- a. Adam Potolsky

- i. **Was elected to membership by Association**

10. **Applications and Balloting for Degrees:**

- a. Bob Devine is now a first degree member
- b. Bay View 109 will not be doing a second degree over the summer, but Saratoga is looking to host one on July 9th (to be confirmed at their meeting on June 11)

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

- a. **Report:** _____ **Les Wong** reviewed the bill on the secretary's desk and found them in order.
- b. **MOTION:** _____ **Les Wong** moved to pay the bills on the secretary's desk. Seconded by _____ **Marvin Carter**.
- 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 (took place)
 - 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)
 - ii. July 9 (requires final confirmation)
- 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.

13. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Budget: (Chair: Randee Chin, Mark St John, Jim Kabage, Les Wong, Ron Myres, Simona Benjamin)**
- b. **Building: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Marvin Carter, Ron Myres, Les Wong, Steve Frankie)**
 - i. **Marvin and Jim** are meeting tomorrow to install the replacement light fixtures we bought last time
 - ii. HVAC permit still not approved. Contractor will come out tomorrow to measure and get things ready to install so when permits approved they can start ASAP
- c. **By-Laws: (Chair: Mark St. John, Jim Kabage, Don Lang and Michael Greenzeiger)**
- d. **Events: (Chair: Karen Sanico, Richard Sanico, Marvin Carter, May Serrano, Estella Ramolete, Jim Kabage, Randee Chin, Simona Benjamin)**
 - i. 4th of July barbecue and RCS fundraiser on June 24th in place of next meeting
 - ii. Rich and Karen will provide live music
 - iii. Will be served by Jim and Ron cooking
 - iv. Philotesian will give a report on RCS and how they benefit people in our area, not only Gilroy
 - v. Cost will be \$20 donation for both members and non-members
 - vi. **Jim makes a motion, seconded by Randee** to spend \$300 on decorations - red, white, and blue items that can be potentially reused
 - 1. discussion of cost and potential to reuse existing decorations
 - 2. **motion passed**
- e. **Finance: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Simona Benjamin, Les Wong)**
- f. **Historical: (Chair: Don Lang, Mason Wolf, Michael Greenzeiger)**
- g. **Marketing: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Mason Wolf, Randee Chin, Karen Sanico)**
- h. **Membership: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Annie Cronin, Simona Benjamin, Michael Greenzeiger)**
- i. **Rental: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Richard Sanico, Simona Benjamin, Todd White, Mark St. John, Don Lang (Hall Manager))**
 - i. Committee came up with a proposal for ICC \$7000 for 4 days a week
 - 1. ICC turned down that offer
 - ii. Committee offered half the space for \$5000
 - 1. ICC countered with entire space for \$4500
 - iii. Ultimately failed to reach a deal
- j. **Scholarship: (Chair: Karen Sanico, Mark St. John, Todd White, Steve Frankie)**
- k. **Visiting: (Chair: Ron Myres, Jim Kabage, Todd White, Sandy Narasimhan)**
- l. **Web/Technology: (Chair: Jim Kabage, Mason Wolf, Les Wong, Steve Grundy)**
- m. **Trustees: (Chair: Jim Kabage (2024), Leon Torry (2025), Annie Cronin (2026), Don Lang (2027), Karen Sanico (2028))**
- n. **Regalia Committee**
 - i. **Randee Chin** reports that collars have been ordered and should arrive in 4-6 weeks

14. Unfinished Business

- a. Reports from Sessions (Tom, Don, Ron, Annie)
 - i. **Tom Blackburn's** report was read by **Mason Wolf**
 - ii. **Annie Cronin** gave her own report

- iii. **Ron Myres's** report read by **Mason Wolf**
- iv. **Don Lang's** report read by **Mason Wolf**
- b. **Mark Saint-John** asked about the donations our representatives made on behalf of the lodge
 - i. **Annie** gave \$500 to camp
 - ii. **Ron** gave \$500 to RCS
 - iii. **Don** gave \$500 to visual research
 - iv. **Tom** gave \$500 to the float

