

Monitor Lodge #218  
Minutes, September 4, 1998  
Kaffekalas and Initiation

President Niemoller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome: In addition to the membership, in attendance were 4 Vasa Members from Sweden. Beret Bogren from Hoganas, Sweden presented a small flag on a stand to Monitor Lodge from the Vasa Lodge of Hoganas.

Initiation: Kerstin Herrman and Leah McLam.

Nomination Committee report: In the absence of Nomination Committee Chairperson, Margaret Carlson, Chairman Art Niemoller read the nominations of all offices – list attached.

Motion to Pay Bills listed by Assistant Secretary, Jillian Stanley. Donald Johnson, second by Marianne Ek, carried.

Announcements: Sweden Day and Swedish Cultural Program at Valhalla Lodge, Santa Cruz, October 10 and 11. Opinionaires have been returned, still time to submit to Chairman Niemoller or Secretary Benson. Secretary will tally results and list all suggestions to be used in annual planning meeting, October 14 business meeting.

Reports:

1. Resumption of Swedish language classes. The Monitor will list schedules.
2. Friendship Committee - the following members are ill and need encouragement:
  - a. Sue Bergman, at Brittany Health Care, received visit and plant.
  - b. Michelle Kaufman
  - c. Millie Johnson
  - d. Harry Johnson – Vicky Lydecker volunteered to transport Johnsons to Nov. Mtg.
  - e. Ruth Volkoff
  - f. Marjorie Skicklig
3. Skandia Fest cultural exhibit and demonstration: Eivor Pfankuch described exhibit and cooking demonstrations by members of Monitor Lodge.
4. Global Village State Fair – Planning meeting September 14, for next year's Swedish exhibit and cultural activities. This is a draw for people to become involved in Scandinavian Lodges.
5. Naï and Trad will begin meeting in September.
6. Helping hand – marianne Ek reported on potential for club to receive some equipment through an organization for non profit entities. Referred to business meeting in October.
7. New badges for the membership. Kurt Pfankuch presented plan for badges to remain at Wisteria Hall. Members take from board on the way in, return on way out. They will be alphabetized for next meeting. Kurt was recognized for a fine contribution to the Lodge.

The members and guests enjoyed delicious pastries and warm fellowship. Kurt led the group in the Happy Birthday song for July, August and Septembe. Three of our guests were feted with good wishes as part of the "Birthday crowd", one guest was actually celebrating his birthday on this day, September 4. He reported that this was the best celebration ever!