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To all Rebekah Lodges,

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Tea Party on Saturday, March 29 is canceled and replaced with a 4:00pm Celebration of Life for PGM Don Lang, the husband of Assembly Treasurer Mary Lou Lang, at the Cupertino IOOF Hall (20589 Homestead Road). Everyone who plans to attend needs to contact the Cupertino #70 Noble Grand, Jim Kabage at <jim@kabage.com>. Overflow parking is across the street in the shopping center.

My visit to Orange Grove Rebekah Lodge in Oroville will be on Friday, April 11. They are trying a later start time to their meetings, so it will be at 6pm instead of 4:30pm.

Philotesian Rebekah Lodge is conferring the Rebekah Degree on March 27. Other lodges are welcome to bring candidates and help in the tableau!

When I visited Davis Rebekah Lodge last month, I saw that the Noble Grand had the ritual in his tablet so that he could enlarge the text enough to read. But the lines were long and he had to scroll back and forth as well as up and down. I know I would lose my place a lot if I was scrolling like that! So the next morning, I scanned the opening ceremony, order of business, and closing ceremony from my charge book, and produced a Word document in

48-point type.

That is big enough to be legible on even a cellphone. Also, since it is a Word document, lines wrap so no left and right scrolling is needed. And anyone can edit it to print out the size they need.

The document is on the bottom of my web page at http://www.burwur.net/IOOF/. You can also reach that page by clicking on the "President's Letters" button on the California Grand Lodge home page, www.caioof.org.

The term is winding down. hope your lodge will send many delegates to Rebekah Assembly in May at the Peppermill Hotel and Resort in Reno. I want us to enjoy our time in the sessions, as well as our free time. The dress code for sessions will call for skirts, preferably long, but people using canes, walkers, wheelchairs and scooters may wear slacks instead for safety. Please, no jeans or shorts.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Debra LaVergne, PRA

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