

**Grand Lodge of California, I.O.O.F.
Board of Directors – Meeting
Saratoga, CA. – 12/07/2013**

Call to Order: 9:00AM

Silent Roll Call:

Elected Board Members Present (6): John Morgan, Chairman – Peter Sellars, Vice Chairman
Mel Astrahan, Pete Pohlhammer, *Paul Pike*, *Barry Prock*, Clarence Woodbey, Paul Wright.

Elected Board Members Absent (2): Barry Prock (Work), Paul Pike (Dental Issues)

Grand Lodge Officers Present (7): Rick Boyles, Grand Master – Tim Brown, Deputy Grand Master,
Dave Rosenberg, Grand Warden – Jay Johnson, Grand Treasurer – Ray Link, Grand Secretary,
Rod Metoyer, Grand Representative & Jr. PGM – *Paul Pike*, Grand Representative.

Grand Lodge Officers Absent: Paul Pike (Dental Issues)

Others Present: Thornton Kontz (Attorney)

Visitors: John Bellotti, Bonnie Sellars, Shay Harris

Sick Report:

Distressed: June Gennaria, PPRA (Broken Wrist), Larry Brenner (Back Surgery)

Deceased: Don Smith, PSGM & PGM, Nathaniel Hoagland, PGM, Robert Wooten, PGM

Approval of Minutes: (10/05/2013 Board Meeting) **Moved by Paul Wright, seconded to approve the minutes – PASSED (13-0-0).**

Executive Session: (4 Situations)

Berkeley #270: Charter to be temporary suspended (meetings to be allowed) for 120 days with a list of issues that must be addressed and rectified. Peter Sellars is appointed as a Special Deputy. Letter to the Lodge will be written.

Grass Valley: Grand Master to follow up on allegations.

Red Bluff: Lodge suspended.

Grand Lodge Office: bonuses and salaries were discussed with Jay and Ray not in the room.

Moved by Rod Metoyer, seconded to grant a year-end 'Holiday Bonus' to the Grand Lodge Office Staff – PASSED (11-0-2). **Moved by Paul Wright, seconded to grant a 5% raise to the Grand Lodge Office Staff effective 7/1/2014 – PASSED (11-0-2).** **Under reconsideration Moved by Paul Wright, seconded the raise for the Office Clerk to be effective on 1/1/2014 – PASSED (13-0-0).**

Communications: (*indicates having been provided to ALL Board Members) (If Action Needed – **See New Business**)

*email: 10/14/2013, RAEC Minutes – No Action Needed

*email: 10/22/2013, Menu options for the GL Sessions – decision on Breakfast (Thu) or Lunch (Wed)

*email: 10/23/2013, TLC Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Pool Bid – No Action Needed

*email: 11/19/2013, TLC Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Pool Bid – No Action Needed

*email: 11/27/2013, Audits, Budget, HEF Reports – No Action Needed

*email: 11/29/2013, Property Report – NEW Business

*email: 11/29/2013, Grand Warden Report – No Action Needed

*email: 12/01/2013, Deputy Grand Master Report – No Action Needed

*email: 12/02/2013, Beneficial Fund Summary – No Action Needed

*email: 12/02/2013, Draft Minutes, Proposed Agenda.

*email: 12/03/2013, Grand Master Report – No Action Needed

*email: 12/05/2013, RCS Report – No Action Needed

Card: Thank you card from OFR Rose Float for \$5,000 donation
Card: Thank you card from Darlene Smith and family for \$500 donation to Scio #102 Scholarship Fund
emails: Relative to the suspended Charter of Red Bluff #76 – local complaints

Old Business:

Cemeteries:

Crescent City: STATUS – TBC
Livermore: STATUS – Audit – Repayment of pre-need monies
Santa Rosa: STATUS – Cemetery By-Laws TBC
Vallejo: Title Search
Red Bluff: Possible Cemetery
Forestville: Possible Cemetery

Halls:

El Centro: SOLD
Elk Grove: SOLD Moved by Jay Johnson, seconded to allow Elk Grove Rebekah Lodge to receive \$8,921.89 from proceeds – PASSED (12-0-1) under reconsideration Moved by Dave Rosenberg, seconded to change the amount to \$9,594.57 – PASSED (12-0-1).
Kernville: STATUS – Price reduced
Martinez (Alhambra Rebekah): Offer (lease with option to buy) received from Loaves & Fishes – TBC
Mojave: New Lease with tenant – unable to purchase
Stockton (Charity #6 & Stockton #11): STATUS

Lodges:

San Pablo #43: Peter will report – Begin loan payments
Red Bluff #76: Charter Suspended – Randy Mordecai involved with continued issues – New Business
Coulterville #104: John King, Special Deputy, Small membership, working to keep it going
Woodland #111: Tony Pruitt, Special Deputy, STATUS
Hemet #190: Charter to be suspended – Hall to be sold
Berkeley #271: Audit completed – Financial Issues
Lemoore #280: Glenn Lindsey, Special Deputy, to ensure they meet – Charter may be suspended
Santa Maria #302: Glenn Lindsey, Special Deputy, Audit ordered
Forestville #320: Denise Pederson, Deputy – Charter may be suspended
Crown City #395: Gerald & Judy Poarch conducting Audit – will report after audit
Saratoga #428: Paul Pike/Rod Metoyer reported no financial issues – personal issues
Bellflower #463: Doing better, Additional New Members

General Issues:

Euclid #68: HEF payments – Still owe \$750.00
Loans: Ledgers to be sent letter from Auditor verifying 06/30/2013 balances for the audit.

New Business:

Three Link Camp: New Caretakers, Pool Bid received, Moved by Jay Johnson, seconded to have Grand Lodge donate \$25,000 to assist in the new pool construction – PASSED (12-1-0).
OFRBF By-Laws: Final By-Laws needed by 2/1/2014
GL Sessions: Board Meal (Breakfast or Lunch) (Thursday AM or Wednesday Midday)
New Server: proposal from CEC our current tech service provider. Moved Clarence Woodbey, seconded to allow \$13,000 for new server – PASSED (12-0-0).
Insurance: New Broker – Cost savings Moved by Clarence Woodbey, seconded to fund the Rebekah Assembly D&O and Office Building insurance – PASSED (12-0-0). Saving RA \$7,000 Budget Funds
Red Bluff: hall issues, leases and complaints – turned over to Property Committee

Rebekah Assembly contingent joined the Board of Directors meeting.

Officers: Paulette Lamphere, President, Debbie Shuler, Vice President, Donna Morrison, Warden, Margareut Oleson, Secretary, Mary Lou Lang, Treasurer

Directors: Jackie Brown, Carolyn DeBoer, Jill Ely

Guests: Joyce Link PPRA, Ruth Morgan PPRA, Nancy Johnson RCS

Jill Ely spoke on the following: Joint Projects, Opportunities, Effective Management

Dave Rosenberg spoke on the following: Common Project for the Order

Much positive discussion by many on items – Committee of volunteers assigned to report

Next Meeting: January 31, 2015 at 1:00PM at the Grand Lodge Office

Consent Agenda Reports: Officers, Committees, Board Representatives

PLEASE NOTE: The 'Consent Agenda' reports will NOT be discussed unless someone asks to have them removed from the Consent Agenda and then discussed separately. All reports that are not specifically removed from the Consent Agenda will be accepted as mailed or emailed.

*Grand Master: Rick Boyles – summary of activities.

*Deputy Grand Master: Tim Brown – summary of activities

*Grand Warden: Dave Rosenberg – summary of activities

Grand Representatives: Paul Pike & Rod Metoyer

*Audit: Jay Johnson

*Budget: John Morgan

Investment: John Morgan

Legal: Larry Brenner

Legislation: Rick Boyles

Membership: Peter Sellars

*Property: John Morgan

OFHC: Pete Pohlhammer – 483 days cash on hand, 250 required by Cal Mortgage – Napa now CCRC

COFF: Ray Link – Construction project has begun with the City of Saratoga

*RCS: Paul Pike – last two meeting minutes provided. Nancy Johnson spoke on a report submitted by Paul Pike which indicated a possible financial issue. Money disbursements were documented.

