

Compass Masonic Lodge No. 590 Biographical/Historical

Extent: 4 linear feet

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Date	Description
June 17, 1924	Dispensation granted by Grand Master of California Arthur S. Crites.
October 16, 1924	Charter granted to Compass Masonic Lodge No. 590 by the Grand Lodge of California.
October 16, 1924	Charter members were: Alonzo Lloyd Hickson (W.M.), Samuel Marshall Fields (Warden), Arthur Harold Lawrence (Warden), William Everett May, John B. Dicmas, Harry A. Jamison, James Franklin Hart, Oscar David Kull, Edward Hodson, Madison Ullin Stoneman, Reuben Allen Coverdale, Jake Proctor, Albert Henry Stollenberg, Roscoe Newton Ervin, John Samuel Jones, Wilbur Emerson Home, George Thomas Pantazin, Robert Newson Coffey, Robert Bruce Findlay, Bertram Tarleton Harvey, Edwin Lester Stickney, Thomas L. Sutton, Glenn Mason Andrus, Ralph Sylvester Harvey, and Edward Warren Thias.
July 6, 1999	Compass Lodge No. 590 consolidated with Pomona Lodge No. 246.
February 8, 2017	Pomona Lodge No. 246 charter suspended.
October 15, 2017	Pomona Lodge No. 246 charter revoked.

On June 17th, 1924, a dispensation was granted to Masonic brethren in Pomona, Los Angeles County, California, by Grant Master of California Arthur S. Crites to establish a second Masonic lodge in the area. On October 16th, 1924, a charter was granted to Compass Masonic Lodge No. 590 by the Grand Lodge of California. In 1999, Compass Lodge No. 590 was considering surrendering its charter to the Grand Lodge of California due to low membership. However, the Lodge jointly owned the Pomona Masonic Temple building with Pomona Lodge No. 246, and if Compass Lodge were to surrender its charter, the Grand Lodge of California would effectively own half of the building. Therefore, on July 6th, 1999, Compass Lodge No. 590 consolidated with Pomona Lodge No. 246. On February 8th, 2017, Pomona Lodge No. 246's charter was suspended, and on October 15th, 2017, its charter was revoked.

Scope & Content

The Compass Lodge No. 590 records (1923-1999) consist of applications for degrees and affiliation (1924-1999), bylaws (1924-1996), candidates for degrees booklets (1924-1998), investment reports (1961-1968), lodge seals (n.d.), master reports (1932-1996), meeting minutes (1923-1999), membership records (1924-1999), secretary reports (1930-1999), tiler's registers (1924-1999), treasurer reports (1931-1999), and trustee reports (1962-1980).

Sources

Whitsell, L. O. (1950). *One hundred years of Freemasonry in California, Volume IV*. Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of California. Available in Henry W. Coil Library & Museum of Freemasonry.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

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Source of Acquisition

Records received from Pomona Lodge No. 246 in 2017.

Related Materials

See records for Pomona Lodge No. 246.

Access & Use Information

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