

Minutes for August 16,17,18, 2024

Richard Brouse Degree Lodge No.190

Est. August 16, 2024

Mailing Address: (Mason Wolf, Degree Master), 4956 Rue Le Mans, San Jose, California 95136

Meeting Address for Degrees: 107 West Miners Street, Yreka, CA 96097

Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83463816491?pwd=i8gDzKpbKchW1ank5UlbD5FJKeZCQZ.1>

Meeting ID: 834 6381 6491

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Next meetings:

Aug 25, 2024 08:00 PM **Zoom**

Sep 13-14-15, 2024 **at Yreka Lodge No.19**

Sep 22, 2024 08:00 PM **Zoom**

Oct 27, 2024 08:00 PM **Zoom**

--No meetings November or December.



FRIDAY

Friday August 16 at 5:00 PM the Richard Brouse Degree Lodge No.190 (herein the Lodge) met for the first time to invest the charter, and to take the oath to The Grand Lodge (GL) of California to obey the GL laws for a lodge. Officers were elected. The Lodge went into recess.

Friday evening, around 7:30 PM, the Lodge and public attended the Cave dedication with a ceremony that included the assembly of the Rebekah and Odd Fellows altar as the dedication ritual was performed and speeches were made.

SATURDAY

Saturday morning at 9:14 AM the Lodge resumed from recess to address the Bylaws. It was agreed to postpone voting on the Bylaws until Sunday, August 18, after members had a chance to review them.

Tom Blackburn was appointed by Mason Wolf as the secretary for the rest of these meetings.

Motion by Jack Crispin Cain to have the Lodge Zoom meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Adrew Crockett. **Motion passed.**

No meetings will be scheduled for November and December.

Good of the Order: Marcus Marino presented a poster of 20 California lodges on the national list of historic places to the Yreka lodge and the Richard Brouse Degree Lodge, jointly. Marcus is Vice Grand of Davis Lodge. The poster also includes the Bodie lodge east of the Sierra Mountains.

The degree Lodge closed, per ritual on page 22, with the reading of the standard closing prayer and the Warden proclaiming, "this degree lodge is closed", at 9:37 AM.

Saturday at 12:05 PM, the degree Lodge opened in the initiatory to initiate five candidates into Odd Fellowship. The Lodge then closed after Chaplain, Andrew Crockett, read the benediction and the Warden, Dave Reed, closed the lodge at 1:25 PM.

Saturday, after lunch, at 2:57 PM, the Lodge opened in the 1st degree and nineteen(19) members took their 1st degree. After benediction was read by Jack Cain, the Warden, Andrew Crockett closed the Lodge at 3:51 PM.

Saturday, dinner was served at the Yreka Lodge No.19 around 6:00 PM.

Saturday evening, around 7:30 PM, Lodge members and candidates carpooled to the Cave.

The lodge opened at 9:03 PM in the second degree and twenty-one(21) candidates received their 2nd degree. The lodge then closed with Jack Cain reading benediction and the warden, Jane Beckman, proclaimed the degree lodge closed at 9:44 PM. Some attendees returned to the Yreka lodge for refreshments and some to their hotel rooms.

SUNDAY

Sunday morning the Lodge opened in the 3rd degree at 9:16 AM. Twenty-two(22) candidates took their 3rd degree.

We practiced the opening and signs for all the degrees.

We honored those long-time members. Today we learned that Gerald Williams from Bay View Lodge 109 has been a member for 68 years. Brother Gerald told fascinating accounts of his time with Odd Fellows.

Before recess, Grand Master Dave Reed spoke about how special the degrees are and encouraged each lodge to keep having fun. And, Grand Master Dave regaled us with his guitar and the Beatles song, "I get by with a Little Help from my Friends".

The Lodge recessed at 10:26 AM.

At 11:37 AM the Lodge resumed from recess for business.

Motion by Larry Guenther to accept the Bylaws as sent out. Seconded by Debbie Wolf. **Motion passed** by voting sign.

Andrew Crockett reports that lodges such as Masonic are able to organize under a 501c3 tax code as a historical lodge. Thus, our degree lodge could also organize under such a tax code for donations to be tax deductible.

Interviewing committee reports unanimous favorable recommendation to admit;

Tyson Seiger's application: to become a Degree Lodge member; (Larry Guenther, Jane Beckman, Tom Blackburn). Report favorably for Tyson Seiger to become a Degree Lodge member.

This morning, two more applications were received. Reports for both were given at this time from members who personally know them.