*Youth Camp: Rod Metoyer – Draft Minutes provided by Terry & Donna Olson

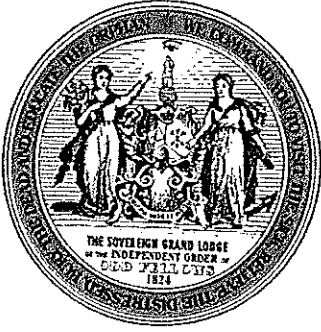
*Rebekah Assembly: Minutes sent out

Comments:

Tim Brown spoke on funding Lodge Halls which need repairs.

Mel Astrahan asked about Committee Assignments – Rick to contact.

Adjournment: 2:45PM



**THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS**

OFFICE OF THE PAST SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER
490 TYROLIAN DRIVE, GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN 54302-5143



RICHARD G. "DICK" PROULX
Past Sovereign Grand Master
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November 22, 2013

To Be Read In All Lodges, Encampments, LEAs and Cantons

This letter is to advise you that we have been able to resolve the litigation over the sale of the Valley Junction Lodge on the terms we sought when we first filed suit.

The litigation began in January of 2012 after we had determined that the Valley Junction Lodge had distributed \$240,000 from the sale of their Lodge building, and another \$30,000 the Lodge had in CD's, to five of their members, Kathy Green, Joe Hull, Beryl Hull, Frank Perez, and Louella Speck, and also to a non member of Valley Junction Lodge, Allen Green. At the time we filed suit, after involving the F.B.I., we had already been able to recover \$180,000 in funds, including all of the funds taken by Kathy and Allen Green. After we filed suit Kathy Green brought counterclaims that included a wide variety of allegations including defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress, wrongful discharge, and racketeering on the part of not just the Grand Lodge, but a wide variety of other individuals as well as the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Throughout the litigation our intent was to recover the entirety of the \$270,000 in funds, and to also get a dismissal of all of Ms. Green's counterclaims on the grounds that they were baseless and without merit. During the litigation, meanwhile, both Frank Perez and Louella Speck stepped forward to pay the remaining funds they had received, but not yet returned, leaving only \$45,000 still in the hands of Joe Hull and Beryl Hull. We were able to settle the matter at this time, without spending the \$150,000 it would likely have taken us to take the case through trial, because Joe and Beryl Hull finally entered into an agreement and payment plan to return the remaining \$45,000 in lodge funds that had been distributed to them, and Kathy Green agreed to dismiss all of her claims. Jim Jones, Beryl Hull, Joe Hull, Allan Green, and Kathy Green have all resigned from the Order and/or have agreed to never re-apply or seek reinstatement.

The decision to settle the case was a difficult one as we had aggressively pursued our claims, and defended against those of Kathy Green, in the litigation. As a result of this effort, and the underlying facts we were able to establish through multiple affidavits and deposition testimony, our attorneys were confident we would prevail in all matters at trial. This accordingly provided significant incentive to take the matter to trial and have a jury vindicate us on all counts. What none of us had confidence in, having secured and reviewed multiple bank account records from various defendants, was that we would actually be able to recover on any monetary judgment, either for the remaining \$45,000 or for the award of punitive damages we were pursuing. This is because the only apparent remaining assets of the Defendants at this time are retirement accounts and homesteads which are "exempt" in Iowa from collection on a judgment, meaning that

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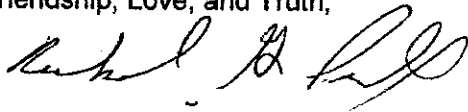
even if a jury awarded us punitive damages in addition to the remaining \$45,000, we would not have been able to collect on them. Further, we likely would have been forced to expend another \$150,000 or so in the remaining preparation for, and in litigating, what was projected to be a two week trial involving ten different parties.

