



Monitor Lodge #218
Business Meeting (Zoom)
Friday, January 8, 2021
6:30 pm

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Cultural Leader, William Hanley.

Introduction of Darin Freeland, Monitor's District Deputy and Chairman of Sierra Kronan Lodge #737.

Agenda

1. Reinstatement of Former members – None
2. Application for Membership – None
3. Introduction of new and initiated new members – None.
4. Installation of 2021 Officers – Darin Freeland presiding. All 2020 Officers accepted election to the board for 2021 after District Deputy Freeland installed the officers. A listing of the officers is contained in the 2021 Program Book recently mailed out to all members.
5. **OPEN BUSINESS MEETING.**
 - a. Minutes from the last business meeting, March 6th, were included in the 2020 April newsletter.
 - b. Minutes from the November 16, 2020 ZOOM meeting will be included in the January 2021 newsletter. Ed Netzel motioned to accept minutes as written, Mark Delle seconded, all approved. Minutes were approved as written.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. **Membership** – Yvonne Magneheim. Two people have expressed interest in joining:
 - i. **NEW MEMBERS**
 1. Barbara Pattow-Vigil – application and initiation fee has been received.
 2. Nils Wright – pending.
 - ii. **DECEASED MEMBERS:** Myrtle Widmark passed – 1-5-2021 Myrtle was 92 years old. Myrtle served as a District Master for the Golden Gate District and as a Chairman, twice, for Monitor Lodge. She will be dearly missed.

iii. **Misc. Member Information**

1. Sierra Kronan Members, Raye Brown (Passed October 27, 2020)
 2. Sierra Kronan Member, Kirsten Olson passed in November, she was 93.
 3. Tore (Past Grand Master) and Birgitta Kjellgren will be moving to Lincoln and will hopefully move their membership to Sierra Kronan or Monitor Lodge.
- b. **Cultural** – Charley Rea – programs will be developed once we master “Zoom”
- c. **Scholarship** – Reminder deadline for 2021 Monitor Scholarship applications is due April 1st.
- d. **Scandinavian Festival** – 2021 festival has been cancelled. April 9th, 2022 has been reserved at the Scottish Rite Temple.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- i. The Scholarship, Financial Management and Lodge Bylaws working committees are on temporary hiatus but will resume work after the first of the year.

8. **Reading of Correspondence**

- i. Letter from Grand Secretary, Joanie Graham providing us with electronic versions of the Local Lodge Ritual and Constitution. Chairman Johnson has posted these on our Monitor website so you can download your own copy,
- ii. Christmas and New Years greetings were sent to all members from Capt. & Mrs. A.C. Bjorkner, our Grand Master.
- iii. A letter dated January 2, 2021 from Grand Master Bjorkner allowing lodges to determine when to hold meetings (in person or virtual) with a quorum of 4 with one of them being an officer. Protocol for meetings is outlined in the White Book. Overall message is to keep our members safe until the pandemic is over.

9. **Planning for Future Events**

- i. Ed Netzel announced that the Golden Gate District #12 has assumed responsibility for the 2021 convention. Reservations have been made for August 22=24, 2021 in Sacramento at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- ii. Sweden Day celebrations have been canceled for 2021.

10. Report from Financial Secretary and Treasurer

- a. Anita Nord, Financial Secretary received \$315.00 in December for due and donations to the Scholarship Fund.

11. Reading and Acting on Bills received – Brian Horsfield.

Zoom meeting cost will be shared between Monitor and Sierra Kronan \$149.00/year	\$ 79.50
Printing & mailing of 2021 Monitor Program Book, est.	\$132.02
Stamps: 79 mailings	\$ 38.22
Clear seal stickers	\$ 8.53
Program book printing	\$ 85.20
Anniversary Pins ordered	\$ 70.00
3 Local Lodge Rituals	\$ 9.00
TOTAL	\$422.47

- a) Arlie Vies made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Ed Netzel, motion approved unanimously.
- b) As we did in 2020, the members were asked to pre-approve payment of IOOF rental fees for the upcoming year, 2021 and pre-approval for payment of Grand Lodge and District assessments, roughly \$3,400. Ed Netzel motioned that we approve the prepayments of the rental bills and assessments as received, seconded by Johanna Benker, motion passed unanimously.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Arlie Veis motioned that we donate \$200.00 in Myrtle Widmark’s name to the Scholarship fund. Kurt Pfannkuch seconded, motioned passed unanimously.
- b. Nominations for the 2021 Golden Gate District Convention which is scheduled for August 2021 will be taken at our February Zoom meeting.
- c. Annual Audit meeting will need to be coordinated to share documents and avoid a face-to-face meeting. As instructed by the Grand Lodge, the audit report will be submitted without signature to facilitate the assessment payment. Deadline is January 31st and the report is 99% completed.
- d. Arlie Veis motioned we bestow the title of Honorary Member Life member to Lennart and Britt Marie Andersson for their 60 years of

dedication to the Monitor Lodge. Both were initiated December 11, 1960. This membership category would provide full privileges in the lodge, but no payment of annual dues. Brian Horsfield seconded the motion, the motion will need to be read at three meetings prior to final approval.

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. 2021 Program Books were mailed in December. If you did not receive yours, please let Brian or Chuck know. Chuck commended Brian and Anita on a great job!
- b. February and March will be conducted via Zoom.
- c. Darin Freeland invited all Monitor members to their Installation meeting on January 20th, Wednesday at 6:30pm.

14. Closing of the Meeting with De Gamla and a prayer by Will Hanley. Chairman Johnson has made two videos available - one from Evert Taube reading a poem and Arja Saijonmaa singing a poem. They can be found on our website.

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary