



Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes January 9, 2026

- Social hour started at 6:00 PM
- Opening of Meeting – Chairman Ed Netzel opened the meeting at 6:30 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance – Chuck Johnson
- God Bless America – Ed Netzel
- Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward
- Introducing Grand and District Lodge and guests/visitors:
 - Darin Freeland (Monitor District Deputy, PDM and Sierra Kronan Chairman)
 - Ed Netzel, PDM and PMC
 - Kurt Pfannkuch, PDM and PMC
 - Charlie Rea, PMC
 - Mark Delle, PMC
 - Chuck Johnson, PMC

Reinstatement of Former Members - none

Application for Membership – Edy Anderson, PDM, HLM requesting transfer of membership from Nord Lodge

Introduce & initiate new members, present Passports & pins – Susan Youngquist and Sarah Ruiz

Open Business Meeting - Note that Minutes of November 7th business meeting were emailed with the December newsletter. Motioned and seconded to approve the November minutes as published. Unanimously approved.

Installation of 2026 Officers was performed by PDM/Monitor's District Deputy Darin Freeland.

Committee Reports

- Membership -- Chuck Johnson reported he had two people who have shown interest in joining, more information to follow. Louise Parzanici is out of town, but we will install her at our next meeting.
- Cultural – Kellie Paredes – presentation after dinner

- Scholarship – Joyce Willow – No report. Chuck added that deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2026. See our website for more details.
- Sunshine Committee – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward – No report

Old Business

1. Reminder – 2026 membership dues (\$50.00) are now due, delinquent on March 31st.
2. Third reading on HLM nomination for Marianne Ek. Motioned and seconded to approve. Passed unanimously

Reading of Correspondence of note –

- From Mary Walhberg: The District Conference will be held in April 24-26 in Concord, and we need to elect delegates.
 - Johanna Benker and Yvonne Magneheim volunteered to be delegates with the members approval.
- The next district board meeting will be held on January 31st at Keith Hanlon’s home.
- Resolutions to change the bylaws must be received by 3/2/26.
- Yearly reports are due 1-31-2026. There will be an audit meeting on 1/27 to complete the form.

Planning for Future Events – Peggy Carlson has agreed to continue as the kitchen “Coordinator”, but needs everyone’s help. Please volunteer.

- **February 6, 2026** – Pea soup & pancakes – Peggy Carlson passed out sign up sheets to make pea soup and pancake batter.
- **March 6, 2026**– Corned beef & cabbage – Dan volunteer to assist.
- **April 11, 2026 – Anniversary Luncheon** – DoubleTree Hotel – more details to follow
 - Silent auction and raffle items are needed.
- **April 24-26** – Gold Gate District 12 annual convention
- **May 9, 2026** – Sill Fruköst – the Rea’s have graciously agreed to host us once again, thank you!!
 - Lisa Rea motioned that we secure a liquor license for the Sillfrukost, seconded by Andy Hopkins, motion carried.
- **June 5, 2026** – Midsommar Celebration
- **July** – Dark
- **August 8, 2026** – Kräftskiva – The Carlson’s have graciously agreed to host once again.

Report from Financial Secretary – No report

Report from Treasurer – Dan Eriksson

Discussion followed after the presentation of the budget. We need to charge at all potlucks and find ways to earn more money for the lodge. We are losing money each month. The rental on the hall and the storage room is going up. The cancellation of the Scandinavian Festival is a great loss to us. Then there are the costs for liquor licenses

Some ideas suggested were:

- Raffles
- As a suggested opportunity, Sierra Kronan has a pancake breakfast event and earned \$500 in revenues
- No more free lunch at potlucks – everyone must pay. All food supplied will be reimbursed.
- Raise drink prices
- Raise cost of monthly meals

Please email ideas to Dan. Note draft budget on next page.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Brian Horsfield	Program book/Stamps	\$247.19
Anita Nord	Lucia Treats	\$ 47.89
Suzanne Smith	Julbord food	\$68.97
Chuck Johnson	ABC liquor license fees	\$180.00
Dan Eriksson	Julbord foods	\$21.51
Lisa Rea	Lucia Necklace	\$46.40
Johanna Benker	Anniversary centerpieces (2025)	\$49.03

Kurt Pfannkuch motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Kellie Paredes, motion carried.

