

1991

VASA ORDER OF AMERICA
Monitor Lodge No 218
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Wisteria Hall
3830 "U" Street
Sacramento, CA

THE MONITOR

April

79th Anniversary Dinner
April 5, 1991

Lasagna, Salad, Wine, and Anniversary Cake
Price: \$5.00 Children under 12 free
Wear the Swedish colors! Blue and Yellow
5:00 Meeting
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Program, including the Children's Club, and Chorus



SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL
Saturday, April 13, 1991
(See enclosed flyer)

The Monitor crafts table at the Scandinavian Festival will be chaired this year by Ethel Johnson, our lodge Chaplain. We welcome donations of Swedish design for our sales table. These do not need to be hand made but must be in good condition and recognizably Swedish.

A "one of a kind" item may be brought in on consignment in which case the consignor must pre-price the item. Remember that 20% of all sales goes to the Festival Committee to be shared with the five participating lodges.

All items must be in the hands of the Chairman one week before sale so that suitable space is reserved for display at our booth. Call Ethel at 457-0966 evenings and/or weekends. We look forward to a delightful variety with your participation. Nål och Tråd will provide Dalarna tote bags, Swedish T-shirts, fine Swedish cross stitch items, hand crafted wood items, Dala paintings, and Midsummer floral crowns.

Monitor Lodge No. 218

Vasa Order of America
5110 42nd Street
Sacramento, CA 95820

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We are counting on all Monitor bakers to make goodies - bread, cookies, cakes, etc. - to donate to the Festival for sale there. Your goodies are all so WONDERFUL, they will sell very quickly. PLEASE bring them on Saturday morning so they can be set up.

If for any reason you cannot take your baked goods to the Festival on Saturday morning, please call one of the following for help. You can either take your contributions to the one nearest you on Friday, or your goodies will be picked up.

Elk Grove area:	Jean Anderson	682-7438
South area:	Elizabeth Johnson	452-2470
Rancho Cordova:	Ellen Harrod	362-5273
Woodland area:	Tord & Debbie Holmquist	661-3729
Northeast area:	Viola & Karin Bodelson	485-0815



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

There was a good turnout for our "Ärtsoppa och Pannkakor" supper. Many thanks to our pea soup cooks Birgitta Anderson and Alice and Ted Olson. We would like to have other people get their recipe and be cooks for next year. And thanks to all the people who helped in the kitchen.

Terry Tillman will be reporting about the Camellia Festival and Muriel Hjersman and Ellen Harrod about the Scandinavian Festival. They would like to have members donate craft items to be sold. There are so many good Scandinavian recipes for baked goods that we should be receiving lots to sell.

The executive board had a meeting on March 16, 1991, to discuss some business so that the regular meetings would not be so long. We feel that this will be helpful to eliminate some preliminary steps before presenting the agenda to the members.

Let's have everyone come to celebrate Monitor's 79th anniversary.

In Truth and Unity
Myrtle Widmark

The primary source of information, however, was "Checklist of the World's Birds" by Gruson. For each bird species it lists the major geographic region where it occurs. A list was compiled which was then checked with names of Swedish birds in "Fåglar, en Fälthandbok", by Björn Ursing. The list of Swedish bird names was then checked, via the scientific names, with Udvardy and "Birds of North America" by Robbins, Brunn, and Zim, one of the Golden Press series. Using the habitat classes employed by Udvardy, the Swedish bird names were listed first, then the scientific name (the binomial system derived by the Swedish botanist Carl von Linne'), the American name, the family name, and short comments as to the distribution of the birds in North America. There is a separate listing of rare or accidental bird species.

While most of the birds listed actually do visit both Sweden and North America, a few have been actually introduced, such as the Starling and the House Sparrow; escaped from confinement; or may have been driven to either area by a storm or carried by a ship. One of the strangest of these instances has been the establishment of the Ring-necked Dove in a relatively small area in the city of Los Angeles. While this is of a different species than the Swedish "Turkduva", they certainly are near look-alikes. In Sweden, however, it has been seen from Skåne to Uppland. Both originate from southern Asia, undoubtedly from caged pet birds. Also, there are instances of birds sharing the same scientific name, but having different living styles. The Common Magpie (Skata), east of the Sierra Nevada, tends to keep away from humans, while in Northern Finland it tends to live in human settlements. Normally it nests fairly close to the ground, but in Hungary it nests in the top of the tallest trees. This has undoubtedly resulted from a bounty being imposed on them because they damage broods of game birds.

