

April 4, 1997

Art NeMiller called meeting to order. It was moved by Eiver Pfankuch and 2nd by Marianne Et, to vote on the resolution. It was voted to vote on resolutions.

Resolution 97-01 - was moved by Kurt Pfankuch to vote yes. The resolution was voted in "yes".

Resolution 97-02 - was voted "no".

Resolution 97-03 - voted "yes"

Resolution 97-04 - voted "yes"

Resolution 97-05 - voted "yes"

Resolution 97-06 - voted "no"

Kurt Pfankuch made a motion to have

our delegates suggest an amendment
to Section (d) to Article 2 be made.
see attached change.

Art mentioned to close meeting.
2nd by Kurt Pfantuck.

■ **GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT LODGE NO. 12** ■
1997 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

• **RESOLUTION 97-01**

Amend Appendix - Duties of Officers - Executive Board to add Section (d)

(d) The duties of the nine voting members of the District Executive Board shall include visiting at least two local lodge events (one of which being a meeting) of a lodge which is not the Executive Board Member's home lodge.

Motivation:

This would give the Board Members a closer feel for the activities of the other local lodges. While in attendance, they would be available to listen to the concerns within the lodge. This would help to bridge the gap between the local lodge and the district lodge.

This would also be an opportunity for the local lodge to learn more of the workings of the District Board. With a district officer in attendance, the local lodge members could direct their concerns directly to the district lodge. This again would bridge the gap between the local lodge and the district lodge.

(The section for the Executive Board is found on page 11b of the District Lodge UPDATE of BYLAWS dated September 1994.)

• **RESOLUTION 97-02**

Be it resolved to amend District Lodge Golden Gate #12 Bylaws, Article 4 (a) Membership, by deleting "all Past District Masters."

It now reads:

"The active membership of the District Lodge shall consist of its Officers, the Executive Board, Trustees, Auditors, all Past District Masters, District Youth Supervisor, Vasa Star Correspondent and Publicity Director, District Membership Chairman, District Historian, District Scholarship Chairman, duly elected Delegates from the various Local Lodges of the District, and District Lodge Honorary Life Members."

(For qualifications to hold office, see Article 9. For passive membership, see the V.O.A. Constitution for District Lodge. For District Lodge Honorary Life Membership, see Article 23.)

Motivation: To entrust the business and matters governing the District Lodge to the District Officers and elected Local Lodge Delegates. It is a well recognized fact that the Past District Masters, as a group and individually, act in the best interests of the District. However, at the present time, 25 Past District Masters are eligible to attend the District Convention with voice and vote, which is a significant percentage of the total vote in light of the fact that there are typically 80 +/- active member votes cast at a District Convention.

• **RESOLUTION 97-03**

Be it resolved that Article 12, Section (c), be altered to read: A five-member Nominating Committee to function at the District Meeting shall be elected by the District Executive Board no less than 90 days prior to the convention.

Motivation: To comply with Vasa Grand Lodge Constitution, Article VII, Section 5.

• **RESOLUTION 97-04**

Be it resolved to delete Article 18 regarding the Sick Benefits Fund.

Motivation: Since the Sick Benefit Fund has been closed and dispersed, it would seem appropriate to take this section out of the District Bylaws.

• **RESOLUTION 97-05**

To amend Section (c) to Article 2 - Purpose. It now reads:

“The purpose of this District Lodge shall be:

- (a) To link the local lodges with each other and strengthen the fraternal bonds among them.
- (b) To promote and encourage cooperation among the local lodges, thereby fostering a vital interest in the progress of the Vasa Order.
- (c) To establish and maintain a District General Fund and a District Sick Benefit Fund.

Be it resolved, that (c) be amended to read: “To establish and maintain a District General Fund.

Motivation: The District Sick Benefit Fund has recently been disbanded and it has affected only a few members in recent years.

• **RESOLUTION 97-06**

To add Section (d) to Article 2 - Purpose - as follows:

“(d) To make the sharing, learning, and preservation of Scandinavian culture and heritage the focus of our organization.”

Motivation: Vasa was begun by Swedish immigrants and has branched out to include all Scandinavians. It is that Scandinavian culture that is the focal point of interest, in these modern days, that interests people to join and share in our present-day purpose. No longer are we an organization to protect us and to assist us financially as was the purpose originally. In order to survive, we must have a focus that draws people. People are interested in their roots and we are in a position to meet those needs, learn about our culture and heritage and, thus, increase our membership.

“Swedish and other Scandinavian”