

The Monitor

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IN MARCH, WE'RE HAVING A special treat: Gil and Camilla Holm are coming all the way from Idaho to put on a big moose stew dinner.

This event will take place at our **Friday, March 6**, meeting. As usual, we'll have refreshments at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost will be a low \$5 for all the stew, salad, limpa, and dessert you can eat. Children under age 10 eat free.

We'll have a business meeting after the dinner with initiation of new members. Our cultural leaders have a nice program planned which will be of interest to all. It will be a busy evening, but you don't want to miss it. You will also want to come to this meeting to hear about the many Scandinavian events coming up in the next few months.

TUSEN TACK to our pea soup and Swedish pancake committee for the wonderful supper we had at our last meeting. Special thanks to Myrtle Widmark and Dorothy Scherer who secured the very best soup and pancake makers! Ed Dahlberg and Donn Stafford worked very hard over the hot stove, and many other volunteers helped make this a really successful event. It really helps when everyone pitch in! The decorations were very appropriate for February, and we cannot forget the indispensable clean-up people—you are all appreciated!

Chairman's Message

I would like to begin this month by thanking everyone who helped out at our February meeting, making it such a success. It was a great meal and everyone seemed to have an excellent time in spite of the weather. For the first time in a while, we seemed to have plenty of volunteers helping out!

I received a very gracious thank-you note from Marie-Ann Hill on behalf of Vera Anderson's family and friends, expressing their appreciation for our flag draping ceremony in her memory.

The next couple of months are going to be very busy for our lodge. We have the moose stew dinner and a Swedish pancake breakfast in March and our lodge anniversary dinner, the Scandinavian Festival, and the District Convention in April. So again, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Please volunteer.

We especially need a lodge representative on the Scandinavian Festival committee and also someone to take charge of the speaker system to see that it's put up and taken down at our meetings. If you're interested in either of these tasks, give me a call or mention it to Myrtle Widmark or Dorothy Scherer.

It was decided at our February 10 business meeting to try to eliminate the long lines at our dinners by selecting tables by lot to go up one table at the

time and be served.

We also voted to raise drink prices. I'm not happy with this, but costs just keep going up.

At our March meeting, in addition to the moose stew dinner, we will be voting on new members, convention delegates and resolutions, and enjoy some more Swedish cultural entertainment. So be there! We guarantee that you will have a good time.

*- In Truth and Unity,
Art Niemoller*

Swedish Pancakes

We're bringing back our Swedish pancake breakfast. We're enclosing a separate flier again, hoping you'll find a public place to post it.

The breakfast will be served on **Sunday, March 15, from 9 AM to 1 PM**, at Wisteria Hall, our usual meeting place. Invite you friends and neighbors and stop by on your way to or from church.

Besides the deliciously thin Swedish pancakes, the menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee—all you can eat for only \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

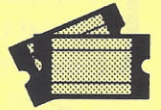
Please support our lodge and plan now to attend. We're hoping that this will be a good money-maker.



Condensed Minutes from February 10, 1998, Business Meeting

(David Benson has the complete minutes which are available to all Monitor members.)

1. The Membership Committee reported four applications not yet voted upon and two transfer applications. The applicants will be invited to attend the March 6 meeting.
2. The age of applicants for Monitor scholarships is not a criteria for consideration.
3. The historian will continue to display pictures at lodge meetings.
4. The chairman will seek direction from the membership at the March 6 meeting for the use of a recent \$1,000 donation.
5. Grand Lodge and District assessments are due and will be paid.
6. District convention resolutions will be discussed and voted on at the March 6 meeting.
7. The secretary will send a letter of commendation to Monitor member Ruby Hendrickson in recognition of meritorious contributions to the Vasa Order.
8. The secretary will notify the District of Monitor's contribution to the Sacramento Salvation Army.
9. Bar prices were increased and will be posted at the bar.
10. To avoid long lines, dinners will be served one table at the time, selected by drawing.
11. Ingrid Kennedy will make tickets for the pancake breakfast. Members will be asked to write their names and purchasers' names on the tickets for security reasons. Everyone is encouraged to advertise the breakfast and sell tickets. Lots of help will be needed to prepare and serve.
12. The anniversary dinner in April will be an "elegant buffet" prepared by Monitor cooks.
13. Monitor delegates to the District convention will be given \$50 towards expenses. So far, three of the four delegates have been appointed with two alternates as required.
14. People are still needed to help prepare for the Scandinavian Festival. Flyers and handbills for posting are available from Ingrid Kennedy.



