

Richard Brouse Degree Lodge

October 27, 2024

Present

Degree Master Mason Wolf, Debbie Wolf, Lisa Harrigan, Debra LaVergne, Carol Wahrer, Dave Reed, Katrina Hazen, Mary Jane Shabalin, Sara Bruce, Stacy Thomason, Tom Blackburn, Jane Beckman, Andrew Crockett, Alison Holeman

Minutes of September 22 were approved as read.

Sick and in Distress

PGM Mel Astrahan is now in a Skilled Nursing Facility.

Bills

Mason Wolf presented 2 bills. For \$35, the cost to file the incorporating documents with the state of California. And for \$5, the cost to download a copy of the approved filing.

Larry Gunther presented bill for \$29.20 for postage.

It was moved by Lisa Harrigan and seconded by Dave Reed to pay the bills. Carried

It was moved by Debbie Wolf and seconded by Alison Holeman to pay Larry Gunther. Carried.

Committee Reports

Incorporation committee report. Initial attempt was rebuffed by the state because of small errors. Mason Wolf filed the second attempt, which was accepted. Getting a tax ID number was quick and easy after that.

Mason Wolf also wanted to share some happy news with all - the Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190 now has its own bank account with US Bank! The current balance is \$997.34. We will also be able to use Zelle for accepting and making payments, in addition to checks. Right now, only Debbie Wolf and Mason Wolf are authorized signers. We'll add Larry Guenther and Debra LaVergne at the next opportunity. They'll need to go into a US Bank branch in person with Mason or Debbie Wolf.

The incorporation committee moved to pay up to \$300 for the IRS filing fee for non-profit status. Carried. The incorporation committee has now completed its work. The non-profit committee will take over from here. That committee is Andrew Crockett, Tom Blackburn, Larry Gunther.

Bylaws committee

Dave Reed, Alison Holman and Sara Bruce were appointed to the Bylaws committee, The bylaws amendments passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Pidgeon is the NG of San Pablo Lodge in Vallejo. Degree Master Mason hopes that items from Sierra Park can go to Vallejo for the initial sort.

Davis Lodge can probably handle the initiatory degree with Larry Gunther as Degree Captain. GM Dave Reed will prod members of Davis Lodge into assisting. Degree Master appointed Larry Gunther as degree captain for the Initiatory Degree.

Katrina Hazen is working with DDGM Tom Barton to contact all the San Francisco lodges to take on a degree. She will start with a letter to the lodges and invite them to a meeting about being a degree team. Carol Wahrer can pull some people in from District #34.

Stacy Thomason asked the Grand Secretary of Oregon about forming a degree team and was told there was previously a degree team. Stacy Thomason was appointed as Degree Captain for the First Degree.

Mason Wolf will take Degree Captain of the Second Degree with District #107.

Andrew Crockett reached out to Alan Winston about the Odd Ball. He had the Friday available and has booked it. Andrew Crockett is also reaching out to the Masons around Yreka. More musicians are also being sought. David Sokol is the High Priest of Royal Arch Masonry. He is interested in conferring a Masonic degree at the Pythian Cave in April. He will be directed to contact Michael Steineke.

We need to confirm the terms for Masonic access to the cave. Since Grand Lodge is now the owner of the cave, we need to find out what the insurance permits.

Receipts and disbursements

No income

Disbursements

\$40 to Mason Wolf

\$29.20 to Larry Gunther for postage

Good of the order

The new bank account supports Zelle so that people can pay without going through PayPal and those fees. How are we supported? We receive donations and dues. Later, we may be able to develop an income stream through other rentals.

Dave Reed praised the Degree Lodge.

Andrew Crockett talked about ritual continuing to be salient in the modern world. California is a magnet for Masons because their Grand Lodge invested in good ritual. He thinks the work of the Degree Lodge may lead to growth for Odd Fellowship.

Closed at 9:07 pm.