



Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2026

- Social hour started at 5:30 PM
- Opening of Meeting (6:15 PM) – Ed Netzel
- Pledge of Allegiance –Ed Netzel
- God Bless America – Ed Netzel
- Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward
- Introducing Grand and District Lodge and guests/visitors:
 - Ed Netzel, PDM and PMC
 - Kurt Pfannkuch, PDM and PMC
 - Charlie Rea, PMC
 - Chuck Johnson, PMC

Reinstatement of Former Members – None

Application for Membership Abril Sancen and Shari Moody. Joyce Willows motioned to accept the membership of Shari Moody and Abril Sancen, seconded by Sara Huber, motion carried.

Introduce & initiate new members, present Passports & pins – Postponed

Open Business Meeting - Note that Minutes of February 6, 2026, business meeting were emailed with the January newsletter. Larry Woodward motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Marianne Ek, motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Membership -- Chuck Johnson reported two potential members in the queue – Kate Olsen and John Anderson
 - Abril Sancen submitted application and membership and initiation fees.
 - Kate Olsen provided her with application info this week
 - Louise Pazanici – not available for installation until November or December due to her travel schedule.
- Cultural – presented by Sara Huber after dinner.
- Scholarship – Joyce Willow –deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2026. See our website for more details.
- Sunshine Committee – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward –
 - Susanne Smith has been in hospital due to Afib after receiving a pacemaker and defibrillator. She is home now and doing better

- Keith Leafdale from Sierra Kronan had a blood clot in his carotid artery and lost vision in his right eye.

Old Business

1. Kurt Pfannkuch motioned to keep the Julbord as an evening event, seconded by Larry Woodward, motion carried.
2. There was no interest in continuing the member picture directory.
3. We need one more telephone caller to collect RSVPs for our monthly meetings. If you are able, please contact Chuck Johnson.

Reading of Correspondence of note –

- From Mary Walhberg: The District Secretary is requesting lodges donate baked goods for Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26 for the Annual District Convention. All items should be plated and wrapped and delivered by 7:30am Saturday morning. Birgitta Ostlund volunteered to represent Monitor Lodge and baked goods. Thank you Birgitta.
- District Master Bob Homer mailed 50/25/25 raffle tickets - \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Sales will help defray the cost of the convention.
- In addition, we need a volunteer to prepare a basket for the raffle at the convention. Sara Huber volunteered to prepare a basket from Monitor Lodge. Thank you, Sara.
- Kathy Cuff from the Archives will be attending the convention. She is willing to take as many items that will fit in her suitcase back to the archives. Chuck mentioned that he has been in contact with Kathy for many years and most of our items have been sent to Archives via email as PDFs for review before anything is shipped.

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

- **Saturday, April 11, 2026 – Anniversary Luncheon** – DoubleTree Hotel – more details to follow
 - Silent auction and raffle items are needed.
 - Yvonne Magneheim will prepare a basket for the raffle and work on pricing for the luncheon.
- **Fri-Sun, April 24-26** – Gold Gate District 12 annual convention moved to the DoubleTree Sacramento due to construction at the Concord Hilton.
- **Friday, May 9, 2026** – Sill Fruköst – the Rea’s have graciously agreed to host us once again, thank you!! (liquor service approved)
- **Friday June 5, 2026** – Midsommar Celebration – IOOF Hall – Need to decide on liquor license at \$160.00. Motion was approved for BYOB but **no** sharing so no need for liquor license.
 - Ed would like a report on the cost of the license and a tally of the revenue generated by the liquor sales before making a decision.
- **July** – Dark
- **Saturday, August 8, 2026** – Kräftskiva – The Carlson’s have graciously agreed to host once again.

- **Friday, September 4, 2026** – Potluck Dinner

Report from Financial Secretary – Johanna Benker

March Corned Beef Dinner		\$530.
Beverage Sales		\$107.
Membership Dues		\$350.
	Total	\$987

Report from Treasurer – Dan Eriksson

We are still experiencing a deficit in our budget. Although currently we are \$6K in the positive this month, we still need ideas to increase revenues. Some of our challenges are:

1. Increase of \$75.00 for the hall rental each month we use the facility.
2. Increase of \$50.00 for the storage room – each month of the year.
3. Last year’s anniversary luncheon left us \$1500 in arrears.

Some of the revenue ideas were:

1. Possible assessment of \$17.00 per member
2. Potluck and regular dinners - \$15.00
3. If you contribute to the potluck - \$5.00 plus reimbursement of the food prepared.