Paul Goodman's application: Deborah Wolf, Jane Beckman and Lisa Harrigan report Paul to be recommended for membership. Verbal report accepted by Mason Wolf, Degree Master.

Katy Dickinson's application: Debbie Wolf, Stephen Eley, Andrew Crockett report favorable for Katy to become a member. Verbal report accepted by Mason Wolf, degree Master.

Vote to accept all three members by ballot box was **favorable for all three candidates.**

Trustee Nominations: Mason Wolf, Mike Steineke, Stacy Thomason, Tom Blackburn(not accepted), Jane Beckman(withdrawn).

Motion: That we vote by acclamation by _____, seconded by _____. **Motion passed.**

Motion: That we let the trustees work out among themselves for their term to end, one, two or three years from now by _____. Seconded by _____. **Motion passed by acclamation.**

The committee assignments will be made by Degree Master Mason Wolf as he begins asking members to help.

The Richard Brouse Degree Lodge closed at 12:34 PM after the Chaplain_____ read the benediction and the Warden, Andre Crockett closed the lodge.

RBDL160 Roll Call of Officers

Elected Offices:	Elected Officers:	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Aug 18</u>
Degree Master	Mason Wolf provisional dm	P	P	P
Deputy Degree Master	Stacy Thomason	P	P	P
Secretary	Debra LaVergne (protem Tom Blackburn)	P	A	A
Treasurer	Deborah Wolf	P	P	P
Financial Secretary	Larry Guenther	P	P	P
Past Degree Master	Annie Cronin (acting Past Degree Master)	P	P	A
Appointed Offices:	Appointed Officers:			
Warden	Andrew Crockett	P	P	P
Conductor	Jane Beckman	P	P	P
Chaplain	Jack Crispin Cain	P	P	P
First Degree Assistant	Dave Reed	P	P	P
Second Degree Assistant	Tom Blackburn	P	P	P
Third Degree Assistant	Jay Thomason	P	P	P
Fourth Degree Assistant	Kristi Dilworth	P	P	P
Outside Guardian	Robert Seibel	P	P	P
Inside Guardian	Jaime Herrera	P	P	P
Ending Term:	Elected Trustees:			
202X	Mason Wolf	P	P	P
202X	Stacy Thomason	P	P	P
202X	Michael Steineke	P	P	P
Attending Lodge members besides officers				
	Sara Bruce	P	P	P
	Lisa Deutsch Harrigan	P	P	P
	Carol Wahrer	P	P	P
	Honor Wolf	P	P	P

Visiting Members				
	Marcus Marino (VG Davis Lodge)		P	
	Emily Thomason (Oregon, Gold Hill Lodge)			P
	Angela Commean (True Fellowship 52)			P

MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF 2024-August-25

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	OFFICE	HOME LODGE	JURISDICTION
Jane	Beckman	Conductor	Gilroy #154	California
Tom	Blackburn	Second Degree Assistant	Cupertino #70	California
Dorothy	Brouse		Napa #18	California
Sara	Bruce		True Fellowship #52	California
Jack Crispin	Cain	Chaplain	Upper Lake Lodge #241	California
Andrew	Crockett	Warden, Finance Committee	Gilroy #154	California
Annie	Cronin	Acting Past Grand	Cupertino #70	California
Katy	Dickinson		Mountain View #244	California
Kristi	Dilworth	Fourth Degree Assistant	Golden Rule #78	Oregon
Paul	Goodman		Mountain View #244	California
Larry	Guenther	Financial Secretary	Davis #169	California
Lisa Deutsch	Harrigan	Finance committee	True Fellowship #52	California
Jaime	Herrera	Inside Guardian	San Fernando #365	California
Debra	LaVergne	Secretary	Mountain View #244	California
Dave	Reed	First Degree Assistant	Davis #169	California
Robert	Seibel	Outside Guardian	Progressive #134	California
Kevin	Sitz		Davis #169	California
Michael	Steineke	Trustee	French Gulch 75	California
Jay	Thomason	Third Degree Assistant	Gold Hill #129	Oregon
Stacy	Thomason	Deputy Degree Master, Trustee	Gold Hill #129	Oregon
Carol	Wahrer		Livermore #209	California
Deborah	Wolf	Treasurer	True Fellowship #52	California
Honor	Wolf		True Fellowship #52	California
Mason	Wolf	Degree Master, Trustee	True Fellowship #52	California

INITIATION RECIPIENTS (Saturday, August 17 from 12:05 to 1:25 PM)

