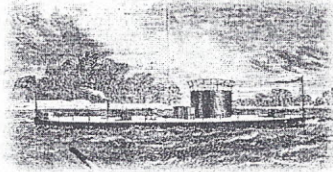


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HEADS UP

9/7
7:00 PM
Kaffekalas
Odd Fellows Hall

9/12
7:00 PM
Program Planning
Meeting Netzel Resi-
dence

9/29
10AM-4PM
Scandinavian Festival
Sacramento
St. Ignatius Parish Hall
3235 Arden Way

10/5
Danish Dinner
Election of Officers

**DONN STAFFORD
IN MEMORIAM**

Donn's life in Vasa began in 1946 in a lodge in Southern California. And thus he earned his **60 Year Membership** pin last year. It was there that he met his wife Lillian through mutual friends and both were members of the lodge drill team. They were married in 1949 and had two children, Douglas and Jeffrey. They moved to Sacramento in 1955 and transferred their membership to Monitor Lodge.

Donn became Chairman in 1959 and served in that capacity for two years and has served several other offices throughout the years. Lill has served as secretary several times as well as in a number of other capacities. Their children joined the lodge children's club in 1961 and participated in many lodge activities, including the Camellia Parade Floats.

Donn was the quiet worker who was always ready to take on any job, whether it was helping to prepare for the many Smorgasbords throughout the years or making pankakor for the annual "Pea Soup and Pancake" event or at the Scandinavian Festival. And he always had the energy to get up and dance after the job was done. Need some shelves built for storage --- need something moved --- tables set up for dinners -- he was there. When Monitor was active in the Camellia Parade, the Staffords were there, helping build the floats, polishing camellia leaves or whatever. Sometimes staying up all night long to complete the project.

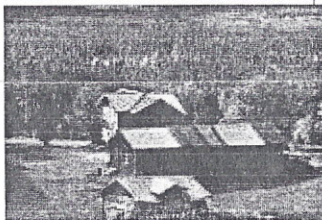
They were known to host several Sill Frukosts in their back yard. A most memorable one was the time after they had visited Sweden. Donn had brought home (on the plane -- at great peril and risk to every-one on board) a can of "sur stromming". You know, the rotten fish, bulging can and all. He decided it would be a good time to serve it. So retreating to the farthest corner of the yard it was opened with great care. The ensuing odor was **magnificent** to **NONE**, but two brave soule did attempt a taste. (and lived to tell about it) Donn enjoyed doing the unusual. He will be greatly missed by us all. Monitor Lodge extends condolences to Lill and family.

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Melody Lynn Friberg
- 5 Emily Carlson
- 6 Carol Churkin
- 12 Peggy Carlson
- 16 Arlie Veiss
- 18 Ann Johnson
- 20 Joesie Henning
- 22 Ethel Hubbell
- 23 Britt-Marie Anderson
- 24 Yvonne Magneheim

**Autumn is my season
(Swedish poem):**

Hösten är min årstid.
De klara dagarna. De
skymningsgrå. De
vattendränkta vägarna.
Den milda dimman.
Den milda dimman



Fall is my season
The clear days
The dusk grey
The water soaked roads
The mild fog
The mild fog

Tack, Birgitta O.

Donn was the Branch 23 Big SIR in 1994. Currently, he was the Branch Bowling Chairman, a position held since 2000, and captain of one of the Branch's four teams, the Groovers. He also participated in the Branch 9 and 18 hole golf events, and was Assistant Treasurer of the 9 Hole-Club. He has one hole-in-one to his credit which was earned at the Forest Lakes golf course. His other outdoor interests included hunting, fishing, camping, and as a manager of youth baseball for eight years.

Donn was born in Spokane, WA in 1923. His family moved to Los Angeles in 1925, his home city for 30 years excepting the time spent in the military service. He attended both Pepperdine University and the University of Southern California (USC) with an assist from the GI Bill earned via military service. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering from USC in 1950.

