Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

August 23, 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 - present
Toby Hanson Musician - absent
Tom Blackburn Flagbearer - present
Jack Cain Trustee for 3 years - absent
Robert Seibel Trustee for 1 year - absent
Nan Klein - present
Jill Bonner - present
Mariko Kawaguchi – present
Allison Holeman – present
Charlene Sailer – present
Howie Spero – present
Gerald Williams – present
Angela Commean - present

Opening of the Degree Lodge.at 8:05 pm.

Opening **prayer:** *O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou*
wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble, Amen.

Minutes of July 26 were approved as read.

Sick or in Distress –

Andrew Crockett has a problem with a dead refrigerator.

Debra LaVergne's husband has been to the emergency room a couple times in the past month.

Angela Commean's friend is recovering from a serious car accident.

Bills read and referred –

Communications read and disposed of –

From Grand Master Carlos Juarez – a dispensation to move our charter to Vallejo for the purposes of holding our meeting.

Reading of application for membership – none

Report of Interviewing Committee –

Trustees Report

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

The loan to San Pablo has been issued at 4.1%. Because of IRS regulations, it had to be 4.1% because a 401c(3) cannot make a gift to a 401c(8), and anything less than 4.1% is seen as a gift.

Report of committees

If people are there on Friday, there could be degree practice then.

It was moved by the logistics committee to pay up to $75 additional compensation to one of the musicians for travel expenses from much farther away. The motion carried.

The logistics committee wants to have the cake walk and wine auction again. Andrew Crockett is willing to be the announcer but thinks Alan Winston should be asked first. Jill Bonner posted a signup at

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C45AEA82CA57-65342724-sign#/

The rent at San Pablo will be $1500 instead of $3000.

Hospitality committee will decide what form the moon recognition will take

It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Debbie Wolf that the hospitality committee be allotted a budget not to exceed $400 for their necessary supplies.

New business –

Existing nominations

Degree Master
- Stacy Thomason
- Debbie Wolf declined.

Deputy Degree Master
- Debbie Wolf declined.
- Katrina Hazen

Secretary

Debra LaVergne
Treasurer
Annie Cronin
Mason Wolf declined.
Financial Secretary
Mason Wolf
Larry Guenther declined.
Trustee until 2029
Stacy Thomason declined.
Larry Guenther.

It was moved by Jane Beckman and seconded by Katy Dickinson to elect by acclamation collectively. The motion carried.

This slate of Officers was elected:

Degree Master
Stacy Thomason
Deputy Degree Master
Katrina Hazen
Secretary
Debra LaVergne
Treasurer
Annie Cronin
Financial Secretary
Mason Wolf
Trustee until 2029
Larry Guenther.

GM Carlos Juarez is not available to be our installing officer. It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Debbie Wolf to pay the registration for the installing officer, whether it be GW Adam Potolsky or the local DDGM.

Tom Blackburn heard at Truckee Lodge an old version of the degree weekend information. An updated version went out, but the Grand Lodge has recently changed their email server, and a lot of emails are going into spam folders. Nan Klein asked about using snail mail. Jane Beckman suggested resending the email from a personal address to avoid the Grand Lodge email server.
It was moved by Katy Dickinson and seconded by Nan Klein to send a physical mail to all lodges, budget not to exceed $120. Annie Cronin will inform the Grand Master. The motion carried.

The $500 honorarium to Yreka has not been sent yet.

Katrina Hazen needs white robes and degree banners for the third degree. True Fellowship #52 has enough white robes. We have the images of the stained glass windows at True Fellowship that could be printed on vinyl. Cupertino #70 might be able

to loan their banners. It was moved by Mason Wolf and seconded by Jane Beckman to print banners on vinyl at budget up to $300 if the banners from Yreka #19 are not available.

At this point, there are 16 registrations. There are several more people who are procrastinating. Ocean View will be initiating 8 members on September 24. Cupertino #70 is holding initiation on August 31.

Receipts and disbursements.
$975 income from dues and registrations
$5333.43 disbursements including loan to San Pablo #43

Ending balance $17500.90.

Good of the Order
Happy Birthday to Paul Goodman, and happy labor day to his mother.
Jack Cain won whiskey of the year and facility of the year at the New Orleans Spirit Competition.
Mason Wolf was appointed to a subcommittee of the Communications Committee by the chairman. The membership application form is being redesigned.
Jane Beckman and Andrew Crockett went to Charlie Sweeney's forest revel.

Closing of lodge
Closing prayer
O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty:
Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for sake of you through whom all things were made. Amen.

Degree Lodge closed at 9:44pm.