



## Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2026

- Social hour starts at 6:00 PM
- Opening of Meeting – Vice Chairman Jeffrey Brodd opened the meeting at 6:15 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance – Jeffrey Brodd
- God Bless America – Kellie Paredes
- Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward
- Introducing Grand and District Lodge and guests/visitors:
  - Sven-Ove Westberg, PDM
  - Ed Netzel, PDM and PMC
  - Kurt Pfannkuch, PDM and PMC
  - Charlie Rea, PMC
  - Mark Delle, PMC

### **Reinstatement of Former Members** – None

**Application for Membership** – Transfer request – Edy Anderson, PDM, HLM from Nord Lodge Lisa Raa motioned to accept the transfer, seconded by Andy Hopkins, motion carried. Welcome Edy!!

### **Introduce & initiate new members, present Passports & pins – Postponed until March**

**Open Business Meeting** - Note that Minutes of January 9th business meeting were emailed with the January newsletter. Elizabeth Witdoeckt motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Kellie Paredes, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

- Membership -- Chuck Johnson reported (in abstention) two potential members in the queue – Sherry Moody and John Anderson – Tack så mycket to Dan Eriksson’s recruiting efforts.
- Cultural – Kellie Paredes – presentation after dinner about recruiting volunteers.
- Scholarship – Joyce Willow – May have one applicant. Chuck added that deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2026. See our website for more details.
- Sunshine Committee – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward – Card was sent to Theresa Griffiths.

### **Old Business**

1. Reminder – 2026 membership dues (\$50.00) are now due, delinquent on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. Present draft 2026 budget – Dan Eriksson. Solicit ideas for fund raising efforts to replace Festival income, increasing hall rental and cost of the alcohol license.
  - a. It was suggested by Will Hanley that we raise annual dues to \$100.00
  - b. Lisa Rea suggested we reduce the amount of sill at the Sill Fruköst as no one really eats it.
  - c. Meal prices could be raised to \$20.00 as done by the Concord lodge.

- d. More drawings
  - e. Go electronically – especially for the Program Book Easy to make changes, etc.,.
  - f. Pancake breakfast fundraiser
  - g. Budget Committee – Bobbi Watson, Marianne Ek & Dan Eriksson will work on a plan.
3. Proposal to reschedule 2026 Julbord from Saturday evening on Dec 5th to Saturday midday on Dec 5th. - **TABLED**
  4. Need feedback: do we resurrect the Monitor picture directory? - **TABLED**
  5. REMINDER - Annual genealogy open house (Elk Grove Stake Family Discovery Day) on Saturday, February 7th, 2026. Johanna Benker has all the requisite materials and display items prepped in advance but needs a helper. Sierra Kronan may also provide volunteers. Ideally at least one of the volunteers in Swedish costume, but not critical) Information about the event was included with January and February newsletters.

#### **Reading of Correspondence of note –**

- From Mary Walhberg: The District Conference was to be held in April 24-26 in Concord but has been moved to the DoubleTree in Sacramento due to construction. Delegates are:
  - Yvonne Magneheim
  - Larry Woodward
- Resolutions to change the bylaws must be received by 3/2/26.

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

- **March 6, 2026**– Corned beef & cabbage – Dan volunteered to assist. (liquor service approved)
- **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 moved to the DoubleTree Sacramento due to construction at the Concord Hilton.
- **May 9, 2026** – Sill Fruköst – the Rea’s have graciously agreed to host us once again, thank you!!
  - (liquor service approved)
- **June 5, 2026** – Midsommar Celebration – IOOF Hall – Need to decide on liquor license at \$160.00.
- **July** – Dark
- **August 8, 2026** – Kräftskiva – The Carlson’s have graciously agreed to host once again.

**Report from Financial Secretary** – Johanna Benker

**Report from Treasurer** – Dan Eriksson

	General Fund	Children's Club	Nal och Trad	Scholarship	Totals
As of 1-31-26	8,366.17	93.77	5,189.37	9,054.62	22,703.93
Scholarship payment					\$0.00
Transfer to scholarship fund	\$ (50.00)			\$ 50.00	\$0.00
Lucia expense transfer					\$0.00
INCOME thru Feb 26, 2026	\$ 1,286.00				\$1,286.00
Expenses thru Feb 28, 2026	\$ (631.11)				-\$631.11
Balance	\$8,971.06	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$9,104.62	\$23,358.82
correction					
<b>Balance Feb 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$8,971.06</b>	<b>\$93.77</b>	<b>\$5,189.37</b>	<b>\$9,104.62</b>	<b>\$23,358.82</b>

### Annual Budget

Monitor Lodge

2026

1/9/2026

	TOTALS	% of TOTAL	Criteria	Notes	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	Under Budget (Over Budget)
<b>Income</b>							
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/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
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,466.00</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>15,995</b>	<b>9,466</b>	<b>(6,529)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>15,853.80</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>15,780</b>	<b>16,430</b>	<b>(74)</b>
<b>Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>(6,387.80)</b>				<b>214.65</b>	<b>(6,963.70)</b>	<b>(6,454.55)</b>

The following bills were presented for payment:

Joyce Willows	Food items	\$15.15
Kellie Paredes	Food items	\$83.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98.19</b>

Jenna Hultquist motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Lisa Rea, motion carried.

## **New Business:**

1. Chuck Johnson suggested last month that 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. TABLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
2. Should we resurrect the member picture directory and who would take this project on? TABLED.
3. June 5, 2026 – Midsommar Celebration – Need to decide on liquor license. TABLED
  - Report from Annual Audit committee - Yearly annual audit was completed by Dan Eriksson, Mindy Patterson, John Hingtgen and Yvonne Magneheim. Membership dropped from 96 members to 77 members. Our Assessment to the District was \$34.25 for 75 members (77 deducting 2 HLM members Ed Netzel and Arlie E. Veis) for a total of \$2,568.75.
4. We need one more telephone caller to collect RSVPs for our monthly meetings. If you are able, please contact Chuck Johnson.
5. The lodge needs one more certified RBS (Responsible Beverage Service) – Susanne Smith has volunteered to take the test.

## **Good of the Order**

The 2026 Program books were mailed in late December. Please let Brian or Chuck know if you haven't received your copy or if there are corrections. Many thanks to Brian Horsfield for all his hard work on the program books.

Our March meeting cultural presentation will be about runes given by Sara Huber. Be sure to join us then.

Andy Hopkins cautioned members about "spam" mail and how dangerous they can be.

## **Closing of Meeting**

- Du Gamla - Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward
- Pea Soup and Pancakes Dinner – Many thanks to Ed Netzel, Kurt Pfannkuch, Charley Rea and Mark Delle for making the fabulous pancakes. Thanks to Peggy Carlson, Lisa Rea, DeeDee Dahlberg, Kellie Paredes for all their help in the kitchen. Please let Yvonne know if I missed anyone.
- Cultural presentation –
  - Marianne Ek presented a video on Irving Berlin and his contribution to music along with snippets from the Film – "This is the Army Mr. Jones", which was very interesting and entertaining..
  - Many thanks to Kellie Paredes for her very informative presentation.

Respectively submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary (Sekreterare)