Regardless of the fact that settling the trial was, from a fiduciary standpoint, clearly the right decision, it was nevertheless a difficult decision because of all the baseless accusations that had been made and because of all the work expended in the litigation to date. There are likely some who were involved in the litigation to this day who believe we should have taken the matter to trial. Yet, as a charitable fraternal organization, preserving the \$150,000 for benevolent purposes, as intended when the money was raised by our members, was clearly the right thing to do once we secured an agreement for the repayment of the remaining \$45,000 and the dismissal of all of Ms. Green's counterclaims. Our attorneys, meanwhile, assured us that we need not pursue the case to establish any precedent because the Iowa Supreme Court has specifically recognized the reversionary interest of the Grand Lodge and that all local lodges, and all members of the Order, are bound to a solemn and enforceable trust to hold the property and funds of the Odd Fellows for the good of the Order, and that Constitutional provisions and internal rules regarding such property and funds are fully enforceable in state court where that trust is violated.

Hopefully, going forward, we will not need to re-enter any new litigation and all members of our Order will respect our Constitution and Bylaws and will act in the capacity which our Constitution, and the laws of Iowa, require. The matter with the Valley Junction Lodge has, however, also taught us that despite the best hopes and intentions, the Grand Lodge needs to be prepared to act quickly with resort to both law enforcement and the courts when a Lodge or members violate their solemn obligations to the Order.

For now, however, it is with relief that we can stop spending the funds of the Order on litigation to establish the rights of the Order, and hope that we need not engage in such acts in the future, that we are sending you this letter to inform you that the matter with the Valley Junction Lodge has been fully resolved.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,



Richard G. "Dick" Proulx
Past Sovereign Grand Master
Special Deputy Sovereign Grand Master for Iowa

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The new **2013** Roberts Code and SGL Code is now available.

January 28, 2014

1419B **Roberts Code CD 2013**

\$5.00 plus Tax, Postage, Shipping and Handling

1419C-**Roberts Code**, Complete With Updates from 1999 thru 2013, All Updates Have Been Inserted
\$10.00 plus Tax, Postage, Shipping and Handling. The page size is 8 1/2 X 11", for easy reading.

See order form for smaller sizes.....

Sovereign supplement updates Are Available.

REMINDER: You must follow the instructions for each SGL supplement year. Each year there have been changes to pages. Some pages have been changed several times. Please start from the earliest year and then move forward to the present year.

Each SGL year supplement has a different cover page. Date the cover page and insert it in front of the book so that you know when and which update has been applied to the book.

2013 is now available.

ORDER FORM: It is on the back of this notice. Please use the form to order the supplements or completed books.

REQUEST FOR LODGE OR CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS: Preferred is an e-mail address that is reviewed on a daily basis.

Contact Person: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

EMAIL ORDERS ARE PREFERRED: Send orders to GT@caioof.org

FAX ORDERS: 408-867-6272

Part Number	Description	Dollar	Quan	Total
1419B	Roberts Code CD	\$5.00		
1419C	Roberts Code, Complete With Updates from 1999 thru 2013, All Updates Have Been Inserted \$10.00 plus Tax, Postage, Shipping and Handling. This is NEW and is in a Full Size Binder. The page size is 8.5 X 11", for easy reading.	\$10.00		
1419N	Roberts Code, Complete insert 6 "X 9" (I do have some small binders available +\$5.00)	\$5.00		
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1435A	SGL Code, General Code, Complete With Updates thru 2013, All Updates Have Been Completed	\$65.00		

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Tax, Postage, Shipping and Handling will be added.

Lodge Name and Number
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Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Bay Rock Lodge #300
710 Harbor Street, Morro Bay, California 93442

December 19, 2013

In accordance with Independent Order of Odd fellows, Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws chapter XXXVIII-2, Section 2 (B), Lori Kennada has been expelled from Bay Rock Lodge #300 for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

Expulsion from Bay Rock Lodge #300 means loss of any and all benefits from being a member of the Lodge. Lori Kennada has been notified that she will be trespassing if found on Lodge property located at 710 Harbor Street in the city of Morro Bay, California.

