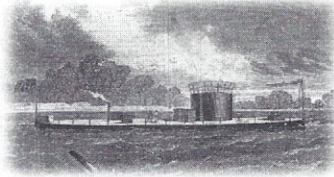


## MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

# THE



# MONITOR

Ed Netzel, Chairman—James Netzel, Vice Chairman—Charles Rea, Secretary—Jo Alice Nastal, Assistant Recording Secretary, Yvonne Magneheim, Financial Secretary—Kurt Pfannkuch, Assistant Financial Secretary—Karin Johnson, Treasurer

### WHAT'S HAPPENING!

11/5

Kaffekalas

No Social Hour

**Reservations for 2010**

**Julbord (Smörgåsbord) ends  
for**

**MEMBERS ONLY AT \$25**

**AND**

**BEGINS FOR MEMBERS**

**AND GUESTS AT \$30**

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Julbord (Smörgåsbord) med

Glögg och Lucia

IOOF HALL

1831 HOWE AVE.

SACRAMENTO

Doors Open at 6:00

1/7/11

Installation of Monitor Lodge  
officers for the year 2011

And

Potluck

(We are not longer having joint  
installations with Sierra Kronan)



### MONITOR LODGE #218 SACRAMENTO, CA. HISTORY TO 2010

(Compiled and created by Arlie Veis and continued from last  
month)

#### ACTIVITIES

Early activities included a picnic in the summer. One of particular note was held in Smith Mount Grove located about six miles north on the east bank of the Sacramento river. A barge pulled by a **steam powered stern wheeler river boat** was rented for the trip. There was singing and dancing even on the barge as well as at the picnic which was accompanied by a Danish violinist named "Walter". Though his last name is forgotten, his fiddle music lives on in the hearts of the Lodge's "Old Timers". Later sites were the Wood Lake Park in North Sacramento, in Wilton and in West Sacramento where the Sacramento-Yolo Port District is now located.

#### SMORGASBORDS;

Records have not shown all the Smorgasbords, however Fredericka Carlson began in 1940 to guide this event until it was interrupted by WW II. In 1946 it again became a yearly event under the direction of Joy and Ethyl Hubbel and continued with the Hallin's, Segerstadts, Staffords, Linns, Didrik Andersons, Veis's and Vines. It moved to Norway Hall in 1960, opened to the public, and as its reputation grew for fine Swedish food, dancing, and a little Akvavit, a larger place was in order. In the 1980's Margaret Carlson found a church on Sierra Blvd where 500 to 600 became the usual attendance. Seats were numbered and assigned as tickets were purchased. This succumbed to the huge effort involved and was moved back to Wisteria Hall with mostly Monitor members attending with Peggy Carlson, Eivor Pfannkuch, Deidre Dahlberg and many more chairing the event. It still holds to traditional foods and a "home grown" akvavit provided by Kurt Phannkuch. To this date it is still sold out.

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### **MUSIC "Monitor Singers"**

The records do not show any organized groups in the early years. The only mention was of the violinist by the name of "Walter". However in 1947 a group of about twenty men formed a glee club called the "Monitor Singers" under the direction of David Olson. They performed at various concerts and community events. In 1948 the Scandinavian Folk Dance Club was organized by Monitor member Adolph Benson and performed in conjunction with the Monitor Singers at the theater on "H" street next to the Music Circus for several years. A number of members of this group later joined Monitor. These performances ended in 1957.

### **Valley Vasa Singers**

This group was organized by Marianne Ek in 1989 with help from Ruth Veis. The membership varied from a quartet to about fifteen members. They performed for many events at the lodge and at the 1992 Convention hosted by Monitor. They performed at many Sacramento Scandinavian Festivals which was organized in 1983 by four Scandinavian Lodges. They also traveled to several Sweden Day Picnics, several Turlock Scandinavian Festivals and performed at a Fylgia Lodge's anniversary.

