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Minutes

AMNA - LODGE #56

April 7-1939 - Dec. 15-1939

OFFICERS OF ANNA LODGE #56 - April 7, 1939

Chairman.....Eleanor Johnson
Vice-Chairman.....Julia Carlson
Past-Chairman.....Myrtle West
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" "Edna Gray
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MEETING OF ANNA LODGE #56, March 17, 1939

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM.

Roll call of officers showed quite a few absent, namely; Fin. Sec., Outer Guard, 1st and 2nd Trustees, and two of the Auditing Committee.

Minutes of March 3rd, read and approved.

Treasurer's report, read and approved.

The sick committee of March, Sisters Carlson, Ekberg and Biarnesen, reported on Sister Long. She is still ill, but advised both Sister Ekberg and Biarnesen that she hoped to be off the sick list after Friday, March 17th. However, the sick committee recommended her to sick benefit to that date and a motion was made and carried that she be paid \$14.00 for two weeks.

Our chairman Sister Johnson bought the meat and made up the meat loaf for our luncheon. This cost her \$6.05. \$3.00 having been donated by Sisters Backlund, Carlson and Long, was placed against this cost and Sister Johnson stated she would pay \$1.55, leaving a balance of \$1.50, which the lodge agreed was a small amount indeed and a motion was made and carried that we reimburse Sister Johnson in the sum of \$1.50.

A bill from the Grand Lodge of \$32.80 was presented for tax, assessment, etc. This also included \$16.00, an extra assessment of 50¢ per member due to the many deaths in the entire order. This 50¢ is to be paid by each member and it was decided that we notify those not present at this meeting. This must be paid to keep in good standing. It was therefore decided to have the Rec. Sec. call the Grand Sec. and ask how this was to be paid, in a lump sum from the lodge's treasury, to be reimbursed by the individual members, or as we collect the funds.

The auditing committee was also asked to meet before April 1st for the quarterly report to the Grand Lodge. Sister Johnson invited them to hold their meeting at her home. The members of the auditing committee not present were to be notified. Sister Anna Hallberg, not having been installed, nor being present for three successive meetings, was automatically dropped and Sister Wanda Johnson was appointed to replace her.

Sister Johnson extended her thanks to all our members for their assistance and generous donations for our luncheon of March 16th, which was a greater success than we had even hoped for. Also our sincere appreciation to the following sisters from the other lodges who gave generously of their assistance and gifts:

Sister Rusboldt of Nora
" A. Johnson of Thelma
" Anna Carlson "
" E. Hernquist "
" I. Olson Valkyria
" Backlund Grand Lodge.

All promises by the sisters of our lodge, to assist and furnish food and prizes was fulfilled with the exception of Sister Sigrid Anderson, on whom we had depended to furnish scalloped potatoes as promised and when she called the evening before saying she wouldn't bring them, she put our chairman to great inconvenience in furnishing the extra amount that the big crowd demanded. Also Sister Rachel Asp promised both cake and prize and sent neither and Sister Selma Asp's promise of a prize was not fulfilled.

An attendance of over 100 guests at this luncheon, taxed our assistance and supplies to the utmost, but it was a good-natured crowd and easy to please. We had many lovely gifts and the guests were most generous in their response on our raffles, which netted \$12.05 on the 1st raffle, \$7.05, on the second and then we had a penny raffle of a surprise package donated by Sister Ekberg and not only was it beautifully wrapped, but also a lovely gift of a bathroom set. This raffle netted \$4.02, a total of \$23.12 on the raffle alone. The sale of tickets also was satisfactory. At this time, all money had not been turned in and the complete report not ready.

The matter of a merchandise club, at 25¢ a week, had been suggested as a profitable means of raising money, by the chairman, Sister Rusboldt, of Nora Lodge. This matter was discussed at some length and since most of the members were in favor of it, it was decided that a committee investigate further, before deciding just what we would do on this. A committee of three, Sisters Wanda Johnson, Julia Carlson and Dorothy Peterson was appointed.

A tour of a furriers at 162 N. State St., was decided on; 15 or more members and their friends, will be necessary to fill the quota and the furrier will then give the lodge a gift of a fur cape, which it was decided that we would use as one of the gifts to be raffled off on books. This raffle to be held on our anniversary celebration.

A committee of two, Sisters Edna Gray and Marie Nielsen would get the necessary information and advise the other sisters when and where to meet and go on this tour.