Scandinavian Festival



We need people to help prepare for the Scandinavian Festival in April. The next planning meeting will be held on **Monday, March 9, 7 PM**, at the Sons of Norway Hall, 770

Darina Avenue. Please come.

We really need someone to be our sandwich coordinator. The famous Scandinavian open face sandwiches are a mainstay of the festival. The children's room can use a helper also. If you know of any vendors of Scandinavian items or for additional information, call Ellen Harrod, 362-5273.

Nål och Tråd

There will be two day-time meetings in March:

On the first **Tuesday, March 3, 11 AM**, at Myrtle's house, 3900 Silver Spur Way, and on the fourth **Tuesday, March 13, 11 AM**, at Dorothy Mogford's, 181 Whispering Pines in Rancho Cordova.

Please bring sack lunch to both meetings.



Deadline

for the April newsletter is **Friday, March 13**. Please send input before that date to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-2317 or to e-mail address iken@gvn.net.

For More Information

about Monitor Lodge, please contact one of the following:

Membership Committee members Astrid Broess, 791-4463, Michelle Kaufman, 451-3075, or Dee Benson at 933-5502.

Secretary David Benson, 933-5502

Vice Chairman Marianne Ek, 372-1015

Chairman Arthur Niemoller, 631-9330

PLEASE BRING
ENCLOSED RESOLUTIONS
TO THE NEXT MEETING,
SO WE'LL BE ABLE TO
EFFECTIVELY
DISCUSS THEM
AND VOTE ON THEM



3/01 - Astrid Horyza
 3/02 - Dorothy Scherer
 3/03 - Solveig Eltner
 3/04 - Karin Dorey
 3/04 - Laurine Coplen
 3/05 - Ellen Herting
 3/05 - Mark Roop
 3/06 - Berthell Nelson
 3/08 - Jack Doscher
 3/13 - Henry Hjersman
 3/17 - Kenneth Carlson
 3/17 - Donn Stafford
 3/17 - Trudi Kauffman
 3/18 - Edwin J. Cook
 3/20 - Helen Jenson
 3/26 - Robert Johnson
 3/24 - Gerda Anderson
 3/24 - Faye Powell
 3/26 - Lennart Thornros
 3/28 - Daniel Backman
 3/29 - Joyce Burns
 3/29 - Kjell Hakansson
 3/29 - Richard Boyer
 3/30 - Frank Lindahl
 3/30 - Arthur Niemoller

Swedish Pea Soup

Everyone raves about the Swedish pea soup we serve once a year. If you want to make your own (making sure to serve it only on a Thursday, of course), this is where to find the special Nordic yellow peas: Morant's Old Fashioned Sausage Kitchen at 5001 Franklin Boulevard here in Sacramento. It might be a good idea to call first (731-4377) to make sure they're not temporarily out of stock.

Monitor Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for the annual Monitor Lodge Scholarship. Applicants must be lodge members or children or grand-children of members. Those interested can obtain the needed forms by writing to

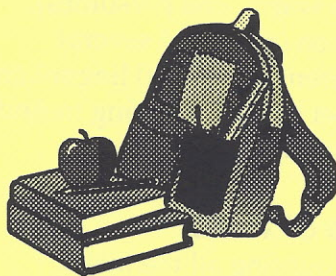
Eva Allred
 188 Johnson Road
 Sacramento, CA 95815

The application package will include 1) the student's completed application form; 2) three letters of recommendations; and 3) a written composition.

The composition theme should deal with the applicant's goals for the future and how the scholarship will help him or her toward these goals.

Please mail the completed application package to the lodge secretary. The due date is **March 15, 1998.**

- Ronny Kagstrom, Scholarship Committee



District Scholarship

The District scholarship award of \$500 is available to a Vasa Order member entering or enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The scholarship applications are due prior to **April 15, 1998.**

An applicant must have been a member in good standing for at least one year prior to submitting the application.

For information and applications, call Eva Allred, 922-3303.

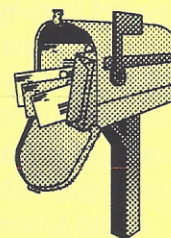
Address Corrections

Here are some address changes already for our new program books:

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Holm
 3375 Ridge Drive
 McCall, ID 83638-5409

Laverne Gilbertson
 6000 S. Land Park Drive #105
 Sacramento, CA 95822
 422-8058

It might also be a good idea to check our newsletters back to October for address changes since our program book drafts went to the District for printing. These changes might not be included in the new books.



