

Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

January 25, 2026

Roll Call

1 Stacy Thomason Degree Master - present
2 Debbie Wolf Deputy Degree Master - present
3 Debra LaVergne Secretary - present
4 Mason Wolf Financial Secretary - present
Annie Cronin Treasurer - present
Jay Thomason LS to DM - present
Carol Wahrer RS to DM - present
Andrew Crockett Warden - present
Jane Beckman Conductor - absent
Katy Dickinson Chaplain - present
Sara Bruce Inside Guardian - present
Lisa Harrigan Outside Guardian – present
Larry Gunther RS to DDM – present. Protem Warden until Andrew arrived
Paul Goodman LS to DDM - present
Toby Hanson Musician - absent
Tom Blackburn Flagbearer - absent
Jack Cain Trustee for 3 years.- present
Michael Steineke Trustee 1 year - absent
Robert Seibel
Charlie Sweeny
Mariko Kawaguchi
Gerry Williams
Katrina Holeman
Angela Commean
Alison Hazen
Elizabeth Pidgeon
Prado Sudheer

Opening of the Degree Lodge.at 8:12pm

Welcome of Newest Members! Charley Sweeny, Mariko Kawaguchi, Elizabeth Pidgeon, Jill Bonner, Prado Sudheer, Gerry Williams.

Reading of the Minutes from October 25, 2025. Minutes were approved as read.

Sick or in Distress

Andrew Crockett and Jane Beckman are at the emergency room because of a sore on Jane's foot. Andrew also has some health issues.

Scott Spence has a bad cough, maybe whooping cough.

Bills read and referred - none

Communications read and disposed of

Yreka #19 no longer uses a PO Box. Mail can go to Lizzy Martinez 2015 Long Gulch Road, or to the Lodge Hall. That address is 117 B Miner Street Yreka CA 96097

Reading of application for membership – none new

Report of Interviewing Committee on Ren Argawal. The interviewing committee reported favorable. Balloting was favorable.

Report of Committee on finance – none

Report of committees

Committee logistics committee met to discuss whether the degree weekend can be made to accommodate more people. The dining room at Yreka is limited to 100. Mason Wolf asked for feedback. Katy Dickinson asked what the limits are for the Cave. Mason believes the Cave can accommodate 150 people. Larry Guenther suggested a simplified second weekend. Katrina Hazen commented on the overflow for the other degrees. Jack Cain suggested getting more successes under our belt before trying to expand. Carol Wahrer pointed out it is a long way to drive for one degree. Annie Cronin commented on the road being treacherous, and wonders about the insurance situation. Debra LaVergne suggested working with the Masonic Lodge to have them host 1st and 3rd degrees. Stacy Thomason commented that the cave degree works fine during daylight.

It was moved by Mason Wolf on behalf of the committee to send formal invitations to the line officers of Sovereign Grand Lodge to Odd Con in September, 2026. The motion passed.

It was moved by Mason Wolf on behalf of the committee to request permission from the Grand Lodge to use the Pythian Cave property as a camp site during the cave degree weekend. Comments included concerns about fire, locations for tents, interaction with the neighbors, interaction with the county with regard to emergency response. The motion carried with four opposed. DM Stacy appointed Larry Guenther and Elizabeth Pidgeon to help the logistics committee pursue the idea,

Unfinished business

Status of the warning signs for the cave. We thought Grand Lodge was providing the signs, but Yreka #19 has not received them. Mason Wolf will follow up with GS Barry Prock.

What kind of liability insurance does the grand lodge carry for the cave? Mason Wolf will also follow up with GL if it would cover camping.

Mailing address for the Degree Lodge is remaining at the Wolf residence.

New business

Do we want to do the dance again this year?.

Alan Winston the Dance caller is willing to come do our dance and requests free accommodations same as before. Toby Hanson is not available. Stacy will look for more musicians. Debra LaVergne suggested the conference center at the Best Western as the location for the dance with dinner catered in.

It was moved by Larry Guenther and seconded by Katy Dickinson to have the dance again including inviting Alan Winston and covering his accommodations as before.

Receipts and disbursements

\$30 in dues was received. Andrew Crockett was reimbursed \$30.42.

Closing balance = 15613.48

Good of the Order

Larry Guenther thanked Stacy for doing a good job on her first meeting.

Mason Wolf shared that Larry Guenther was installed as Chief Patriarch of Davis Encampment and Mason will be installed as Chief Patriarch of Barnes Encampment on February 12.

Jack Cain has \$200 from whiskey donations.

Katy Dickinson shared how to save the chat.

Closing the lodge at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra LaVergne

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done;

what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

from New Zealand Book of Common Prayer "Night Prayer"