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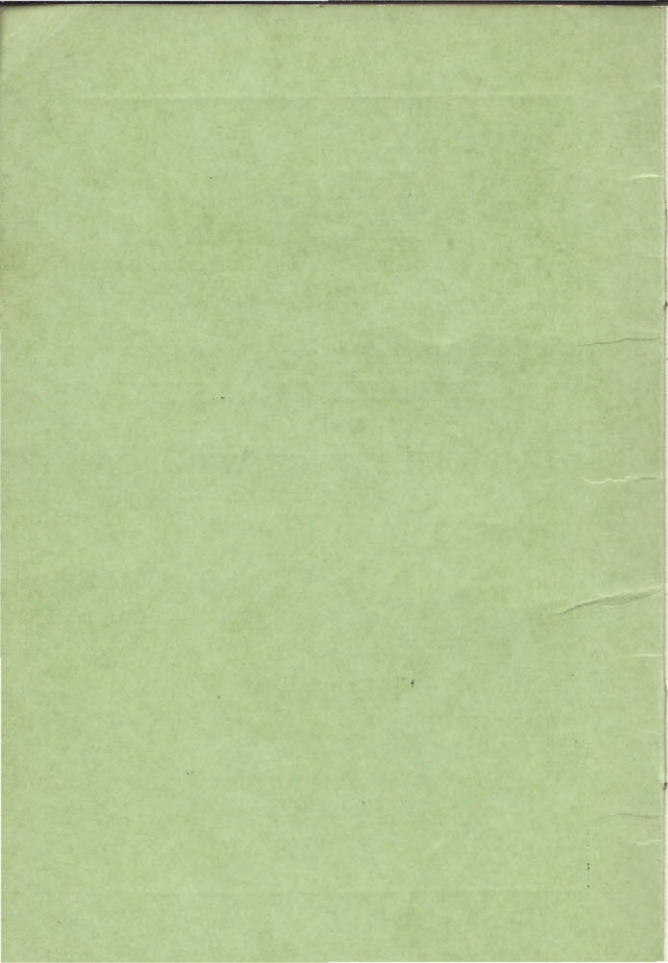
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ARTICLE I

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

§ 2. Shall meet on the fourth Thursday of every month.

§ 3. Is organized for the purpose of paying sick and funeral benefits to its Beneficial Members, and to work for the social, cultural and fraternal advancement of all members.

§ 4. ~~Non-Beneficial~~ Members shall have the same rights as Beneficial members, except they can't vote on matters pertaining to the sick benefit funds.

§ 5. The General Fund is created mainly from initiation fees, monthly dues, and if necessary by assessment. This Fund is used only for payment of sick benefits, and other expenses such as Hall rents, assessment to the District Lodge, also to the Grand Lodge old age and scholarship funds.

§ 6. The Social Fund is created from profits of social activities such as picnics, dances and other entertainment. Also by the dues of ~~Non-Beneficial~~ Members.

ARTICLE II

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

§ 1. Persons seeking membership in this Lodge must be of good moral character, of Scandinavian birth or descent and 16 years of age or over, be recommended by a member of the Vasa Order in good standing. 14

§ 2. A person ~~of the Caucasian race~~, who is married to a member of Scandinavian descent may also apply for membership, fully investigated by a committee appointed by the Lodge.

§ 3. In order that an application may be taken for consideration, applicant must pay one dollar as part of the initiation, and must accompany application.

§ 4. Any person who gains admission through fraud, shall be expelled from the Lodge.

§ 5. A candidate whose application has been rejected, shall be reimbursed the initiation fee.

§ 6. Applicants for membership shall be acted upon according to Grand Lodge Constitution for Local Lodges, and District By-Laws.

85 § 7. Persons applying for membership, shall pay initiation fee of \$3.00 and monthly dues of (35c) ~~thirty-five cents~~. Such dues include all assessments to the Grand and District Lodge. 85

§ 8. Candidates seeking entrance to Sick Benefit Funds shall pay a regular ~~\$3.00~~ initiation fee, plus \$1.00 entrance fee to the District Funeral Fund, and monthly dues of ~~75c~~, such dues to include all assessments to the Grand and District Lodge. #5
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§ 9. Candidates of 50 years or 'over cannot be accepted as members of the Sick Benefit Funds.

§ 10. Any ~~Non-Beneficial~~ Member who wishes to join the Sick Benefit Fund, up to the age of fifty years may do so by paying a \$1.00 initiation fee, plus \$1.00 entrance to the District Funeral Fund, and monthly dues of ~~75c~~. Such dues include all assessments to the Grand and District Lodge. #5
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§ 11. If extra assessments are necessary to meet expenses of the Lodge, they shall be decided by the Majority vote of the Lodge members.

ARTICLE III

§ 1. A member in arrears either monthly dues, fines or levies for three months or more, shall be deprived of all financial assistance in case of sickness, and will not be entitled to benefits until two months after debts are paid.

§ 2. Members indebted to Lodge for six months shall be suspended, but the Financial Secretary shall inform the Lodge of the details of the case before the suspension is made.

§ 3. Members dues should be paid in advance.

ARTICLE IV

BENEFITS

§ 1. Any Beneficial Member through sickness or accident, becomes unable to perform their daily work, shall after six months membership, and in good standing is entitled to assistance during sickness, but the sickness must be reported to the President, Vice President, or Secretary, not later than four days after the beginning of sickness, otherwise the time will be counted from the day such notification is received.

§ 2. No member is entitled to aid during sickness until medical notice is filed, detailing nature of sickness. Such notices must be filed in writing at the first regular meeting of the Lodge after the beginning and at least every other week thereafter during the sickness.

§ 3. No sick benefits are paid for injuries or sickness caused by insanity, war, ravages of epidemics, or other Acts of God.

§ 4. A member entitled to sick benefits is paid eight dollars per week for the first ten weeks. No payment is made for the first week of sickness or accident. Members are not entitled to more than twenty weeks of such aid in one year.

§ 5. Sick benefits to any one member shall be limited to \$240, for any and all sickness or acci-

dents, of any nature after joining the lodge, except that a member having received the maximum, will be entitled to draw sick benefits annually up to the amount paid in annual dues.

§ 6. The sick committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer, also two brothers and two sisters who serve one year.

ARTICLE V

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 shall pay the amount of \$150.00 to the legally entitled person. 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

GENERAL RULES

(also see Constitution, page 74-94)

1. When the presiding officer takes the chair the 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 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 a two-thirds majority vote of the members.

10. Members shall report change of residence to the Recording or Financial Secretary within thirty days.

11. All questions and motions that may be presented and taken 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.

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

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

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

June 24, 1955

Herman R. Wallin, (Chairman); Beda Brandt,
Daryl Fredrickson.

Approved by the District Executive Board on
Sept. 24, 1955.

ALBERT CARLSON, Dist. Master

DARYL FREDRICKSON,

Vice District Master

JESSIE OLSSON, District Secretary

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EUGENE SANTOS

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