In the January newsletter, we gave the wrong zip code for Evelyn Anderson's new address. It should be 95610.

Here's a plea from the editor:

If you change address, please inform our secretary David Benson or the newsletter editor, Ingrid Kennedy, (or both). It happens often when someone moves that we have to pay postage on one newsletter three times: when the newsletter first goes out, when it is returned by the post office with the address correction, and again when the newsletter is redirected to the new address. If this procedure takes too long, you might also miss out on some fun activities we've been holding in the meantime!



If You're Not A Member Yet . . .

We really want to mail out as many newsletters as possible to tell about our activities and share our Swedish heritage. However, Monitor Lodge has found it necessary to limit the number of free issues to six per nonmember. Unfortunately, it's all we can afford. We hope that in the meantime, you have decided to join the lodge and will keep receiving the newsletter.

When someone has received six issues and has decided against joining, it will still be possible to stay on the mailing list for \$10 a year. If you have received six free issues and do not plan to join Monitor, please send your subscription check to:

Karin Dorey,
Monitor Financial Secretary
2434 Stokewood Way
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Useful Dictionary

If you're on the Internet, there is now fast and easy help to find the translation of an English word into Swedish or the other



way around. The Swedish Board of Education has set up a web page that give us an excellent Swedish-English-Swedish dictionary

with words, spelling, pronunciation, and even examples of how to use the word. When the site first comes up, it's in Swedish but with a click you can change the dialogue into English. This new dictionary is found under the Internet address www.nada.kth.se/skolverket/sve-eng.html

- From *Vestkusten*, 1/15/98

At Home in Sweden

In the "California Life" section of *The Sacramento Bee*, 24 Jan 98, a book critic wrote about a what-style-should-I-do-my-home-this-year book called Bringing it Home: Sweden (Clarkson Potter, \$40):

This book "is a breath of cool Northern air, so to speak. After her other 'Bringing it Home' books. . . Cheryl MacLachlan's newest creation seems super subtle, but then it's all about Sweden. You wouldn't expect it to be as crazy as the Italian version, nor as froufrou as the French.. A chapter called 'Making it Crystal Clear' says a lot. There's that cobalt blue glass, the wildest thing about the book, save the yellow check inside the front cover. Swedish style is an antidote to wild and woolly. One of the bonuses of the book is recipes for things such as schnapps (something to help you keep warm, one presumes), salmon (prepared several different ways) and lingonberry sorbet (have fun trying to find lingonberries).

Lots of Water

Counting all the inlets, promontories, and islands, Sweden has a coastal strip of 8,000 km long, one-fifth of the earth's circumference, and there are 96,000 navigable lakes in the country. It is hardly surprising that some 1.3 million pleasure boats exist, making one Swede in six a boat-owner.



- Images of Sweden, 1995

March Dues Anniversaries

If you have already paid, please ignore this reminder and thank you for your promptness.

Helen and Gary Baker
Annalena Bronson
Lowell Carlson
Margaret Carlson
Sven-Erik och Brita Carlsson
Louise and Thomas Center
Carol and Michael Churkin
Deidre Dahlberg
Kay and John Ericson
Elizabeth and Harry Johnson
Gibson and Dorothy Kingren
Leo Krastins
Carl A. Larson
Wendy Strand
Richard Westrup

Dues are \$18 a year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may pay them at the March meeting or by mail to our financial secretary, Karin Dorey, 2434 Stokewood Way, Rancho Cordova, CA. If you would like a receipt and membership card, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please call Karin (858-8568) if you have questions or there are errors on this list.

Three crowns

have formed part of the Swedish national emblem since at least the year 1336. According to one historian, the king, Magnus Eriksson, wanted to emphasize the fact that he was king of Sweden, Norway and Skåne. Three golden crowns adorn the tower of Sweden's best-known building—the City Hall in Stockholm—and they may also be found on the costumes of the national sports teams, such as the ice-hockey team at the Olympics.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1998

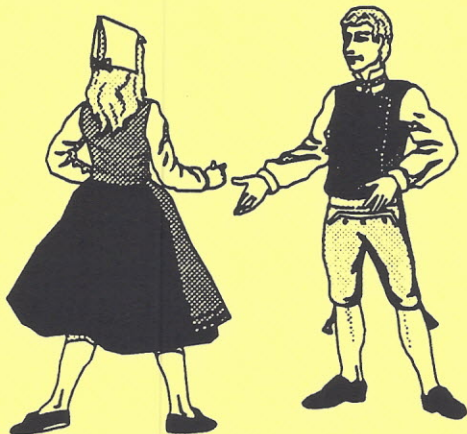
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Ignatius Parish Center