Sister Johnson also advised that she and several of the other sisters had visited Nora Lodge on the evening of March 16th, their 26th anniversary and were made very welcome. Because of their very kind assistance, Anna Lodge sent them a little gift to be used as they saw fit and Sister Johnson took five tickets for their supper to be held at their new hall, 3636 Armitage Ave., April 27th, and asked that the sisters co-operate and as many as possible either buy the tickets from her or attend this supper.

Sister Johnson also asked that members reporting sick, or requesting information or data on the lodge books, please call the Fin. Sec., or the Rec. Sec, as the case may be, instead of herself, since she does not have access to the books when not at the meetings. Also any discussions must be brought up at open meeting, not to call her and ask that she set matters aside as any individual member saw fit. There is nothing she can do in these matters without the consent of the lodge.

Sister Long sent a lovely gift to be used at our next bunco.

Sister Lund having a birthday in April and those sisters not present, having birthdays in April, were to be notified and they will entertain at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed in due form at 9.45 and refreshments were served.

Dues collected.....	\$3.50
Assess. "70
Cert.....	.50
Sale of By-laws.....	.10
Coffee March.....	.91

Martha Biarnesen
Rec. Sec.
March 17, 1939

Martha Biarnesen

OFFICERS OF ANNA LODGE #56 - April 21, 1939

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MEETING OF ANNA LODGE #56, APRIL 7, 1939

Meeting was called to order at 8:25 PM.

Roll call of officers showed half of our officers absent, namely; the Fin. Sec., Treasurer, Outer and Inner Guard, all three trustees and one of the auditing committee and our pianist. However, this being Good Friday, a big turn out of members had not been expected.

Minutes of March 17th, read and approved.

Treasurer's report, read and approved.

The Rec. Sec., Sister Martha Biarnesen, advised the sisters that our sick sister, Lulu Long Brokenik, had sent in a dismissal from her doctor as of March 24th, and having visited her a few days before that date, recommended her for sick benefit of one week. This was approved and a motion was made and carried that we pay Sister Brokenik one week sick benefit - \$7.00.

Our Treasurer, Sister Marie Nielsen, report for sick benefit as of March 20th, having fallen and injured her leg so badly, it was necessary to have it placed in a cast. Sisters Julia Carlson, Betty Jane Strandberg, Dorothy Peterson, Emma Engstrom and Eleanor Johnson, having visited Sister Nielsen, recommended her for sick benefit and a motion was made and carried, we pay her \$11.00.

Sister Eleanor Johnson, report/^{ed} Sister Mary Olson had been very ill, but was on her way to recovery. However, she was asking no sick benefit and a motion was made and carried that we present her with a flower, price set at \$1.00. Sister Eleanor Johnson would take care of this and give it to her with our best wishes.

I find I have omitted stating that Sister Johnson, our chairman, also welcomed to of our good stand-by visitors, Sister Olson of Valkryia and Sister Emma Hernquist of Thelma.

A bill for the rent of our hall, for April, May and June, 1939, was present in the sum of \$36.00 and also a bill for \$0.54 for postage and a new minute book. The matter of the bill received from the Grand Lodge in the sum of \$32.80, including \$16.00 special assessment charge, was brought up again and The Rec. Sec., stated that she had written the Supreme Sec., and received a letter in return, which was read, and in this letter it

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stated that the lump sum of \$16.00 was to be paid to the Grand Lodge from the treasury and the members were to reimburse us at \$0.50 each.

A motion was made and carried that we take care of all three bills immediately.

The Auditing Committee having met at the home of our Treasurer, Sister Marie Nielsen, presented their report as follows:

Jan. 6, 1939-April 1st, 1939-

Receipts....\$123.23

Disbursements\$120.00

Bal...\$ 2.36

Jan. 6, 1939 - Balance.....\$209.26

April 1, 1939-Balance.....\$211.62

April 5, 1939- Act. Chairman-Wanda Johnson
-Julia Carlson
-Dorothy Peterson

Our Chairman also advised that since our last meeting, the mother to our Supreme Chairman, Sister Kohler, had passed away and it was agreed that we send a card of sympathy from the sisters.

Our Chairman also present^{ed} the lodge with a check of \$3.00 which was given to her by Dr. Christenson, our retaining physician, as a donation and it was agreed that we use this as one of the gifts on our book raffle for our anniversary.

