



## **Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2024**

### **Opening of Meeting – Chuck Johnson start at 6pm**

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

### **Introduce Grand and District Lodge visitors:**

- Sven-Ove Westberg, PDM
- Kurt Pfannkuch, PDM, PMC and wife Eivor
- Ed Netzel, PDM, PMC and his wife Judy Netzel
- Charley Rea, PMC and his wife Lisa Rea

### **Installation of New Members** –Marie Green to be initiated in March

**Open Business Meeting** - The minutes of the last business meeting (January 2024) were included in the January newsletter. Alex Hopkins motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Kurt Pfannkuch motion passes unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- Membership:
  - We have two prospective new members: Marie Green and Nils Hedglin.
  - Applications for Marie Green have been approved. Application from Nils Hedglin will be processed by the membership committee, and it is anticipated that both will be initiated in March!
- Cultural – Charley Rea. Invited members to offer topics of interest for our monthly Cultural programs. His is looking into topics such as Religion and music in Sweden – but all ideas are welcomed.
  - Marianne Ek will present a program on Swedish modern music in March.
  - Jeff Brood will speak about the history of Swedish religion and music.
- Scholarship – Joyce Willows, chair –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 – deadline February 15, 2024.
- District 12 Scholarship - deadline April 1, 2024.
- Monitor Lodge Scholarship - deadline April 1, 2024.
- Scandinavian Festival – Festival will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Boulevard from 10am to 4pm 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.
  - Dee Dee Dahlberg will head up the Pancake Committee and Peggy Carlson will organize the sandwich committee.
  - Will Hanley Festival floor manager) confirmed that we have signed up 8 vendors so far for the festival.
- Sunshine Committee: William Hanley and Larry Woodward
  - Will reminded members to let him know of any shut-ins or someone who is ill, and he will send a card.
  - Meribeth Bean has recently had micro back surgery and is recuperating nicely. She was to be released today.

7. **Old Business**

- The District Lodge convention will be in Sacramento from April 19-21, 2024, We will select our two (2) delegates and one (1) alternate.

8. **Reading of correspondence** - None

9. **Planning for Future Events** –

Friday	March 1, 2024	<b>5:30 pm 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner</b> – We need volunteers to help with the meal. A request was made for Mint Chocolate Chip ice cream for dessert.
Saturday	March 16, 2024	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Nål och Tråd – Help make floral headdresses Peggy Carlson’s house</b>
Saturday	April 6, 2024	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Monitor’s 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon</b> at the DoubleTree Hotel
Saturday	April 20, 2024	<b>10a m- 4pm</b>	<b>39<sup>th</sup> Annual Scandinavian Festival</b>
Fri-Sun	April 26-28, 2024		<b>Golden Gate District 12 Annual Convention</b> DoubleTree Hotel

Saturday	May 4, 2024		<b>Sill Fruköst – Location to be announced.</b>
Saturday	June 1, 2024		<b>Sweden Day - Concord Community Park in Concord - 11 am to 3 pm</b>
Friday	June 7, 2024		<b>Midsommar Celebration IOOF Hall - 5:30 PM</b>

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

<b>February 2, 2024</b>	Dinners and Dues	\$1,086.00
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\*Income will be adjusted once all receipts have been received for expenses and income from the beverage sales.

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

The following bills were presented by members for payment:

Kurt Pfannkuch	Julbord	\$159.59
Peggy Carlson	Pancake Dinner	\$45.27
William Hanley	Bar supplies/wines	\$43.81
Dan Eriksson	New checks	\$45.00
Golden Gate District 12	Program Books	\$36.00
Chuck Johnson	Annual Ad in Scandinavian Festival Book	\$70.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$399.

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

- Brian Horsfield motioned that we pay the bills, seconded by Andy Hopkins and Kurt Pfannkuch, motion carried with unanimous approve of the membership.

13. **New Business:**

- Yvonne gave a review of the annual audit committee meeting. We currently have 94 members which includes two Honorary Lifetime members, Arlie Veis and Ed Netzel. We do not have to pay an assessment fee for the two HLM, so our total assessment for 2024 is 92 members at \$35.25 for a total payment of \$3,252.20. The assessment fee covers liability insurance for the lodge and a subscription to Nordstjernen monthly magazine.
- Many thanks to members of the committee for their hard work:
  - Anita Nord, Mindy Patterson, Brian Horsfield, Barbara Pattow, John Hingtgen, Johanna Benker (absent but submitted a yearly report recap) and Dan Eriksson.

- 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 Horsfield so we can keep the Program Book up to date.

#### 14. Good of the Order

- Barry Moore – Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Orangevale, there will be Stoughton High School Norwegian dancers from Stoughton, Wisconsin performing – donations welcomed.
- Marianne Ek – advised everyone about her struggles with Medicare billing. Mary Choy mentioned at the County Bar has volunteer clinic and lawyers that can assist you with any challenges with Medicare incorrect billings.
- Peggy Carlson – announced that there will be Nål och Tråd meeting at her house on March 16<sup>th</sup> to make floral head dresses to sell at the Scandinavian Festival. All are welcome to join.

#### Closing of Meeting – 7:05pm

- Du Gamla –
- Prayer – William Hanley

**Many thanks to all that have contributed to tonight's dinner and those who stayed to clean up. Please remember, we do not have "paid staff" to set up, cook, serve and clean up!! We depend on every member to contribute in order to make our events successful.**

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary

**Cultural presentation:** Mary Choy kept us in "stitches" as she gave an intricate presentation on the various type of knitting styles used in Sweden. She taught us a new Swedish word: tvåändsstickning – two end knitting referring to the traditional way of knitting with both yarn ends from one ball of yarn. Thank you, Mary, for a very interesting demonstration.