Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

May 24, 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 - absent
Jay Thomason LS to DM - present
Carol Wahrer RS to DM - present
Andrew Crockett Warden - present
Jane Beckman Conductor - present
Katy Dickinson Chaplain - present
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 - absent
Robert Seibel - present, Warden pretem
Charlie Sweeny - present
Nan Klein - present
Angela Commean - present
Jill Bonner - present
Dave Reed – present
Elizabeth Pidgeon - present
Gerald Williams – present

Opening of the Degree Lodge.at 8:04 pm.

Opening prayer: Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of the Cave Degree Lodge.

Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; we ask this in your holy name. Amen

Minutes of April 26 were approved as distributed.

Sick or in Distress –

Lisa Harrigan is dealing with a broken water pipe.

Mark Ellenger underwent surgeon for a detached retina.

Bills read and referred –

Stacy Thomason has a bill for her expenses to CA GL. Up to $1000 was preapproved. Total w/ Taxes = $1,002.40.

Mason Wolf's bills for printing flyers = $72.50 + $18.25 = $90.75.

Communications read and disposed of –

none

Reading of application for membership –

Sister Charlene Sailer, BD 05/04/1954, 530-220-5999, ctsailer@gmail.com, 324 Sandpiper Drive, Davis CA 95616, Davis Lodge #169, Davis Encampment #21, Canton Davis #7.

Brother Howard Spero, BD 11/23/1953, 530-220-3038, **doc.hojay@gmail.com,** 324 Sandpiper Drive, Davis CA 95616, Davis Lodge #169, Davis Encampment #21.

A third applicant wants to join as a supporter, so no interview or balloting is needed:

Sister Kelly Monhoff-Croman, BD 01/20/1970, 707-321-5472, kmonhoff@gmail.com, 566 Wild Oak Dr, Windsor CA 95492.

Report of Interviewing Committee –

Dave Reed, Nan Klein and Larry Guenther reported favorably on Sister Charlene Sailer and Brother Howard Spero.

Balloting was favorable.

Trustees Report

Report of Committee on finance – (Robert, Angela, Lisa)

The finance committee had examined the bills and moved they be paid in full. The motion carried.

The second half of the welding contract was paid after Stacy and Jay went and inspected the work and verified that all points of the contract were completed.

Report of committees

Cave and Roads committee met on Zoom before 8 pm. Robert Seibel reported that the committee recommends that the untreated wood be treated with borax and boric acid and that the steel be painted with rust preventative. It was moved by Robert Seibel and seconded by Mason Wolf to allocate $1500 for materials and equipment. Carried.

Degree Committee – Debbie Wolf reported that the degree teams are on track. People who need a larger robe than was available last year should plan ahead with the degree captain.

Convention Logistics Committee – Mason Wolf reported that the committee has not met again since the last Degree Lodge meeting. Andrew Crockett will call for another logistics committee meeting soon.

The Dream Concert idea is waiting to hear whether liability concerns can be resolved. Nan Klein and Larry Guenther are working on a liability waiver for activities at the Cave. The

Resolution submitted to Grand Lodge to have the degree lodge officially lease the Cave for 99 years did not make it to the floor at sessions. The Grand Lodge Board of Directors has it on their agenda for the meeting on May 30. The liability issues are related to rock fall and hanta virus. Elizabeth Pidgeon has information about hanta virus from her work with the Park Service. The Park Service uses Timbor and Boracare which deal with fungi and insects without poisoning animals.

Ambassadorial Committee –

Unfinished business –

Robert Seibel has been nominated for Trustee to complete Michael Steineke's term until 2027. There were no other nominations.

New business –

It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Debra LaVergne to elect by acclamation. Carried. Robert Seibel was elected to serve as Trustee until 2027.

The Logistics Committee has not yet looked into dates for 2027.

Receipts and Disbursements

Opening balance $14,948.73

Good of the Order

Paul and Katy were back east to see Jessica receive the first of her double Masters Degree, and see Jessica's new daughter.

Closing of the Degree Lodge at 9:23 pm.

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord, take our hands and guide our feet. Bless our choices in vision, direction, communication, and management. Guide our reactions through victory and defeat.

May our hearts grow more like Yours each day, as we look around at the people You've placed in our lives to reach. Help us to love those people in Your honor, through our talents and gifts. Through the distractions of everyday life, allow us to hear Your call and follow You always. Amen.