Sister Marie Nielsen, is present^{ing} the lodge with a needlepoint pillow for this raffle, Sister Martha Biarnesen and embroidered linen cloth and of course we have the fur neck piece received when the sisters went on the fur tour on Saturday, April 1st.

Sister Emma Hernquist of Thelma, stated she would also present a pillow to be used as a raffle gift whenever we saw fit.

Sister Ida Olson of Valkryia present^{ed} us with the books to be used for our raffle and I believe we forgot to give her a vote of thanks, but am taking this opportunity to do so.

All members present were asked to take at least one book for the raffle and of course as many more as they could sell. Those not present at this meeting were to be mailed

books and asked to co-operate to the fullest extent. We need all the help we can get in this matter. The first three months of this year have made a heavy drain on our receipts and we must do something to build up our treasury. Sister Julia Carlson has charge of these books

We are to have a special drive for membership and it is hoped we may have several new members initiated the night of our anniversary, May 19th and at the next meeting we would like the names of all prospective members that may be initiated that night and if we have quite a few, we want to ask the team from Nora's Lodge to assist in the initiation, since they do beautiful work.

A motion was made and carried that we send a written invitation to Sister Tina Johnson, chairman, of the Past-Grand-Chairmens Club, inviting all the past/^{Grand} chairmen to our 1st anniversary. They have been most kind in helping us become established.

A full report was made on the Merchandise Club, discussed at our last meeting, and it was agreed that this was not only a profitable way to raise money for the lodge, but a pleasant one for all concerned. We find we will easily be able to get 30 or members, what with friends and relatives of the sisters that have already stated that they are interested. Therefore, it was agreed that our Chairman send in the certificate and the first payment and the first drawing would be held at our next meeting.

The meeting was closed at this point in due form, at 10:15 PM and refreshments were served. Thanks to Sister Martha Lund who brought a delicious birthday cake.

Due collected.....	\$6.00
Assess. "	1.20
Spec. Assess.....	2.00
Certificates.....	.50
Coffee March.....	.97

Martha Biarnesen,
Rec. Sec.
April 7, 1939

OFFICERS OF ANNA LODGE #56 - May 5, 1939

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MEETING OF ANNA LODGE #56, April 21, 1939

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 P.M.

Roll call of officers, showed quite a few absent, namely; Treasurer, Outer and Inner Guard, 2nd and 3rd Trustees, two of the auditing committee and the pianist.

Minutes of April 7th, read and approved.

Treasurer's report, read and approved.

Our chairman, Sister Eleanor Johnson, welcomed our two visitors, now so well known by us, Sister Johnson of Valkyria, and Sister Backlund from the Grand Lodge.

Sister Marie Nielsen, is still under the doctors care, and unable to walk without the aid of crutches as yet, but she advises that she is getting along much better, and asked to be dismissed from the sick benefit after tonight. Upon recommendation of Sister Betty Jane Strandberg, and Sister Martha Biarnesen, it was decided that we pay her two weeks sick benefit. A motion was made and carried that this be taken care of immediately. This was the only bill presented at this time.

Sister Mary Olson was with us once more, and thanked the lodge for their \$1.00, which Sister Eleanor Johnson decided to give her, instead of the flower, recommended. However, Sister Olson, returned the \$1.00 to the lodge as a donation. Many thanks.

A motion was made and carried that we invite all the Grand Lodge members to attend our anniversary celebration, on May 19th. The Rec. Sec., was authorized to write the Supreme Sec.

It was also decided that either Sister Eleanor Johnson, or Sister Julia Carlson, when visiting at Nora Lodge, on the night of their supper, April 27th, would ask these sisters if their team would be so kind as to assist us in the initiatory service on the night of our anniversary. We hope to have quite a few members taken in that night. It was suggested that the sisters recommending new members, would have the new members see that Doctor before May 19th, so their would be no undue delay on that night. After all we have many things planned for that night and hope to get under way promptly at 8:00 P.M.

Sister Eleanor Johnson, advised that she and several other sisters had visited Valkyria Lodge on April 19th, on the

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occasion of their 35th anniversary and had been made most welcome. At that time she took the liberty of inviting all the sisters from Valkyria to our 1st anniversary and many promised to come and we hope they won't find us wanting. We expect quite a crowd on that night and it was decided that we would leave the matter of refreshments until our next meeting of May 5th.

