



# Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes

## September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Opening of Meeting** – Ed Netzel started at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Ed Netzel

God Bless America –

Prayer – Will Hanley

**Introduce Grand and District Lodge visitors if present – Welcome!**

Kurt Pfannkuch (PDM and PMC),

Charley Rea (PMC)

Chuck Johnson (PMC)

David Steiber, District Vice Master, Sierra Kronan Lodge

Cheryl Steiber – District Assistant Secretary, Sierra Kronan Lodge

### **Membership**

- Reinstatement of Former Members - none
- Application for Membership – none

**Open Business Meeting** - Note that minutes of last business meeting (June 6th, 2025) were emailed with our July 2025 newsletter. Need approval vote. Chuck Johnson motioned to approve the June 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes, seconded by Joyce Willows, Minutes approved unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Membership -- Chuck Johnson**
  - Inquiries have been received through our website and from Sweden Day. We have 4-5 prospective members interested in joining our lodge.
  - Bumper stickers are still available – see Chuck
- **Cultural – Charley Rea**
  - Charley is soliciting items of interest from the group, please contact Charley.
- **Scholarship – Joyce Willow**
  - 2025 scholarship awards have been completed, and she is looking forward to 2026.

- 2025 winners of Monitor Lodge scholarships are:
  - Theo Wilson – Grandson to Joyce and Tom Willows (Theo attended the evening’s meeting with his family and thanked the membership for it’s generosity.
  - Elsa Tjeder – Granddaughter to Anita Nord
- **Sunshine committee – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward**
  - Meribeth Bean is on the mend.

### **Old Business –**

- Decision on future of Scandinavian Festival. A zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the Scandinavian committee to vote on the future of the festival.
  - Jeff Brodd suggested we combine with another ethnic group
  - William Hanley reminded everyone that members of most of the lodges are older and unable to assist in the work involved.
  - Brian Horsfield mentioned that the profits of \$8500 were equally shared by all lodges, which was not indicative of the amount of involvement or support given by each lodge. Monitor Lodge bore most of the administrative, coordination and execution of the event.

Sara Huber motioned that we do not continue our participation in the Scandinavian Festival, seconded by Chuck Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

- Barbara Pattow is no longer on the telephone tree and we need a replacement. Andy Hopkins has been filling in, but we need a permanent replacement. No one volunteered. Please consider volunteering.

### **Reading of Correspondence**

- Marlene Patient, Grand Secretary letter regarding the auction of a Nyckelharpa made by Grand Master John Hanright. Copy of descriptive letter attached to minutes. Proceeds to help support the Grand Lodge Convention the Chicago Marriott Naperville July 14-18, 2026. See the Grand Master’s letter at the end of the minutes. They will accept offers through private message or email to [johnhanright@gmail.com](mailto:johnhanright@gmail.com).

### **Planning for Future Events –**

- October 3rd, Friday – Swedish Taco night – This is a potluck. Peggy Carlson sent a sign-up sheet amongst the members.

- November 7th, Friday – Fika – Coffee and Baked Goods (NO DINNER) plus elections – **We need participation from the members, please volunteer for a position** – Contact Ed or Chuck if you can help.
- December 6th, Saturday – Julbord
- December 12th – St. Lucia

**Reports from Financial Secretary and Treasurer**

Report on Revenues from August Crayfish Event: see revenues in Treasurer Dan’s report below.

**Dan Eriksson, Treasurer (Skattmästare)**

Fund Balances and details for August 2025

	General Fund	Children's Club	Nal och Trad	Scholarship	Totals
As of 7-31-25	\$9,936.71	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$9,054.62	\$24,274.47
Scholarship payment					\$ -
Transfer to scholarship fund					\$ -
Nal och Trad expense transfer					\$ -
INCOME thru Aug 31, 2025	\$ 239.00				\$ 239.00
Expenses thru Aug 31, 2025	\$ (182.92)				\$ (182.92)
Balance	\$9,992.79	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$9,054.62	\$24,330.55
correction					
<b>Balance Aug 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$9,992.79</b>	<b>\$93.77</b>	<b>\$5,189.37</b>	<b>\$9,054.62</b>	<b>\$24,330.55</b>

**Reading and Acting on Bills Received**

Peggy Carlson	Food/Kraftskiva	\$215.68
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Kurt Pfannkuch motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Chuck Johnson, motion passes unanimously.