	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					
Balance Feb 28, 2026	\$8,971.06	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$9,104.62	\$23,358.82

The following bills were presented for payment:

William Hanley	Beverage items	\$55.60
Dan Eriksson	Corned Beef	\$193.67
Keith Hanlon, District Treasurer	6 District Program Books	\$54.00
	Total	\$303.27

Kurt Pfannkuch motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Brian Hosfield, motion carried

.New Business:

- Chuck spoke about the fund balance from the Scandinavian Festival, there is roughly 9K in the bank to be split amongst 5 lodges. He also mentioned that Jason Lyons, Glenda Lloyd’s

son (she was a former Danish lodge member), has agreed to take title of the shed once we have emptied it.

- Marianne Ek reminded the members that four lodges, Monitor, Finlandia, Dania, and Sons of Norway each provided in seed month to start the festival. She felt they should be reimbursed first before any money were distributed amongst the current 5 lodges.
- Sara Huber motioned to accept the budget as is and address the issue of the seed money next month. Motion seconded by Larry Woodward.

Good of the Order - Nal oh trad discussion –tabled

Closing of Meeting at 7:30pm followed by:

- Du Gamla - Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward
- Corned Beef and Cabbage – Many thanks to Dan & Maria Eriksson fabulous dinner , Peggy Carlson, for the decorations. Thanks to Birgitta Ostlund and Anita Nord for their help in the kitchen and clean-up.

Cultural presentation – cultural presentation and slides was presented about Runes given by Sara Huber.

Norse runes are a writing system first developed by the Germanic people of Scandinavia. Runic symbols were believed to have mystical powers. Runes evolved as they were shared from culture to culture.

Respectively submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary (Sekreterare)

Monitor Lodge #218 - Vasa Order of America

2026 Dues Payable Notice

Please pay your 2026 dues between January 1 and April 2026

Please write a check for \$50.00 payable to Monitor Lodge #218.

Fill in this form and return with your check to:

Johanna Benker
6040 Plam Canyon Lane
Roseville, CA 95747

If your address, telephone number, or E-mail address has changed, please send your changes to:

Chuck Johnson
2644 La Mesa Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Annual Budget

Monitor Lodge

1/9/2026 2026

	TOTALS	% of TOTAL	Criteria	Notes
Income				
Membership dues	3,900.00	41%	78 Current Members	from the dues payment roster, 74 dues members, 4 HLMs= 78 total
Application/Initiation Fees	50.00	1%	4 new members a year	
Scholarship Donations	525.00	6%	same as 2025	
Other Donations	0.00	0%	same as 2025	
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
Event Beverages	684.00	7%	same as 2025	District Alcohol policy restricts income
Event Income	647.00	7%	silent auction and raffle	
Scandinavian Festival	0.00	0%		was ~\$1750 in 2014
Investment Income	0.00	0%		
TOTAL INCOME	9,466.00	100%		
Expenses				
Rent- Hall	3,150.00	20%		increased \$100/month in June
Rent- Storeroom	1,200.00	8%		increased \$50/month in June
Office Expense	0.00	0%	stamps, paper, envelopes, ink cartridges	
Food Staples & Paper Goods	63.33	0%	paper plates, table coverings, coffee & supplies	
GL & DL Assessments	2,574.00	16%	78 members	should be less than 2025 due to fewer dues paying members
Website Hosting	1,028.99	6%	current rate	
Event Food	4,789.63	30%	2025 cost	includes anniversary luncheon, overall cost is higher than income from event/meal fees
Event Décor	0.00	0%	2025 cost	
Event Beverages	187.36	1%	2025 cost	
Event Expense/Labor Misc.	62.49	0%	2025 cost	
Donations	0.00	0%	no current policy- vote of current members	
Membership Supplies	318.00	2%	2025 cost	
Scholarship Awards	1,000.00	6%	1 recipient	
Scandinavian Festival	0.00	0%		
Dues Offsets for HLMs	200.00	1%	4 current	
Conv. Delegate Costs	800.00	5%	2 delegate registrations + hotel	convention is out of town this year- may have additional hotel cost
ABC Licenses and Insurance	480.00	3%	budget for 3 events	BYO only with insurance, no ABC?
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,853.80	100%		
Deficit/Surplus	(6,387.80)			

2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	Under Budget (Over Budget)
Income		
5,000	3,285	(1,100)
40	50	10
320	525	205
128	0	(128)
7,286	3,660	(3,626)
945	684	(261)
508	647	139
1,768	0	(1,768)
0	0	0
15,995	9,466	(6,529)
Expenses		
2,200	3,225	(950)
600	750	(600)
560	0	560
350	63	287
3,252	3,323	678
1,025	1,029	(4)
3,803	4,790	(987)
80	0	80
412	187	225
222	62	159
0	0	0
436	318	118
1,000	2,000	0
70	0	70
150	0	(50)
770	362	(30)
850	320	370
15,780	16,430	(74)
214.65	(6,963.70)	(6,454.55)