### **CHILDRENS CLUB**

The "Monitor Lodge Youth and Childrens Club" was organized and chartered by the Grand Lodge in 1949 by Daryl Fredrickson. The first director was Doris Larson and it was active for about ten years. After a lapse of 3 years it was re-activated by Ruth and Arlie Veis in 1962. There were about 16 members. Eight of the older members were taught the more advanced folk dances and the smaller children the simpler ones. They all learned a number of Swedish songs especially for Lucia Fests. They performed for Sweden Day picnics, Valley Vasa picnics, and put on the annual Lucia Fests at Christmas time. One year the advanced group danced at the State Fair. In 1966 new leaders continued under the able direction of Ingrid Smith followed by Camilla Holms, Brigitta Ellis, Peggy Carlson and Ron and Kristy Kagstrom. They also hosted the annual Lucia Fests and performed at various Lodge events over the years.

### **GRAND LODGE VASA YOUTH TOUR**

In 1964 the Grand Lodge sponsored a Western Region Youth tour to Sweden. Youth from California, Oregon and Washington joined together for a three week performance trip to Sweden. Monitors' Children Club went to Oakland for tryouts and Karin (Veis) Johnson and Karen Newstrom were finalists and made the trip. There were 45 youth accompanied by four adults and they performed in 20 cities and did over 30 performances in 20 days. They had an audience with the King. Monitor was instrumental in sponsoring tryouts and raising funds.

### **SWEDISH YOUTH GROUP VISIT**

In 1970 Vasa received a letter from Sweden about a Youth Group of 30 who wanted to come and perform at various locations on the West coast. They were composed of singers, dancers and 11 were blind children who did scuba diving. When District #12 received the letter DM Arlie Veis was directed to respond and Monitor agreed to host them for the first three days. They performed at ten lodges. Monitor member Charley Linn rented a bus and drove the tour to many locations.

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### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

There have been six youth from Monitor Lodge to win a Grand Lodge Scholarship. Lorna Anderson (who was also Miss America second runnerup in 1960), Anita Sernholt, Karin Veis, Jon Veis, Leif Andersson, Rolf Andersson.

### **Monitor Scholarship:**

Established in 1976. The first committee consisted of Elinore Vine, Ruth Volkof, Ruth and Arlie Veis. Its' goal was to award annual scholarships to children and grandchildren of Monitor members. The second goal was to establish and maintain a fund large enough to award the scholarships from proceeds of the fund. This became possible in the third year. Later, due to a large contribution from Charlie Linn the fund will be solvent for many years.

### **MONITOR SPORTS:**

**BOWLING:** In 1963 a Scandinavian Bowling League was established. Monitor gathered a team captained by Donn Stafford. In 1964 Donn persuaded the District to host a tournament in conjunction with the District convention with teams from the various lodges. Donn's team won the first three tournaments. This was a Friday night event.

**GOLF:** Monitor members were very active in sports in the 60's thru the 80's. There were about six couples playing golf and had monthly tournaments at various courses. In 1969 DM Arlie Veis asked permission to have the District host a tournament at the convention as a Friday activity with Vasa members from throughout the District participating. Monitor won several trophies. This event is still continuing. (2010)

### **CAMELLIA FESTIVAL**

Sacramento had become known as "The Camellia Capitol" with an annual show by the Camellia Society

In 1962 Monitor decided to enter the Camellia Parade with a float. This effort was chaired by Charlie Linn and Donn Stafford. The theme was the "Old and the New" of Sacramento so our float had the grain elevators of the Port of Sacramento (which had just been built) on one end and a depiction of the American River with gold being panned on the other. It took a couple of weeks to build and to gather flowers and greenery for it. On the Friday night before the parade all of Monitor gathered to assemble everything and in a frenzy at 6 am Saturday morning, it was completed, and we received an HONORABLE MENTION TROPHY. This inspired Monitor to go on and win **seven GRAND SWEEPSTAKES TROPHIES** in the next dozen years.

### **International Friendship Luncheon**

This event was a part of the Camellia Festival with about 17 ethnic groups participating. A Mr. Ed Combatalade founded this event in 1961. In 1963 the event was hosted by Monitor and the three other Scandinavian lodges of Sacramento. It was held at the former Woodlake Inn and as part of the program the second **International Satellite phone call** ever made was arranged for by Monitor member Lennart Andersson between Lt. Governor Anderson and Swedish Secretary of Justice, Herman Kling. The Scandinavian lodges hosted this luncheon three times, 1963 - 1972 - 1985. Monitor member Arlie Veis was General Chairman of this event in '72 and 85. The attendance was about 1000 people each year.

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## CAMELLIA SOCIETY FLORAL SHOW -- Ethnic Displays

The Camellia Society asked these same ethnic groups to put on displays of artifacts from their native countries in separate booths. In 1972 the floral show was in the Memorial Auditorium. **First Lady Pat Nixon** and Governor's wife **Nancy Reagan** visited the displays and when they came by Monitor's booth they were presented an **Orefors Crystal Bowl** by the International Friendship Chairman, Arlie Veis.

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As this will be my last message as Chairman of Monitor Lodge (I will be gone the month of November) I want to thank everyone for their support for the 5 years I have been Chairman. The Lodge meeting in October was attended by approximately 50 people. The cook team had a great dinner and I want to thank them for their hard work.

On the raffle we had for our 2112 Convention, James won and donated the afghan back to be raffled off in November. Kurt has accepted the call to run the meeting in November as James and Meilissa will also be with Judy and I for the cruise.

If you haven't listened to the radio station AM 1430 on Saturdays from 5PM to 6PM you are missing great Swedish music and announcers from Monitor Lodge doing the talking. Jack had the first program and Eivor had the last one. This is being funded by private donations but Monitor is getting plugged at every opportunity. Our order needs to work at recruiting new members and retaining our existing ones. You can help by attending the October 12 planning meeting where we set up for the coming year.

This past Saturday many members of Monitor participated in the Scandinavian Festival. It looked as though there were many people in attendance as the front and back parking lot were full most of the time. Thanks to the hard working reps. from Monitor who coordinated the event.

For the year 2011 James Netzel will be the Chairman of Monitor and Jack Larson will be the Vice Chairman. I ask that you give them the support you have shown me for the coming year. Again thanks for all you you've done.

Yours in truth and unity,  
Ed Netzel

**Monitor Lodge #218**

Oct. 1, 2010

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order.** Chair Ed Netzel called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Quorum.** The secretary called the roll of officers and announced a quorum present.

Chair Ed Netzel  
Vice Chair James Netzel  
Secretary Charley Rea  
Asst. Rec. Secretary absent  
Financial Secretary absent  
Assistant Financial Secretary Kurt Pfannkuch  
Treasurer Karin Johnson  
Cultural Committee Jack Larson  
Chaplain Jack Larson

**Minutes.** The minutes of the Sept. 3 meeting were approved (motion by James Netzel and Marianne Ek).

**Committee Reports**

*Scandinavian Festival.* It's coming up Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. It will be at the Divine Savior Church at 9709 Greenback Lane in Orangevale. Elizabeth Swensen is coordinating volunteers. Scott Matthews reminds, too, that help is always needed for the clean-up. Contact Elizabeth or Scott if you can help out.

Myrtle Widmark says to be sure and look for the Monitor Lodge booth at the Festival!

*2012 Convention.* The Dala Horse is the mascot for the convention. On their recent stay in Sweden, the Pfannkuchs secured a giant Dala Horse that will be raffled off at the convention. There will also be at least one Afgan blanket raffled, too.

Members were reminded that bottles and cans are being collected to help raise funds for the Convention. Bring to Ed Netzel and he will redeem.

*2010 Monitor Lodge Smorgasborg.* Kurt Pfannkuch announced tickets are currently available for \$25 for the Dec. 3 Smorgasborg. *Buy your tickets now!* In November, the price goes up to \$30. Kurt may also be seeking volunteers for the event.

Birgitta Ellis is organizing a Lucia for the Smorgasborg. If you know of young people that would like to participate, contact Birgitta.

*2011 Planning Meeting.* Officers—or anyone else—are asked to attend a planning meeting for Monitor Lodge's 2011 schedule. The meeting will be the evening of October 12 at 7 p.m. at Ed & Judy Netzel's home.

Note. One thing to keep in mind for next year is a trip to Junction City, Oregon for their Scandinavian Festival. It is in mid-August. The trip is for 3 days, and transportation will likely be \$95.