Sister Julia Carlson, stated she had 42 books out on our raffle at this time and requested that all members having sold their books, turn them in with the money, if possible at the next meeting, so as to save as much time as possible on the night of the anniversary.

Sister Eleanor Johnson requested the pleasure of the lodge on the matter of running another Thanksgiving Dance next fall, and advised that we had to make arrangements now for the hall, since it is already well booked up for next fall and winter. It was decided to rent the Viking Temple again this year and the rent for the evening is \$35.00. Sister Mary Olson was appointed to see if we could have the hall for the Saturday before Thanksgiving and if so, to request them to hold it until our next meeting, at which time we will pay deposit on same.

Our merchandise club was started at this time and we have an enrollment of 50 members. The first drawing was held and one of our own sisters, Sister Wanda Johnson, won on No. 15. Congratulations.

The meeting was closed in due form at 10:00 P.M.

Refreshments were served and Sister Eleanor Johnson supplied the cream for coffee and Sister Martha Biarnesen brought a cake. Following refreshments we played a few games of bunco and prizes were donated by Sister Lulu Long, Sister Edna Gray and Sister Martha Biarnesen.

Dues collected.....	\$5.00
Assess. "	1.00
Spec. Ass. "	3.50
Coffee March.....	.99
Bunco.....	2.75

Martha Biarnesen
Rec. Sec.
April 21, 1939

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MEETING OF ANNA LODGE #56, May 5, 1939

Meeting was called to order at 8:50 P.M.

Roll call of officers showed several absent, namely, Marshall, Inner Guard, two trustees and two of the auditing committee and our pianist.

Minutes of April 7th, read and approved.

Treasurer's report, read and approved.

Our chairman, Sister Eleanor Johnson, welcomed our two well-known visitors, Sister Hernquist from Thelma, and Sister Olson from Valkyria.

No sisters reported for sick benefit and Sister Johnson, welcomed back Sister Nielsen, and we were all glad to see her getting around once more.

Sister Ida Olson of Valkyria had been kind enough to donate the books for our raffle to be held on our anniversary, but we felt it was quite an imposition on our part to expect her to pay for all the books and a motion was made and carried that we pay her for half the expence, 81¢ to be exact and this would be paid immediately.

Sister Mary Olson, reported that we would be able to get Viking Temple for the ~~first~~ Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 25th, for our dance and a motion was made and carried that we pay the required \$5.00 deposit.

Suggestions were called for in the matter of refreshments and entertainment for our anniversary. We asked Mr. Lindholm to sing for us and he promised to do so in ~~the~~ case he would be unable to get a very promising pupil of his to do so for us.

It was decided that we would serve sandwiches, cake and coffee. The sisters who have responded so well in the past, again offered to donate the refreshments and as Sister Hernquist stated, she is always agreeably surprised to see how well all the sisters of Anna Lodge respond to requests and offer to not only donate there services, but gifts, refreshments and everything else.

The matter of flowers for the occasion was turned over to Sister Eleanor Johnson. A good friend has a florist shop and on other occasions has offered flowers at reasonable prices, so we are leaving the entire matter up to her good judgement.

A good many sisters were absent at this meeting and it was decided that the Rec. Sec., notify all absent members to be sure and attend our anniversary party.

The team from Nora Lodge has been kind enough to agree to come and do our ~~initia~~atory work on our anniversary and we hope to have several new members join us at this time.

It was decided that we would have Mrs. Carlson, Sister Julia Carlson's mother/^{in-law} make a bag and this would be used as a gift to Nora's team for them to raffle off at any such time as they might wish.

At our next meeting, it was decided to start our birthday box and the sisters having birthday's in June decided to celebrate the occasion by being the first to donate to same.

The drawing on our merchandise club was held just before the meeting was closed and #20 won, Sister Marie Nielsen, being the lucky winner.

The meeting was closed in due form at 10:00 P.M. and cake and cookies were donated by sister Dorothy Peterson, and Sister Martha Biarnesen.