15. New Business

- a. According to financial secretary **Randee Chin**, 2 members are past due by more than 1 year on dues:
 - i. **Kala Lee Otero**
 - ii. **Larry Stansfield**
- b. These 2 members owe \$55 each. They have been duly notified by the financial secretary, and if not paid by the next meeting, they will be read again, at which point they will be suspended unless a majority vote of the lodge prevents that from happening. (this is based on CA code ch V, sec 3, part G(3))

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

- a. **TOTAL = \$4,769.25 (Receipts)**
 - i. (5/22/24)\$140<==[kani ka pila, cash]
 - ii. (6/7/24)\$266.25<==[Ben Kaili, rental pmnt]
 - iii. (6/5/24)\$100.00<==[Karen Sanico, ukulele class]
 - iv. (05/16/24)\$1575<==[Yanira Caballo, rental 6/16]
 - v. (05/27/24)\$5<==[Ron Myers, increased dues]
 - vi. (05/28/24)\$60<==[Annie Cronin dues]
 - vii. (05/28/24)\$60<==[Nicolas Lutz dues]
 - viii. (06/01/24)\$306<==[Wester Aikido June]
 - ix. (06/06/24)\$1847<==[Juan Medina rental 7/6, credit card]
 - x. (06/08/24)\$300<==[Claudia Facunda, rental 11/9 (Zelle)]
 - xi. (06/08/24)\$110<==[Elsa Perez, rental 6/8 (Zelle)]
- b. **TOTAL = \$2,747.60 (Disbursements)**
 - i. (06/10/24)\$38.43==>[2141], {Jim Kabage for plates}
 - ii. (06/10/24)\$334.22==>[2142], {Tom Blackburn for PSGM hotel}
 - iii. (06/10/24)\$344.00==>[2140], {UBS cleaning}
 - iv. (05/30/24)\$60.47==>[ACH], {CA Water, May}
 - v. (06/03/24)\$282.32==>[ACH], {Recology SB, June}
 - vi. (06/04/24)\$227.26==>[ACH], {Comcast, June}
 - vii. (05/24/24)\$61.04==>[Credit Card Fee], {Elsa Perez rental}
 - viii. (06/06/24)\$53.86==>[Credit Card Fee], {Juan Medina rental}
 - ix. (06/10/24)\$600==>[Check 1224], {Refund of security deposit}
 - x. (06/10/24)\$768==>{SEA for security at May events}
 - xi. (06/10/24)\$6==>[bank charge]
- c. **Closing = \$14,186.12**
- d. **Year-to-Date Running Receipts = \$59,927.13**
- e. **Year-to-Date Running Disbursements = \$53,738.72**
- f. **Year-to-Date-Running-BALANCE = \$6,188.41**

	June 10	May 27	May 13	April 22	April 8
Beginning Balance	\$12,164.47	\$19,695.69	\$21,230.66	\$9,785.10	\$8,707.66

Receipts	\$4,769.25	\$2,420.10	\$5,242.00	\$24,699.05	\$4,334.09
Disbursements	\$2,747.60	\$9,951.32	\$6,776.97	\$13,253.49	\$3,256.65
Ending Balance	\$14,186.12	\$11,638.21	\$19,695.69	\$21,230.66	\$9,785.10
YTD Receipts	\$59,927.13	\$55,157.88	\$52,737.78	\$47,495.78	\$22,796.73
YTD Disbursements	\$53,738.72	\$51,517.38	\$41,039.80	\$34,262.83	\$21,009.34
YTD Income Balance	\$6,188.41	\$3,640.50	\$11,697.98	\$13,232.95	\$1,787.39

Good of the Order

1. **Mason Wolf** shared about the \$10 pins he's selling for Dave Reed's GM projects as DDGM in district 107
2. **Mason Wolf** shared that the August degree weekend registration page is now live online at oddfellowscavedegree.com/august-registration

Closing the Lodge

- **Todd White** 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:

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