*Bills.* Bills for the Sil Frukost, rent, dinner, and more were reviewed and approved for payment.

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**Election of Offices.** The following were approved for office for 2011 (motion in each instance by Ed Netzel; all approved unanimously).

Chair James Netzel  
Vice Chair Jack Larson  
Secretary Arlene White  
Asst. Recording Secretary Charley Rea  
Financial Secretary Yvonne Magneheim  
Asst. Financial Secretary Kurt Pfannkuch  
Treasurer Karin Johnson  
Cultural Committee Bernice Hopkins  
Melissa Netzel  
Myrtle Widmark (*Eivor Pfannkuch will serve as an advisor to the cultural committee*)  
Chaplain Birgitta Ellis  
Master of Ceremonies Peggy Carlson  
Asst. Master of Ceremonies Jo Alice Nastal  
Inner Guard Troy Nimmo  
Outer Guard Judy Netzel  
Historian Brian Stockham  
Trustees LaVerne Griffith  
(joins Marianne Ek and Margaret Ingvarsdn)  
Auditors Craig Johnson  
(joins Gail Nemy and Erica Leaman)

*Grand Lodge News.* The Grand Lodge recently voted to increase distributions from the Old Age & Benefit Fund from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

*Newsletter Editor Wanted.* With Jack Larson's ascendency to Vice Chair, he is looking for someone to write, edit, and publish the newsletter in 2011.

*Sweden on the Radio.* Beginning this Saturday, Oct. 2, Monitor Lodge will have a weekly one-hour radio show on AM 1430, KJAY. Be sure to listen as hosts Jack Larson and Marianne Ek guide you through an hour of Sweden's finest music. Importantly, too, the show appears to have secured sufficient advertising to make this effort viable.

*More Swedish Media.* For those still not getting enough Swedish news, Eivor Pfannkuch reminds that you can click onto Swedish television at [www.svt.se](http://www.svt.se). There you'll catch up on all the latest, including replays of this summer's royal wedding.

**Next Meeting.** Nov. 5 at IOFF Hall.

**Adjourn.** Chair Ed Netzel adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Rea, Secretary.

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**If your last name is Benker, Center, Eriksson, Hagstrom, Johnson (W. Craig), Rea, Smith, Wilson, for the Kaffekalas on November 5th at 7PM, please bring either a pumpkin pie or a "seasonal pie!" to share with the members. Remember, we enjoy dessert together and not dinner at a Kaffekalas!!!**

**If this presents a problem or hardship, please let me know. My reason for doing this is to avoid an over supply of pies. Email me at [jaklinda@volcano.net](mailto:jaklinda@volcano.net) or call 209-295-4419. Bought pies are fine!!!**

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER COST CONCERNS

As we look to the future with a strong desire to avoid or reduce assessment increases, the district lodge is considering eliminating printed newsletter delivery. Under this proposal, our newsletter email distribution would continue as it is today. Our email newsletters are sent as attachments in portable document format. This PDF form allows readers to see and print the material in exactly the same layout on the page as the writer wrote it and intended it to be seen. Many of us in District 12 have been receiving our newsletters in this form for several years and find it to be acceptable. Advantages include receiving color copies instead of black and white, and more timely delivery. We don't have to wait for the printing, folding, addressing, mailing and delivery process, and this can easily save two weeks.

Currently about half of our members receive their newsletters by email and the other half by snail mail. Although some savings may be possible, the district lodge will spend about \$1,850 for printing and mailing the newsletter this calendar year, or about \$1.85 for each member of each local lodge. This represents almost ten percent of the district lodge budget. Another way to see this expense is to ask who wants to pay \$1.50 for each copy of each newsletter they receive? That is what it costs our district lodge today.

If the district lodge discontinues printing and mailing, the local lodges will have the added responsibility to help their members receive newsletters. The easiest thing for local lodges to do is collect additional email addresses from their members who are willing to receive email newsletters and forward this information to the district lodge for inclusion in its email database. Then, for the remaining members, the local lodge secretary can make copies of the newsletter and pass them out at meetings, thus avoiding the mailing cost.

This can be a contentious issue, but the district lodge has an obligation to keep its costs and local lodge assessments as low as it can, especially in these difficult economic times. We observe that other organizations around us like newspapers, magazines and newsletter senders are dealing with these issues and are finding similar solutions. Like them, we too must change with the times if we are to survive as an organization.

As the district lodge considers this preceding proposal, we want to hear from the local lodges and their members. Do you support this concept? Can you suggest better ideas? Please make your comments to any district officer. Your opinions matter.

In Truth and Generosity  
Mike Peterson  
District Treasurer  
Mikael Peterson@sbcglobal.net

## Getting to know you . . .

# Arlene White

“Helping to get the Pick-Up-the-Baton program started at Faith has been a great privilege,” said Arlene White, who as church council member is our worship team leader. It was through her leadership and musical connections that Steve Chambers came to be our choir director, and that Steve and his brother Jeff came to call Faith home to their music school.



As a professional musical artist, Arlene’s career included performances all around the Bay Area in oratorio and opera from the Baroque to the modern. How blessed we are to have her rich contralto gracing our little church.

She was born in the Lutheran parsonage in Mead, Nebraska, where her grandfather was a Lutheran minister and served on the board of Luther College in Wahoo. Her father was a professor and coach at Luther. She started her vocal training at Calloway High School. Her Saturday morning lessons often followed a heavy night of cheerleading on Friday.

She started college at the College of Idaho, majoring in music, but wasn’t able to graduate due to a shortage of funds.

She went to work in Boise, where she met Bob White, a young man attending Air National Guard summer camp. She moved to San Francisco in 1955 to join the opera company there, but opera chorus is very hard on the voice, so she started doing solo work.

The following year, she and Bob were married. They both had full-time “day jobs,” but nights and weekends would find her attending rehearsals, lessons, and performances.

After four years of marriage, Arlene and Bob became parents. When baby Pamela was just a month old, Arlene went to work for Kaiser

Refactories, a division of Kaiser Aluminum. She was the first woman manager at a time when women had to “constantly make their own way and abilities were not always recognized.” But the idea of being her own boss kept nagging her, so after 18 years with Kaiser, Arlene went into business as the owner of a Merle Norman Cosmetic studio. In 1986 she decided that entrepreneurship, where you had to depend on employees and there was no way you could call in sick, was not for her, after all.

After many part-time jobs, she went to work for Beechcraft and eventually to a private aircraft maintenance facility first in Rancho Murrieta, then at Mather Airport, as office manager. She retired in 1999.

Since then she has concentrate on promoting music in Amador County. She performed with Mother Lode Friends of Music when it was a fairly new organization. She has also performed with cabaret shows to raise money for the Interfaith Food Bank. And she sang for the Bracebridge Dinners at Yosemite for 16 years.

With the Speakeasy Jazz Band, she has performed not only at Faith but also at the Elks Club, and most recently at the Concours d’Elegance at Ironstone Winery.



Her granddaughter Kylie is also a musician, a member of the Pick-Up-the-Baton music program. She recently moved with her parents to Ogden, Utah, and gave the congregation a farewell performance on her clarinet during Sunday worship accompanied by her grandmother on the keyboard. †

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The 2011 Planning Meeting was well attended, and some changes are planned for next year’s program. Check your Program Book often in 2011. November’s meeting will be chaired by Kurt Pfannkuch while the Netzels are cruising!



# NALLERSKRYSSET

Av LENNART NILSSON Teckning: TOMMY STRINDHOLT

10 VINNARE FÅR 75:-

PIGGE BEHÖVER VISST GLASÖGON!

VILL DU LEKA MED MIG, KOMPIS?!

VÄRMER UPP Huset

Å: FÄRG-GLAD PÅPE-GOJA

LÅTA SOM EN KO

10 DECILITER

TISBLA OCH ..... LETAR

HAR PLATS FÖR BILAR

UTE-PLATS

KALLE MED KNÄVTAR

KOMMER EFTER 5

GRIS-HANNE DALKARL

LÅTA SOM EN VARG

GRIPA

LETAT MED BLICKEN

RUSAR

This puzzle is a repeat of last month's due to feedback that it was too small!