Dues collected.....	\$8.00
Asses. "	1.60
Spec. Asses.....	1.00
Cert.....	.50
Coffee March.....	1.25

Martha Biarnesen,
Rec. Sec.
May 5, 1939

DONATIONS -ANNIVERSARY-May 19,1939

SANDWICHES:

- ✓Mary Olson
- ✓Anna Ekberg
- Edna Gray *Illness*
- ✓Marie Nielson
- ✓Julia Carlson
- ✓Eleanor Johnson

CAKE:

- ✓Marie Jensen
- ✓Martha Biarnesen
- Anna Anderson
- ✓Aileen Noren

Coffee:

- ✓Dorothy Peterson
- ✓Olive Lindholm

CREAM:

- ✓Elsie Strandberg

SUGAR:

- ✓Astrid Erickson

OFFICERS OF ANNA LODGE #56 - June 2, 1939

Chairman.....Eleanor Johnson
Vice-Chairman.....Julia Carlson
✓ Past-Chairman.....Myrtle West
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MEETING OF ANNA LODGE #56, May 19, 1939

Meeting was called to order at 8:50 P.M.

Roll call of officers showed several absent, namely, inner guard, 1st and 2nd trustees and 1 of the auditing committee and our pianist.

Minutes of May 5th, read and approved.

Treas. report, read and approved.

Our chairman, Eleanor Johnson, welcomed all members and our many visitors upon the occasion, of our 1st anniversary. Visitors from sister lodges, Valkyria, Thelma, Hulda, Nora and Klippan, were many, and made very welcome. Many sisters from the Grand Lodge and the Past-Grand-Chairman's Club, were present.

Our Marshall Elsie Strandberg did very well, escorting our distinguished visitors to their seats, namely: Sister Kohler, Sup. Chairman, Sister Backlund, Past-Grand Chairman, Sister Viselius, Grand Vice-Chairman, Sister Agnes Peterson, Grand Sec., Sister Kinsted, Grand Treas. Sister Rusboldt, Grand Organizer and president of Nora Lodge, and Sister Johnson, orator of the Grand Lodge.

A good many sisters from the Past Grand-Chairmans' Club were present and also escorted to their seats. The following sisters honored us with their presence: Sister Hallberg, chairman, Sister Emma Carlson, Sister Tina Johnson, Sec., Sister Hanson, Sister, Vanderberg, Sister Johnson, Sister Hanna Gran, and Sister Hulda Carlson, also chairman of Valkyria.

We had four candidates applying for membership and since they came well recommended and the doctors report stated that they were all in good health, a motion was made and carried that we except them for balloting.

The balloting was in favor of the four candidates. The examining committee: Sisters Bush, Malm and Anna Strandberg, found the candidates satisfactory.

The drill team from Nora Lodge, did the initiatory work and needless to say, it was well done. They furnished us with an exhibition of their drill work when the initiation was completed and it was beautifully done and they were given a big hand, not only by the grateful members of Anna Lodge, but all our visitors.

It was called to the attention of visitors and members that Nora Lodge initiated the 1st candidates into Anna Lodge just a year ago and served us on two occasions at that time. In appreciation we presented the team with a little gift to be used as a raffle prize at any time they wished.

They in turn, presented us with an anniversary gift, a pair of beautiful wall plaques, that were later raffled off with other beautiful gifts, namely, a lamp from Valkyria, a lace scarf from our Grand Chairman, Sister Kohler and a pillow from Sister Hernquist of Thelma.

Sister Johanson, of Nora Lodge, upon presenting us with their lovely gift, gave a pleasant little speech, telling us, that although some of the sisters of the team had to go to some inconvenience to be here at this time, they were pleased to be present at our 1st anniversary inasmuch as they feel somewhat responsible for us, having given us our first send-off. Needless to say, their efforts are much appreciated by us.

The recording secretary, read a letter from the Grand Lodge in regard to the convention to be held June 10th, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

A letter from the Jade furs, was also read, inviting us to make a tour of their concern at any time in the future.

Bills of \$2.40 for flowers and \$1.50 for gift to Nora's team, were presented. A motion was made and carried that these be paid immediately.

A report on Sister Edna Gray, advised that she is confined to a sanitarium with tuberculosis, but it is believed with good care will be well again in about a year or six months. At this time she is not eligible for six benefit, and is asking none if she can possibly do so, but has requested that the sisters keep her in good standing on our books. At this time she may have no visitors, but Sister Peterson and Sister Biarnesen, stated that as soon as she is able to receive visitors, they will see her and report to the lodge. It was decided however, that we would send her a card.

The sisters of Anna Lodge and all the visitors, sang a birthday song and their best wishes to Anna Lodge for the future.