(to be continued)
Henry A. Hjersman



It was this military service that changed his life. On his return he was offered an opportunity to attend Lombard College at Galesburg. He found he had a talent for writing. We know him now because of his writings.

When he was in school he, his brother and sister decided to be different from the other Swedish kids on the block. They changed the spelling of their name from Sandberg to Sandburg. It is the name of Carl Sandburg that is recognized as poet, biographer, and folklorist.

Ted Olson

 **THERE'S A BIRD WE HAD IN SWEDEN!** 

When I visited Sweden in 1980, my stay was from "Midsommar" until the middle of August. Much of my spare time was spent in walking in parks, the Uppsala city forest, or crossing the campus of Uppsala University. I was impressed by the colorful variety of birds seen, most of which were strange to me. On the other hand, the Raven looked just like the Raven I see in California, Nevada, and up the western coast into British Columbia. Then, I saw one or two Canada geese accompanying other geese grazing on the lawn at Skansen in Stockholm. Another time I saw what was undoubtedly a Magpie, but not the yellow-billed variety we have in the Central Valley of California.

I seemed to me that Swedes in North America might be interested to learn that more than 130 species of birds occurring in Sweden also occur in North America. Common names of birds usually are not translatable to the names used in another country. Who could tell, for example, that a "prutgås" is called a Brant in North America? What they do have in common is their scientific name, Branta bernicla, in this instance. Dr. Udvary's "The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds, Western Region" made an excellent beginning for it includes some information of wider distribution of birds than the title indicates.

Everyone should have their name badge, if not, contact Russell Ellis to get yours; 920-0696. The Masters of Ceremonies will be collecting \$.25 from those without one. This money will be used by the sick committee.

Remember that all bills must be given to the Secretary before the meeting begins. The Financial Secretary must also receive all dues payments or other monies before the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS 

Everyone should have a Vasa Order of America Membership card. This card is to be signed by the Financial Secretary every time you pay your dues. If you do not have a card please sign your name and year you joined on a sign up sheet with the Recording or Financial Secretaries.

 **RESOLUTIONS**

Enclosed with this newsletter are the resolutions that will be brought up at the District Convention. Read them over as we will be voting on them at our meeting.

Do you have your new program book? You may order a binder for them from the Recording Secretary.

SWEDISH CONCERT 

Saturday, April 6, 1991, at the Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Drive. A group of Swedish musicians including piano, voice and guitar, will portray the history of Swedish music in a delightful concert which will also feature the 100 voice Sacramento State University Choir. The concert donation at the door is \$4.00/general and \$2.00/senior citizens;students. For further information, call Sacramento State University Music Department at (916)278-6514.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

Why not send a note of encouragement to our ill Monitor members as well as the sick committee sending one? It would lighten the burden of illness to be remembered with notes from you too.

Charley Badgley has been housebound for many months. He thinks the members of the Monitor are great and wishes he could come to the meetings. Jack Doscher is home now after two stints in the hospital. Don Gustafson is home and keeping doctors' appointments. He misses all the activity at Monitor lodge. Viola Hallen is not well and has been having some tests. Let our faithful Viola hear from you. Marge Skicklig is better. She hopes to regain enough health to return to the lodge. Larry is getting along okay. Duane Tura, husband of Helen Tura has been hospitalized and in convalescent hospitals for eight months plus due to a stroke and complications. Send communications through Helen. George Uffens has recovered from the shoulder fracture, but is concerned about his eyesight at present.

WE MISS YOU. There is an empty place when you are not there.

1991 ANNUAL PROGRAM

Corrections and Updating with regard to
Monitor Lodge, No. 218

ADD TO MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

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Fair Oaks, CA 95628
(916)965-8707

Berry, Aliceanne
4783 Clothier Way
Sacramento, CA 95841
(916)486-9713

Barrett, Dr Robert T. &
Jeanette C.
7890 Magnolia St.
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
(916)962-1988



(Editor's note: The last name, Barrett, was left out in the last issue of the newsletter. I apologize for that mistake.)