GRATTIS PÅ FÖDELSEDAG  
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Ruby Hendrickson
- 11/2 Diane Brownell  
Elizabeth Swenson
- 11/11 Richard Eriksson
- 11/13 Joy Carlson  
Donna Neimoller
- 11/16 Russ Ellis
- 11/19 Christi Kagstrom  
Alice Axberg  
Chester Larson
- 11/22 Karen Sandberg
- 11/24 Lillian Stafford  
Kathryn Matthews
- 11/26 Gloria Eriksson



KJAY BEGINS STREAMING  
WORLD-WIDE IN JANUARY  
2011.



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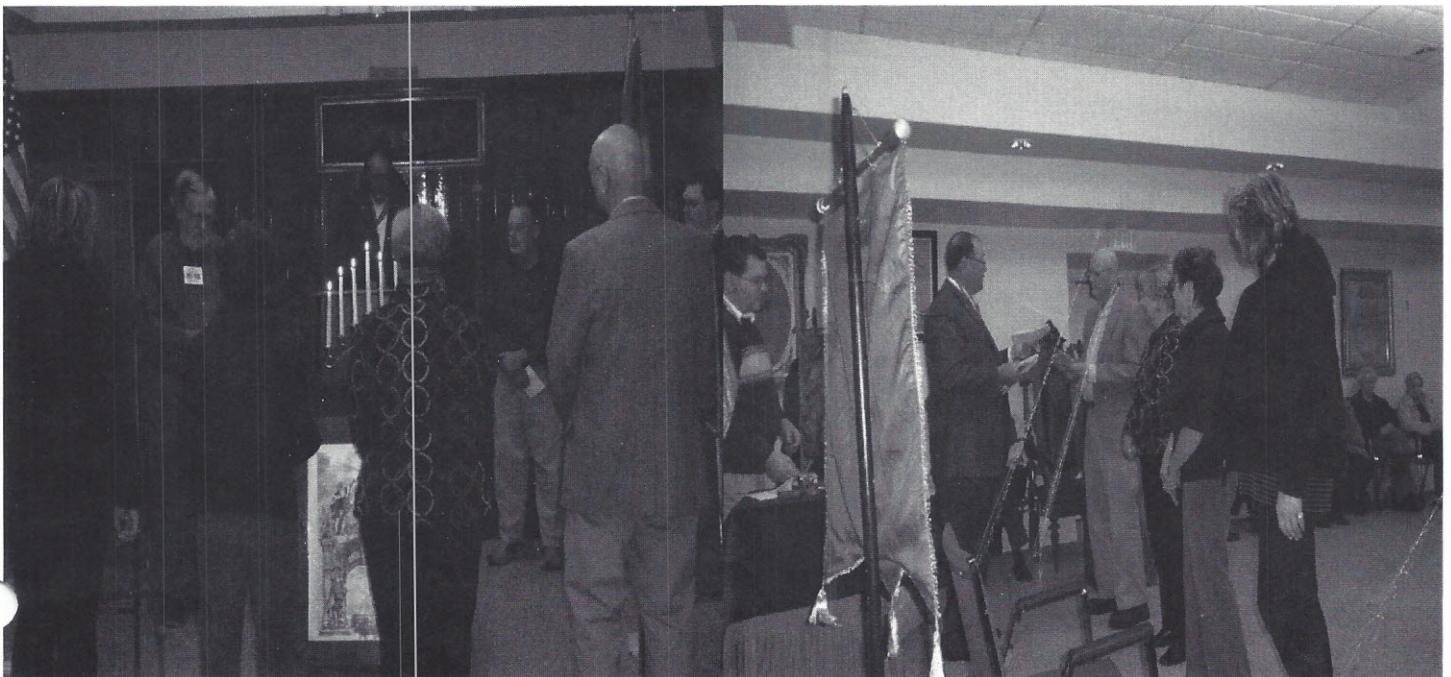
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OR FROM OUR SECRETARY AT

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YOU COULD HAVE PROVIDED A TIDBIT  
FOR THIS MONTH'S NL!



Newly initiated members (v-h or l-r) Neil Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Anita Nord, Theresa Alberts

**A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR LODGE**



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