Our chairman, Sister Eleanor Johnson, expressed her thanks on our behalf, to Sister Kohler, Sister Carlson and Sister Hernquist, and Nora's team for their lovely gifts.

Sister Kohler, in a few words, congratulated Anna Lodge on their first anniversary and hoped that she would be able to help us celebrate our 25th. She complimented us highly on our efforts the past year and hoped we would continue to do our good work.

Sister Emma Carlson, Vice-chairman of the Past Chairmans' Club, expressed her best wishes for the future. Having been present on the night we first organized, she has been deeply interested and helpful in many ways and on behalf of the Club, presented Anna Lodge with a lovely basket of flowers.

Sister Hulda Carlson of Valkyria, wished us much luck and success. This being her first visit to us, we were much pleased. It was on behalf of the Valkyria Lodge that she presented the Lamp used in our raffle this evening.

Sister Vanderberg of Hulda Lodge, also wished us much luck and success on her first visit to us at this time. She has put in 31 years of hard work in her own lodge and hoped we would carry on our work in much the same manner.

Sister Hallberg also stated that this was her first visit to us and wished us success, but assured us that this can only be obtained through hard work.

Sister Aldin, chairman of Thelma, presented the lodge with a beautiful basket of flowers in behalf of Thelma Lodge, and extended her congratulations and best wishes.

Sister Carlson of the Past Grand-Chairman's Club not only congratulated us on our success, but also Nora's team on their beautiful work and their willingness to give us a hand.

Sister Tina Johnson extended her congratulations and wished us luck in the future.

Sister Hanson, as always, was short but sweet in her few choice words of congratulations. She is an old friend of ours.

Sister Gran's congratulations and best wishes were also excepted in due form.

Sister Backlund expressed her best best wishes and stressed the fact that the success of the lodge depended on a growing treasury. Therefore, wished us much success in our future endeavors and few or no sick members. Stated also that we must keep on driving for a larger membership and we must all put our best foot forward in our endeavors.

Sister Julia Carlson, took this occasion to state that she had a few words to say too. She had prepared a little speech, but in her excitement forgot it entirely. I might state here, however, that she did very well. The sisters of Anna Lodge had gotten together a sum for a gift for our Chairman, Sister Eleanor Johnson, but had been unable to decide what she would like and therefore decided to give her the money to buy just exactly what she would like as a remembrance from us, in appreciation for her hard work and willingness.

Sister Eleanor Johnson thanked us in her usual gracious way and promised us her best efforts in the future and I am sure we can all depend on her to do so.

She also extended our belated but nevertheless grateful thanks to the pianist from Nora Lodge that obliged us with her efforts this evening.

The drawing of the Merchandise Club was held, and #52, Mrs. Elsie Ehloff, won out.

The meeting was closed in due form at 11:00 P.M. and refreshments followed. The sandwiches and cake were well appreciated after the long evening and the anniversary cake was not only lovely to look at, but delicious to eat.

While refreshments were served, a raffle was held on the lovely gifts donated that evening by our kindly visitors and this netted us the sum of \$9.90.

Dues collected.....	\$5.50
Assess. "	1.10
Spec. Ass.	.50
Raffle	9.90
Raffle books.....	36.80
	<u>\$53.80</u> ✓

Martha Biarnesen,
Rec. Sec.,
May 19th, 1939

OFFICERS OF ANNA LODGE #56 - June 16, 1939

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MEETING OF ANNA LODGE #56, June 2, 1939

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 P.M.

Roll call of officers showed many absent, more than half not being present. Past-chairman, Marshall, outer and inner guard, two trustees, three of the auditing committee and our pianist. The attendance of the entire lodge was disappointing and we had to call on our two good visitors, Sister Olson of Valkyria and Sister Hernquist of Thelma to help fill the officers chairs.

Minutes of May 19th, read and approved.

Treasurers report, read and approved.

A letter from Freja Lodge, inviting the members of Anna Lodge to attend their 35th anniversary, June 14, was read and several members promised to try to attend and offer our best wishes and congratulations. It was also decided that we donate a purse, to be made by Sister Julia Carlson's mother-in-law, to Freja Lodge to be used as a raffle prize.

A bill for 65¢ was presented by the recording secretary, Sister Biarnesen, for two cards, to Sister Gray and Sister Kohler and for postage in the last 5 weeks. A motion was made and carried that it be paid.

