



Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2024

Opening of Meeting – Chuck Johnson start at 6:50 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance – Chuck Johnson
- God Bless America –
- Prayer – William Hanley

2. Introduce Grand and District Lodge visitors:

- Ed Netzel, PDM, PMC and his wife Judy Netzel
- Charley Rea, PMC and his wife Lisa Rea

3. Installation of Officers for the year 2024.

Chairman Chuck Johnson invited PDM, PMC Ed Netzel to the podium to perform the installation officers and handed him the gavel. 2023 Officers - all candidates were elected by acclamation. *Many thanks for all your hard work last year.*

The Lodge welcomes new officers:

- Dan Eriksson – Treasurer, replacing Brian Horsfield who has done an excellent job for Monitor.
- Barbara Pattow – Trustee 3 years
- John Hingtgen – Auditor – 2 years

4. Installation of New Members – Monitor Lodge members are delighted to welcome the following applicant to our lodge. Ed Netzel, PDM, PMC conducted the initiation along with chairman, Chuck Johnson Chaplain William Hanley and Secretary, Yvonne Magneheim.

- Kellie Paredes
- Grace Hedglin

The initiation was concluded with a round of applause and welcome from the members in attendance.

5. Open Business Meeting - The minutes of the last business meeting (November 2023) were included in the December newsletter. Ed Netzel motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Meribeth Bean, motion passes unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

- Membership:

- We have two prospective new members:
 - Marie Green
 - Linda Roberts – referred by one of our newer members Jeffrey Brodd.
- Chuck proposed considering bumper stickers to attract new members. Dan Eriksson added, we should consider magnetics that are removable. Chuck is looking into costs.
- Meribeth Bean asked for volunteers to join the “Calling Committee”. They could use one or more members to assist in calling the members each month to remind them of our meetings and a means to keep in touch with shut in members. Please call Meribeth or Joyce Willow if you are able to assist.
- Cultural – Charley Rea. Invited members to offer topics of interest for our monthly Cultural programs. He is looking into topics such as religion, history and culture in Sweden – but all ideas are welcomed. He noted that there will be a crafts topic in February and Marianne Ek will be presenting on contemporary Swedish music in March.
- Scholarship – Joyce Willows, chair – In the near future, committee member Sarah Cuthill and family may be moving to Japan. Sue Edelmayer has agreed to join Joyce Willows and Judy Netzel on the committee. The committee also reminded members that we have three opportunities to apply for school scholarships. Check our website for details and deadlines.
 - Grand Lodge Scholarship – requires a 12-month membership.
 - District 12 Scholarship
 - Monitor Lodge Scholarship
- Scandinavian Festival – Festival will be held on Saturday, April 20th at Elks Lodge in Elk Grove. The facility fee was far more financially attractive.
 - Will need a lot of assistance this year and every year to make this a successful festival. Please contact the Floor Managers, William Hanley and Larry Woodward if you and/or family members and friends can help.
 - We also need volunteers to prepare Swedish crafts for sale. Please contact Chuck for more information.
 - William confirmed that he has signed up 8 vendors so far for the Festival.
 - Chuck Johnson has accepted the position of Chairman for 2024 Festival, once again. Chuck mentioned the Elks Club has a large kitchen and similar layout to the Divine Savior facility used in the past.
- Sunshine Committee: William Hanley and Larry Woodward
 - Russ Ellis just turned 101 years old and is doing very well. If you know him, please consider sending him a card or note.

- William asked if you know of any member who is ill or is celebrating a birthday (over 75), please let him know and a card will be send by he or Larry.
- William also invited interested members to join our Swedish language study group which is held on Zoom every Monday night.

7. **Old Business**

- That the District Lodge convention will be in Sacramento from April 19-21, 2024, at the DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento. We will select our two (2) delegates and one (1) alternate by February 2024.

8. Reading of correspondence – None

9. **Planning for Future Events** –

Sunday	January 21, 2024	Audit Meeting – 2pm – Anita Nord’s House
Friday	February 2, 2024	Pea Soup and Pancakes
Friday	March 1, 2024	Corned Beef and Cabbage Night
Saturday	April 6, 2024	Anniversary Luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel
Saturday	April 20, 2024	Scandinavian Festival
Fri-Sun	April 26-28, 2024	Vasa, District 12 Annual Convention
	May 4, 2024	Sill Fruköst – location to be determined, volunteers are so welcomed to host

PEA SOUP AND PANCAKES – Recipes can be found in Var sa God cookbook or on the website.

Ed Netzel called from volunteers to make pancake batter and Pea Soup.

- Brody Chou and Andy Hopkins volunteered to make pea soup.
- Yvonne and DeeDee will make Pancake batter.
- Peggy Carlson will prepare Ham.

Please deliver to the IOOF by 5pm on February 2nd.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE – We need volunteers to help with the preparation of the meal. A request was made for Mint Chocolate Chip ice cream for dessert.

10. **Reports from Financial Secretary** – Anita Nord

December 2, 2023		
TOTAL*		\$2900.00

*Income will be adjusted once all receipts have been received for expenses.

11. **Report from Treasurer** – Dan Eriksson

The following bills were presented by members for payment:

William Hanley	Waters and Wine	\$36.23
Ed Netzel	Fruit Salad/Jul food items	\$50.00
Lisa Rea	Lucia and Jul food items	\$100.39
Peggy Carlson	Kräftskiva foods	\$278.77
Peggy Carlson	Julbord foods	\$130.08

Ed Netzel reminded members to use the Check Request form along with receipts for reimbursements.

12. **Reading and Acting on Bills Received**

- Ed Netzel motioned that we pay the bills, seconded by Mary Chou, motion carried with unanimous approve of the membership.
- A motion was made by Brian Horsfield to approve paying our monthly meeting room rental and storage rental each month.
 - \$250.00 for the meeting room
 - \$ 50.00 for the storage room.

Motion seconded by Andy Hopkins, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

- Motion was made by Andy Hopkins to pay our website services purveyor, seconded by Joyce Willows:
 - \$83.00/month for the maintenance
 - \$25.00 – onetime fee for the license

After much discussion, membership felt the web presence was a member benefit and shows our creditability as an organization. Motion passes unanimously.

3. **New Business:**

- Chuck reminded the membership that our annual assessment to the district is roughly \$3400. Much of the cost is to pay for insurance coverage for our lodge. However, we only pay \$35.00 per member each year and although we have a good amount of savings, there will be a discussion to raise the dues for 2025.
- 2024 Dues are now due.

- Brian Horsfield sent an envelope along with our Program Book to make it easy to send in your dues. Please send them to Anita Nord, our Financial Secretary.
- Please send any change of address/phone or email contract information to Brian Hosfield so we can keep the Program Book up to date.

14. Good of the Order

- Barbara Pattow mentioned the at the Family Search Center in Elk Grove is holding a “Discovery Day” (see December’s newsletter) on Saturday, January 20th on genealogy. Barbara has volunteered to represent Monitor.
- Nicole Hopkins will graduate from Montana State with 4.0 grade average with a master’s in education.
- Eivor and Kurt Pfannkuch arrived home safely from Sweden and send a video of their grandson’s graduation from college.
- Meribeth Bean and the entire membership thanked Chuck for his continued service to our Lodge and for agreeing the stay on as chairman in 2025.

Closing of Meeting – 8:05pm

- Du Gamla –
- Prayer – William Hanley

Many thanks to all that have contributed to tonight’s dinner and for those who stayed to clean up. Please remember, we do not have “paid staff” to set up, serve and clean up!! We depend on every member to contribute to make our events successful.

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary

- January’s presentation was presented by our own Charley Rea on the Swedish ancestors moved to or were born in Kingsvale, California. Many of them went on to successful careers and contributed to advances in medicine such as the MRI and Olympic medalists!! Great presentation Charley, thank you.