Emily Christine Thomason	Gold Hill Lodge #129
Angela Commean	True Fellowship Lodge no.52

Eric Sneathen	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Ray Ybarra	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Kostas Kelperis	St. Helena #167

FIRST DEGREE RECIPIENTS (Saturday, August 17 from 2:57 to 3:51 PM)

Danielle Kister	Sacramento lodge #2
Brianne Phillips	Gold Hill Lodge 129
Emily Christine Thomason	Gold Hill Lodge #129
Angela Commean	True Fellowship Lodge no.52
Eric Sneathen	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Ray Ybarra	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
John Thompson	St. Helena #167
Rick Damele	St. Helena #167
Rob Lyneis	St. Helena #167
Richard Mansfield	St. Helena #167
Vince Sanchez	St. Helena #167
Rick Shepard	St. Helena #167
Chris Fowler	St. Helena #167
Henry Schlangen	St. Helena #167
Scott Webster	St. Helena #167
Kostas Kelperis	St. Helena #167
Edie Marshall	Davis Lodge #169
Diana Turner	Emerald Bay 50
Ted Turner	Emerald Bay 50

SECOND DEGREE RECIPIENTS at THE CAVE (Saturday, August 17 from 9:03 to 9:44 PM)

Danielle Kister	Sacramento lodge #2
Brianne Phillips	Gold Hill Lodge 129
Emily Christine Thomason	Gold Hill Lodge #129
Angela Commean	True Fellowship Lodge no.52
Eric Sneathen	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Melanie Sneathen	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Kevin Engle	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Ray Ybarra	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Rick Damele	Alameda 3
John Thompson	St. Helena #167
Rob Lyneis	St. Helena #167
Richard Mansfield	St. Helena #167
Vince Sanchez	St. Helena #167
Rick Shepard	St. Helena #167
Chris Fowler	St. Helena #167
Henry Schlangen	St. Helena #167
Scott Webster	St. Helena #167

Kostas Kelperis	St. Helena #167
Edie Marshall	Davis Lodge #169
Diana Turner	Emerald Bay 50
Ted Turner	Emerald Bay 50

THIRD DEGREE RECIPIENTS (Sunday, August 18 from 9:16 to 10:26 AM)

Danielle Kister	Sacramento lodge #2
Brianne Phillips	Gold Hill Lodge 129
Emily Christine Thomason	Gold Hill Lodge #129
Angela Commean	True Fellowship Lodge no.52
Steven Eley	True Fellowship
Eric Sneathen	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Melanie Sneathen	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Kevin Engle	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Ray Ybarra	Upper Lake Lodge No. 241
Rick Damele	Alameda 3
John Thompson	St. Helena #167
Rob Lyneis	St. Helena #167
Richard Mansfield	St. Helena #167
Vince Sanchez	St. Helena #167
Rick Shepard	St. Helena #167
Chris Fowler	St. Helena #167
Henry Schlangen	St. Helena #167
Scott Webster	St. Helena #167
Kostas Kelperis	St. Helena #167
Edie Marshall	Davis Lodge #169
Diana Turner	Emerald Bay 50
Ted Turner	Emerald Bay 50

SUPPORTERS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	HOME LODGE	JURISDICTION
John	Brennan	Ocean View #143	California
Rebecca	Clark	True Fellowship #52	California
Michael	Crile	Four Creeks Lodge #94	California
Fred	Dolling	Stanislaus #170	California
Mike	Hall	Morningstar #20	California
Toby	Hanson	Ballard-Alki Lodge #170	Washington
Katrina	Hazen	Apollo #123	California
Alison	Holeman	Apollo #123	California
Wilbert	Lemuel	Winslow-Hammonton #40	New Jersey
Bonnie	Manzon Ko Sellars	Yerba Buena #15	California

Rodney	Metoyer	Boulder Creek #152	California
Malia	Murchison-Hall	Morningstar #20	California
Elizabeth	Pidgeon		
Brian	Riehl	Garcia 240	California
Peter	Sellars	San Pablo #43	California
MaryJane	Shabalin	Apollo #123	California
Ben	Shuler	True Fellowship #52	California
Debbie	Shuler	True Fellowship #52	California
Chris	Tomasello	Winslow Hammonton #40	New Jersey
Jamie	Vest-Bey	South Tacoma #21	Washington
Tyson	Seiger	NAPA	California

Thomas E. Blackburn

Signed: _____

Thomas E Blackburn, Temporary Secretary, Richard Brouse Degree Lodge No. 190, Yreka, California, The Cave Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