Janice Enns
Noble Grand
Bay Rock Lodge #300

Grand Lodge

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Testimonial Dinner

Honoring

LADY DEBRA LAVERGNE PRESIDENT

**International Association
Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant**

Saturday February 22, 2014

Doubletree San Jose

2050 Gateway Place

San Jose, CA 95110

1-408-453-4000

No Host Bar 6 PM Dinner 7 PM

Cost \$50

Doubletree San Jose

Rooms \$119.00 plus tax for IALAPM

They have shuttle from airport.

Reservations Cut-off Date February 3, 2014

Reservations to:

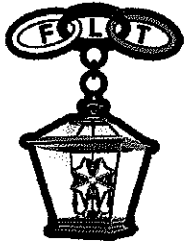
Lady Debbie Shuler

1411 Four Oaks Rd

San Jose, CA 95313

Checks made out to Santa Clara LAPM No. 6

Also Available is a Trip to Saratoga Retirement Community
11:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. on Feb 22 - Bus, Tour and lunch \$15.00 Limited to first 30



DEBRA LAVERGNE, PRESIDENT
International Association Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant

Testimonial

Saturday February 22, 2014

Reservation Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

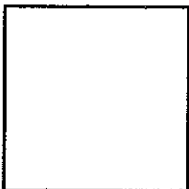
Cost of Dinner is \$50.00 (By 2/3/14) per person

*Salad, Garlic Roasted Breast of Chicken, Vegetable, Yukon potatoes, Dessert
or
Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request*

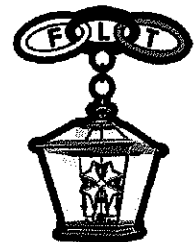
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**Send Reservations to:
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San Jose, CA 95313**

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Bus, Tour and lunch - \$15.00 (Limited to first 30)
Enclosed is My Additional \$15.00 per person for this Trip.
See other form.



Yes check me!



Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc.
Nomination Form

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in good standing may nominate eligible orphans and foster youth or emancipated foster youth for educational scholarships provided by Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. All decisions by Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. are made in the sole discretion of the corporation. To be eligible for consideration, nominees must be orphans or foster youth, must be at least 18 years of age at the time they enter college/university, must be U.S. citizens, must have attained at least a B+ average upon high school graduation, and must be accepted to an accredited college/university or a legitimate junior college and entering as a freshman. Educational scholarships, if approved, will be at least \$5,000 and up to \$10,000 for the freshman year, based on merit and need. Students may re-apply for a subsequent year, up to four years in total, based on merit, need, and the ability to maintain a GPA of at least 3.33. Nomination form must be received by Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc., not later than March 1, 2014. When complete, mail to: Davis Odd Fellows Charities, Inc. Attn: Dave Rosenberg, 415 Second Street, Davis CA 95616.

Please Print

Name of Odd Fellow/Rebekah Nominator _____

Lodge Number _____ Lodge Name _____ Lodge City _____

Address of Lodge _____

Nominator's Phone Number _____

Nominator's E-mail Address _____

Nominator's Mailing Address _____

Name of Applicant you are nominating _____

Address of Applicant _____

Have you discussed this nomination with Applicant? _____

Does the Applicant wish to be nominated? _____

Why are you nominating this Applicant? _____

I certify the information above is true and correct.

Dated:

Signature of Nominator

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Please Print

Name of Applicant _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Are you a US citizen? _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address: _____

Are you an orphan or foster youth? _____ At what age did this occur? _____

Name of High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Address of High School _____

GPA on Graduation _____ Have you been accepted to college/university? _____

Name of college/university _____

Accredited? _____ Date when school starts _____ Expected graduation year _____

Your major? _____ Amount of requested scholarship _____

Please answer the three questions on the next page as part of this application. Also attach a transcript showing your grades achieved during the previous school year.

I certify the information above and on the next page is true and correct.

Dated: _____

Signature of Applicant

What are the circumstances of your becoming an orphan or foster youth?

Why do you need this scholarship?

What do you hope to accomplish in your life upon graduation?