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ARTICLE I

§ 1. This local Lodge shall be known as Monitor No. 218 and be located in the City of Sacramento, State of California.

§ 2. Is organized for the purpose of paying sick and funeral benefits to its members, and to work for their social, cultural and fraternal advancement.

§ 3. For these objects and purposes the Lodge maintains two funds: The General and Social. The General Fund is created mainly from initiation fees, monthly dues and if necessary by assessment. This fund is used only for payments of sick benefits and other expenses, such as hall rents, dues to the District Lodge and the funeral fund, also to the Grand Lodge old age and Scholarships Funds.

§4. The Social Fund is created from profits of social activities such as picnics, dances and entertainments, also initiation fees and dues from social members.

ARTICLE II

§ 5. Any person of Nordic race who is known to possess a good moral character and good health, has reached the age of sixteen (16) but not passed the 50th birthday and expressed willingness to abide by the rules and regulations of the Vasa Order of America and the Lodge shall be eligible to become an active member. (See Constitution — Memberships — page 38, § 7, 8, 9.)

§ 6. Candidate for active membership must, before admittance, pass medical examination by physician recognized by the Lodge.

§ 7. Personally signed application together with One Dollar (\$1.00) which sum shall constitute a part of the regular initiation fee. In case the applicant is rejected the money paid will be refunded.

§ 8. Also eligible to active membership are persons, regardless of nationality married to active members as specified in Constitution § 7 (c.)

§ 9. Passive member shall have the same rights, enjoy the same privileges within the lodge as active member with the following exceptions:

(a.) Shall **not** be entitled to financial benefit or aid from the Grand Lodge Old Age fund or the District Lodge Funeral fund or sick benefit.

(b.) Can **not** be elected to any active position in the Lodge above that of Chaplain. Shall **not** have the right to vote on questions pertaining to the Grand Lodge, or to the District Lodge or matters pertaining to funds of the Lodge or its by-laws.

See Constitution §64.

ARTICLE III

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AND BALLOTING

§ 10 See Constitution § 11-12.

§ 11. **Initiation fees and monthly dues.** Every person whose application for active membership has been approved shall pay an initiation fee as per following schedule:

From 16 to 30 years of age	\$3.00
From 30 to 40 years of age	4.00
From 40 to 50 years of age	5.00
Passive members pay.....	1.00

§ 12. Active member pays dues 75 cents a month and any assessment may be levied by the Grand Lodge or the District Lodge, including the Funeral fund. Passive member pays 25 cents a month. New members pay no dues for the first month.

ARTICLE IV

BENEFITS

§ 13. Any active member who through sickness or accident becomes unable to perform the daily work shall after six (6) months membership, and in good standing, be entitled to receive: No sick benefit paid for the first week of illness.

\$8 per week for 10 weeks first year.

\$8 per week for 10 weeks second year.

\$8 per week for 10 weeks third year.

The sum not to exceed \$240.00 for any one sickness.

§ 14. If not in good standing when sickness occurs member is not entitled to sick benefit.

§ 15. No sick benefit is paid for child birth.

§ 16. No member shall receive benefit from sickness caused by intemperance or immoral conduct.

§ 17. Members reported sick but who are able to do part of their work or attend to their duties are not entitled to sick benefit.

§ 18. In case of sickness the member shall report to either Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Chairman or Vice Chairman not later than the third (3) day after commencement of the sickness, otherwise the sickness shall be considered as having commenced on the date it is reported, and will be paid accordingly.

§ 19. Bill for benefits shall be rendered on official blank which the Lodge will furnish. The sickness and its duration must be verified over the signature of a legitimate physician.

§ 20. Members who are called to war or volunteer to serve, are not entitled to benefits for injuries contracted during the time of service but will be kept in good standing by the Lodge.

§ 21. Member outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge shall in case of sickness or accident report to nearest Lodge if there is such, if not he shall write to his own Lodge. Such request for sick benefit must be accompanied by doctor's certificate attested by Notary Public.

§ 22. Should the sickness of a member continue beyond the period for which he is entitled to receive benefit and in need, the Lodge may contribute further assistance.

§ 23. Member in debt to the Lodge for an amount exceeding three (3) months dues is not entitled to sick benefits.

