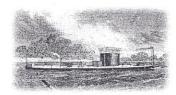
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9/8 7:00 (No Dinner!) Kaffekalas, Lodge Meeting & Initiation (See Page 4)

9/13 7:00 Program Planning Meeting 2007 at the Netzel Residence—Come and bring your ideas!

9/30 10 AM-3 PM Scandinavian Festival St. Ignatius Hall Sac

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John Hanson, American Patriot and First President of the United States (1715-1783)



John Hanson

He was the heir of one of the greatest family traditions in the colonies and became the patriarch of a long line of American patriots – his great-grandfather died at Lutzen beside the great King Gustavus Aldophus of Sweden; his grandfather was one of the founders of New Sweden along the Delaware River in Maryland; one of his nephews was the military secretary to George Washington; another was a signer of the Declaration; still another was a signer of the Constitution; yet another was Governor of Maryland during the Revolu-

tion; and still another was a member of the first Congress; two sons were killed in action with the Continental Army; a grandson served as a member of Congress under the new Constitution; and another grandson was a Maryland Senator. Thus, even if Hanson had not served as President himself, he would have greatly contributed to the life of the nation through his ancestry and progeny.

As a youngster he began a self-guided reading of classics and rather quickly became an acknowledged expert in the juridicalism of Anselm and the practical philosophy of Seneca – both of which were influential in the development of the political philosophy of the great leaders of the Reformation. It was based upon these legal and theological studies that the young planter – his farm, Mulberry Grove was just across the Potomac from Mount Vernon – began to espouse the cause of the patriots.

In 1775 he was elected to the Provincial Legislature of Maryland. Then in 1777, he became a member of Congress where he distinguished himself as a brilliant administrator. Thus, he was elected President in 1781. Was John Hanson the first President of the United States?

The new country was actually formed on March 1, 1781 with the adoption of The Articles of Confederation. This document was actually proposed on June 11, 1776, but not agreed upon by Congress until November 15, 1777. Maryland

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20th Joesie Hennig

22nd Ethel Hubbell

23rd Britt Marie Andersson

24th Yvonne Magneheim

Oh, its a long, long while from may to december
But the days grow short when you reach september
When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame
One hasnt got time for the waiting game

Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few September, november And these few precious days Ill spend with you These precious days Ill spend with you refused to sign this document until Virginia and New York ceded their western lands (Maryland was afraid that these states would gain too much power in the new government from such large amounts of land). Once the signing took place in 1781, a President was needed to run the country. John Hanson was chosen unanimously by Congress (which included George Washington). In fact, all the other potential candidates refused to run against him, as he was a major player in the Revolution and an extremely influential member of Congress.

As the first President, Hanson had quite the shoes to fill. No one had ever been President and the role was poorly defined. His actions in office would set precedent for all future Presidents. He took office just as the Revolutionary War ended. Almost immediately, the troops demanded to be paid. As would be expected after any long war, there were no funds to meet the salaries. As a result, the soldiers threatened to overthrow the new government and put Washington on the throne as a monarch. All the members of Congress ran for their lives, leaving Hanson running the government. He somehow managed to calm the troops and hold the country together. If he had failed, the government would have fallen almost immediately and everyone would have been bowing to King Washington.

Hanson, as President, ordered all foreign troops off American soil, as well as the removal of all foreign flags. This was quite a feat, considering the fact that so many European countries had a stake in the United States since the days following Columbus. Hanson established the Great Seal of the United States, which all Presidents have since been required to use on all official documents. President Hanson also established the first Treasury Department, the first Secretary of War, and the first Foreign Affairs Department. Lastly, he declared that the fourth Thursday of every November was to be Thanksgiving Day, which is still true today.

The Articles of Confederation only allowed a President to serve a one-year term during any three-year period, so Hanson actually accomplished quite a bit in such little time. He served in that office from November 5, 1781 until November 3, 1782. He was the first President to serve a full term after the full ratification of the Articles of Confederation – and like so many of the Southern and New England Founders, he was strongly opposed to the Constitution when it was first discussed. He remained a confirmed anti-federalist until his untimely death.

Six other presidents were elected after him - Elias Boudinot (1783), Thomas Mifflin (1784), Richard Henry Lee (1785), Nathan Gorman (1786), Arthur St. Clair (1787), and Cyrus Griffin (1788) - all prior to Washington taking office. Why don't we ever hear about the first seven Presidents of the United States? It's quite simple - The Articles of Confederation didn't work well. The individual states had too much power and nothing could be agreed upon. A new doctrine needed to be written - something we know as the Constitution.

George Washington was definitely not the first President of the United States. He was the first President of the United States under the Constitution we follow to-day. And the first seven Presidents are forgotten in history.

NÅL OCH TRÅD SEPTEMBER

Well, fall is about to make its debut! Let's hop it means some cooler days and nights. I think we deserve them.

Nål och Tråd meets twice a month, for those who aren't familiar with out group, the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, July excepted. We make and sell our crafts, and the money we earn is used for charity and things the lodge might need.

Our first meeting in September, Tuesday the 12th, will be at Ruby Anderson's home at 10:00 AM. Bring a brown bag lunch and Ruby will have coffee and dessert for us. Elizabeth Johnson will be our hostess on September 26th. It will be a potluck lunch. She is looking forward to this day.



VISIT THE NÅL OCH TRÅD TABLE WHEN YOU ARE AT THE NORDIC FESTIVAL

KÖKNYHET

The September meeting is a Kaffekalas, Lodge Meeting and Initiation. If your last neme begins with M-Z, please bring a dessert item to share.

The Kräftskiva held just yesterday, the 12th, at Ken and Peggy Carlson's was a major event of 2006! Thank you Carlsons for opening your home to us on a beautiful California day to enjoy great food and friendship. Thanks also to Ken and Peggy's "extended" family for their involvement in helping to make us feel welcome and loved. Special thanks to Tom Anderson, keyboard player extraordinaire!! He had us singing and working off the akavit!! We all brought something to share and it made an impressive spread.

Another planning meeting should be held soon for the Annual Smörgåsbord, a day and time will be in the next newsletter. Please consider giving input to this event. It is a lot of work and your ideas are welcome and appreciated.

The Dinner Teams are listed on Page 11. Please give the list a glance to see if working with a different team would help you in any way. I'm thinking of people who are traditionally gone at certain times of the year might be interested in switching with someone. Keep it simple for me, ok?? As a refresher, Team 1 usually does the October dinner, Team 2 the February dinner, Team 3 the May dinner, Team 4 the June dinner.

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HELP

Member Bernice Hopkins asks if anyone can help her translate some Swedish documents. If you can, she can be reached at 684-6850 or bernicehop-



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CHAIRMAN DALE AND MARGARET VISIT RELATIVES IN DENMARK

DALE PROMISES A GREAT CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE NEXT ISSUE!

TREVLIG RESA



KRÄFTSKIVA PICTURES









Pictures Courtesy of Brian Stockham Tack, Brian!











MINUTES MONITOR LODGE - 12 AUGUST 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dale Ingvardsen at 5:43PM. Present were Gail Nemy, Dorothy Scherer, Jack Larson, Matt Wilson, Jewel & John Wright, Myrtle Widmark and Marianne Ek. Gail Nemy, Jack Larson and Marianne Ek have volunteered to put together the Program Books for 2007. Membership application of Maribeth Bean was approved and she will be initiated at the September meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available so were not approved. Myrtle reported on the Grand Lodge Convention in San Diego. The Flag Ceremony was done as it is done in Sweden. There were many members there from Sweden. Todd Anderson is the new Grand Lodge video representative.

Dorothy reported on the Friendship committee. Margaret Linn has passed away. This brought up a discussion of how to better inform members of critical issues within the Lodge. Chairman Dale Ingvardsen will look into this matter upon his return from Denmark in September. It was also suggested we take new members under our collective wings and help them integrate into our Lodge. We hope that their talents will be able to be used and persons already doing a specific job such as crafts, cooking, music and so forth welcome our new members so they may also be part of our work force. New members, let us know what you wish to do in the Lodge.

Dale reported for the Scholarship Committee, there had been a slight problem in getting the funds to this year's recipient and Dale wrote a letter and forwarded the check. Thanks, Dale.

A wine tasting tour was mentioned for the fall but has been tabled until the Spring as it takes more time to put this together. Jack and Dale will be working on a wine tasting tour for the Spring.

If you need keys for Wisteria Hall call Dale Ingvardsen. Also Dale will be speaking with The Grange about storage facilities and keeping Monitor and the Church things in better order for each group. Dale would like a meeting with the Grange and the Church to help facilitate this matter.

There was no correspondence. Dorothy reported on the progress of the Nordic Festival. Gail, Dorothy and Myrtle attended the last meeting. Members are encouraged to volunteer, remember we receive a portion of the dollars. The ladies group works very hard all year long to produce items for sale at the Monitor booth, please stop by and see what they have to offer for sale. The ladies have been most generous with the funds in the support of our Lodge.

The Anniversary Dinner is schedule for April 6, 2007 at the Dante Club. Dale will be contacting them to confirm the date and then meet with a committee for the Dinner.

It is recommended that ongoing expenses such as the rent and newsletter not wait for approval by auditors at each meeting but be paid in a timely manner by the Treasurer and then the amounts read at the next meeting. This should help to streamline some of the work and omit needless delays in getting out the important bills.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY. Also we need 2 persons to volunteer for the Scholarship Committee. Jack Larson has information on Children's Clubs. All of those with young children through high school age who are interested contact Jack by phone or email. Also is there a parent out there was is willing to take on this task? It was recommended that somewhere in the newsletter there be a list of the officers their phone numbers and email.

23rd Annual Scandinavian Festival September 30, 2006

10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Scandinavian food & baked goods
Information about the Nordic Countries
Music and Entertainment
Door Prizes

St. Ignatius Parish Center 3235 Arden Way Sacramento, CA (Two blocks west of Watt Avenue) Adults \$3 Children under 16 free

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SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

This year the Scandinavian Festival (in the future to be known as the Nordic Festival) will be held on September 30, 2006 at St. Ignatius Parish Hall on Arden Way from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be food, entertainment, travel information, craft demonstrations and vendors selling beautiful items from the Nordic countries and drawings for great prizes. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner.

Laura Kagstrom will be the Swedish flag bearer at the noon Flag Ceremony. Elizabeth Swensen's son Eric will carry the American flag. The Norwegian Men's choir will sing the anthems.

The Monitor members of the Festival committee will be asking for help making and selling Swedish pancakes, sandwiches, and coffee. Volunteers are needed for selling tickets at the door and inside at the food booths. Fifteen people are needed to volunteer one hour of their time to sell tickets. Let Gail Nemy know if you are interested.

The baked goods table is always in need of all the baked goods we can donate. If you have any favorite Scandinavian recipes, please consider baking something for the baked goods table.

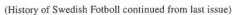
Remember, the more money the Festival brings in, the more each club can earn for their treasury.

UPDATE

The Festival needs volunteers to sell tickets serve sandwiches and pancakes, assemble sandwiches, roll pancakes, sell coffee, and make breads to sell at the bakery table and other duties as needed. The Festival is September 30 at St Ignatius Church on Arden Way, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call Dorothy Scherer at 967-6809 or Elizabeth Swenson at 452-6944 or Gail Nemy at 481-0373. If you can help for a couple of hours on the 30th, please call and volunteer your services. Many thanks from the Festival Committee.

Note from the Scholarship Committee. It is not too early to begin thinking about applying for the scholarships available to Vasa members and their families. Remember there is the Monitor, District and Grand Lodge Scholarships available. Be sure to look through the Vasa Star for more information about these scholarships or contact Donna Niemoller or Marianne Ek.

A special thank you to Karin Johnson, who also sang at the IKEA celebration of Midsommar, along with an apology from the editor for not including her in the original article.



1946: Gunnar Gren is the first player to be awarded the Golden Ball, as Swedish Footballer of the Year.

1948: Sweden beat Yugoslavia 3-1 in the Olympic final and win the gold medal at the London Olympics.

1950: Swedes take the bronze medal at the Brazilian - without any professional players.

1952: Another bronze medal to Sweden; this time at the Helsinki Olympics.

1958: Sweden hosts the World Cup; an organisational and sporting success. The Swedish team reaches the final, Bra zil winning 5-2. The 1958 World Cup tournament was a great success for the host na-

tion both on and off the field. Guided by their British manager George Raynor, Sweden reached the final.

1959: Astounding Swedish victory over England, 3-2 at Wembley. Agne Simonsson awarded Svenska Dagbladet's gold medal for his winning effort.

1964: Sweden reach the quarter-finals of the European Nations Cup, where they lose to the Soviet Union.

1969: Striker Ove Kindvall shoots Sweden to the World Cup with two goals in a qualifier against France. Kindvall is awarded Svenska Dagbladet's gold medal.

Our Cousins visit from Vetlanda, Smaland, Sweden By Bernice Hopkins and Thelma Gorrell

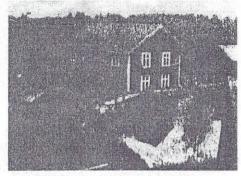
We have had the joy of having five of our cousins from Sweden come to California during the month of July. Our common ancestors are Jonas & Marta Nilsson, who lived in Ingarp, and Jonas, had a carpentry factory in Skarvhults, both in Smaland.



