

**Vasa Order of America  
Monitor Lodge, No. 218  
Sacramento, Ca Division  
Business Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2000  
Wisteria Hall  
3830 U Street  
Sacramento, Ca 95819**

I. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Present at the meeting were the following members:

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| * David Benson, Chairman                             | * Don Carlson, Vice Chairman                 |
| * Joanna Benker, Financial Sec                       | * Gail Nemy, Treasurer                       |
| * James Woodstrom, Trustee -3                        | * Carol Churkin, Cultural Leader             |
| * Myrtle Widmark, Trustee-2                          | * Liesma Krastins, Asst. Financial Secretary |
| * Art Niemoller, Past Chairman                       | * Arlene Ericson, Secretary                  |
| * Astrid Broess, Master of Ceremonies                | * Don Johnson, Auditor 1                     |
| * Monica Eriksson, Asst. Master of Ceremonies        | * Michelle Kauffman, Membership Chair        |
| * Dee Benson, Membership (acting Asst. Sec.)         | * Helen Starkey, Acting Chaplain             |
| ***Michelle Kauffman was also the acting Pole Barer) |  |

II. **Chaplain Message:** The messages of the duties of Vasa Lodge Members were read.

III. **New Member Initiation:** Eva and Mike Bush (who are also members of Svea Lodge), Martha "Marti Jacobson-Gehrig, Thelma Gorrell and Ulla Pomerantz went through the initiation ceremony and are new members of Monitor Lodge. The **motion** was made by Arlene Ericson and **seconded** by Monica Eriiksson for the acceptance of the new members. Motion **passed**.

IV. **Visitors:** Visitors were introduced to the Lodge.

V. **Reading of the Minutes:** No corrections were noted and the minutes were passed as printed in the August issue of the Monitor.

VI. **October Dinner:** A **motion** was made by Michelle Kauffman and **seconded** by Arlene Ericson to approve \$150.00 for the October Dinner to be given to Margaret Carlson. Motion **passed**.

VII. **Planning Meeting:** Will take place September 19<sup>th</sup> at Ellen Harrods residence at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. **Nominating Committee:** Art Niemoller read off the names of nominees who were interested in running for the 2001 office positions.

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| • Chairman: David Benson                    | * Chaplain: Dorothy Mogford           |
| • Vice Chairman: Don Carlson                | * Master of Ceremonies: Astrid Broess |
| • Secretary: Arlene Ericson                 | * Assistant M.C: Monica Eriksson      |
| • Assistant Secretary: Dee Benson           | * Inner Guard:: James Woodstrom       |
| • Financial Secretary: Johanna Benker       | * Outer Guard: Dale Ingvarnsen        |
| • Asst. Financial Secretary: Lisma Krastins | * Historian: Dorothy Scherer          |
| • Treasurer: Gail Nemy                      | * Trustee-1: Ernie Skorheim           |
| • Trustee-2: Myrtle Widmark                 | * Trustee-3: James Woodstom           |
| • Auditor-1: Russ Ellis                     | * Auditor-2: Ellen Harrod             |

- Auditor -3: Elizabeth Swenson

**Nominees for Committees & Leadership Specialists:**

- Scholarship: Jillian Stanley, Donna Niemoller and Marianne Ek
- Membership: Lisa Bleasdale, Birgitta Ellis, and Eva Bush
- Cultural Leader: Marti Gherig
- Cultural Committee: Dale Ingvarlsen, Arlene Ericson, Lisa Bleasdale and Louise Sims
- Friendship Committee: Dorothy Mogford, Evan Allred, Louise Sims, Donald and Joyce Johnson
- Children's Club: Christi Kagstrom
- Kitchen Coordinator: Margaret Carlson
- Vasa Star: La Verne Gullans
- Valley Vicking Singers: Marianne Ek
- Swedish Language Classes: Birgitta Ellis (Beginning / Low Intermediate); La Verne Gullans (Higher Intermediate / Advanced)
- Nal och Trad: Myrtle Widmark