ARTICLE V

§ 24. Upon the death of a member in good standing, the Recording Secretary shall report the same to District Secretary accompanied by death certificate. As soon as the Funeral Aid has arrived from the District Lodge the local Lodge will pay the amount \$100.00 to the legally entitled person.

§ 25. If the deceased has no relatives, then the Lodge will arrange for the funeral, the expenses not to exceed the amount paid by the District Funeral Fund. Officers of the Lodge are to have charge of the funeral.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

§ 26. The Sick Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, also 4 members, 2 men and 2 women to serve for a time of one year.

§ 27. The Sick Committee shall visit the sick as soon as possible after the notice is received and thereafter once a week during the sickness and report to the Lodge the condition of the sick members.

§ 28. Financial Secretary shall deduct from the sick benefit any indebtedness member may owe to the Lodge thus retaining the member in good standing.

ARTICLE VII SOCIAL COMMITTEE

§ 29. The Chairman shall appoint five members, first appointee to act as chairman, which shall arrange and execute social programs, dances, whist parties and other entertainments during their time of 6 months. The Committee shall forward all money earned together with bills to the treasurer, and complete report for the approval of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII

Officers and Titles. See Constitution, Page 47 § 27.

Nomination of Officers. See Constitution, page 47 §28.

Election of Officers. See Constitution, page 48 § 29.

Installation of Officers. See Constitution, page 51 § 34.

Duties of Officers. See Constitution, page 51 § 35.

Election of Trustees. See Constitution page 59 § 48.

Qualifications for Trustee. Page 59 § 49.

Vacancy on Board of Trustee. Page 59 § 50.

Duties of Trustees. See Constitution, page 59 § 51.

Standing Committees, Auditing Committee and others. See Constitution, page 61 § 53, a, b, c, d.

ARTICLE IX

GENERAL RULES

See also Constitution, page 74 § 74-94.

1. When the presiding officer takes the chair other officers shall take their stations and after the sound of the gavel, decorum shall prevail.

2. When the password is taken and minutes are being read, members shall remain quiet.

3. During meeting no one has a right to pass between the altar and the chair of the presiding officer.

4. When a member is speaking all conversation and whispering is out of order.

5. Should a member divulge the password or other business of the Lodge or speak disrespectfully about its members such member shall be suspended.

6. Any officer who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without giving sufficient reason for absence shall be dismissed and a new officer be elected to fill the place.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman unless the Lodge otherwise decides.

8. If possible every member shall be present at the funeral of a deceased member.

9. Change of meeting shall be reported to the members in writing and passed by two-thirds majority of the members.

10. Member shall report change of residence to the Recording or Financial Secretary within 30 days.

11. All questions and motions that may be presented and taken up for action within the Lodge shall be decided by vote.

12. Parliamentary Rules as issued by the Grand Lodge shall be the rules for this Lodge. Cushing's Manual used as a guide.

13. The working year of the Lodge starts after the installation of officers.

14. Recommended by the Executive Board that Assistant Financial Secretary be collector for the District Sick Benefit Fund.

15. Matters not covered by these By-Laws shall be decided and disposed of in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12, Vasa Order of America.

Adopted by Monitor Lodge No. 218, Vasa Order of America.

September 25, 1947:

Einar Johnson, Chairman; Anna K. Lewis, Secretary; Mathilda Person, Ellen Johnson, Doris Larson, David B. Anderson, Gustaf F. Lindstrom.

Approved by the Executive Board of District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12, Vasa Order of America, December 7, 1947.

GUST CARLSON, District Master,
EDITH DROTT, District Secretary,
J. F. TURNER,
RAGNAR HASSELGREN,
ARTHUR PEARSON,
EDWIN RYLANDER.

12. The meeting was held at the Lodge about
after the installation of officers.
13. Recommended by the Executive Board
that a standing committee be appointed
to look after the financial affairs of the
Lodge.
14. Motion was carried by aye 12-10
and the meeting adjourned to the next
meeting to be held on the 15th inst.
at 7:30 P.M.

Approved by the Executive Board of the
Lodge Golden Gate No. 12, 1927
December 22, 1927

Walter Johnson, Chairman
Walter Johnson, Secretary
Walter Johnson, Treasurer
Walter Johnson, Steward
Walter Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Walter Johnson, Chaplain

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