A report from Sister Dorothy Peterson and Sister Martha Biarnesen, on our sick sister, Edna Gray, advised the lodge that Sister Gray is progressing nicely and the doctor had advised her that if she will continue to co-operate with him and progress as well in the near future as she has the past few weeks, she will be out of the sanitarium in a month or two, instead of the probable six months or a year as was first reported.

The recording secretary was advised to notify the sick committee about sister Gray and it was also announced that any and all of the sisters of the lodge would be welcomed by sister Gray. She is lonely during the day and visitors are permitted after two o'clock any day and up to eight in the evening.

Sister Olson, the financial secretary advised that we needed more dues books and it was decided that she get in contact with the supreme secretary and get the number of books required.

The matter of our financial standing was brought up before the lodge and after some discussion a motion was made and carried that for one year, beginning this first meeting of June, until our first meeting of June, 1940, our sick benefit would be cut to \$5.00 a week for 5 weeks, instead of the usual \$1.00 per day for 10 weeks. All members not present, were to be notified of this decision.

This is to be merely a temporary arrangement, due to the fact that we have been unfortunate in having many sick members the past few months, and it has been a heavy drain on the treasury, and unless we can increase our treasury, we will be unable to be of any help to members in need of same.

Our Chairman, Sister Elenor Johnson requested that we all remember that after our next meeting, which will be a short one, we will have bunco and cards and that we bring our friends and of course any donations would be greatly appreciated.

The usual prompt response for donations of prizes, cake and coffee, was highly gratifying.

Members not present were to be notified by the recording secretary, that we would appreciate their turning out for this evening.

Sister Eleanor Johnson is also our delegate to the Grand Lodges' Convention and assured us that she would be present and requested that if we had any matters ^{to be} discussed at that time, that we do so now. However, it seems we are all well satisfied at this time.

A committee of three, Sisters Anna Anderson, Julia Carlson and Mary Olson, were appointed to visit our prospective member, Marie Johnson.

It seems there has been some mistake and she has been on our address list and in sending out tickets for our dance last fall and raffle books for our anniversary, she has responded and come across like an old member. We have all decided that such a prospect is too good to pass up. We have asked the committee to offer our apologies for imposing on her in this manner, but we had to admit that she will make a very good member.

Some discussion of our marching order was made and many points clarified. We hope to do better after this.

The drawing of the Merchandise Club, gave up #43, Sister Dorothy Peterson.

The meeting was closed in due form at 10:15 P.M. and refreshments followed. Sister Anna Strandberg, although not present, donated refreshments for her birthday month and Sister Marie Jensen had been prepared to do so, but had become ill and on doctor's orders had to go to bed. We hope she will be able to attend our next meeting, however.

Due collected.....	\$4.00
Assess. "80
Certificate.....	.50
Spec. Assess.....	1.50
Coffee March.....	1.14

Martha Biarnesen,
Rec. Sec.,
June 2, 1939

Bunco and Card Party of June 16, 1939

Donation of Prizes:

- ✓ Sister Hernquist - Thelma
- ✓ " Marie Nielsen
- ✓ " Astiid Erickson
- ✓ " Betty Jane Strandberg
- ✓ " Dorothy Peterson
- ✓ " Mary Olson
- ✓ " Elenor Johnson
- ✓ " Martha Biarnesen
- ✓ " A. Backlund
- ✓ " Elsie Hinley
- ✓ " Eileen Noren
- ✓ " Ekberg.
- ✓ " Ethel Malm

Donation of Cakes:

- Elenor Johnson
- ✓ Dorothy Peterson,
- ✓ Marie Nielsen
- ✓ Martha Biarnesen

Donation of Coffee & Cream,

Julia Carlson,

Donation of Sugar.

Sister Mary Olson.

OFFICERS OF ANNA LODGE #56 - July 7, 1939

Chairman.....Eleanor Johnson
Vice-Chairman.....Julia Carlson
Past-Chairman.....Myrtle West
Rec. Sec.....Martha Biarnesen
✓ Fin. Sec.....Mary Olson
Treasurer.....Marie Nielsen
✓ Orator.....Dorothy Peterson
✓ Marshall.....Elsie Strandberg
Assist. Marshall.....Betty Jane Strandberg
✓ Outer Guard.....Aileen Noren
✓ Inner Guard.....Rachel Asp
Trustee.....1st.....Lulu Long
✓ "2nd.....Christine Anderson
"3rd.....Astrid Erickson
Auditing Committee...Eleanor Biarnesen
✓ " " ...Wanda Johnson
" " ...Karen Clausin
✓ Pianist.....Sigrid Anderson.

