



Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Ed Netzel

God Bless America – All

Prayer – Will Hanley

Moment of silence in remembrance of the 25th anniversary of September 11th.

Introduce Grand and District Lodge visitors–

Charley Rea (PMC),

Chuck Johnson (PMC), Marianne Ek (HLM)

Darin Freeland, (PDM), Chairman of Sierra Kronan Lodge and his wife Marjula.

Reinstatement of Former Members - none

Application for Membership – None

Introduce & initiate new members, present Passports & pins – Sherry Moody was initiated and welcomed into the Lodge!! Welcome Sherry!

Open Business Meeting - Note the minutes of last business meeting (June 5th, 2026) were emailed with our August 2026 newsletter. Elizabeth Witdoeckt motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Chuck Johnson, minutes approved.

Committee Reports

- **Membership** -- Chuck Johnson – have received two prospective memberships inquires through website. One is Laura Wilde, who also speaks Swedish.
- **Cultural** –Kellie Parades. Cultural presentation about Swedish Stamp Collecting in October and about the Swedish Institute in Minnesota in November. Also reminded folks that presentations should normally only be about 20-25 minutes in length. Also asked for suggestions for future presenters and topics.
- **Scholarship** – Joyce Willow – Reminded everyone of the April 1st deadline to apply for scholarships. It was noted that Nål och Tråd used to donate to the Scholarship fund. Joyce also said the Scholarship committee will discuss and then present how much of the silent auction revenues should be donated to the Scholarship fund.



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- **Sunshine committee** – Will Hanley & Larry Woodward. No report. If anyone knows of someone who it ill, please let them know.

Old Business

- 2026 membership dues were delinquent March 31st. *Be aware delinquent members are assigned “inactive” status and will not be able to vote on lodge matters, they and family members will not be eligible for scholarships and at lodge events where we charge a fee, they would have to pay the “guest” amount.*
- Dan Eriksson updated the members on our electronic payments in addition to cash. A great benefit to those who want to pay by credit card. The Square account for electronic payments adds 3% service charge.
- 2nd Reading of HLM nomination for Peggy Carlson, moved by Chuck Johnson. Next month we will take a vote for approval by the membership.

Reading of Correspondence –

- Mary Wahlberg, Assist. District Secretary sent out the updated Program Book prepared by Past DM Darin Freeland.
- Cheryl Seberger, District Secretary sent out information on the passing of sister of Alyison Ryberg of Skogen Lodge #700 on May 7, 2026. A card from Monitor Lodge was sent by Monitor Lodge secretary, Yvonne.

Planning for Future Events –

- October 2nd, Friday – Swedish Taco night followed by a cultural presentation.
- November 6th, Friday – close nominations & FIKA – cultural presentation
- December 6th, Saturday – Julbord
 - Peggy is circulating a signup sheet to streamline the menu this year.
 - Members will be at one price, a different price for guests – prices to follow.
- December 12th – St. Lucia

Reports from Financial Secretary and Treasurer



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	General Fund	Children's Club	Nal och Trad	Scholarship	Totals
As of 5-31-26	\$7,631.23	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$9,354.62	22,268.99
Scholarship payment					\$0.00
Transfer to scholarship fund					\$0.00
Lucia expense transfer					\$0.00
INCOME thru Jun 30, 2026	\$ 262.00				\$262.00
Expenses thru Jun 30, 2026	\$ (932.92)			\$ (1,000.00)	-\$1,932.92
Balance	\$6,960.31	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$8,354.62	\$20,598.07
correction					
Balance Jun 30, 2026	\$6,960.31	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$8,354.62	\$20,598.07

Reading and Acting on Bills Received

Peggy Carlson	Crayfish	\$84.00
William Hanley	Alcohol for bar	\$84.27
	Total	\$168.27

Kellie Parades motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Peggy Carlson motion carried.

New Business: Repeated from last month for your interest.

- October (Swedish Tacos) – BYOB (reminder – “do not share”)
 - Lisa Rea Motioned to approve, seconded by Andy Hopkins
 - Motion carried.
- November (Fika) – no alcohol
- December (Julbord) – Beer, wine, glogg & aquavit (\$75+\$105)

Good of the Order

- Bearnice Hopkins passed in August.
- Looking for a volunteer to sew together Swedish costumes
- If you plan to run for an office, please contact Chuck Johnson or Mark Delle.
For current officers, please advise if you are willing to serve another term.

Closing of Meeting

Du Gamla –

Prayer – Will Hanley/Larry Woodward



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Dinner – Swedish potluck (smörgåsbord) – thank you to all who provide the delicious food.

Cultural presentation – Birgitta Ostlund gave a very interesting talk on the History of Kräftskiva. Thank you Birgitta!

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectively submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary (Sekreterare)