

THE MONITOR

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"HEADS UP"

FEBRUARY

2/6/04 Swedish Dinner

Eat @ 7 Social @ 6

Cook Team 3

2/11/04 Bus. Mtg.

Netzel Residence

MARCH

3/5/04 Finn Dinner

Eat @ 7 Social @ 6

APRIL

91st Anniversary, Bus. Mtg., GG
District Convention.

ALWAYS CHECK THE 2004
GREEN BOOK!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

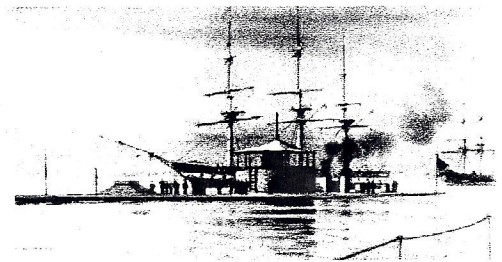
THE 12TH OF THE MONTH

THE IRONCLAD MONITOR

The *Monitor* is not only an icon of Civil War history, but a pivotal piece of international naval history as well. Designed by Swedish-American engineer and inventor John Ericsson, the *Monitor* was the world's first ironclad, turreted warship. When the ship was launched at Greenpoint, Long Island, New York, on January 30, 1862, many expected it to sink, for with its exceptionally low freeboard and heavy iron armor, it looked half-sunk already. But Ericsson's design proved sound, and the ship made its way to Hampton Roads, Virginia, for what would be an historic clash with the CSS *Virginia*.

With just two 11-inch Dahlgren guns, the *Monitor* was dramatically out-gunned by the much larger *Virginia*, which had four guns along each side and one at the bow and stern. But the *Monitor* was much more maneuverable, and its revolving

turret allowed the Dahlgren guns to be aimed and re-aimed quickly. The ironclads fought ferociously for nearly four hours, but neither ship sustained serious damage. They finally parted in a draw, with both sides claiming victory.



The battle may have been inconclusive, but as the smoke faded away and the guns fell silent, it was clear that the age of wooden sailing ships was over. Naval warfare would never be the same. As the first of a new class of warships, the *Monitor's* bold innovations in design and technology forever changed the design of fighting ships and the course of warfare at sea. (Concluded on Page 5)

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new year. I believe we have a great staff to serve the Lodge for 2004. On January 9 we participated in a dinner and joint installation of officers with Sierra Kronan in Roseville. The food was terrific and our own Past District

Master Kurt Pfankuch performed the installation with the assistance of District Deputy Peggy Carlson. The majority of our officers and a contingent of our Lodge were also present. For the February meeting we need to (Concluded on Page 5)

**THE SUCCESS OF
OUR LODGE DE-
PENDS ON INVOLVE-
MENT AND FEED-
BACK!**

**IF YOU HAVE AN
IDEA AND YOU CAN-
NOT ATTEND A
BOARD MEETING,
LET A LODGE OFFI-
CER KNOW ABOUT
IT!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
IN FEBRUARY**

2nd Martha Parks
4th Stanley Hagstrom
5th Annabel Audet
Lisa Rea
6th Charles Johnson
8th Helen Starkey
Kenneth Swenson
9th Ethel Johnson
Mindy Patterson
Ruth Volkov
11th Maude Udvardy
12th Wesley Bjur
13th Jill Stockham
18th Richard Westrup
19th Kurt Pfannkuch
22nd Jone Cannady
Marie Tillman
30th Art Niemoller



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Monitor Lodge Minutes
December 17, 2003

The Board/Audit meeting was held at chairman Netzel's home. Present were John and Jewel Wright, Margaretha Logus, Jack Larson, David Benson, Ed Netzel and Gail Nemy.

John Wright brought up the fact that he cannot find the list of duties for his office of auditor. Other officers' list of duties is also missing. Chairman Ed will contact Barbara Olson to see if she has detailed lists of officers' duties.

The committee for discussing how the treasurer manages her office duties has not met yet.

Jack Larson needs more members to volunteer for dinner duties. He will work on organizing the bar for meetings.

The Trustees need to keep up the back room. It is no longer in good order. An inventory needs to be made of our supplies, etc. This inventory needs to be kept up to date. An inventory was made in the recent past, but no one at the meeting is sure where it is or who has it. Members, please contact an auditor if you know the whereabouts of the inventory.

The audit was completed. Membership is down to 169 members, 58 brothers and 111 sisters. The annual report will be sent to the District Secretary at the end of December.

Respectfully submitted in Truth and Unity,

Gail Nemy, Secretary

NÅL OCH TRÅD NEWS

On Thursday February 12th we meet at my home. This will be a bag lunch meeting. If you need directions or information, call me at 635-4541.

Nål och Tråd donated \$80 to the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries. This money came from the raffle held at the Lodge's Christmas Party.

Nål och Tråd also donated \$25 to the lodge for maintaining contact with our shut-ins.

On February 26th we will have our second meeting for the month. I will let you know the details.