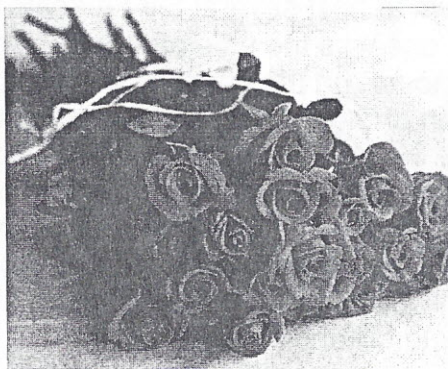
Donn served in the military in both WW II and the Korean war. In April 1943 he attended basic training at an Air Force base in Fresno. He followed basic training with nine months engineering training at Ripon College, WI, and then communication and installation and repair training at Camp Crowder, MO, and at Oahu, HI. He was then assigned to the 3165th Signal Service Battalion on Saipan where he applied his communication technician skills until discharge in February 1946 as a Staff Sergeant. Then, while attending USC, he joined a National Guard Combat Engineering Battalion. He enrolled in an Officer correspondence course and was sworn in as a 2nd Lieutenant the night before being activated for the Korean conflict in September 1950. As platoon leader in Korea, he directed road building, laying & removing mine & flare fields, and construction of a mountain train used for supplies and evacuating wounded servicemen. He completed his tour in July 1952.

The family was moved to Sacramento by Aerojet in 1955 where Donn and Lill have lived ever since. They welcomed the move to a smaller city and the opportunity for more outdoor recreation. Donn was a member of Carmichael Elks.

In addition to all of Donn's accomplishments and involvement stated above, he was very proud of his engineering contributions during his career with the California Department of Water Resources. Prior to joining DWR in 1959, he worked four years for LA County engineering Dept., and then short stints with Aerojet and a private consulting firm. At DWR, he designed some of the canals for the massive State Water Project to deliver water to parched Southern California.

He managed the development of documents for design, plan details and specifications for two 20-mile sections of the California Aqueduct, and also for the Clifton Court Forebay intake control structure in the Delta. During his last few years at DWR in the role of a Supervising Design Engineer, Donn was program manager for the preliminary design of the controversial Peripheral Canal and for the design & construction of the Suisun Marsh facilities.

Donn will certainly be missed by his family and by his friends in Branch 23. The SIR organization extends a posthumous salute to Donn for all his accomplishment and participation in activities associated with family, country, & SIR, and extends condolences to Lill and the Stafford family.



The articles in this Newsletter regarding the passing of Donn Stafford were graciously submitted by Arlie Veis and are very much appreciated by all the members of Monitor Lodge—
ed.

DEN SISTA VILAN
(The Final Rest)

NÅL OCH TRÅD

We will meet at Elizabeth Johnson's home, September 18th at 10 A.M., and this will be a potluck lunch, except for desserts. Elizabeth will serve coffee and dessert. If you need directions to her home, call Dorothy Mogford.

The September meeting will be the last meeting before the Scandinavian Festival September 29th, so we will be confirming work schedules for our booth. *Dorothy M.*

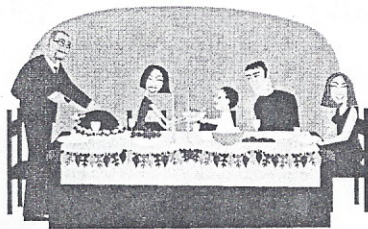
KÖKSNYHETER

Due to the untimely death of our beloved son Brooks, some minor changes to the upcoming Kaffekalas are necessary. Linda and I had planned originally to provide refreshments for this meeting. In talking with Dorothy M., it has been decided that we request members with last names beginning with N-Z to please bring a pie or cake dessert to share. Remember, this is not a dinner meeting. Bring your enthusiasm for Bingo!

The first dinner of our regular year will begin with Team 1 and the Danish Dinner on October 5. I will be getting in touch with members of Team 1 to put together a menu and begin to prepare for this event.

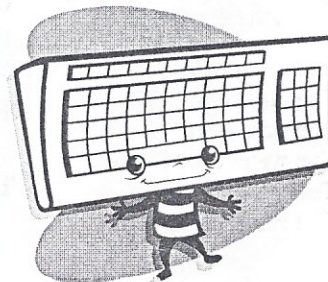
Not exactly in the "kitchen area" of news, but something that must be said to all members of Monitor Lodge: Thank you so very much for the outpouring of love and concern for us at this ever so dreadful time. No one ever expects to outlive a child, and our small family of four is now three, and our daughter-in-law Kristi. To all of you who sent cards and the many who attended the services and those of you who kept us in your hearts and prayers, we give thanks for you.

The last newsletter contained the revamped and slightly changed Dinner Teams. So far, only two requests have been made, one from Liesma who requests to be with Elizabeth S. so as to have a ride, and Kirsten Krause who is experiencing a rather difficult time with an eye condition. **THE UPDATED LIST IS ON PAGE 7!!** Please print this page as a reference through the year. A plea for a half dozen members to help make the load lighter and become part of this effort to keep our dinners special are more than welcome. *Jack L.*



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TROLLEBO



More members should consider going to Trollebo Family Camp next year. The dates are July 31 through August 3, 2008 at the Stockton City Camp at Silver Lake. This year there were 52 Vasa family members there, including one from Michigan and one from Texas.

