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Minutes of Meetings of  
Anna Lodge #56  
1944

Officers Attendance 1944	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Deputy	5 19	2 16	1 15	5 19	3 17	7 21	5 19	2 16	6 20	4 18	1 15	6 20
Elcie Hartung	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Past President	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Martha Bjorkson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
President	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Julia Carlsson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vice President	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dora Gustafson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recording Secy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ruth Nelson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Financial Secy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Karen Clauson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Treasurer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lillian Wagner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Orator	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anna Ekberg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marshal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Margaret Rby	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guest Marshall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LaVene Carlson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unter. Sward	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Selma Asp	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inner Sward	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ethel Romare	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1st Trustee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anna Strandberg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2nd Trustee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mary O'Leary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3rd Trustee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anna Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finance Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chairman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rosathy Peterson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Olive Lindholm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Business Party

Business Party

no meeting

no meeting

no meeting

no meeting

Review of 1943.

Anna Lodge #56  
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On February 16 we had our installation of officers for the new year. Grand President Johnson and Grand Orator Aldine officiated.

Sister Julia Carlson was made delegate to the Grand Lodge and as alternate delegate Sister Martha Bjarneson.

Also in February our Past President Dora Austan became the mother of a son.

Our fifth anniversary party we celebrated on May 18th. There were quite a few visitors from the Grand Lodge and several of our own sisters whom we haven't seen in a long time. Most of our visitors made very nice, complimentary speeches. We finished the evening with entertainment by a singer and accordionist whom we had hired for the evening. On this night Sister Betty Joe Strandberg announced she planned to marry and move to Texas where her new husband was stationed.

July - Sister Julia Carlson made her

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report of the Grand Lodge convention. Points of interest to us were that Sister Julia Carlson was made a member of the auditing committee of the Grand Lodge. That the Sholdhow will be issued earlier in the month hereafter. That Sister Hazel Russett was present, having come in from Baltimore.

Our deep sympathy to Sister Mary Olson who lost her father and also to Sister Edna Carlson who lost a brother.

During the year we gave three Bunch parties which were fairly successful. We also played Bridge after meetings for variety.

In October came the news from Baltimore of the birth of a daughter to Sister Elsie Marberg. And then Sister Anna Strandberg was missing from several meetings while she visited this new granddaughter of hers.

We have had five members dropped from our books which brings us to 25 members, four of whom live out of town. This year there were about half of our meeting nights that we were unable to hold a meeting be-

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cause of not enough members being present so therefore we decided to give up our hall, rather than bring our treasury down. We have made an agreement with Ahelma lodge to use their library room on their meeting night which is the first & third Wednesday's of the month.

We finished off the year with a Christmas dinner at de Lyon's Restaurant, which I think we all enjoyed.

We have re-elected Sister Julia Carlson president for the coming year and we know she'll do the same good job as in the past.

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge #56  
January 5, 1949

This was our first meeting of the new year and the first in our new meeting room.

Officers present were President, Financial & Recording Secretaries, Treasurer, Orator, and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

We had an informal meeting and the auditing of our books. Cash on hand Oct. 5

\$614.04

Receipts

Oct Nov Dec 59.60

Total \$673.64

Disbursements

Oct Nov Dec 105.70

Bal. \$367.94

Cash on hand January 5

We were surprised tonight by the arrival of Sister Betty Jane Sirks who is in town visiting and who leaves in a few days for Texas.

Our Receipts for the evening were

Dues \$7.00

Assess. 3.50

Swedish Paper 1.20

\$11.70

Minutes of meeting of Anna Lodge # 56  
January 19 1944

Tonight we held our installation of officers with that of Thelma Lodge. They held their regular meeting which of course takes much more time than ours since they have much more business to handle. When they had completed their installation which of course was in Swedish as was the meeting, our President Julia Carlson took the chair and with sisters Johnson and Aldine of the Grand Lodge officiating we held our own installation.

Tonight it was our sad duty to drape our charter in respect to our dear sister Jane Iverson who passed away so suddenly. This was made doubly touching since Thelma Lodge also draped their charter for one of their sisters.

It was a very long but interesting meeting with many speeches by our visitors. A special mention of Anna Lodge was made by Sister Anna Backlund who naturally wants Anna Lodge to keep going if possible. She encourages us to stay together no matter what comes up. She also said that Thelma

Lodge is ready and willing to give us all the help they can while we find it necessary to meet in their ante room.

We were served with coffee and refreshments and the meeting closed around 11 o'clock. Our part of the refreshments we donated the cake.

