



Monitor Lodge Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2025

Opening of Meeting – Chuck Johnson start at 6:00pm

- Pledge of Allegiance – Chuck Johnson
- God Bless America – Kellie Paredes
- Prayer – William Hanley

Introducing Grand and District Lodge visitors:

- Darin Freeland, District Master District 12, Chair of Sierra Kronan Lodge, and his wife Manjula Freeland.
- Ed Netzel, PDM and PMC and his wife Judy Netzel
- Kurt Pfannkuch, PDM and PMC and his wife Eivor Pfannkuch

Initiation of New Members – Sara Huber

Installation of returning officers by Darin Freeland, Past District Master

Installation of new 2025 Officers by Darin Freeland, Past District Master

Ed Netzel – Chair
Jeffrey Brodd – Vice chair
Financial Secretary – Johanna Benker

Open Business Meeting - meeting opened by Ed Netzel, our new chairman. The minutes of the last business meeting (November 2024) were included in the December newsletter, Alex Hopkins motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Larry Woodward - motion passes unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Membership**: Dues from Joan Bollman submitted to the Treasurer, Dan Eriksson.
- **Cultural Presentation** – Charley Rea reviewed contributions to world music by Swedish composers, singers, and songwriters.
- **Julbord** – Peggy Carlson asked for all income and expense items from the dinner to help trimline 2025's Julbord. She thanks all the members that helped to make the dinner such a memorable event. A post dinner meeting will be set up to review quantities and items to streamline quantities and items.

Suggestions for a meeting day/time requested, please give your ideas to Peggy.

- Scholarship – None currently
- Scandinavian Festival:
 - Action 1
 - Larry Woodward motioned that we cancel the 2025 Scandinavian Festival. Motioned seconded by Alex Hopkins. Discussion followed by a vote.
 - 22 Yeas to cancel/postpone the festival.
 - 3 Nays
 - The Scandinavian Festival Association will be meeting on February 11th. Each member lodge has one vote. Monitor Lodge will vote to cancel the festival.
 - Marianne Ek reminded everyone that at the inception of the festival in 1983, each lodge donated \$2,000. Sierra Kronan and the Daughters of Norway did not donate, yet they receive an equal portion of the profits from the festival.
 - Action 2
 - Peggy Carlson motioned to table Action #2 until next month. John Hingtgen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. A decision was made to table our decision as the members felt it was premature to decide at this time to permanently dissolve the festival.
- Nål och Tråd – No report
- Sunshine Committee: William Hanley and Larry Woodward
 - Both Russ Ellis and Birgitta Ellis passed in December 2024. Details for the memorial will follow from the family. We will drape the charter in their memory at our February meeting.
 - Charley Rea – feeling very optimistic after his heart transplant. He returns to work on Monday, January 13, 2025.

Old Business : For the purposes of a membership vote, a quorum reached with a minimum of four active members and one elected officer. Quorum reached and exceeded tonight.

- **Liquor Liability and Insurance**: A vote was taken to determine if we should serve beer and wine at the Pea Soup & Pancake meeting in February. Suzanne Smith motioned that we serve beer and wine, seconded by Johanna Benker. The cost is \$155.00.

- 18 yeas
 - 2 nays
- Motion Passes**

Reading of correspondence

- a. 2024 Yearly Report due January 31, 2025 - Mary Wahlberg, DL Secretary
- b. Annual report and Assessment payment is due February 15, 2025. The assessment remains \$35.35 per member (\$20.75 Grand Lodge + \$14.60 District Lodge). - Mary Wahlberg
- c. 2025 Scholarship Program Announcement – Emma Hanlon, District Scholarship Chair

Planning for Future Events

Peggy Carlson has agreed to coordinate the kitchen duties and is requesting more members to join her.

Dinners remain at \$10.00, and potlucks are free. Members will be reimbursed for food purchased. Please complete a check request with your receipts.

Peggy has prepared sign-up sheets for the next few minutes. Please sign up or call Peggy to offer your help. These meetings do not happen without member support.