THE SWEDE BOY FROM GALESBURG

It was on January 6, 1878 that a son was born to August and Clara Sandberg in their home in Galesburg, Illinois. He was delivered by a Swedish midwife, the Swedish immigrant parents regularly spoke Swedish and Swedish was the first language that struck the ears of the new born. He was christened Carl August Sandberg by a minister of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

As with many other Swedish immigrants in communities with an immigrant population, much of the social life revolved around relatives and other Swedish families and the Lutheran Church with services in Swedish. However, there was little time for social life. August worked ten hours a day, six days a week, as a blacksmith helper at the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad shops. His pay was fourteen cents an hour. On his take home pay of thirty five dollars a month he supported a family of seven.

Young Carl knew they were not poor. His parents never regarded themselves as poor but he knew they were not rich. Carl began making his contribution to the family at age eleven. He delivered handbills, had a newspaper route, worked as an office boy, delivered milk, shined shoes in a barbershop, worked as a helper in an ice house, a boat house, a pottery, at a race track, and as a water boy for threshing crews.

When his brothers and sisters could contribute to the family Carl took to the road as a hobo. He rode boxcars as far west as the Rockies working as a dishwasher, threshing hand, railroad track worker, fruit picker and wood chopper. Eventually homesickness directed his way back to Galesburg. The Spanish-American War began and he enlisted in the Sixth Infantry Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers. His unit went to Puerto Rico. They faced no enemy other than mosquitoes but suffered the hardship of monotonous food and heavy woolen uniforms in the tropics.



Resolution No. VI.

Be It RESOLVED THAT the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 bestow the Title of Honorary Life Member upon Past District Master Jessie Olsson.

Motivation: Sr. Jessie Olsson is a 50-year member of Jenny Lind Lodge and District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12. She has served the District in many offices. She held the Office of Treasurer for many years, before being elected to the Office of Secretary, holding that office also for several years.

Her dedication to Vasa and the District Lodge can be truly appreciated by any member who has been elected to and served in the Office of Secretary or Treasurer of the District Lodge, for the responsibility and time demanded by the nature of the offices.

In 1981 she accepted nomination and was elected to the Office of Vice District Master, and went on to serve as District Master in 1982-83.

She has served as Sweden Day Parade Marshall. At the 1986 Grand Lodge Convention held in New York, Sr. Jessie represented District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 as a duly elected Delegate to the Convention.

Her service and dedication to Vasa is prominent. She has willingly accepted the Office of Treasurer for the Golden Gate Resort Center and also serves as Treasurer of the Past District Masters Club. She has accepted numerous appointed offices, having served as the first District Scholarship Chairman.

The Honor of a Life Membership in the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12, is most deserved by such a dedicated lady, Sr. Jessie Olsson.

District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12
Executive Board
Phyllis Petersen, Secretary

CORRECTIONS

Change of officers:
Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Johnson
4332 T Street
Sacramento, CA 95819
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Udvardy, Maude
Zip code 95864

Tillman, Terry & Marie
Telephone: (916)668-1646

Evelyn Anderson
Telephone: (916)386-0136

Anderson, Vera
Telephone: (919)692-9208

Stromgren, Steve John
Delete the &, John is
Steve's middle name

Delete:
Beckwith, Richard & Peggy
Brucker, Katherine
Franson, Richard & Lydia
Fredrickson, Olga
(deceased)
Logus, Margaretha
Norton, Ronald & Diane
Olesen, Gordon
Price, Betty (deceased)

Add to the program book:
Smörgåsbord November 9,
1991 at the Unitarian
Church on Sierra Blvd.