### Receipts

Dues Collected	\$7.00
Assessments	3.50
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	\$10.50
Swedish paper	.60
Interest on	
bank account	4.03
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	\$15.13

### Disbursements

Gift to Install-	\$4.00
ing officers	
Flower spray	7.14
Cake for install-	
ation	4.00
Renewal of bond	3.50
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	\$18.64

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge # 56  
February 2 1945

A very informal meeting with only six members present. These were President, Financial Secretary, Treasure Chairman of Finance Committee and two members. It was decided to devote our next meeting night February 16<sup>th</sup> to having a Business Party and we will advise our recording secretary to notify all members.

Receipts

Dues collected	\$ 0.50
Assessments	.25
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	\$ 0.75

Disbursements

none

Recording Secy  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge #56  
February 16, 1944

No meeting - Buncos Party

Receipts

Dues collected	\$4.00
assessments	2.00
Buncos	3.50
Raffle	2.35
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	\$11.85

Disbursements

none

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge # 56  
March 1st 1944

Meeting opened at 9 o'clock

Absent officers were Deputy, Past President, Vice President, Assistant Marshall 3 Trustees and one of auditing committee.

Minutes of review of last year read and approved.

Treasurers report read and approved.

We received a letter from the Swedish Information office explaining the services they offer to anyone interested in any subject regarding Sweden. All information is free of charge and we are welcome to drop in or write them.

Receipts

Dues collected	\$ 2.50
assessments	1.25
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	\$ 3.75

Disbursements

Membership drawing Ethel Romare.	\$ 0.50
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Recording Secy  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge #56  
March 15 1944

## Informal meeting

### Receipts

Dues collected	\$5.00
Assessments	<u>2.50</u>
	\$7.50

### Disbursements

Handkerchief for Betty Perks Membership drawing	\$0.55
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audited April 5, 1944.

Chairman

Dorothy Peterson  
Anna Strandberg  
Ethel Romare

Minutes of Meeting of Unna Lodge # 56  
April 5 1944

Meeting opened at 8<sup>45</sup> o'clock.

Officers present were President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Orator, Innes Sward, 2 Trustees and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Received an invitation to Valkyria Lodge to their 40th anniversary party on April 19th at Verdanti Hall. Since this is our own meeting night, we will be unable to attend but we decided to send them a birthday greeting.

Also we got a letter from Sister Betty Jane Pirke thanking us for the card and handkerchief which we sent her. She plans to return to Chicago around the middle of April and will be here for our anniversary.

Sister Bada Uldine of Thelma Lodge is collecting funds for the Red Cross and asked us to contribute. We agreed to donate five dollars which is what we gave last year.

Our deep sympathy to Sister Martha Biarneson whose mother passed away. Mrs. Hernquist was a

frequent visitor to our lodge and  
we will all miss her.

Next month we celebrate our 6th  
birthday of the lodge. We discussed  
plans and all agreed that since  
we do not now have a hall unless  
we would rent one for that oc-  
casion and also since it is diff-  
icult to get our members to come  
to meetings, we will celebrate  
amongst ourselves. Our recording  
secretary will notify the Grand Lodge  
that we are not celebrating and that  
we hope to be able to invite them  
to visit with us another time.

Because the lodge rules allow us  
only \$3 for a floral spray in  
case of death and it is impossible  
to get flowers for this amount  
we decided to send a card of  
sympathy and \$3 to Sister  
Martha Burneson to place a  
plant on her mother's grave.

The bill for the quarterly tax and  
assessment for January, February  
and March was \$21.25

Tonight we had our auditing of  
books for past three months

April 5 1944

Receipts

Dues collected	\$ 10.50
Assessments	<u>5.25</u>
	\$ 15.75

Disbursements

Quarterly Pay	\$ 21.25
Donation Red Cross	5.00
Plant for Mrs. Hernquist	<u>3.00</u>
	\$ 29.25

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge # 56  
April 19 1949

Receipts

dues collected

\$9.00

assessments

4.50

\$13.50

Disbursements

none

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge # 56  
May 3rd 1944

Absent officers were Deputy, Past President, Treasurer, Marshall, Asst Marshall, Outer Guard, Trustees and Finance Committee.

Our next meeting being our 6th birthday Anniversary we made our plans for celebrating. We decided to have our celebration amongst just ourselves in our new meeting hall since it is very hard to plan on inviting guests when we do not have a big hall. We will play Bings and serve birthday cake and cookies. We opened our birthday bank to use for refreshments. It contained \$1.50. Of course we want Sister Backlund with us on this night so our recording secretary will write an invitation. Sister Karen Clauson will purchase a gift for her.

