

Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

September 28, 2025

Roll call of officers:

Stacy Thomason as Degree Master
Debbie Wolf as Deputy Degree Master
Debra LaVergne as Secretary
Mason Wolf as Financial Secretary
Annie Cronin as Treasurer
Carol Wahrer as RS to DM
Jay Thomason as LS to DM - absent
Andrew Crocket as Warden
Jane Beckman as Conductor
Katy Dickinson as Chaplain
Sara Bruce as Inside Guardian
Lisa Harrigan as Outside Guardian
Larry Gunther as RS to DDM
Paul Goodman as LS to DDM
Toby Hanson as Musician – absent
Jack Cain as Trustee for 3 years. - absent
Michael Steineke as Trustee for 2 years - absent
Stacy Thomason as Trustee for 1 year.
Tom Blackburn as Colorbearer
Angela Commean
Dave Reed
Katrina Hazen

Even though people introduced the cats on screen, pet names are not recorded in the minutes.

Minutes of the Degree Weekend have Katy Dickinson's name misspelled. Page numbers need to be added to these long minutes. Minutes were accepted as presented.

Sick and in distress

Jay Thomason has a cough and a negative Covid test.

Alan Winston came down with E. Coli after the degree weekend and is better now.

Nan Klein has Covid and jet lag.

Lisa Harrigan has a cold and not Covid.

PSGM Jimmy Humphrey passed away on September 25, 2025.

Bills:

Alan Winson's hotel bill - \$410.34

Porta Potty bill was

Debbie Wolf and Annie Cronin are transferring the spreadsheet into accounting software.

The financial report will be attached to the minutes.

It was moved by Debra LaVergne and seconded by Annie Cronin to reimburse Alan Winston for his hotel bill.

Communications

Lizzie Martinez says that Yreka #19 will be happy to do it again next year. She would like the meals reservations to go directly to them.

Applications for Membership

Sister Elizabeth Pidgeon – joining as supporter

Jill Bonner – Larry Guenther sponsor

Brother Pradhyumna (Prado) Sudheer – Debra LaVergne sponsor. Birthdate: 05/04/1995, Phone: 650-307-4859, Email Address: pradosdf@gmail.com. Address: 300 Occidental Ave, Apt 8, Burlingame CA 94010. Home Lodge Bay View #109

Interview committee for the above candidates: Katy Dickinson, Sara Bruce, Jane Beckman, Angela Commean

Evan Kinswood – Andrew Crockett sponsor. Birthdate: 10/14/1991; Phone 13235282041; Email Address: evan.kinswood@gmail.com; Street Address : 11314 NW Riesling Court, Portland OR 97229. joining as supporter

Brother Charley Sweeney - Jane Beckman sponsor. Birthdate: 11/10/1957. Phone: 818-736-1590. Email Address: orbus@gmail.com, Address : 2140 N Hollywood Way, Unit 1715, Burbank CA 91507, Home Lodge: True Fellowship #52

Sister Mariko Kawaguchi – Stacy Thomason sponsor. Birthdate: 03/08/1968. Phone: 650-307-0568. Email Address: afiosf@aol.com. Address: 485 Griffin Avenue, Pacifica CA 94404. Home Lodge: Ocean View #143

Interview committee for the above candidates: Larry Guenther, Mason Wolf, Carol Wahrer

Committee Reports

Ambassadors and Fundraising – Katrina is trying to set up visits to Fresno and Knights Ferry lodges, as well as the rest of the San Francisco lodges. St. Helena wants her to visit.

Degree Captains

Carol Wahrer – Initiatory went fine. It was a little confusing to have some people on the list of candidates who were not there. Next year, we will have to use the 2003 degree, not the 2017 initiatory. Annie is preparing large print versions for her lodge and will bring them for the Degree Lodge.

First Degree – Deborah Wolf reported that the interaction with the audience was great. The clappers were well-received.

Second Degree – Mason Wolf reported that the degree was wonderful, especially Jesse Donaldson and Brian Riehl. Katy Dickinson could be heard

Third Degree – Katrina Hazen thanked everyone who helped her. The robbers and disrobbers worked well. We need a better way to reserve the seating for the candidates. A few people did not understand and had to be told to move.

More practice with blocking was needed. Maybe we need rehearsal time on Friday. Maybe we can get together at another time of year to practice the crowd control. We need ushers, stage hands, stage manager, registration crew, merchandiser. We need degree lodge roadies. But we need a balance between the candidates and the extra people and filling up the 100 spaces too soon.

We need more slots available. Maybe we can use the ballroom at the Best Western for meals to have more space. Maybe we need two time slots for initiatory and first degree.

The Masonic hall has a larger degree space and they would be willing to work with us. Local restaurants could cater, especially with advance warning and planning.

The Cave has more capacity for people than the number of people who can be fed in the Yreka hall.

What would Yreka #19 suggest?

Our limits are

- 1) How many people can fit in the lodge hall for degrees?
- 2) How many people can be fed and where?
- 3) How many people can be taken up the hill?
- 4) How many people can be seated at the Cave?

Stacy Thomason presented a first draft of committees.

Unfinished business – none

New business – Mason Wolf says the incoming Grand Instructor would be interested in taking the lead for breakout sessions. We need the breakout sessions not to conflict in space and personnel with degree practice time. Logistics team should take the lead in managing the overlaps.

Stacy Thomason has received the handouts from Toby Hanson's classes.

Stacy Thomason would like an executive committee meeting on third Sundays, maybe.

Financial Report.

Lisa Harrigan pointed out that funds donated for a specific purpose are labelled as directed funds.

Paul Goodman measured the cave deck as 2000 square feet.

Katy Dickinson and her husband are going to Europe the last two weeks of October to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary and her doctorate.

Meeting closed at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra LaVergne