

Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

April 26, 2026

Roll Call

Stacy Thomason Degree Master - present
Debbie Wolf Deputy Degree Master - present
Debra LaVergne Secretary - present
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 – present, chaplain protem
Katy Dickinson Chaplain - absent
Sara Bruce Inside Guardian - present
Lisa Harrigan Outside Guardian - present
Larry Guenther RS to DDM – present
Paul Goodman LS to DDM - present
Toby Hanson Musician - absent
Tom Blackburn Flagbearer - present
Jack Cain Trustee for 3 years - present
Michael Steineke Trustee 1 year - absent
Nan Klein - present
Katrina Hazen - present
Alison Holeman - present
Robert Seibel - present
Angela Commean – present
Jill Bonner - present
Mariko Kawaguchi - present

Opening of the Degree Lodge.at 8:10 pm.

Minutes of March 22 were approved as distributed with corrections to spelling of Andrew Crockett and Larry Guenther

Sick or in Distress –

Jack Cain is home from the hospital after a ruptured gall bladder.

“So...I will not be present at Sessions. My personal report: One week ago, I had unbearable abdominal pain. I went to the ER. The surgeon opened my gut on Monday afternoon where a ruptured gallbladder was removed. I will hold the details here, suffice to say it was very bad. Wednesday I was doing so good, the surgeon discharged me. I am out for a month for recovery. I truly appreciate all the prayers, well wishes, Facebook contacts, emails, texts and phone calls. The outpouring from my Brothers and Sisters in the Order have been wonderful.”

Bills read and referred –

David Coleman submitted a bid for the railing completion at the Cave for \$4300. The Degree Lodge Executive Committee approved the bid, so the work could be started and finished before fire season.

Referred to Finance Committee of Andrew Crockett, Lisa Harrigan, and Robert Seibel.

Communications read and disposed of –

Yreka #19 pointed out that our degree weekend is a city-wide event called “Beef and Brew”. Lizzie is actively working with CalFire for brush removal. Natalia is working on the website. Meals will probably be higher this year, \$75 instead of \$50 for three meals.

Reading of application for membership – none

Report of Interviewing Committee – none

Trustees Report

Michael Steineke has not been attending meetings. We have been given reason to question whether he is a member in good standing in his Odd Fellows Lodge. It was moved by Jack Cain and seconded by Nan Klein to remove him from the Trustee position and to send him a written communication to ask for clarification on his membership status. The motion was withdrawn after discussion that the Degree Master can appoint a temporary trustee.

It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Andrew Crockett to remove Michael Steineke as a Trustee. Carried.

Nominations were opened for a replacement Trustee. Robert Seibel was nominated by Mason Wolf. Election will be next meeting. DM Stacy Thomason appointed Robert Seibel as Trustee pro-tem.

Report of Committee on finance –

The finance committee moved to ratify the payment of the first half of the welding bill. Carried.

It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Larry Guenther to pay the rest of the bill after DM Stacy Thomason inspects the work. Carried.

Report of committees

Degree Team Committee is collecting roles. DM Stacy Thomason thinks the Committee needs to be bigger. Mason Wolf has taken lead on second degree. Katrina Hazen has taken lead on third degree. Katrina asked where third degree will be held.

Andrew Crockett reported from Logistics Committee. The Logistics Committee has identified a vendor, Fire Monkey, who would provide sack lunches to go. It was moved by Andrew Crockett and seconded by Mason Wolf to include an order form

on the website for anyone who wants to get a sack lunch to go on Sunday. Discussion about what price to set. The cost is \$16. Carried.

It was moved by Mason Wolf on behalf of the Logistics Committee to set a price of \$100 for the degree weekend. The weekend would start on Friday afternoon with the Initiatory Degree, followed by the Dance. First and Second Degree would be on Saturday with a Dream Concert at the Cave overnight. Third Degree on Sunday completes the responsibility of the Degree Lodge. Carried.

The Miner's Inn is working on getting a code for reservations.

We do not yet have confirmation about using the Masonic Hall for the Third Degree. The size of the Yreka Hall limits us to 40 candidates for the Third Degree.

The Logistics committee is looking into a flag ceremony at the cemetery if there is an Odd Fellows section.

Ambassadorial Committee –

Stacy Thomason distributed flyers in Oregon. Debbie Wolf has updated a flyer that can be printed for California Grand Lodge session. Stacy is coming to California Grand Lodge and can bring flyers.

It was moved by Debbie Wolf and seconded by Jay Thomason to allocate up to \$1000 toward our Degree Master's travel expenses. Carried.

It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Larry Guenther to order 250 flyers at the Office Depot in Oregon that was used before. Carried.

Unfinished business - none

New business –

The welder used the steel already at the Cave which had been provided by Mark Ellender. It was moved by Larry Guenther and seconded by Robert Seibel to reimburse \$2035.21 to Mark Ellender unless the Grand Lodge of California pays him. Carried.

Mason Wolf pointed out that Mark Ellender and Joseph Ouellette are still owed \$7500 each for their labor. We can revisit this bill after we know what Grand Lodge does.

Larry Guenther pointed out that the Degree Lodge should have a waiver for members and attendees to sign. Larry Guenther will draft such a waiver.

Mason Wolf showed some video about the welding work.

Receipts and Disbursements

Opening balance \$17,098.73

Paid \$2,150 to David Coleman for the first half of his bill.

Ending balance \$14,948.73

Good of the Order

Larry Guenther commended Barnes Encampment #77 for conferring the Royal Purple Degree today at Memory Gardens, the IOOF Cemetery in Livermore.

Closing of the Degree Lodge at 9:40pm.