Receipts none

Disbursements

Pd. to Janitor \$2.00

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge # 56  
May 17 1944

This is the night we celebrate our  
sixth birthday. We had two visitors  
Sister Carlson and Sister Backlund.

Officers present were President, Vice  
President, Financial Secretary, Recording  
Secretary, Orator, Inner Guard, 2  
Trustees and Chairman of Finance  
Committee.

We received a birthday card from  
the Supreme Lodge offering their best  
wishes. Also a letter from our  
Supreme President, Anna Blomberg  
thanking us for our donation  
of \$5 to the Red Cross and inform-  
ing us that the total received  
from the Ladies of Vikings was  
\$187.00 which she thought very  
good. We got the affidavit for  
our delegate to the Supreme Lodge  
Convention but Sister Carlson and  
Sister Backlund advised us that  
since we sent in our affidavit  
last year and our delegate is  
elected for a two-year office, it  
is not necessary for us to mail  
it in this year. As in other years  
members of the Lodge and their friends  
are invited to attend the luncheon, banquet  
and installation. This date is  
Saturday June 10th. We will discuss  
this further at next meeting.

It is with regret that we find we must drop from our books the name of Mary Olson since she is very much behind with her dues and does not seem to be interested in being with us.

We had a raffle for a table-cloth, \$1.00, 50¢ and a lb. of coffee. This took in \$2.90.

We presented to Sister Anna Backlund two pairs of hose for which she thanked us and made a very nice speech. Sister Carlsson also wished us a lot of luck.

Our orator served us with coffee, cake and cookies after which we played Bings at a penny a game, the winner getting the pennies for each game.

We decided to have a luncheon party our next meeting to raise a little money. Our recording secretary will send cards to all members and ask for prizes.

Our membership drawing tonight was won by Sister Anna Anderson.

May 11 1971

Receipts

Dues collected	\$7.00
assessments	3.50
Raffle	2.90
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	\$13.40

Disbursements

Membership drawing	\$0.50
Gift for Sister Anna Becklund	1.68
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	\$2.18

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge #56  
June 7 1944

Absent officers were Past President, Financial Secretary, Marshall, Assistant Marshall, 1 Trustee and 1 of the Finance committee.

We were very pleased to have with us Mrs. Strandberg and Betty Jane Sirke and Helma Wandree tonight. Sister Lillian Wagner brought her young son with her and he out-bounced us all, and walked away with first prize which was a dollar. We had plenty prizes. Each one of us won something and had prizes left over. Our bunces brought us \$2.50.

We had our membership drawing which was won by Sister Anna Hallberg who was not present. So we had another which was won by Sister Anna Strandberg.

Receipts	
dues collected	\$12.50
Assessments	6.25
Total	\$18.75
Bunces	2.50
Disbursements	\$21.25
Membership draw.	\$0.50
Recording Sec'y Ruth Nelson	

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge #56  
June 21, 1944

Officers present were Deputy, President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Orator. Tonight Betty Sisk and Elsie Marberg also were present.

Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Financial Secretary's report read & approved.

We received the bill from the Supreme Lodge for Quarterly Tax \$21.36 which we will enter as being paid of July 5th.

We received tickets from the Swedish Societies Old Peoples' Home Ass'n. for their picnic of July 16th. There will be one prize of a \$1000.00 War Savings Bond and nine other prizes. Each of the members present bought one.

Sister Julia Carlson suggested that we buy a gift for Helma Lodge for their kindness in letting us use their coffee room for our meetings. This idea brought approval from all and Sister Karen Clauson will purchase a gift.

Sister Julia Carlson gave her report of the Convention. The only question brought up was whether the Vice President of any lodge takes the place of the President if she should retire. It was decided not. Sister Carlson was elected to the same office she held last year - on the auditing committee. We are very proud of her. Sister Lillian Wagner and I attended the installation and found it very interesting. We enjoyed the drill team.

Tonight the matter of <sup>increasing our</sup> benefit was brought up and we approved increasing it from five dollars a week for five weeks to five dollars a week for seven weeks.

Our membership drawing was won by Sister Anna Ekberg who was present. We will audit our books before our next meeting.

Sister Elsie Naslund has accepted for another ~~two~~ years the office of Deputy.