Charlie Rea motion to preapprove IOOF monthly bills and website for 2026, seconded by Andy Hopkins, motion carried.

\$350.00 – hall rental, only for months used

\$100.00 – storeroom, every month

\$34.95 – Annual website domain name

\$82.92 – Hosting fee, monthly

Annual Budget					2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	Under Budget (Over Budget)
Monitor Lodge							
1/9/2026							
2026							
	TOTALS	% of TOTAL	Criteria	Notes	Income	Income	
Income							
Membership dues	3,900.00	41%	78 Current Members	from the dues payment roster, 74 dues members, 4 HLMs= 78 total	5,000	3,285	(1,100)
Application/Initiation Fees	50.00	1%	4 new members a year		40	50	10
Scholarship Donations	525.00	6%	same as 2025		320	525	205
Other Donations	0.00	0%	same as 2025		128	0	(128)
Event/M meal Fees	3,660.00	39%	same as 2025	even with 50% increase in 2025, this declined by one half of budgeted. Minimal income from Julbord. Fewer members participating	7,286	3,660	(3,626)
Event Beverages	684.00	7%	same as 2025	District Alcohol policy restricts income	945	684	(261)
Event Income	647.00	7%	silent auction and raffle		508	647	139
Scandinavian Festival	0.00	0%		was ~\$1750 in 2014	1,768	0	(1,768)
Investment Income	0.00	0%			0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	9,466.00	100%			15,995	9,466	(6,529)
Expenses					Expenses	Expenses	
Rent- Hall	3,150.00	20%		increased \$100/month in June	2,200	3,225	(950)
Rent- Storeroom	1,200.00	8%		increased \$50/month in June	600	750	(600)
Office Expense	0.00	0%	stamps, paper, envelopes, ink cartridges		560	0	560
Food Staples & Paper Goods	63.33	0%	paper plates, table coverings, coffee & supplies		350	63	287
GL & DL Assessments	2,574.00	16%	78 members	should be less than 2025 due to fewer dues paying members	3,252	3,323	678
Website Hosting	1,028.99	6%	current rate		1,025	1,029	(4)
Event Food	4,789.63	30%	2025 cost	includes anniversary luncheon, overall cost is higher than income from event/meal fees	3,803	4,790	(987)
Event Décor	0.00	0%	2025 cost		80	0	80
Event Beverages	187.36	1%	2025 cost		412	187	225
Event Expense/Labor Misc.	62.49	0%	2025 cost		222	62	159
Donations	0.00	0%	no current policy- vote of current members		0	0	0
Membership Supplies	318.00	2%	2025 cost		436	318	118
Scholarship Awards	1,000.00	6%	1 recipient		1,000	2,000	0
Scandinavian Festival	0.00	0%			70	0	70
Dues Offsets for HLMs	200.00	1%	4 current		150	0	(50)
Conv. Delegate Costs	800.00	5%	2 delegate registrations + hotel	convention is out of town this year- may have additional hotel cost	770	362	(30)
ABC Licenses and Insurance	480.00	3%	budget for 3 events	BYO only with insurance, no ABC?	850	320	370
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,853.80	100%			15,780	16,430	(74)
Deficit/Surplus	(6,387.80)				214.65	(6,963.70)	(6,454.55)

New Business:

1. Chuck Johnson suggested we change the Julbord from Saturday evening, December 5th to a daytime event, December 12th so that members who cannot drive at night can attend.
2. We need 2-3 volunteers to host a Monitor information table at the annual genealogy open house (Elk Grove Stake Family Discovery Day) on Saturday, February 7th. Johanna Benker volunteered.
3. Should we resurrect the member picture directory and who would take this project on?

Good of the Order

- Peggy Carlson thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Ken. He is doing much better and is home from the hospital.

- Meribeth Bean is better and can walk now. She is hoping to drive again, real soon. She sends her thanks for all the well wishes.

Closing of Meeting at 7:10 pm followed by the singing of Du Gamla and closing prayer by Will Hanley.

Cultural activity – Lovely presentation by Kellie Paredes, our new Cultural Leader, about Swedish Christmas traditions, especially regarding Disney Christmas TV special dating back to 1959 Thank you Kellie!

Respectively submitted by

/s/ / *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary (Sekreterare)