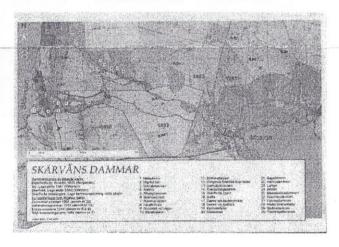
The Nilsson's house Ingarp, Sweden Jonas & Marta - Where it all began

A restoration project is under way at this time and the Jonas Nilsson Carpenter Factory (15) is among those that will be rebuilt on the original foundation

Thelma Gorrell and Bernice Hopkins are descended from Jonas and Marta Nilsson's 1st child Nils Malkom, and our visitors are descended from their 7th child. When the six living children made their plans to come to America in the 1880s, the parents required that one boy and one girl remain in Sweden. Our cousins are descended from that boy Gustaf Albert.



Jonas Nilsson Carpentry Factory in Skarvhults, Smaland, Sweden built in 1898, and later burned down. He built light horse drawn buggies for Sunday. When cars came, he switched to tovs and decorator items



Conny and Kerstin Nilsson, their daughter Anna Nilsson, her fiancé' Lennart Svensson, and their son Oskar Svensson (who was 21 months old), arrived in San Francisco on July 13. They took a tour of the city and then spent a day at Santa Cruz. Our daughter met them in San Francisco, and they followed her to Muir Woods. They spent the next two days touring in the Sonoma Valley, and visiting wineries. On July 19, we met them in Windsor, and drove on State route 12 to State Rt 160 at Rio Vista, then followed the Sacramento River to Sutter Island, and then to Elk Grove, to show them some of the Delta. On the 20th we went to Sutter's Fort and were there for the cannon firing at noon. We circled Capitol Park, and went on to Old Sacramento, to lunch on the Delta King. They were thrilled to find a room named for Jenny Lind on the Delta King, and showed us Swedish money with Jenny Lind's picture.



On the left Dean Hopkins, Conny Nilsson, Lennart Svensson, Anna Nilsson, Kerstin Nilsson. On the right George and Thelma Gorrell. Oskar Svensson is behind the post, only his legs show.

On our way to Lake Tahoe we showed them the spot where the gold was discovered in 1848, and they were surprised in the museum, to see how small the piece of gold was, that started the Gold Rush. Our family reunion at Lake Tahoe had 109 people present, even with the 92-degree heat. On Sunday, July 23rd they went on their own to stay at Monterey, traveled Highway 1 along the coast to Anaheim, with another overnight stop at Morro Bay. Sight seeing in California came to an end when they boarded the plane back to Sweden on July

When we were in Sweden in 1994 they were suffering with a heat wave of 80 degrees F, it was over 100 degrees F every day that they were here, but we had a really good time in spite of it.



Fourth generation members of Jonas and Marta Nilsson's family in the USA Sw

Dean & Bernice Hopkins, George and Thelma Gorrell Sweden
Kerstin Nilsson, Lennart Svensson,
Anna Nilsson, Oskar Svensson,

Conny Nilsson.

Our cousins have given us information on our family back to 1667.

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1970: Swedish participation in the World Cup in Mexico. Team ousted in the group matches.

1973: The first women's international match sees Finland meet Sweden. The game ends 0-0.

1974: A better showing by Sweden in the World Cup in Germany. The Swedes take fifth place after several good performances.

1978: Sweden participate in their third consecutive World Cup, this time in Argentina. Scoring only one goal in three matches, they are knocked out in the first round.

1979: Malmö FF reach the European Cup final, losing 1-0 to Nottingham Forest. The astonishing effort is, however, rewarded with Svenska Dagbladet's gold medal.

1982: IFK Göteborg win the UEFA Cup after victory over Hamburg in the final.

1987: IFK Göteborg UEFA Cup Champions again, this time after victory over Dundee United.

1990: Lennart Johansson is elected President of UEFA. Sweden participate in the World Cup in Italy, but lose all their three group matches 1-2.

1992: Sweden hosts EURO 92 and achieves another organisational and sporting success. The Swedish team surprisingly reaches the semi-final, losing 2-3 to Germany.

1994: Sweden have a sensational World Cup in USA, winning the bronze medal after several unforgettable matches. Sweden beat Romania on penalties in an exciting quarter-final and Bulgaria are defeated 4-0 in the match for third place. Tomas Brolin is selected for the World Cup '94 All-Star Team and the World Cup squad is awarded Svenska Dagbladet's gold medal.

1995: Sweden hosts the 2nd Women's World Cup.

1996: The interest in football is bigger than ever in Sweden. The number of licensed players has grown by 25% since 1992, and passes 200,000 - an all-time high.

1997: Sweden and Norway are the first-ever co-hosts of an international championship: the UEFA Women's Championship.

1999: Sweden reach EURO 2000 by winning Qualifying Group 5: seven wins and one draw in eight matches.

2000: Sweden participate in the European Championships in Belgium/Netherlands, but defeats against Belgium (1-2) and Italy (1-2) together with 0-0 against Turkey means that Sweden bow out of the tournament after the group stage. The Swedish referee Anders Frisk officiates at the Italy-France final.

Sweden's national women's team competes in the Olympics, but is eliminated in the group phase.

2001: Sweden reach the World Cup in Korea/Japan without losing a game in qualifying. With 8 wins and two draws, coaches Tommy Söderberg and Lars Lagerbäck takes their run of undefeated qualifying games to 18. For the first time ever Sweden has qualified for two tournaments in a row.

Sweden's national women's team take part in the European Championship in Germany, where they reach the final but lose to the hosts Germany after extra time.

2002: For the first time Sweden receives the highest ranking as the draw for the qualification groups to the European Championship in Portugal 2004 is made.

Lennart Johansson is elected for a new period of four years as president of UEFA. When he resigns he will have held the post for 16 years

Sweden advance to the last 16 in the World Cup in Korea/Japan by winning the so called "Group of Death" (with England, Argentina and Nigeria). In the second round Sweden lose to Senegal on a golden goal in extra time. The women's national team qualifies for the 2003 World Cup.

2003: Sweden qualifies for its third consecutive championship. A record of 27 qualifying matches without loss (since 1997) is broken by Latvia. A German golden goal leaves Sweden with the silver medals in the Women's World Cup Final in USA. Umeå IK UEFA Women's Cup Champions.

2004: Umeå defends its UEFA Women's Cup title. Sweden is eliminated in the quarter finals of Euro2004 after a thrilling penalty shoot-out vs Holland. Germany, once again, overwin Sweden's women team in a major champion-ship battle, this time the bronze match of the Athens Olympics. A record of 228,000 licensed players (over 15 years) in Swedish football.

2005: Sweden qualifies for its fourth consecutive championship (unprecedented). The women's team is eliminated by Norway on extra time of the EURO 2005 semi final. A new all-time high number of licensed players is set: 242,794 of which 56,225 are women.

TEAM 1

Jack & Linda Larson
Carol Neswich
Wanda
John & Ruby Anderson
Wes & Dorothy Bjur
Bob & Arlene White
Thelma Gorrell

TEAM 2

Elizabeth Swenson
Donn & Lillian Stafford
Larry Hultquist
Ken & Peggy Carlson
Myrtle Widmark
John & Jewel Wright
Donna Niemoller
Anabel Audet
Diedre Dahlberg

TEAM 3

Tom & Annika Anderson
David & Dee Benson
Dorothy Scherer
Dick Eriksson
Brian & Jill Stockham
Ed Netzel
Liesma Krastins
Ethel Johnson

TEAM 4

Lars & Birgitta Ostlund
Bud & Dorothy Mogford
Lorraine Hodorf
Gail Nemy
Kurt & Eivor Pfannkuch
Matt & Kris Wilson

"Floater" Bernice Hopkins (Continued from page 5)

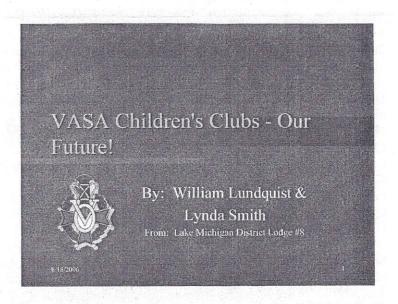
Dale Ingvardsen recommended that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Financial Secretary each be given 4 blank checks to be used in emergency situations. Each check requiring 2 signatures. Also it was recommended that a separate checking account be set up for this purpose. In the past several months there has been at least one situation that would have been handled in a more timely manner and less frustration for all those concerned.

Motion made and seconded to pay the bills. Gail announced that she has received \$330 in dues and that are still some dues outstanding.

For the Good of the Order, Myrtle reported that she attended the Trollebro Camp and had a very good time but that she was somewhat disappointed that more Monitor members were not represented.

Marianne Ek, Secretary Pro Tem

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SEEING THIS GUIDE TO CREATING A CHILDREN'S CLUB LET ME KNOW. I WILL MAKE YOU A CD—Jack Larson



OLE'S WIFE, Lena: "There's trouble with the car, sweetheart. It has water in the carburetor."

Ole: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

Lena: "Ole, I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

Ole: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

Lena: "In the lake."

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