Richard Brouse Degree Lodge #190

September 25, 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 – chaplain pro-tem
Andrew Crockett Warden - present
Jane Beckman Conductor - present
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 - absent
Jack Cain Trustee for 3 years - absent
Robert Seibel Trustee for 1 year - present
Jill Bonner - present
Mariko Kawaguchi – present
Charlene Sailer – present
Angela Commean – present – inside guardian protem
Katrina Hazen
Elizabeth Pidgeon
Hugh Kiniburgh
Bex Clark

Opening of the Degree Lodge.at 4:45 pm.

PGM Peter Sellars, Grand Representative to SGL, introduced himself. He will be the Installing officer this evening.

Minutes of August 23 were read and approved with clarification on the loan.

Sick or in Distress –

Jay Thomason had to pick up eye drops from the local VA.

Bills read and referred –
$1500 San Pablo for space rent
$105 to Mason Wolf for event insurance
Manny’s Steakhouse – Saturday night dinner – $2,123

Communications read and disposed of –
Letters to authorize degree candidates from 6 lodges
Foresthill Covenant #73
Bay View #109
Morning Star #20
True Fellowship #52
Davis #169
Gold Hill #129

Reading of application for membership –

Andrew Crockett offered to pay Peter Sellars' dues if he is willing to sign the members register and become a full member instead of an incomplete charter member.

Report of Interviewing Committee –

Trustees Report

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

Lisa Harrigan reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that the bills for rent, Saturday dinner and event insurance are in order and the committee moved they be paid.

Report of committees

Props and regalia committee – Stacy picked up white robes. Katrina Hazen borrowed third degree banners from Apollo #123.

Logistics – Andrew reported that all logistics are in order.

Registration Committee – Mariko diligently produced the name tags.

Unfinished business - none

New business –

Installation will be a dinner at Provisions (300 Virginia Street).

Receipts and disbursements.
Opening balance $17500.90.

Good of the Order

Andrew Crockett shared a comment, "If a meeting is long enough, the minutes become hours."
Andrew Crockett presented a framed handwritten copy of "Abou Ben Adhem" by Leigh Hunt from Abou Ben Adhem Lodge #23 in Auburn, Maine, dated March 30, 1875. It was displayed in front of the deputy degree master station for the weekend.

Degree Lodge went into recess at 5:35pm until the first degree Saturday afternoon.

A Dinner Installation was performed at Provisions on Virginia Street by PGM Peter Sellars assisted by DDGM Robert Seibel.

Officers installed were:

Degree Master	Stacy Thomason
Deputy Degree Master	Katrina Hazen
Secretary	Debra LaVergne
Treasurer	Annie Cronin
Financial Secretary	Mason Wolf
Trustee until 2029	Larry Guenther.
1st Assistant to DM	Carol Wahrer
2nd Assistant to DM	Jay Thomason
Conductor	Jane Beckman
Inside Guardian	Sara Bruce
Outside Guardian	Lisa Harrigan
Flagbearer	Angela Commean

Officers appointed but not present were:

Warden	Tom Blackburn
Chaplain	Katy Dickinson
3rd Assistant to DDM	Alison Holeman
4th Assistant to DDM	Mary Jane Shabalin
Musician	Toby Hanson

Saturday

Degree Master Stacy Thomason closed the recess and reduced the lodge meeting to the First Degree.

The First Degree was conferred on

Cintia de Carvalho	Morning Star #20
Ean Marin	Stony Creek #218
Eric Fersht	Davis #169
Ernest Lee Boldridge III	Berkeley #270
Firouzeh Farzinpour	Bay View #109
Gerri Schmutz	True Fellowship #52
Jan Bower	Davis #169
Jeremiah Moore	Morning Star #20
Jeff Rutan	San Pablo #43
Jennifer Moore	Morning Star #20
Joey Zubair	Pacheco #117
Jonathan Alan Thomason	Gold Hill #129
Josh Riboli	Garcia #240
Kevin Dwyer	True Fellowship #52

Kwang Park	Golden West #322
Laura Marenger	Pacheco #117
Melissa Godsey	Foresthill Covenant #73
Mike Inglehart	Davis #169
Mike Myrick	San Pablo #43
Nikki Baumrind	Davis #169
Ricardo Zendejas	Livermore #219
Richard Norris	True Fellowship #52
Rick Erikson	Upper Lake #241
Robert DeWitt	Upper Lake #241
Sam Sloan	True Fellowship #52
Sandra Ralph	Morning Star #20
Selena DeWitt	Upper Lake #241
Susan Inglehart	Davis #169
Susan Jellema	Davis #169
Tannalee Kendall	San Pablo #43
Valdeir Faria Filho	Bay View #109

The Degree lodge went into recess until time for the Second Degree.

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The Degree lodge came out of recess and was raised to the Third Degree.
The Third Degree was conferred on the same candidates.

Degree Lodge business resumed after the Third Degree. Andrew Crockett was appointed as Warden pro-tem. He spoke to the new Third Degree members about symbology.

Members reported sick and in distress - none

Bills:
Craig Johnson – musician $300
Richard Page – musician $300
Michelle Masek – musician plus mileage $367.22
Mason Wolf – $912.54 reimbursement for Installation dinner

Communications
There were more letters from 8 more lodges:
Pacheco Lodge #117
Garcia Lodge #240
Stony Creek #218
San Pablo #43

Berkeley #270
Golden West #322
Livermore #219
Upper Lake #241

Applications for membership - none

Report of Committee on finance – (Robert, Angela, Lisa)
The finance committee found the bills in order and moved that they be paid.

New Business - none

Receipts and Disbursements

Good of the Order
Carol Wahrer spoke about the “Odd Con 2026” charge book cover being raffled off.

Deborah Wolf announced that the wine raffle will happen during dinner.

Jack Devan thanked everyone for taking the time to come together to make this degree day happen.

Mason Wolf spoke about his disappointment when we could not use the Cave this year. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who came and especially our hosts at San Pablo #43. And also Peter Sellars for his breakout session.

Andrew Crockett presented new third-degree members of True Fellowship with their bolo ties.

Katrina Hazen presented all Third Degree Candidates with symbols bookmarks.

Closing of the Degree lodge.
Jack Devan stepped in as Chaplain for the closing.

Degree Lodge closed at 6:20pm.