MEETING OF ANNA LODGE #56, June 16, 1939

Meeting called to order at 8:45 P.M.

Roll call of officers showed several absent, namely, Marshall, Inner Guard, 1st and 2nd Trustee and one of the Auditing Committee and our Pianist.

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Minutes of June 2nd, read and approved.

Treasurers report, read and approved.

* Sister Elenor Johnson, our chairman, welcomed our visitors, Sister Backlund of the Grand Lodge, Sister Carlson from Thelma, and Sister Olson from Valkyria.

Sister Julia Carlson and Sister Mary Olson, advised that they had visited Marie Johnson, a prospective member and advised us that she had been ill and was having some dental work done, but she stated that she would join our lodge in the near future.

Sisters Julia Carlson, Wanda Johnson, Dorothy Peterson, Anna Hallberg and Martha Biarnesen, reported on our sick sister, Edna Gray. Advised she is gaining weight and generally improving, but due to remain in the sanitarium for some time yet. Having been unable to get in at the Municipal Sanitarium as yet, she finds it necessary to ask for sick benefit. A motion was made and carried that we pay her same - \$5.00 per week, beginning this date.

The Rec. Sec., was asked to advise the July sick committee to visit Sister Gray before the next meeting.

Sister Marie Jensen was reported sick, but had not advised whether asking benefit or not.

Bill for \$1.50 was presented by Sister Julia Carlson, for purse given to Freja Lodge. A motion was made and carried that it be paid.

The report from our delegate to the Grand Lodge Convention, Sister Elenor Johnson, was read and she advises that the Grand Lodge paid out \$11,100.00 in death benefits on 74 deaths in the past year and due to this heavy drain on the treasury, the Grand Lodge had decided to levy a special assessment of 5¢ per month, making our monthly assessment per individual 15¢ instead of 10¢.

Officers of the Grand Lodge for the year 1939 were voted in as follows:

Grand Chairman -- Sister Viselius
Grand V. Chairman.. " Kinsted
Grand Sec..... " Agnes Peterson-- retained.
Grand Treas..... " Hazel Rusboldt
Grand Orator..... " Bloomberg
Grand Organizer... " Johnson
Grand Marshalls:.... " Hulda Johnson
" Jenson.

and our own delegate, Sister Elenor Johnson was nominated for the financial committee and voted in second on five candidates and needless to say, she felt quite proud and I might add that we are just as pleased for her.

Sister Johnson advised that the books were to be audited before July 1st and the auditing committee would be notified where and when to meet. Auditing committee consists of Sister Eleanor Biarnesen, Sister Wanda Johnson and since Sister Edna Gray is ill, she is being replaced by our new member, Sister Karin Clausin.

Meeting was closed in due form at 9:30 PM. and was followed by the drawing of our merchandise club number. No. 17, Marie Ebrom, winning out.

Refreshments followed and then we played bunco.

Receipts for the evening were as follows:

Dues.....	\$7.50
Assess.....	1.50
Spec. Assess....	.50
Coffee March....	1.30
Bunco.....	4.25
Penny Raffle....	.94

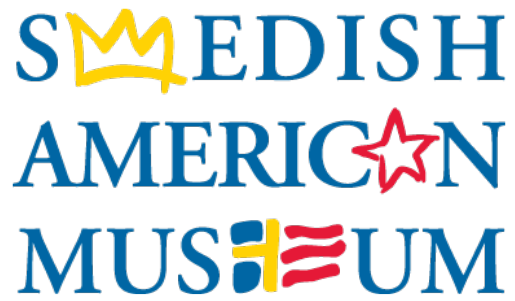
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Martha Biarnesen,
Rec. Sec.

Elinor Biarnesen
Wanda Johnson
Karen Clauson.
Elenor Johnson Chairman

OFFICERS OF ANNA LODGE #56 - July 21, 1939

- ✓ Chairman.....Eleanor Johnson
- Vice-Chairman.....Julia Carlson
- ✓ Past-Chairman.....Myrtle West
- Rec. Sec.....Martha Biarnesen
- ✓ Fin. Sec.....Mary Olson
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