3235 Arden Way

(Two blocks west of Watt Avenue)

Adults \$2 - Children under 12 free



- ♪ Scandinavian food (open-face sandwiches, viking-on-a-stick, æbleskiver, pannkakor, etc.)
- ♪ Baked goods sale
- ♪ Scandinavian crafts
- ♪ Music and entertainment
- ♪ Door prizes
- ♪ For more information, call 483-4496, 783-8830, or 989-3143

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RESOLUTIONS

submitted for the 1998 District No. 12 Convention

➔ Please bring these resolutions to the next meeting so we can discuss and vote on them. ←

RESOLUTION 98-01 to amend District Bylaws Article 7, submitted by the Executive Board

Rename current section (b) to section (c)

Add new section (b) to read:

The District Meeting in even-numbered years shall be mainly cultural and social in nature. There shall be a business meeting primarily for the purpose of electing officers and for conducting any urgent business as determined by the Executive Board.

MOTIVATION:

Hosting of a District Meeting is a time-consuming and costly undertaking and it has become increasingly hard to get a local lodge to do this. The meeting in even-numbered years should still be hosted by a local lodge and there would be delegates from all the local lodges.

The details on how to handle costs would be outlined under "Responsibility of the Host Lodge and Responsibility of the District." The cost to both the District and the local lodges would be lower, perhaps substantially, compared to the odd-numbered year meetings that would proceed as they do now.

Furthermore, the meeting in the even-numbered year would give us the opportunity to offer more cultural programs. With a cultural seminar, which would be moved to odd-numbered years, this proposal makes cultural exchanges possible every year and that is really what Vasa is all about. The even-numbered year District Meeting could offer work-shops, discussion groups, cultural entertainment, videos, etc.

RESOLUTION 98-02 to amend District Bylaws Article 9, submitted by the Executive Board

Amend section (a) to read:

The following officers shall be elected: District Master, Vice District Master, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Assistant District Secretary, District Cultural Leader, District Trustees, and District Auditors; the first six (6) by majority vote and the remainder by a plurality. All elections in the District Lodge shall be by secret ballot.

- Rename current section (f) to section (g)
- Rename current section (e) to section (f)
- Rename current section (d) to section (e)
- Rename current section (c) to section (d)
- Rename current section (b) to section (c)

Add new section (b) to read:

The following officers shall be appointed by the incoming District Master: District Chaplain, District Master of Ceremonies, Assistant Master of Ceremonies, District Inner Guard, District Outer Guard, District Youth Supervisor, Vasa Star Correspondent, Archives Representative, District Membership Chair, District Historian, District Scholarship Chair, District Newsletter Editor.

MOTIVATION:

This will shorten the time it takes to elect officers and make more time available for culture. Candidates for the officer categories that have been moved to the appointment category now would make their desire to occupy one of those positions known to the Executive Board or the Election Committee that they are available for appointment. The incoming District Master would then select from volunteers that have come forward.

**RESOLUTION 98-03 to amend District Bylaws Article 24,
submitted by Jenny Lind Lodge No. 388**

Section (b), subsection (2) now reads:

To be eligible for a scholarship, the candidate must have been a member of the Vasa Order of America for at least one year prior to application.

Add to section (b), subsection (2):

The candidate must also be an active and participating member of their lodge. The candidate must attend at least three (3) meetings of a regularly scheduled local lodge meeting.

MOTIVATION:

With Vasa's emphasis on continuing membership, it is necessary to encourage our younger members to attend and participate in local lodge meetings. By doing this they learn what the Vasa Order of America is all about. In the past, scholarships have been given out to candidates that have not fully participated in local and district lodge activities. The scholarship money should be awarded to members who attend and support Vasa and its goals.

SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Served by Monitor Lodge of the
Vasa Order of America,
a Swedish American fraternal organization**

We invite everyone,
members with family and friends
and the general public,
to enjoy a delicious, plentiful breakfast
of the famous thin Swedish pancakes
with all the trimmings.

**Sunday, March 15
9 am - 1 pm
Wisteria Hall
3830 U Street
Sacramento**

\$5 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12

2 WEEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Patronized by Monitor Lodge of the
Grand Order of America
a Swedish branch of fraternal organization

Our breakfast
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Sunday, March 15
7:30 am - 1:00 pm
The Hotel Hall
1234 U Street
Sacramento

25 for adults and 15 for children under age 12