**IX. Reports:**

- A. Secretary:** 1- New program booklets came out, if need a copy, please contact the secretary. 2- New District Secretary is Eric Ericsson. 3- any one interested in receiving copies of the District by Laws, contact the secretary. 4- Louise and Robert Johnson have moved to Scotland, if you want there address, please ask the secretary. Robert Johnson passed away. 5- Individuals who have paid and not yet initiated are Mary Ann Lomax, Helena Hendricks, and Anne Marie Reber. 6- New addresses for: Brenda Spanfelner, Bill Johnson, and Christina Fletcher. Do not have a new address for Estrid Doscher. 7- Name change notation for June Berry to June Brown. 8- any one interested in ordering supplies, please contact the secretary. 9- Mailings outside of the United States for the Vasa Star are \$ 4.00 per Grand Secretaries correspondence.
- B. Cultural Leader:** 1- A discussion on the Swedish Council of America was made by Carol Churkin. \$45.00 fee is for one-day session if interested. Urged to attend the Saturday meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the San Francisco Hilton. 2- The October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be about Immigration of Swedes. 3- September 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Scandinavian Cruz.

**X. Good of the order:**

- A. Swedish Council of America:** Motion was made by Myrtle Widmark and **seconded** by Art Niemoller for the Lodge to pay the entrance fee for Carol Churkin, Cultural Leader for the amount of \$ 45.00. Motion **passed**.
- B. Myrtle Widmark:** 1- Announcements were made on the Symposium. 2- If any one has any questions on any District issue, etc., please contact Myrtle. 3- Myrtle and Jillian saw a play in which Daniel Cannady, our Scholarship Recipient was in at the Woodland Opera House. 4- Lodge records are only going to be kept for 10 years. 5- Cupboard of the kitchen were cleaned out, and placed on the back table at the meeting. If items are not claimed, they will be sold off. If items not purchased, then it will be donated.
- C. Swedish Classes:** The class meetings will be in the afternoon. The September 14<sup>th</sup> class will be helped at Butterfield Shopping Center on Folsom Blvd. Any questions, please call La Verne Gullans.

D. **Children's Group:** Will start up in September. Please contact Christi Kagstrom for more details.

E. **Choir:** The group will start up in October. Please contact Christi Kagstrom for more details.

F. **Secretary:** 1- Lilli Jalbing who was in charge of supplying the lodges with supplies passed away in June from back operation complication. A sympathy card was sent on behalf of the lodge. 2-Lodge members who passed away from March to September of 2000 are: Cecil Spencer, Evelyn Anderson and Sue Berman.3- received several cards from lodge members. 4- Received Happy Anniversary cards from the different lodges in the district for Monitors 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 5- Happy anniversary cards were sent out to Lindenberg Lodge, Svea Lodge, Jenny Lind Lodge, Norden Lodge and Skogen Lodge. 6- Dee and David Benson celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. Don and Joyce Carlson are also celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year wedding anniversary.7- Any member interested in attending the Young Scandinavia Club Dinner at the Drake in San Francisco, please notify the secretary. Dinner is \$ 75.00 a person.

G. **Next Lodge Meeting:** Will take place on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

XI. **Bills- Reading and Acting of:** The bills, which were submitted, was read and acted upon. **Motion** was made by Don Johnson and **seconded** by John Wright to pay the bills. Motion **passed**.

XII. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## Minutes from 9/19 Meeting:

- Dates and events for the year 2001 were tentatively scheduled and will be talked about in more detail at October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Main revenues for the lodge are the dinners. Other financial issues were discussed in general.
- The April 2002 Convention will be held in Sacramento.
- There will be no longer a Cultural Leader, rather there will be a Cultural Committee.
- Decided to have Committees in charge of recruiting volunteers for the different events.
- Election of officers will be made on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Names of individuals were discussed.
- The surrounding lodges will be invited for the instillation of officers in January of 2001.
- The residential business meetings will be held at different locations next year. For more information please contact the secretary.