Next deadline for "The Monitor" will be
April 15, 1991

Please send your material to:
Marie Tillman, 1605 Truckee Way, Woodland, CA 95695

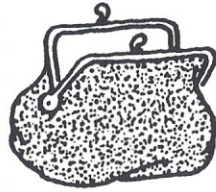
TRI CITY CULTURAL WEEK

April 15-April 20, 1991. A smörgåsbord luncheon is planned for April 20, 1991 at the Newark-Fremont Hilton. Reservations only. Tickets are sold for \$25.00 each. Send your checks to:

Tri City goes Swedish c/o Gigi Stengard
2568 Bruce Dr.
Fremont, CA 94539
(415)770-0437

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Barney, Kersten
Brown, June
Hubbell, Ethel
Niemoller, Donna
Niemoller, Ricki
Tillman, Terry & Marie



Membership anniversaries signifies DUES. If you have not yet paid, please bring dues with you to the April 5th meeting or mail them to your Financial Secretary Elizabeth Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. Please make checks payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. The yearly dues are \$14.00. If you wish a receipt mailed, enclose a self-addressed, stamped (29 cents) envelope. Please call Elizabeth Johnson at 452-2470 if you have any questions.



BIRTHDAYS

Hjärtliga gratulationer på födelsedagen!
Congratulations!

04/01 Robert Barrett	04/16 Lois Mullen
04/02 Millie Johnson	04/21 David Dorey
04/03 Harry Johnson	04/23 Ronny Kågström
04/04 Inez Norling	04/23 Kenneth Rydbrink
04/04 Christina Barrett	04/25 Roland Erickson
04/05 Lennart Anderson	04/28 Annika Anderson
04/07 Meghan Barney	04/30 Didrik Anderson
04/11 Gary Brill-Lehn	04/30 Holgar Nordquist
04/13 Amy Glad	04/30 Annalena Bronson
04/13 Peter Wardlow	

Special Birthdays: Inez Norling 94, Holgar Nordquist 86, Harry Johnson 83, Roland Erickson 83,



He was a delegate to the District Convention in San Francisco in 1964 and again in 1972 at the District Meeting held in Reno, Nevada.

Serving as a Member of the District Executive Board for Two years, he was elected to the Office of the Vice District Master in 1979, serving as Sweden Day Parade Marshall that same year.

He served the District as District Master in 1980-81, recommending that the District Lodge establish a Scholarship Fund.

Br. Baxter Swaffar has remained an active participant in District affairs, serving as Golden Gate Resort Center Chairman and Golden Gate Recreation Club No. 1 Chairman, each for a two year term. In 1982 and 1986 he represented the District Lodge as delegate to the Grand Lodge Conventions in Seattle and in New York. At the 1982 Grand Lodge Convention he was honored to be appointed to serve as Grand Lodge Master of Ceremonies.

He again accepted a Grand Lodge appointment, accepting the duties of Grand Lodge Deputy for a four year term, 1982-1986. He most recently was Chairman of the 1990 Grand Lodge Convention Committee, an obligation he accepted some six years ago, with the culmination of the Grand Lodge Convention this past July. Under his supervision and guidance, District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 united to host a successful and enjoyable Grand Lodge Convention.

Having served the District Lodge so honorably, Br. Baxter Swaffar deservedly should be honored with Life Membership in the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12.

District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12
Executive Board
Phyllis Petersen, Secretary

b) The officers in the local lodges shall serve the term for which they have been elected (January 1st to December 31st).

Be It RESOLVED THAT Article 20, Fiscal Year of the by-laws of the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 shall be amended to read as follows:

a) The books of the District Lodge shall be closed as of December 31st of each year.

b) The budget of the District Lodge shall coincide with the books of the District Lodge on the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.

c) The Officers in the local lodges shall serve the term for which they have been elected (January 1st to December 31st).

Motivation: There is a need to have the budget coincide with the accounting period of the year-end reports that are audited and submitted for approval at the District Meeting. Better insight of monies spent for the calendar year will be available and comprehended by all members.

District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12
Executive Board
Phyllis Petersen, Secretary

Resolution No. V.

Be It RESOLVED THAT the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 bestow the Title of Honorary Life Member upon Past District Master Baxter Swaffar.

Motivation: Br. Baxter Swaffar has served the Vasa Order of America, District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 in many capacities since his initiation in Vasa in 1956 at the District Convention hosted jointly by Sveaborg Lodge and Nord Lodge.

Resolution No. I.

