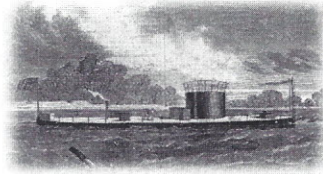


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7:00

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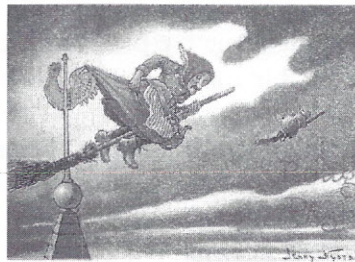
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Redding

Spring in Sweden



The dark nights of the Swedish winter are long, and the approach of Spring and light unleashes a spirit of renewal. As natural forces stir life from the earth and people from their winter mindset, the supernatural is at work, too. People once believed that spring was a time when evil forces spread mischief across the land, and today the benevolent remnant of this myth can be

seen in the tradition of the "Easter witch."

On the Thursday before Easter, young girls paint their faces, put on scarves and long skirts, then roam from house to house collecting candy. On the hillsides, people light bonfires to scare off the evil spirits, and the blasts of firecrackers can be heard as revelers simulate shooting witches from the sky. Intertwined with the supernatural festivities is the traditional Christian holiday. The Swedish symbol of Easter is a birch twig decorated with colored feathers, and as the holiday approaches these colorful charms fill the markets, along the ubiquitous candy Easter eggs.

Following Easter comes another tradition steeped in ancient belief, Walpurgis Night. On this night, April 30th, crowds of Swedish men and women gather on hilltops around roaring bonfires. Many wear white caps with lyre emblems, the symbol of present and former students, and as the fires blaze they sing songs applauding Spring's arrival. Originally, the fires were meant to scare off witches, but today they remind distant watchers of a warmth soon to come. The traditional meal on this evening is gravlax - fresh salmon marinated in salt, sugar and fresh dill

The word "dill" comes from the Norse "dilla", meaning "to lull". Drinking dill tea is recommended to overcome insomnia. A native to Europe, it is a Russian favourite and can be cultivated near the Arctic Circle. Both seeds and leaves are edible. It was known as a medicinal herb to the ancient Greeks and Romans, where soldiers placed burned dill seeds on their wounds to promote healing. Medieval Europe could not grow it fast enough for love potions, casting spells and for protection against witchcraft. "Therewith her Veruayne and her Dill, That hindreth Witches of their will" (Drayton, Nymphidia, 1627) . Carrying a bag of dried dill over the heart was considered protection against hexes.

**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Robert Barrett
- Violet DeBord
- 5 Lennart Andersson
- Bertil Erickson
- 8 Harold Mattson
- 12 Linda Larson
- 15 Joan Hagstrom
- 20 Michelle Kauffman
- 22 Ronny Kagstrom
- 26 Melissa Netzel
- 30 Wanda Nesewich



Though April showers
 May come your way,
 They bring the flowers
 That bloom in May;
 And if it's raining,
 Have no regrets;
 Because, it isn't raining
 rain, you know,
 It's raining violets.
 And when you see clouds
 Upon the hill,
 You soon will see crowds
 Of daffodils;
 So keep on looking for
 the bluebird,
 And listening for his
 song,
 Whenever April showers
 come along.



March Newsletter Chairman's Message

The kaffekalas this month was a huge success, due in large part to our cultural program. Thanks to Per Ola and Shirin Öberg for sharing with us about life and culture in modern day Sweden. Everyone there was immensely interested and the audience participation in the question/answer time was fantastic. This will be a hard act to follow for the cultural committee.

We also had the privilege of initiating 5 new members, Susan Westaby, Lincoln and Erica Leaman, Anna Mae Smith, and Jean Bell. Welcome to you all. I hope you enjoy your new relationship with VASA and that you take an active part in our lodge, as that is the best way to get to know other members and to learn more about our Swedish (or Nordic) heritage.

Reservations for our 96th anniversary are coming in and interest seems to be very high. Plans are ongoing and it promises to be a great evening. I hope members are planning on supporting the evening as a major fundraiser by donating raffle/auction items, taking an active part in bidding, or both. This is a chance to get something tangible for your money instead of just facing a dues increase. And, it's fun too. I hope to see us hit our maximum of 100 attendees.

Reservation information is available for the annual convention, which will be held April 25-27 in Redding this year. There are activities for everyone who is interested in District doings as well as lots of social times to get to know other Swedes from around our District. For those not interested in the business meeting, there is a tour on Saturday of the Sundial Bridge, the Turtle Bay Museum, and the Arboretum. If you would like more info on what goes on. Let me know. But reservations must be in by April 5th, so don't wait too long.

Finally, there will be no business conducted at our anniversary dinner. For those who want to attend our April business meeting, there is a change to our program book. The meeting will be at 7PM on Thursday, April 17 at the Holiday Inn on Date Ave, just off Madison. Thanks to Yvonne Magnehiem for arranging the facility for us.

Glad Påsk till alla.



NEW FACES—NEW OPPORTUNITIES. WELCOME

*A BELATED GLAD PÅSK
 FROM THE EDITOR
 IT IS SO EARLY THIS YEAR!*

NÅL OCH TRÅD

Spring has sprung! Everything is green and blooming; what a wonderful change from winter.

Our April meeting will be at Jewel Wright's home, April 15th, at 10 A.M. Brown bag lunch as usual, and Jewel will serve dessert and coffee.

Last meeting, members took home projects to work on, so let's see what we accomplished. Lots of things are needed to sell. Come help us make them.

A special invitation is extended to our new members to join Nål och Tråd (Needle and Thread). We are a "behind the scenes" group of ladies who meet once a month in a member's home to work on craft items to sell at the Annual Scandinavian Festival and at special times throughout the year at lodge meetings. Our efforts reach into the community as we occasionally contribute to the needy in the Sacramento area, and we help maintain important items in the kitchen.

As with many small groups, we also talk among ourselves about how our lodge activities can be improved and then pass that on to the powers that be! For more information, call Dorothy Mogford at 635-4541

KÖKSNYHETER

Our most successful Kaffekalas in March will be remembered for a long time! Not only our guests but also the A-L contributions of finger food helped make this a wonderful meeting. And to boot we have new members to get to know and welcome to the Lodge. The "small hall" was packed and required extra chairs.

There is no Team Dinner in April but there is one in May. That is a Team 3 Norwegian Evening. Please see the Program Book if you can't remember you are part of this team. Also, the Stockhams would appreciate switching to another team, so if you are interested in changing, please let them and me know. Team 3 is one of the smallest teams. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN A DINNER TEAM.** For more information, call Jack Larson at 209-295-4419. All of what is entailed to be a part of this once-a-year obligation will be explained to you. If we don't hear from you, we'll seek you out!!!!

This year is flying by! Ken Carlson has offered to finish our storage room for us, so we should have most of our stuff back where it belongs, including the name tags. Please remember: **THERE IS NO ROOM TO OFF LOAD THINGS YOU CANNOT PART WITH. OUR SPACE IS LIMITED!**



"Dearest Monitor Lodge members- Matt and I wanted to share our exciting news - the birth of our daughter Madilyn Ann Wilson. She was born on December 20, 2007 at a healthy 9 pounds 10 ounces and 20.5 inches long. She is absolutely precious! We look forward to her meeting you all at future lodge meetings. All the best -

Kris and Matt Wilson"

NEWSLETTER
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help

support.microsoft.com/



"There are better ways to log off."

Ever notice, the older we get,
the more we're like computers?



We start out with lots of
MEMORY and DRIVE
then we become outdated,
and eventually have to get
our parts replaced...:)

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A bit of Swedish (and scandinavic) history...



Kristina

Kristina was the daughter of Gustav II Adolf and Maria Eleonora of Hohenzollern-Brandenburg. She saw her father for the last time in 1630 when she was four years old. Two years later at the age of 6 she became queen of Sweden. The regency was led by Axel Oxenstierna (who is famous for having quoted the classical truth: My son, if you only knew with how little knowledge this world is run...). In 1644 she was declared legally competent and she was now the ruler of the kingdom.

As time went by, Axel Oxenstierna and Kristina went farther and farther apart until they broke completely. She now chose her own acquaintances and began to get her own favourites and she started to lead a splendid life at the courtiers. She invited guests from near and far. Although her political life left much to be desired, she did take in a lot of external influences from scientists, famous writers and the like.

As she grew older she showed more and more dislike at the thought of marrying. She had been betrothed to count Karl Gustav of Pfalz since her youth but when he proposed to her she refused.

But in 1649 Karl Gustav got his revenge when he was offered the throne after Kristina. This as she leaned more and more to the Catholic faith rather than the Lutheran. One of the persons which is said to have influenced her in this respect was the famous philosopher Descartes which had been her guest for some time. In 1652 she received Jesuit confessors at the royal castle of Stockholm, which at the time was quite unacceptable.

Her decision to convert to the Catholic faith forced her to resign from the throne. She did this in Uppsala, the 6:th of Jun. 1654. The year after she left for Innsbruck, where she officially converted to the Catholic faith. The same year she went to Rome, where she got a new name: Alexandra, after the pope Alexander VII. She spent 1656 in France and 1660 she visited Sweden. Her last visit to Sweden was made in 1667 after which she withdrew to Rome permanently where she founded Accademia Reale. Accademia Reale was an institution with the mission to purify the Italian Language and for good taste.

Kristina died the 9:th of Apr. 1689. She is buried in S:t Peter's Church in Rome.

Suggestion: Rent the movie Queen Christina starring Greta Garbo. Excellent!

Signs

Entrance: ingång
Exit: utgång
No vacancies: fullt
Information: information
Open: öppen
Closed: stängd
Police station: polisstation
Rooms available: lediga rum
Toilets: toalett
Men: herrar
Women: damer



Around town

Bank: bank
City centre: centrum
... embassy: ... ambassaden
my hotel: mitt hotell
market: marknaden
newsagency: nyhetsbyrå
post office: postkontoret
public telephone: offentlig telefon
public toilet: offentlig toalett
tourist office: turistinformation
what time does it open/close?:
när öppnar/stänger de?

Times & Dates

What time is it?: Vad ar klockan?
Today: idag
Tomorrow: imorgon
Yesterday: igår
Morning: morgonen
Afternoon: eftermiddagen
Night: natt
Monday: måndag
Tuesday: tisdag
Wednesday: onsdag
Thursday: torsdag
Friday: fredag
Saturday: lördag
Sunday: söndag



Sweden no longer has world's highest tax burden

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Sweden has long had the reputation of having the highest taxes in the world. But those times have past. Denmark has now taken over as the country with the highest tax burden, according to website E24 and Danish newspaper Dagbladet Børsen.

Based on figures taken from the tax authorities in both countries, Danes now have a tax burden of 48.4 percent, compared to 47.8 percent for Swedes.

Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt is happy that Sweden no longer has the world's highest tax burden.

"Moreover, the Danish media isn't even using the most recent information. This year we're going to land down below 47 percent," he told news agency TT.

The government doesn't have a specific target for how much Sweden's tax burden ought to change during its current term in office.

"What's important is the direction," said Reinfeldt, who wonders which will happen first, a tax burden below 45 percent or his turning 45 years old during the 2010 election campaign

Danish tax minister Kristian Jensen told the newspaper that recent tax cuts in Sweden also affect Danes and projects that employment taxes in Denmark will be lower by 2011 than they are today. But Jensen couldn't promise that the overall tax burden in Denmark would be lower as well.

Brfxxccxxmnpccclllmmnprxvclmncckssqllbb11116Brfxxccxxmnpccclllmmnprxvclmncckssqllbb11116 (pronounced "albin") was a name intended for a Swedish child who was born in 1991. The boy's parents had planned to never legally name him at all, as a protest to the naming law of Sweden.

Because the parents (Elisabeth Hallin and Lasse Diding) failed to register a name by the boy's fifth birthday, a district court in Halmstad, southern Sweden, fined the parents 5,000 kronor (US\$682 at the time). Responding to the fine, the parents submitted the 43-character name in May 1996, claiming that it was "a pregnant, expressionistic development that we see as an artistic creation." The parents suggested the name be understood in the spirit of pataphysics. The court rejected the name and upheld the fine. The parents then tried to change the spelling of the name to A (also pronounced "albin") instead. Once again, the court did not approve of the name, this time because of a prohibition on one-letter naming. " *Tack, Brian—ed.*

MONITOR LODGE

VASA ORDER OF AMERICA

96th Anniversary Dinner-Dance Party

Friday, April 4, 2008

This is a Social, Dress-up Event



- Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
- Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
- Awards & Recognition
- AKVAVIT Toast
- Dancing: Scandinavian and Ballroom
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- \$25 per Member... IN ADVANCE
\$32 AFTER March 21st
- \$\$32 for Non-Members

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – DEADLINE: Friday, March 21, 2008

To RSVP:

1) Call Eivor & Kurt at (800) 823-2443 or (530) 674-1068 with your Menu Selection(s) below:

Salmon Cheese Mushroom Ravioli Primavera Prime Rib
(Salad, Dinner Wine, Akvavit, and Anniversary Cake included)

2) Mail check to: Kurt & Eivor Pfannkuch, 1921 Columbia Dr., Yuba City, CA 95991 Make check to Monitor Lodge

* The following items are needed – bring that night:

- Raffle Items (\$5.00 to \$25.00 value)...OR
- Silent Auction Items (Value more than \$25.00)

Location: The DANTE CLUB – 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.
(Between Howe and Fulton on the South Side)

Monitor Lodge #218

Business Meeting, March 7, 2008

Minutes

Call to Order. Chairman Kurt Pfannkuch called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. A quorum was present.

Officers Present

Chair	Kurt Pfannkuch
Vice Chairman	Johanna Benker
Secretary	Charley Rea
Assistant Secretary	Karen Sandberg
Financial Secretary	Yvonne Magneheim
Asst. Fin. Secty	Lillian Stafford
Treasurer	Karin Johnson
Cultural Committee	Thelma Gorrell, Eivor Pfannkuch, Jewel Wright
Chaplain	Dorothy Scherer
Inner Guard	Judy Netzel
Outer Guard	James Netzel

Call to Order. Chairman Pfannkuch led the pledge, Marianne Ek led the national anthem, and Dorothy Scherer said the opening prayer.

Membership

The Lodge approved membership for Ana Mae Smith (motion by Violet De Bord/Brian Stockham).

New Members. Five new members were inducted. *They were* Ana Mae Smith, Jean Bell, Susan Westaby, Lincoln Leaman, and Erica Leaman.

Minutes. The Lodge approved minutes of the Feb. 1, 2008 meeting (motion by Elisabeth Swenson/Marianne Ek). However, a reference to the 2007 financial report should be clarified.

Announcements

Chairman Pfannkuch honored several members or relatives of members that had passed away recently: Harry Johnson, Thomas Center; Michael Churkin, and Elisabeth Swenson's father.

The Sweden Day Committee needs help for the May 30 – June 1 celebration. It will take place in Alta at the Sons of Norway camping facility.

Chairman Pfannkuch reminded the 2007 officers that he would like a written description of their duties. This will help future office-holders.

Secretary's Report

The District Conference will be April 25 – 27 in Redding. Registration packets and hotel information are available from Charley Rea (916-483-2064, or lrea100@yahoo.com).

Raffle tickets are available for the District Conference. They are \$5 for 6 tickets. Entry forms are available from Charley Rea (lrea100@yahoo.com).

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The Secretary reported two checks were received from the District, primarily a refund for a reserve account created for last year's District Convention.

For the District Conference, the Lodge has been asked to prepare 2 gift baskets. Eivor Pfannkuch and the team of Elisabeth Swensen and Yvonne Magneheim volunteered.

District Resolutions

The Lodge considered two district resolutions: 1) for a biennial convention; and 2) to appoint one of the Executive Board members to be the District Membership Chair. On the first, the Lodge voted against (motion by Dale Ingvarsdson/James Netzel). On the second, the Lodge voted in favor (motion by Eivor Pfannkuch/Carol Churkin).

Anniversary Dinner

Dale Ingvarsdson reviewed that the Anniversary Dinner is April 4 at the Dante Club. The cost is \$25 for members who make paid reservations by March 28 and includes wine. Guests and late reservations will be charged \$32. Members are reminded this is our primary fundraiser for the year, so the event includes a silent auction and raffle.

Treasurer's Report.

Karin Johnson reported \$20,000 has been placed in a certificate of deposit.

The Lodge approved payment for several bills: newsletter (\$130), Anniversary Dinner Flyer (\$31.25), postage (\$24), and kitchen supplies (\$47.50). Motion by Jack Larson/James Netzel.

Approved purchasing \$200 worth of "forever stamps" prior to the rate increase.

Good of the Order

Marianne Ek announced that **April 26** will be the Lacemaking Festival. It will be in Orangevale. Contact Marianne at mariandl@sbcglobal.net.

There was a request for a return of the name tags.

Next Meeting. The next business meeting will be April 17 at the Holiday Inn North at 7 PM. May 2 will be the next regular Lodge meeting.

Jack L. shares having a surprise meeting at a concert recently with David and Dee Benson. They look great and are feeling much better these days. They send their best regards to Lodge members. Linda L. had lunch with long-time member Ruby Anderson recently and reports Ruby is doing well, missing John but as she puts it, "I'm tough!"

YOUR DUES ARE DUE (AH, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE) ON APRIL 1ST. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO YVONNE MAGNEHEIM, 3813-35 PASADENA AVENUE, SACRAMENTO 95821

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

As a reminder to Monitor members, our annual scholarship deadline is rapidly approaching. Applicants must be the children or grandchildren of active Monitor members, must be high school seniors, who are continuing on to college or an advanced trade school and they must submit an application plus three letters of endorsement from current teachers or counselors **by April 15th**.

If you need more information, or to receive applications and forms for endorsements, please contact the Scholarship Committee as soon as possible.

Carol and Mike Churkin (530) 696-0424

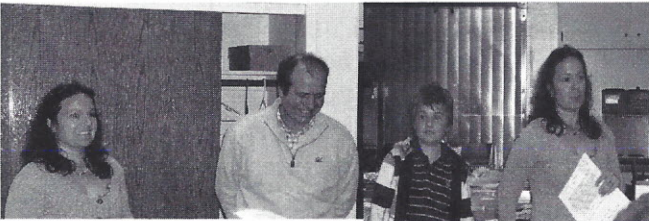
Deidre Dahlberg (916) 966-4631

Eivor and Kurt Pfannkuch (530) 673-5917



CULTURE

Thank you to all of you who attended our “Kaffekalas” last Friday. My cousin Per Ola and his family were overwhelmed by the friendliness of the group and also the fantastic interest in what they had to share about Sweden and current life in Sweden. You were a great audience!!



Also, thanks to **Marianne Ek** and **Linda Larson**, who helped me decorate the tables for the event. They learned how to put together “påskris”, which are the traditional birch branches decorated with colored chicken feathers. I thought I would share some of the customs associated with Easter in this newsletter.

The Swedish word for Easter is “Påsk”. The word goes back to the Old Testament *Pesach* or *pas-sah*, which means *pass over with mercy*. In the bible, in the book of Exodus, it tells about the Jewish people being in captivity in Egypt and how the Pharaoh did not want them to leave with Moses as a leader. God then decided to punish the Egyptians by killing every first-born boy. However, God told Moses and his people to offer a lamb and smear the lamb’s blood over the doorpost, where the Jews lived. Then, when the angel of death came, he would *pass over* the Jewish boys. To this day the Jewish people celebrate Passover, *Pesach*, and from that word we got our Swedish word “Påsk”. The Jewish celebration takes place during the first full moon after the vernal equinox. The Christians, however, decided at the meeting of Nicea year 325 that Easter should be celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. That is the reason why Easter is at a different time every year.

A lot of traditions go back to the time when Sweden was Catholic. In 1527, during Gustav Vasa’s reign, Sweden became a Protestant country and the six weeks of fasting before Easter was no longer required. However, a lot of the customs still remain. “Fastlagen” which means the eve before the fast, is a time when you eat a lot of rich food. Our “Fettisdagsbulle or Semla” is a reminder of that. Last year in the newsletter I covered that custom even with a recipe for you to try to make your own Fat Tuesday Bun.

As a child I remember going outside in the snow-covered meadow and breaking off birch branches to bring into the house for “fastlagsris”. We would keep the branches in the warm house and by Easter, they were sprouting little green leaves. We would decorate the branches with brightly colored chicken feathers and little yellow chickens. I was never quite sure why we did this, other than having some small green leaves in the house, when the outside trees still were bare and the ground sometimes covered with snow. Now I realize it symbolizes new life, the theme of Easter, and the feathers are associated with hens, chickens and eggs. During Lent people were not allowed to eat meat, of course, but eggs were also forbidden. This is where the

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old tradition of eating lots of eggs on Easter Eve comes from.

Eggs were sometimes painted in different colors, probably because they were often given away as presents. In the 19th century, Swedes began filling paper eggs with sweets for the children.