Ed and Judy Netzel and their children and grandchildren were there along with Arlene White and her granddaughter and Gail Nemy and her twin grandchildren. Everyone is eager to go back next year.

Myrtle Widmark was in charge of crafts. All the children and some adults had great fun making models of Swedish summer stugas. The children had fun playing Swedish games, learning Swedish dances and playing water balloon volley ball. You haven't lived until you have watched this game. There was an incredible amount of talent from our members at the Saturday night talent show.

Swede Englund had Swedish language classes and cultural material along with movies of Sweden.

We hope to see more Monitor Lodge members and families there next year.

(For what it's worth, Linda and I totally agree with Gail's suggestion. We drove to Silver Lake on Sunday morning and shared breakfast with the campers. The food certainly was good and the fellowship among the participants was fun to watch. It is a beautiful spot, the cabins are certainly adequate. Obviously, it's not just for kids and their parents, it's for all who enjoy "The Swedish Ways!" Before you decide whether or not to go next year, talk with one of this year's participants if you have mobility problems. Happy camping next year. Mark your calendars. -J&L)

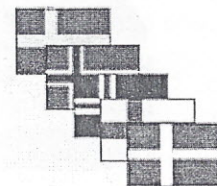
Scandinavian Festival Update

We now have just over a month before the Scandinavian festival. We are very busy making the final preparations. We always need homemade baked goods to sell. Many thanks to all the people who signed up Saturday night at the crayfish party to work selling coffee, pancakes, tickets and sandwiches, however there are still some slots available. If you worked a shift last year, you will be contacted and asked if you would like to work again this year. You can also talk to Gail Nemy or Elizabeth Swenson at the September lodge meeting if you are interested in working a shift or placing an ad in the festival program.

Please make sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the festival – the higher the attendance, the more money Monitor lodge receives! You will find a festival flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

Hope to see you all there!

Elizabeth Swenson



Team 1
October Danish Dinner

Jack & Linda Larson (Team Leaders)
Wes & Dorothy Bjur
Dale & Margaret Ingvarnsen
Bob & Arlene White
Larry Hultquist
Siw Gormley
Thelma Gorrell
George & Ann Kantar

Team 3
May Norwegian Morsdag Dinner

Ed & Judy Netzel (Team Leaders)
Tom & Annika Anderson
Dorothy Scherer
Dick & Gloria Eriksson
Brian & Jill Stockham
Ethel Johnson
James & Melissa Netzel

Team 2
February Swedish Dinner

Ken & Peggy Carlson (Team Leaders)
Elizabeth Swenson
Lillian Stafford
Leisma Krastins
Myrtle Widmark
John & Jewel Wright
Donna Neimoller
Deidre Dahlberg
Matt & Kris Wilson
Gail Nemy

Team 4
June Finnish Farsdag Dinner

Kurt & Eivor Pfannkuch (Team Leaders)
Lars & Birgitta Ostlund
Dorothy and Bud Mogford
Lorraine Hodorff
Charlie & Lisa Rea
Carol & Mike Churkin
Karen Johnson
Adam Johnson

REMINDER!!

THE FIRST SMÖRGÅSBORD PLANNING MEETING AT MOGFORD'S 8/24 7:00P ALL WELCOME!

BINGO NIGHT/KAFFEKALAS
SEPTEMBER 7 AT 7:00

Monitor Lodge No. 218 Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2007

Present: Dale Ingvarnsen, Margaret Ingvarnsen, Karin Johnson, Dorothy Mogford Gail Nemy, Dorothy Scherer, Myrtle Widmark.

Call to Order/Roll Call. Chair Ingvarnsen called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m., and roll was taken.

Reports: Chair Ingvarnsen reported on Monitor lodge's new storage room in the I.O.O.F Hall **Ed Netzel** completed the construction on August 8th. Shelving is needed in the room, and volunteers will be sought to complete this. **Gail Nemy** discussed various ways in which members may donate to the Lodge Scholarship Fund. One way emphasized was memorial contributions in the name of deceased members, in lieu of flowers. Gail, also reported on the Nordic (Scandinavian) Festival. Sign up sheets for various work assignments will be passed around during the Crayfish Party.

Unfinished Business. Chair Dale distributed and explained the new Rental Contract with the Odd Fellows Temple Association, and asked for a motion to sign the contract.