Article 4 - Membership

a) The active membership of the District Lodge shall consist of its Officers, the Executive Board, Trustees, Auditors, all Past District Masters, District Supervisor of Children's Clubs, Vasa Star Correspondent and Publicity Director, District Membership Chairman, District Historian, District Blood Bank Chairman, Duly elected Delegates from the Various Local Lodges of the District and District Lodge Honorary Life Members.

Be It RESOLVED THAT Article 4, Membership (a) of the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 by-laws, be amended to read as follows:

a) The active membership of the District Lodge shall consist of its Officers, the Executive Board, Trustees, Auditors, all Past District Masters, District Supervisor of Children's Clubs, Vasa Star Correspondent and Publicity Chairman, District Historian, District Blood Bank Chairman, District Scholarship Chairman, duly elected Delegates from the various Local Lodges of the District and District Lodge Honorary Life Members.

Motivation: Since the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 adopted the Resolution to sponsor a scholarship funded from the District General Fund, a Chairman of the Scholarship Committee has been appointed, and rightfully should be included as an active member of the District Lodge as are the other Appointed Officers of the District Lodge.

District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12
Executive Board
Phyllis Petersen, Secretary

Resolution No. II

Article 15 - Traveling Expenses

a) Traveling expenses of District Officers, Members of the Executive Board, Trustees, Auditors and Committees whose work is such that they should attend the succeeding District Meeting, shall be paid by the District Lodge to and from the place of the District Meeting.

Be It RESOLVED THAT Article 15, Traveling Expenses, (a) of the by-laws of the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 be amended as follows:

Delete the entire paragraph (a).

Motivation: The responsibilities and duties of accepting an Office in the District Lodge should include attendance at the succeeding District Meeting without reimbursement for travel to and from the meeting. For many of the officers this is the only meeting that they attend. With luncheon and banquet tickets provided, this should be considered reimbursement enough for the acceptance of the responsibilities that are obligations and duties of the Officer, both appointed and elected.

District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12
Executive Board
Phyllis Petersen, Secretary

Resolution No. III.

Article 11 - Trustees and Auditors

a) There shall be three (3) Trustees and three (3) Auditors for the District Lodge, one (1) for each body elected yearly for a term of three (3) years. The Trustee and Auditor who has seniority of the elected body shall serve as Chairman of the Trustees and Auditors, respectively, and any unfilled term of the Trustees and Auditors shall be elected first.

b) The Trustees and Auditors shall be elected by a majority vote.

c) The election of the Trustees and Auditors shall take place immediately after the election of the District Cultural Leader.

Be It RESOLVED THAT Article 11, Trustees and Auditors of the by-laws of the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 shall be amended to read as follows:

a) There shall be three (3) Trustees and three (3) Auditors for the District Lodge one (1) Auditor shall be elected yearly for a term of three (3) years. The Office of the Trustee for the three (3) year term shall be filled automatically by the out-going Jr. Past District Master. The Trustee and Auditor who has seniority of the body shall serve as Chairman of the Trustees and Auditors, respectively, and any unfilled term of the Auditors shall be elected first.

b) The Auditors shall be elected by a majority vote.

c) The election of the Auditors shall take place immediately after the election of the District Cultural Leader.

Motivation: The Office of District Trustee should be held by a person with great experience and knowledge of the operation of District functions. Who, other than the Jr. Past District Master is better qualified and more knowledgeable of the needs and functions of the District? The automatic succession of the Jr. Past District Master to the Office of the Trustee three (3) year term would also expedite the election of the Officers.

District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12
Executive Board
Phyllis Petersen, Secretary

Resolution No. IV.

Article 20 - Fiscal Year

a) The books of the District Lodge shall be closed as of December 31st of each year.



SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL SACRAMENTO

Denmark · Finland · Norway · Sweden

SATURDAY - APRIL 13, 1991
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Board of Realtors Auditorium
2003 Howe Ave. (across from K-Mart)

★ *Scandinavian Food*

- *Open Faced Sandwiches*
- *Viking-On-a-Stick*
- *Aebleskiver & Pankakor*

★ *Baked Goods Sale*

★ *Scandinavian Crafts*

★ *Music & Entertainment*

☆☆ *Door Prizes* - *drawing each hour* ☆☆

Adults - \$1.00 Donation

Children under 12 - Free

For Information Call: 489-5729 483-4496 or 967-1830