Receipts	Dues collected	\$10.50
	Assessments	5.50
		<u>\$16.00</u>

Disbursements		
	Miscellaneous	\$0.78
	Postage, cards, etc.	1.46
	Membership draw.	.50
		<u>\$2.74</u>

Audited  
 January 17, 1914  
 Society of P. M.  
 Anna Anderson  
 City of New York  
 Recording Secretary  
 Ruth  
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Minutes of Meeting of Unna Lodge # 56  
July 5 1944

Absent officers were Deputy, Past President, Treasurer, Orator, Asst Marshall Outer Guard, 2 Trustees and 1 of the Finance Committee.

We had our auditing scheduled for this evening but due to the absence of several officers, we postponed it until our next meeting.

We had purchased a gift of sheets and pillow cases for Thelma Lodge and these Sister Julia Carlson presented to them. They liked them very much, said they would use them on their raffle books.

Tonight we also had a party for Betty Jane Pirks and a gift of blankets for her baby to be. Sister Elsie Norberg was present with her little Harlene and Nora Auston with little Johnny.

President Julia Carlson reported that she deposited \$40 into our bank account giving us a balance of \$421 besides our bond.

It was decided that we play Bunco at our next meeting.

Membership drawing was won  
by Ruth Nelson.

Our Receipts were

dues collected	\$ 3.00
Assessments	1.50

Disbursements

\$ 4.50

Bill for Supreme  
Lodge

\$ 21.36

Gift for Thelma  
Lodge

5.22

Membership drawing

0.50

\$ 27.08

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge # 56  
July 19 1944

Absent officers were Past President, Marshall, Asst Marshall, Outer and Inner Guard, 1 trustee and one of the auditing committee

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

We audited our books and find we have a profit of \$43.23 for the past three months.

President Julia Carlson presented a bill of \$2.00 which she had paid to the Janitor for use of the locker. This is the second two dollars which we have given him and we decided it would be sufficient for the year.

Our membership drawing was won by Sister Karen Clauson.

Receipts

dues collected	\$3.00
assessments	1.50
total	\$4.50

Disbursements

pd to Janitor	\$2.00
miscellaneous	1.00
memberships drawing	0.50
total	\$3.50

Recording Secretary D-1 n.l.

Minutes of Meeting of August 2 1944  
Anna Lodge # 56

No Meeting

Receipts

Dues collected	\$3.00
Assessments	<u>1.25</u>
	\$4.25

Minutes of Meeting of Anna Lodge #56  
August 16 1944

Tonight we had a very good turnout of members - only three officers not present, our Past President, Asst Marshall and one of the Finance Committee.

Minutes of last meeting, Financial Secretary's report and Treasurer's report read and approved.

We had no bills and the only correspondence was a letter received with her dues from our Past President explaining that she finds it very inconvenient to get to meetings.

The membership drawing for last meeting was won by Sister Anna Ekberg who certainly deserves it for her regular attendance and the drawing of this meeting was won by Sister Dora Auston.

Tonight was the night Thelma Lodge gave the surprise party for Sister Anna Backlund to celebrate her sixtieth birthday. Beda Aldene of Thelma Lodge came in and invited our members to their party. Among the other visitors were our Grand

President, Agnes Peterson, Grand Secretary Halda Johnson and Mrs Backlund's daughter who sang for us. Mrs Backlund received flowers & a gift of money from Thelma Lodge and our gift of ten dollars. We were entertained with songs and accordion music. They had a raffle and served us with delicious sandwiches and a very lovely birthday cake.

President Julia Carlson vacationed in Wisconsin and visited with our sister, Edna Carlson who sent a dollar to us to treat on birthday cake. We sent her a birthday greeting.

### Receipts

Dues Collected	\$ 11.00
assessments	5.50
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	\$ 16.50

### Disbursements

Gift to Anne Backlund	\$ 10.00
membership drawings	
August 2 Anna & Kelsey	0.50
16 Dora Gustafson	0.50
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	\$ 11.00

Recording Secretary  
Ruth Nelson

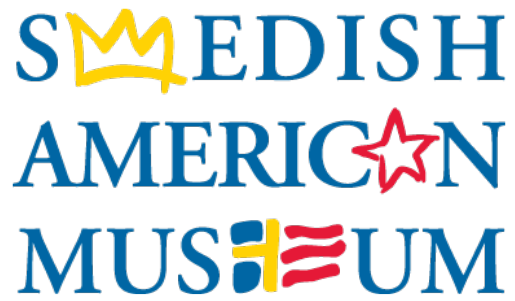
Minutes of meeting of Anna Lodge #56  
September 6

no meeting

Receipts  
none.

Disbursements

Floral Spray Julia Carlson's mother	\$5.75
incl. delivery charge	
Total	<u>\$5.75</u>



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