Motion: *It was moved (Dorothy Mogford), seconded (Karin Johnson) and passed unanimously that Chair*

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Ingvardsen sign and return the Rental Agreement to I.O.O.F Office.

Increased cost of the new rental facilities was presented and discussed
Correspondence. There was no correspondence.

New Business.

Installation of storage shelves

A request for volunteers to install shelving in the new storage room will be made to members. As another option, it was suggested that the Lodge investigate the purchase of metal or plastic storage shelves

Funding the Increased Costs for New Rental Facilities

Several ideas for raising additional funds were discussed. Included were the following: BINGO at Kaffeekalas Meetings; raffles at all dinners, the Glogg Party/Smorgasbord, and the Anniversary Dinner Party; increasing the cost of dinners a small amount; increasing attendance at the annual Glogg Party/Smorgasbord Dinner. A need to prepare a budget for the remainder of the year was identified, along with a need to prepare budgets annually (which have not been done in recent years).

Co-Coordinator for Food / Dinners – Replacement needed for Dorothy Mogford.

There is an urgent need for a person to fill the position of Co-Ordinator of Food / Dinners by September 1st, to replace Dorothy Mogford..

Flag Draping Ceremony.

Since several members have passed in the last few months, a Flag Draping Ceremony will be included in the meeting on October 5th

8-Part DVD Series.

Receipt of an 8-Part DVD series was shared with those present. This could be a Fund Raiser for the lodge. Some members took copies of the DVDs to review.. Cost is \$5.00, and suggested sales price is \$12.00.

Swedish & Norwegian Collector's Calendar

After review by those present, Myrtle Widmark accepted the task of further review.

Reading and Acting on Bills Received. Financial & Treasurer's Reports were given by Gail Nemy and Karin Johnson.

Motion: It was moved (Myrtle Widmark, seconded (Dorothy Scherer) and passed unanimously that all bills be paid.)

Future Events.

Future Events were reviewed. Interest in attending the 100th Anniversary of Fylgia Lodge in San Francisco, on October 21st was expressed by several present. Further information and sign up forms will be made available to Monitor Lodge members later.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Margaret Ingvardsen
Secretary Pro Tem

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

With Sympathy and Concern. We are all saddened at the passing of several lodge members and family members of lodge members during the past few months. These people will be missed: Raymond Griffith, Michael "Brooks" Larson, Donn Stafford, and Shirley Thrasher. We extend to each of the families of these people our heartfelt sympathy. A Flag Draping Ceremony to honor those recently departed members is scheduled at the lodge meeting on October 5, 2007.

Crayfish Party Enjoyed by Many Members and Guests. As usual there was wonderful comraderie, mounds of crayfish and many other foods and desserts and beverages—including AKVAVIT with the accompanying toasts and songs led by **Yvonne Magneheim**. Thanks so much to **Peggy** and **Ken Carlson** for sharing their place for the event and for coordinating the event!!!

Storage Room for Monitor Lodge Completed in IOOF Hall. District Master and Past Chaiman, **Ed Netzel**, completed construction of our large store room , with door and lock, last week. Costs came in at a much lower figure that estimated originally. THANKS, ED!!!

Shelving Needed...in the New Store Room at IOOF Hall. Volunteers are needed to install shelving in our new store room. Please call Chair Dale (729-0632) if you can help. Another option would be to purchase metal or plastic shelving, which would add to our increased costs at our new location.

Request to Cook Teams and Cook Team Chairs. Please inform Co-Cordinator for Food / Dinners Dorothy Mogford, of supply needs for dinner. Please do this in advance.

Replacement Needed for Co-Cordinator of Food / Dinners...by September 1st. **Dorothy Mogford** will be retiring from this position which she has held for several years. If interested, call Dorothy for information

Nordic (Scandinavian) Festival to be held September 29th...HELP... from Monitor Lodge members is needed. Sign up forms will be distributed...if you can help, call **Gail Nemy** of **Elizabeth Swenson**.

100th Anniversary Event of Fylgia Lodge, in San Francisco ... Monitor Lodge Members are invited.

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2007
Time: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market Street, San Francisco, CA
Meal: Swedish Smorgasbord (Special Chef, directing)
Program and Entertainment Provided
Cost: \$35.00

Several of our members have already expressed interest in attending. Please Call Dale if interested in attending.

BINGO...with Pastry and Coffee at Our Next Kaffekalas...on September 7th at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see all of you there with a chance to win prizes and cash.

In Truth and Unity
Dale Ingvarsen

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