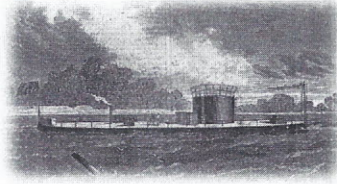


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MONITOR LODGE CELEBRATES MIDSOMMAR AT THE CHURKIN'S

MID SUMMER FAMILY CELEBRATION, Saturday, June 19 at the Churkin's Volcano Vista Farms in Meridian. Kids, teens and grownups will celebrate one of Sweden's favorite family outings. Help decorate the maypole with flowers and birch branches. Tim Rudd in Swedish costume will entertain us with the traditional nyckelharpa as we erect the pole and burst into song and dance around the pole

FUN FOR ALL AGES

- Help decorate the Maypole
- Make a midsommar head wreath
- Learn Swedish folkdances
- Enjoy a sing-along with the nyckelharpa and Tom Anderson on the keyboard with his repertoire of Swedish songs
- Hike the Sacramento River levee with a view of the Sutter Buttes volcano
- Bring your bike or ride along in a Polaris
- Play Badminton and ping pong or Kubb
- Visit a new very high density olive plantation and enjoy California olive oil tasting
- Potluck
- Watch a Swedish "academy award worthy" movie in the cool rec room if you want to cool off or sit back and relax in the late afternoon
- If the young people are involved in a few Scandinavian customs each year, they will feel the Viking Spirit in their blood and better appreciate their heritage. Let's all celebrate the longest days of the year in Swedish style!!

MONITOR LODGE CELEBRATES 98 YEARS

An unusually small group of members and guests enjoyed an evening of good fun and fellowship on April 9th at the Dante Club. Ninety-eight years is a long time and we look forward to 2012 and our 100th Anniversary!!



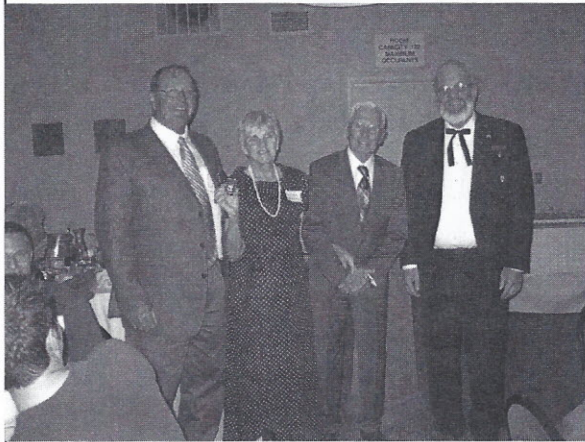
Upon arrival, we knew we were in the right place as we were greeted by Kurt Pfannkuch and Karin Johnson along with the smiling face of Lillian Stafford.

Then it's time to buy a raffle ticket or two—or three, and thankfully Bob Johnson selected guest Brandon to give him a hand AND HEIGHT since that's how the number of tickets was decided. Brandon is pretty tall!!



The bar is always a popular spot at an Anniversary Dinner, at least Ed, Carol, Heinz, Mike and Joesie thinks so! This helps the raffle ticket sales. Ja!?

Congratulations to Lennart and Britt-Marie Andersson upon reaching 50 years as members of Vasa Order of America.



District Master Richard Wooster, III was on hand to con-

gratulate the Anderssons. The official presentation will be at the banquet at the convention.

KINGSBURG MAY 14, 15

I have information about taking the train to Kingsburg for their annual Sweden Days. For those of you who expressed interest, let me know and I will mail it to you.

What I have is rather disappointing. I have had less than great success dealing with the Chamber of Commerce there, and this is not the first time this has happened to me. I did get some information early on from Mrs. Hess at the Svenska Butik. But she is not in the travel business!

I can tell you to ride the train is \$26 each way from Sacramento. Of course, if you board the train from Stockton, etc., then the price is less. Amtrak does not stop in Kingsburg, which I explained earlier, so you have to decide whether to get off in Fresno or Hanford and take the bus back the few miles to Kingsburg. Or, get together with fellow travelers and hire a cab. Acquiring information from the local bus company has been nearly impossible!

Hotel accommodations have improved in the area with the opening of a Fairfield Inn. They just opened recently, and I tried, before they opened

to get some decent room rates. That met with no success either.

It is my hope some of you will get together and make the trip by train. I still think it's a fun idea. I'm willing to stay on this for next year if there is interest, and next year Linda and I will get our act together and not plan a vacation at the same time. *ed.*

NORRLAND

Our Dinner Meeting in May will be hosted by Team 4, a switch with Team 3! Our Cultural Program will focus on Norrland and will be led by Eivor Pfannkuch. All of you with roots in Norrland are encouraged to share what you know about this particular part of Sweden. This is a follow-up from our meeting in March where we began our attempt to find out as much as we can about our roots. See you there.

PLAN AHEAD!

Sweden Day, Sveriges Nationaldag, will be celebrated June 4-6 at Camp Norge, Alta, California. Reservations: Kathryn Matthews, 916-791-1626 or kathqblu@att.net. More in the June newsletter.

MONITOR WEBSITE

There has been a lot of interest shown in the past for us to create our own Website, but unfortunately, there has been little follow-through. A committee of sorts was "formed" but there was no leadership. I can say that because I'm a part of the committee but I have no intention of chairing it!

As a reminder, Troy Nimmo worked on this project for awhile, but he had to relinquish it because of pressing family obligations. We do appreciate his efforts.

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The following email was received from Kris Arnlund-Wilson as a follow-up to prior communication with her. As part of this "committee," I think it would behoove us to invite her to meet with us, or tell her we are not interested in creating a Website after all.

I am just touching base to see if you all wanted to set a time to discuss the website for Monitor Lodge and the features my company has to offer. I am assuming that all who are cc'd on this email from Jack Larson (below) are the Website Committee. I had not heard back on my inquiry to meet so I wanted to be sure I followed up.

I truly believe the website can make a world of difference to the Lodge

Things to consider for incorporation in the website:

- 1) Establishing a web presence to centralize all information for the Lodge .
- 2) Member recruitment and tracking
- 3) Simplifying the distribution of Newsletter or other Lodge communications and ability to keep archive.
- 4) Option to take online registrations for Annual Dinner, Holiday Dinner, as well as Membership payments if you want.
- 5) Ability to send Emails to all members for time sensitive or important Lodge news.
- 6) Calendar feature to list all activities happening within the Lodge, District or other Lodges in the area.

Our system is easy to use and can address each of the items listed above. Members of the Lodge can make the changes easy and quick without having to learn web programming to do so. It would not require me or a "techy" person to make the changes.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a time to talk further on these ideas. If you have

any questions, feel free to email me at any time.

Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing from you!

Kris Arnlund-Wilson

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MAY FLOWERS!**

- 5/3 Diedre Dahlberg
- 5/4 Tatial Green, Debbie Nickless, Louise Center
- 5/5 Betty Schoeph, Linda Johnson
- 5/11 Christine Bodelson
- 5/12 Charles Linn, Myrtle Widmark
- 5/13 Bud Mogford
- 5/14 LaVern Griffith
- 5/15 Jeana Hultquist, Nancy Misenti, Siw Gormley
- 5/18 John Wright, Scott Matthews
- 5/25 Francis Misenti
- 5/28 Bernice Hopkins



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