Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

June 28, 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
Katy Dickinson Chaplain - present
Sara Bruce Inside Guardian - present
Lisa Harrigan Outside Guardian - present
Larry Guenther RS to DDM - absent
Paul Goodman LS to DDM - absent
Toby Hanson Musician - absent
Tom Blackburn Flagbearer - present
Jack Cain Trustee for 3 years - present
Robert Seibel Trustee for 1 year - present
Charlie Sweeny - present
Nan Klein - present
Angela Commean - present
Jill Bonner - present
Elizabeth Pidgeon - present
Mariko Kawaguchi – present
Katrina Hazen – present
Allison Holeman – present
Charlene Sailer – present
Howie Spero - present

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

Opening **prayer:** Where there is separation, there is pain.
And where there is pain, there is story. And where there is story, there is understanding, and misunderstanding, listening and not listening.
May we — separated peoples, estranged strangers,
unfriended families, divided communities —
turn toward each other,
and turn toward our stories,
with understanding
and listening,
with argument and acceptance,
with challenge, change
and consolation.
Because if God is to be found,
God will be found in the space between.
~ Padraig O'Tuama, "A prayer for reconciliation," in DAILY PRAYER WITH THE CORRYMEELA COMMUNITY

Minutes of May 24 were approved as distributed.

Sick or in Distress –

Bills read and referred –

Communications read and disposed of –

Letter from Grand Master. Our response was modified with another sentence supplied by Trustee Jack Cain.

Robert Seibel found newspaper articles showing the platform in existence before 1952.

Reading of application for membership –

Report of Interviewing Committee –

Trustees Report

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

Report of committees

Logistics Committee met before this meeting to consider alternate locations for Odd Con, the Degree Weekend. San Pablo #43 has voted to encourage the Odd Con to come to Vallejo. The Logistics Committee moved to move the Odd Con to San Pablo #43 in Vallejo. Katy Dickinson asked about hotels in the area. Elizabeth Pidgeon replied that there are several significant hotel options within 5 miles. Jack Cain looked up rates and found them to be in the $80-$120 range.

The Logistics Committee will meet to plan clean-up around Yreka to make sure there are no hard feelings. Stacy Thomason spoke to members of Yreka #19 who are relieved because they would be working at the beef and brew event that weekend.

The motion passed.

It was moved by Annie Cronin and seconded by Carol Wahrer to ask Grand Lodge for compensation for the expenses associated with moving the event. Mason Wolf moved the question which was seconded by Tom Blackburn. The motion to request compensation failed.

It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Annie Cronin to lower the registration back to $65. Question was raised about whether that registration fee includes the Odd Ball. Last year, the registration fee covered food, and the Odd Ball was a separately ticketed $25 event. The motion was modified by the maker to have the $65 include the Odd Ball. Discussion about whether we are still fundraising for supporting the Cave. There may be future legal expenses. There have been 10 registrations at $100. They will be contacted after this meeting.

The motion carried. The $65 does not include food. Logistics committee will decide about a separate Odd Ball ticket for someone not participating in the degrees.

A handful of people will meet at True Fellowship next Sunday to make simple degree collars for a cost under $5 each. It was moved by Debbie Wolf and seconded by Debra LaVergne to purchase 80 collars at $5 each, 40 white and 40 reversible pink and blue. The motion carried.

Ambassadorial Committee –

Unfinished business –

New business –

It was moved by Katy Dickinson and seconded by Andrew Crockett to giving an honorarium to Yreka #19 in the amount of $500. The honorarium would be flexible to meet their needs or to be given to something else. The motion passed.

It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Angela Commean to offer a loan to San Pablo #43 not to exceed $5000 to get their elevator door repaired before the Degree Weekend. We would want to get the loan repaid in a year, so the money will again be available for cave work.

Nominations for Officers

Degree Master
    Stacy Thomason
    Debbie Wolf
Deputy Degree Master
    Debbie Wolf
Secretary
    Debra LaVergne
Treasurer
    Annie Cronin

Mason Wolf

Financial Secretary

Andrew Crockett – declined

Mason Wolf

Larry Guenther

Trustee until 2029

Stacy Thomason

It was moved by Stacy Thomason and seconded by Tom Blackburn to have working meetings on second Sundays in addition to regular meetings on 4th Sundays until the Degree Weekend. (July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, and September 13). The motion was withdrawn after discussion. Committees need to communicate weekly instead of waiting until a meeting.

Elizabeth Pidgeon will help arrange a site visit for degree teams. epidgeon707@gmail.com and oddfellowssanpablo@gmail.com

Receipts and Disbursements

Closing balance $21,744.

Good of the Order

Annie Cronin expressed appreciation for the members giving their time.

Stacy Thomason assigned Mason Wolf and Debra LaVergne to write the announcement about the new location for the Degree weekend. Announcement to include lodging, parking, and transportation information.

Story about the Fortune Fish at the Three Links Camp Festival.

Closing Prayer:

We reflect on the day:
For the love shared we are grateful.

For provision and nurture we are grateful.
For kindness given we are grateful.
For the sorrows we've caused, we pray for forgiveness.
For injustices ignored, we pray for forgiveness.
For the encounters with God today, in stranger and friend,
We bid you welcome. For the encounters missed today,
We know that you always see us even when we don't see you.
For tomorrow, May we see you in ways expected and
unexpected. We welcome the dark of the night.
We make space for it, and we mark our place in it.
"Evening Prayer" by Padraig O'Tuama

Closing of the Degree Lodge at 10:03 pm.