

Benicia Lodge No. 5 Inventory

Location	Lodge Name	Box Number	Folder Title	Description	Date	Notes
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Anniversaries and Events	Pamphlets, programs, and tickets from lodge anniversaries, installations of officers, and other celebrations.	1930-2002	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Annual Membership Returns to Grand Lodge	Annual membership reports, circular from Grand Secretary to all lodges in jurisdiction about ordering the Universal Masonic Library.	1851-1867	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Applications for Affiliation and Degrees	Petitions for membership, degrees, and affiliation. Reports from membership committees. Letters of dispensation from Grand Master.	1850-1918	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Bank Account Passbooks	Bank account passbooks with transaction records for Temple.	1928-1960, 1978-1984	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Benicia Temple Building	Leases, insurance documents, correspondence, and notices related to Temple building(s).	1850-1994	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Blank Forms	Meeting summons, requests for membership dues, notices of rejection, and blank papers with Temple letterhead.	1850s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	By-Laws (copies)	Temple by-laws, copies of by-laws, and correspondence about by-law amendments.	1850s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Charges Against Members	Correspondence related to charges of unmasonic conduct against members.	1861-1937	Charter revoked 2014

Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Correspondence	Meeting minutes; correspondence with the Grand Lodge, including resolutions; applications for membership, conferral of degrees and rejections, including application of Benicia pioneer, jeweler W. B. Nurse; correspondence about a monument for George Washington; correspondence about building the original Temple; correspondence about constructing a Masonic cemetery; requests and receipts for membership dues; planning St. John's day celebrations	1850s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Correspondence	Meeting minutes; correspondence with Grand Lodge including invitation to cornerstone ceremony for new San Francisco lodge; requests and receipts for membership dues; planning St. John's Day celebrations; investigations into members or their families; correspondence with city related to the deed for Temple's lot.	1860s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Correspondence	Temple building renovation; requests and receipts for membership dues; changes in affiliations.	1870s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Correspondence	Invitation to public school dedication ceremony; investigations into members; circulars from Grand Lodge; requests and receipts for membership dues; correspondence with Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast, including invitation to celebrate the anniversary of the Grand Lodge before of past Grand Masters and Officers Jonathan D. Stevenson, John A. Tutt and Berryman Jennings.	1880s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Correspondence	Invoices and receipts; investigations into members; hosting members from surrounding lodges; information about founding members; correspondence about lodge's 100th anniversary celebration.	1900-1950	Charter revoked 2014

Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Correspondence: B.D. Hyam	Letter from Past Grand Master B.D. Hyam to Benicia Lodge No. 5 retelling the history and asking for financial aid.	1888	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Death Notices	Notices of members' deaths.	1887-1922	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Financial Reports	Yearly examinations of secretary's books and reports of members' financial standing.	1857-1877	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	History of Lodge and Building	Speeches, pamphlets, and copies of historical reports of the history of the lodge and building.	1975-2003	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Masonic Board or Relief	Correspondence related to aid, plus a notice about the newly formed Employment Bureau.	1871-1886	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Membership Rosters	Printed rosters of lodge officers and members.	1955-1956	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Notice of Lodge Dispensations	Notices of new lodge dispensations.	1853-1858	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Notice of Reinstatement	Notices of members' reinstatements.	1850s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Notice of Rejection	Notices of candidates' rejections.	1852-1860	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Notice of Suspension	Notices of members' suspensions.	1850s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Property Taxes	City, county, and state taxes for the Masonic Hall property.	1870-1886	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Receipts and Invoices	Receipts and invoices for labor, building materials, furnishings and fixtures, cleaning and laundry services, printing, candles, regalia, black books, utilities, relief, dues, postage, office supplies, sundries, newspaper ads and notices, funeral expenses, donations, hall rental, etc.	1850s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Receipts and Invoices	Receipts and invoices for labor, dues, relief, horse keeping and carriages, oil, building material, postage, funeral expenses, and accounting of what was lost in a fire on July 12th, 1862.	1860s	Charter revoked 2014

Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Receipts and Invoices	Receipts and invoices for labor, dues, relief, building materials, office supplies, funeral expenses, building insurance, printing, utilities, kerosene and oil, and candles.	1870s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Receipts and Invoices	Receipts and invoices for cornerstone laying, relief, music, labor, building materials, furnishings and fixtures, office supplies, printing, utilities, insurance, dues, funeral expenses, taxes, cleaning and laundry services, candles, P.O. Box rental, refreshments, charity, advertising, and regalia.	1880s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Receipts and Invoices	Receipts and invoices for labor, utilities, office supplies, regalia, refreshments, and office furniture.	1920 - 1980	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Sons of Temperance	Correspondence with and bill to the organization Sons of Temperance regarding the rental of the Benicia Temple building.	1850s	Leased lodge rooms
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 1	Trestle Boards	Printed monthly publications that contain meeting and event schedules and editorial communications to members. Newsletters include lists of officers and committees, Masonic education, requests for dues, and general goings-on related to the lodge.	1947-2004	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Past Master Rosters	Printed lists of Past Masters living and deceased and the year(s) they were PM. In some cases, includes personal information like address, phone number, and wife's name. Includes copies of a photo of Past Master E. Estey (1887, '88, '93, '94, '96, '97).	1850-1990	Charter revoked 2014

Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: Events	Photographs and negatives of events, including: parades; dinners; speeches; dedication of Mills Elementary School; photo of Past Master (1861) Timothy Sage and his family; photo of former Governor of California Earl Warren at an Army Day celebration in 1949; several photos of 50 year awards; and an appreciation for Sister Mary Casey by International Rainbow Girls in 2003.	1930s-2000	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: Members	Photographs and copies of photographs, including: a postcard displaying four men in front of a locomotive - Bros. John "Jack" DeForest and Charles Wimble, and Charles Spencer, son of Brother Christopher Spencer; a copy of a photograph of Past Grand Master B.D. Hyam; and a photograph of Danilo C. Mones, Past Master and Secretary.	1920-1990	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: New Temple Building	Photographs and copies of photographs of the new Benicia Lodge No. 5 temple on First Street and West J Street, built in 1888.	1920-1970s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: Officer Group Portraits	Group portraits of past Lodge officers.	1929-1995	Charter revoked 2014

Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: Original Temple Building	Photographs and copies of photographs of the original Benicia Lodge Temple on 110 West J Street and construction on the building in 1973. The Temple was the first Masonic hall building erected in California. It served as the meeting place for Benicia Lodge No. 5 members until the New Temple was erected in 1888, at which point the Original Temple was used as a schoolhouse, dance hall, and community center, among other uses. In 1950, the Masonic Lodge reacquired the property for the cost of back taxes. The hall was again used as a meeting place for the Lodge from 1989 - 1992 when the New Temple was damaged in an earthquake.	1850, 1955-1970s	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: Past Masters Folder 1	Portraits of past Masters, including first Master of Benicia Lodge No. 5, B. D. Hyam, and 7 unidentified Masters.	1850-1959	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: Past Masters Folder 2	Portraits of paster Masters, including 8 unidentified Masters.	1960-2009	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 1	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 2	Photography: Photo Album - Events	Photo album of events including: Kitchen remodel; museum renovation; dedication of the Verne Jensen - Pete Bernardo Masonic Historical Museum; trimming of plam trees; Installation of Officers; Secretary's Night; Easter Picnic; and Hiram Award Night.	1995	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 2	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 3	Membership Files A-E	Membership files for members with last names starting with A-E.	n.d.	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 2	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 4	Membership Files F-J	Membership files for members with last names starting with F-J.	n.d.	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 2	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 5	Membership Files K-M	Membership files for members with last names starting with K-M.	n.d.	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 3	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 6	Membership Files Mc-R	Membership files for members with last names starting with Mc-R.	n.d.	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 3	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 7	Membership Files S-V	Membership files for members with last names starting with S-V.	n.d.	Charter revoked 2014

Row20/Range2/Shelf 3	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 8	Membership Files W-Z; Membership List 1850-1985	Membership files for members with last names starting with W-Z and membership rosters from 1850-1985.	1860-1985	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 4	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 9	By-Laws	Written by-laws from 1850. Printed by-laws from 1851, 1856, and 1876.	1850, 1851, 1856, 1876	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 4	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 9	Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes from March 6th, 1850-June 18th, 1856 (bulk March-May 1850).	1850-56 (bulk 1850)	
Row20/Range2/Shelf 4	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 9	Record of Visiting Brethren	Record of visiting brethren book from 1850 - 1857.	1850-57	
Row20/Range2/Shelf 5	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Box 10	1 box of loose minutes	Loose meeting minutes from 1991-2014.	1991-1995, 1999-2014	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 4	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Meeting Minute Books	Meeting minutes books from 1850-1925.	1850-1858, 1859-1890, 1869-1887 (copy book), 1904-1906, 1905-1917, 1917-1925	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 4	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Meeting Minute Books	Meeting minutes books from 1925-1964.	1925-1937, 1937-1945, 1945-1950, 1950-1956, 1955-1960, 1960-1964	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 4	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Meeting Minute Books	Meeting minutes books from 1965-1999.	1965-1969, 1970-1975, 1974-1980, 1980-1987, 1987-1990, 1985-1993, 1995-1999	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 5	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Tylers Registers	Tylers registers from 1856-1917.	1856, 1860-1864, 1864-1872, 1872-1892, 1902-1906, 1906-1911, 1912-1917	Charter revoked 2014

Row20/Range2/Shelf 5	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Tylers Registers	Tylers registers from 1917-53.	1917-1921, 1921-1929, 1929-1939, 1941-1945, 1946-1949, 1949-1953	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 6	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Tylers Registers	Tylers registers from 1954-87.	1954-59, 1960-67, 1968-73, 1974-80, 1980-87	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 6	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Tylers Registers	Tylers registers from 1989-2014.	1989-1993, 1993-1997, 1997-2001, 2001-2005, 2006-2011, 2011-2014	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 6	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Black Books	Black books from 1855-78.	1855-1856, 1863-1866, 1866-1878	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 6	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Membership rollbook	Membership rollbooks from 1860-1920.	1860-1920	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 6	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Account and Receipt books	Treasurer's receipt book from 1851; dues receipt books from 1858 and 1860; and account books from 1861-1951.	1851, 1858, 1860, 1861-1895, 1901-1933, 1939-1941, 1945-1947, 1947-1951	Charter revoked 2014
Row20/Range2/Shelf 6	Benicia Lodge No. 5	Loose Ledgers	Lodge Bible	Lodge bible from 1834.	1834	"Presented to Benicia Lodge by Bro. Thos. C. Stanley, Chaplain, U.S. Frigate Susannah, March 25, 1850, AL 5850"

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2025.62.1-3	Benicia Lodge No. 5		Benicia Lodge No. 5 Dispensation & Charter	Original dispensation from Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and charter from Grand Lodge of California, and a subsequent printed charter from Grand Lodge of California.	1849-1850	