Dorothy Mogford

KITCHEN KORNER

Our first dinner meeting for the New Year will be February 6. We will be honoring Sweden this month with a Peasoup and Pancake Supper.

In Sweden it is the tradition that Thursday you have peasoup and pancakes. It is one of our most popular dinner meetings.

Social hour starts at 6:00 and the meal will be served at or a little before 7:00. For \$7.50 you can get all you want to eat and children under ten are may eat for free. Jack Larson, our new kitchen coordinator will have a wonderful crew to do it up right, And our cultural leader, Don Carlson is planning a wonderful program. So mark

your calendar now as a must event to attend. See you all there.

Margaret Carlson

Team 3 and its talents will be preparing the soup and pancakes for the February Dinner. They are: Tom & Annika Anderson, David & Dee Benson, John Wright, Dorothy Scherer, Dick Eriksson, Brian & Jill Stockham, Ed Netzel, Lisa Krastins, Ethel Johnson.

We ALMOST have four full teams and we would like to have five. HELP!!

Jack Larson

Loose Ends!

If you subscribe to Vestkusten and you have not use for them once read, please bring them to the meetings to share with others.

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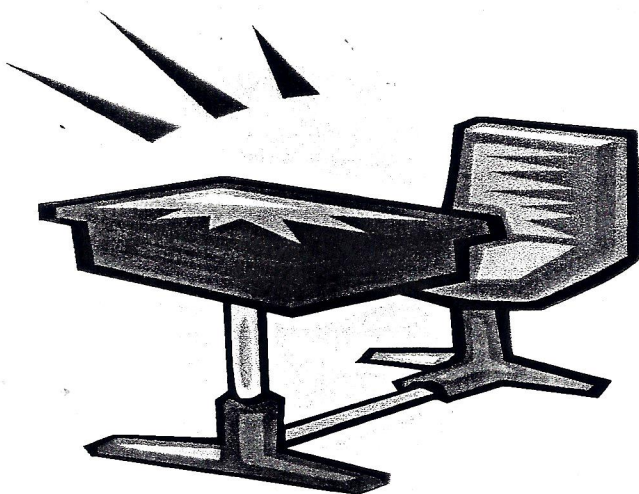
CULTURE

Our cultural program for the February 2004 meeting will be:

- 1) Historical Anecdote: Queen Margaret I - Ruler of all Scandinavia
- 2) "Sing-Along With Osk".

Oskar Carlson

LANGUAGE PRACTICE



DUE TO "TECHNICAL" DIFFICULTIES THIS IMPORTANT SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL NOT APPEAR IN THIS ISSUE. BIRGITTA AND I WILL HAVE THE CYBERSPACE GREMLINS STRAIGHTENED OUT IN TIME FOR THE MARCH NL! (ed.)

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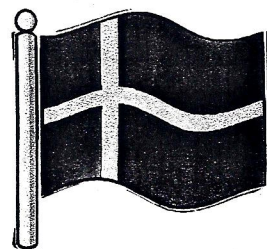
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FROM THE EDITORS

MEMBERSHIP ALERT! We have been pleased to send our Monitor Newsletter to 14 addresses provided by Monitor members, for potential membership in Monitor Lodge VOA. We are requesting that sponsoring members make contact with people for whom they requested mailings to clarify interest and notify David Benson at 916-933-5502, to continue beyond the March mailing.

David Benson

Gathering data and preparing this Monitor Newsletter is a totally new and challenging undertaking for me. I can tell right off that the established deadline of the 12th of the preceding month really has to be adhered to! With the exception of a few minor glitches, this first issue under new editorship has gone smoothly. Thanks to all who helped. Comments on the NL are OK!

Jack Larson

UPCOMING SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

The Scandinavian Festival Planning Committee meets at Briarwood Mobile Home Park, Routier Road, Rancho Cordova. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. The festival will be May 8. This is the biggest fundraiser we have. All profits are divided equally among participating groups. We need more committee members to help plan and perform the work necessary for a successful festival. For information, call Dorothy Scherer, 967-6809, or e-mail, Dnscherer@aol.com.

Dorothy Scherer

The preparations for the Scandinavian Festival are continuing. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 9, 7:00 p.m. at Breyerwood Mobile Home Park, 2950 Routier Road, Rancho Cordova. We need more volunteers to assist with the planning. If you would like directions, please contact Gail Nemy, Elizabeth Swenson, Myrtle Widmark or Dorothy Scherer and we will be happy to give you the directions.

We will need VOLUNTEERS the day of the event. We are responsible for sandwiches, Swedish pancakes, coffee and staffing the Sweden Information Booth. If you are interested in volunteering,



THE SCANDIFEST
COMMITTEE
NEEDS
YOU

(BOTH SUBMITTED ARTICLES APPEAR AT
THE DISCRETION OF THE EDITORS)

please contact Elizabeth Swenson. I will be looking for volunteers during the February and March meetings. We will also gratefully accept Gevalia coffee donations for the coffee booth.

Elizabeth Swenson