Sunday 1-26-2025	1pm	Audit Meeting	Home of Anita Nord
TBD	TBD	TBD	Julbord – follow up meeting
Friday 2-7-2025	5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Social Hour Dinner Cultural Program	IOOF Hall Pea Soup and Pancake Dinner
Friday 3-7-2025	5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Social Hour Dinner Cultural Program	IOOH Hall Everyone agreed we should have Corned Beef and Cabbage. This is different from our Program Book. Please sign up to help with the meal prep.
Saturday 4-5-2025	11:30 am	Anniversary Luncheon	DoubleTree Hotel – Bring your raffle and Silent auction items!!
Saturday 5-3-2025	10am	Sillfruköst	WE NEED A LOCATION????
Friday 6-6-2025	5:30 pm	Midsommar celebration	IOOF HALL
July	DARK		

Saturday 8-2-2025	5:30pm	Kräftskiva (Crayfish Party)	Home of Peggy and Ken Carlson
Friday 9-5-2025	5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Social Hour Smörgåstårta Cultural Program	IOOF HALL Nominations for 2026 officer
Friday 10-3-2025	5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Social Hour Taco Bar Cultural Program	IOOF HALL Nominations for 2026 officers
Friday 11-7-2025	6:30pm 7:30pm	Pie Social	IOOH HALL Election for 2026 Officers Cultural Program
12-6-2025	5:30pm	Julbord	IOOF HALL
12-12- 2025	7:00 PM	Santa Lucia Program	IOOF HAL

Reports from Financial Secretary – Anita Nord

December 2024 - Julbord	
Poinsettia Sale	\$30.00
Dinner	\$5460.00
Membership Dues = 7 @ \$50.00	\$350.00
NEW Membership Dues – Sara Huber	\$50.00
Initiation Fee	\$10.00
Scholarship	\$55.00
Flowers	\$98.00
TOTAL	\$6053.00

Report from Treasurer – Dan Eriksson

Dan prepared 2023 and 2024 income and expenses reports along with 2025. budget for the Lodge. Some items to review are, but not limited to:

- 1 Increase in meal prices.
- 2 Increasing annual dues to \$50.00 – which has already been approved.
- 3 Should we get coverage for drinks – charging for drinks rather than a donation.
- 4 How will the new ABC ruling affect our dinners?
- 5 Scandinavian Festival

6 Anniversary Lunch – Silent Auction

After Dan reviewed the budget, Alex Hopkins motioned to accept the budget, seconded by Mindy Patterson.

Reading of the Bills: - Dan Eriksson

Lisa Rea	Lucia	\$44.90
Brian Hosfield	Program Book/Postage	\$227.62
Linnea Koze	Julbord food	\$46.70
Anita Nord	Lucia	\$17.59
Kurt Pfannkuch	Julbord	\$91.86
William Hanley	Flowers – Russ Ellis	\$54.00
Peggy Carlson	Julbord	\$120.00
Suzanne Smith	Julbord	\$63.00
Birgitta Ostlund	Julbord	\$72.00
Mindy Patterson	Julbord	\$64.00

Chuck Johnson motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Kurt Pfannkuch, all agreed, motion carried.

Brian Horsfield has printed and mailed the Program Books. Let Brian know if you have not received yours.

Motion to pay the following recurring bills by Chuck Johnson and seconded by Suzanne Smither was made, approved by all, motion carried. Recurring bills are:

- \$50.00 to IOOF for the storage room rental
- \$250.00 to IOOF for the use of the hall for our monthly meetings.
- \$24.95 for Internet domain for website (annual)
- \$82.92 for website hosting services (monthly)

Good of the Order

- Audit meeting to prepare our annual report for the district will be held at the home of Anita Nord on Sunday, January 26th at 1pm. Our assessment to the district remains approximately \$3500 (\$35.25 per active member)
- Two delegates we appointed to represent Monitor Lodge at the 2025 Vasa District Convention in April. Many thanks to delegates: Suzanne Smith and Dan Eriksson.
- Both Russ and Birgitta Ellis passed in 2024. The Charter will be draped in their memory at our February meeting.

- Anita Nord offered to join the Julbord committee.
- Chuck to travel to Washington state and will pick up lingonberries and other items for the lodge.
- A round of applause was given to Charley Rea for his successful recovery from heart surgery.
- Meribeth Bean has broken her neck and will be out of commission for a while. We all wish her well.

Dan Eriksson leads the members in a round of applause and thanks to Chair Chuck Johnson for his many years of service to the lodge.

Special shout out to DeeDee Dahlberg, Kurt and Eivor Pfannkuch, Peggy Carlson, Anita Nord, Birgitta Ostlund – they are also way in the kitchen – who work tirelessly to ensure that our events gone on without a hitch. Thank you!

Closing of Meeting – 7:40pm

- Du Gamla –
- Prayer – William Hanley

Many thanks to all that have contributed to tonight's Potluck and those who stayed to clean up. Please remember, we do not have "paid staff" to set up, cook, serve, and clean up!! We depend on every member to contribute to making our events successful.

Respectfully submitted by

/s/ *Yvonne Magneheim*

Recording Secretary

Cultural presentation by Charley Rea about current Swedish music trends