**New Business:**

- Dan Eriksson led a brief discussion regarding options to accept electronic payments (e.g., PayPal, Zelle) in addition to cash and checks for paying dues and the occasional meal fees. Dan will refine his suggestions based on the discussion that followed and present at October’s meeting.
- Discussion on disposal of surplus items in our storage room, especially books, serving trays and big pots. Chuck suggested we donate the large post to Loaves and Fishes. Books will be brought out at the October meeting for members to choose and take home. Remaining books will be donated to the Sacramento Library “Book Den”. Susanne Smith and Sara Huber volunteered to help clean out the storeroom.

- Planning for Julbord 2025
  - Peggy Carlson noted that we need to set up a planning meeting. We need new participation, please join us. Peggy sent around a sign-up sheet. Please indicate what food item you are willing to prepare.
- Nominations for 2026 officers
  - Chuck Johnson – we need more participation. Please contact Ed if you are interested in running for a position. Chuck will post the positions on the website and send out emails.
  - Do we hold silent auction for Scholarship funds at October or November meetings? There was no interest expressed for an auction in addition to our annual auction at our anniversary functions.

### **Good of the Order**

Arlie Veis will celebrate his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday in September. Arlie was instrumental in starting the Scandinavian Festival. Happy Birthday Arlie!!!

Dan Eriksson mentioned that the Greek Festival will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church on H Street, October 3-5.

11AM – 10PM – Friday and Saturday

11am – 8pm – Sunday

### **Closing of Meeting**

Du Gamla – ALL

Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm followed by Dinner** – Swedish Smörgåstårta prepared by our members. The tårtas were beautiful, as well as delicious. **Many thanks to all who helped prepare this delicious meal.** Kellie Paredes, Birgitta Ostlund, Kurt and Eivor Pfankuch, Linnea Kose, DeeDee Dahlberg Peggy Carlson.

**Cultural presentation** – How to make a Smörgåstårta – presented by Eivor Pfankuch. Eivor and Kurt purchased the many of the breads while they were in Sweden this summer. She explained that there are many versions of the tårtas. Some have seafood, others have ham & Cheese, etc.. Thank you for the lovely presentation, Eivor and all you do for our lodge.

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary (Sekreterare)

DISTRICT AND LODGE SECRETARIES PLEASE READ AT YOUR NEXT MEETING(S) AND DISTRIBUTE THIS MEMO AND ATTACHED FLYER TO YOUR MEMBERS:

Vasa Brothers and Sisters,

Our quadrennial meeting of the Grand Lodge is being hosted by District Lodge Lake Michigan No. 8 and is scheduled for the week of July 14, 2026. The meeting will be in Naperville Illinois, just west of Chicago.

It's time to start thinking about submitting constitutional resolutions for consideration. Many delegates have been elected by the various Districts and convention planning is ongoing. This is a huge undertaking, and we applaud District 8 for their dedication. To help District No. 8 with the financial burden I have constructed a Nyckelharpa that will be auctioned and 100% of the proceeds will go to DL-8 to help defer costs. We will accept offers through private message or email to [johnhanright@gmail.com](mailto:johnhanright@gmail.com).

The auction is anticipated to end 1/1/2026. Bids open to Vasa Members ONLY unless the Reserve is not met. If the Reserve is not met, it will be offered outside of Vasa.

A little about the harp. It is a 3 row, 37 key chromatic Nyckelharpa. The neck and sides are Alpine spruce from Germany. The top is Sitka spruce from the Pacific Northwest. AAAA grade luthier quality spruce. The back and key box are African mahogany. The bridge and tailpiece are rock maple from the Midwest probably Wisconsin. The saddle is black Indian ebony. The main tuning pegs are black ebony. The fine tuners are Wittner Stable 4/4 cello tuners and the sympathetic string tuners are from a friend who builds Nyckelharpas in Halsingland Sweden. The main strings are Primm Nyckelharpa strings from Sweden, and the Sympathetic strings are D Adarrio acoustic guitar. The tailpiece is inlay with white mother of pearl dove. The tone of the various wood was so nice I went with clear shellac finish. It plays very nicely.

Please don't make bids in the comments section as it would put you at a disadvantage. The Grand Lodge Convention is our most important meeting and deserves our attention and contributions.

In Truth and Unity.  
John Hanright (Jack), Grand Master