On Maundy Thursday or Easter Eve in Sweden today, children dress up as Easter witches, "påskkäringar" and go from house to house to receive treats. As we watch these cute kids, we hardly think of the gruesome background of this tradition. The church in the early middle ages punished witchcraft and superstition. From about year 1400 and for a couple of hundred years on, there was a huge witch-hunt going on sanctioned by the church. It is said that around 1660- 1670, around 300 people were killed, mostly women, because they supposedly went to the party arranged by the devil at "Blåkulla" (Blue Hill) at Easter.

Growing up in Sweden I always remember that Good Friday was a very long day. As a matter of fact, the Swedish word for Good Friday is "Långfredag" or Long Friday. During my generation's Easter celebrations, you would not even consider having any fun on that day. No movies, no dances and you did not even go and visit friends.

In modern Sweden, Easter is not specifically a religious holiday. It has become a secular one instead. The Swedes are well down in the statistics when it comes to church visits per year and most people celebrate the holiday at home with their families and relatives. As you can tell from what I have written, many of the practices associated with Easter have religious origins, but this is not something that bothers Swedes much. They eat eggs because they have always done so – not because they have just completed a fast. Nowadays, eggs are a favorite accompaniment to the dish of pickled herring that is the centerpiece of most Swedes' Easter meals. And few associate the omnipresent brightly decorated birch branches with the suffering and resurrection of Christ.

Happy Easter! Glad Påsk!

Eivor Pfannkuch
Cultural Leader



Glada påskkäringar på väg till Blåkulla! FOTO: SÖDRISKA MUSEET



Påskis på Huset i Stockholm 1995.
FOTO: JESSICA WALLIN/ SÖDRISKA MUSEET

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

This year, Easter will fall on March 23. Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives...and only the most elderly of our population (95 years old or above) have ever seen it this early before. None of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier.

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that).

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818.

So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year.

Hope you get lots of chocolate eggs.

HAPPY 96TH ANNIVERSARY – A DINNER-DANCE PARTY

Our gala social event of the year is scheduled for Friday, April 4th, at 6:00 p.m. for social hour and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Again this year, it will be held at the Dante Club, located at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard (between Howe and Fulton on the South Side). Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend.

Food costs have increased this year for the restaurant, and the cost for the dinner has increased to \$32.00; but again this year, a big discount on the cost is offered. Because of event chairman Dale's affiliation with Kiwanis, the room charge was waived, and there will be no service charge (20%) and no sales tax (7.75%) charged for the dinners.

The lodge is further reducing the cost to \$25.00 for members of Monitor Lodge who RSVP, and send their payments in ADVANCE (by Friday March 21st). AFTER March 21st, the cost is \$32.00. The cost for guests is \$32.00.

This reduced cost to members is supported from past raffles held at lodge meetings and the raffle and silent auction to be held at the Anniversary Dinner. Therefore, Raffle Items (value \$5.00 - \$25.00) and Silent Auction Items (value of more than \$25.00) are needed. Please bring one of these items, or more if you can, to the event. Perhaps you know a restaurant or someone with whom you do business, who would be willing to make a contribution.

There are three choices for dinner:

- Crusted Salmon - With a Tarragon Lemon Sauce
- Prime Rib of Beef - A House Classic
- Cheese Mushroom Ravioli Primavera - Vegetarian

Included with the above entre's will be Salad, Garden Vegetables, Potatoes or Pasta, Dinner Rolls and Anniversary Cake.

Dinner Wine and Akvavit will be provided for all of those attending.

Join us on Friday, April 4th, for a no-host social hour at 6:00 p.m. with Hors D'oeuvres, and at 7:30 p.m., for a great dinner with your choice of entre' and wine provided. Participate in the raffle and silent auction, then, enjoy some Akvavit and the traditional "Skal". After dinner, anniversary pins will be awarded to members for years of membership in VASA, followed by musical entertainment. The remainder of the evening will be for socializing, listening and dancing to Scandinavian music and the music of Big Bands. All tempos will be provided—slow, fast and half-fast (at which I am best). Remember--this is a "dress up" affair—guys wear a tie and suit or sport jacket, and ladies "doll up".

Reservations are required, for this Anniversary Dinner-Dance Party...and seating is limited, so call now, with your menu choice(s), (800) 823-2443 or (530) 674-1068, and mail your check (payable to Monitor Lodge) to: Kurt & Eivor Pfannkuch, 1921 Columbia Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991.

By Dale Ingvarsen, Chairman
96th Anniversary Dinner-Dance Party

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