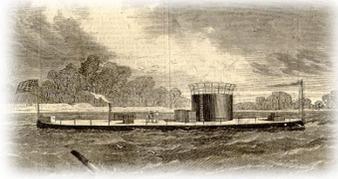


## MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

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# MONITOR

**Jack Larson**, Chairman—**Yvonne Magneheim**, Vice Chairman -**Arlene White**, Secretary—**Charley Rea**, Assistant Recording Secretary,  
**Kurt Pfannkuch**, Financial Secretary—**Gail Nemy**, Assistant Financial Secretary—**Craig Johnson**, Treasurer

### COMING UP!

#### February 3

Swedish Heritage Night  
5:30 Social Hour  
6:30 Pea Soup  
Swedish Pancakes  
Team 2  
Initiation  
Draping Charter

#### February 9

Business Meeting  
Östlund Residence  
7:00  
See Website for Map

#### March 2

Game Night \*Kaffekalas  
Homemade Cookies  
Members A-L  
7:30  
Business Meeting  
Cultural Program  
Games  
Swedish Games and or  
bring your favorite to  
share and play

\*No Dinner

**SVERIGEALMANACKAN** occupies my stairway wall every year thanks to my cousin Leif who lives in Götene Västergöland! Besides being a calendar, it is chock full of interesting tidbits about various counties in Sweden. Since 1987, the calendar has featured beautiful paintings by Erkers Marie Persson, born in Stockholm in 1954.



Erkers Marie first showed her paintings in Tällberg, Leksand in 1977. The show opened the door to her continued painting. During the years that followed, she studied Dala history and devoted her painting to images of the folk life and interiors in her beloved Dalarna. Many of her works were presented in the annual Siljan Calendar from 1985 to 1981. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siljan\\_\(lake\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siljan_(lake))

The motifs illustrate seasons, landscapes, people and impressions from various areas in Sweden. Her highly personal works radiate a unique warmth generated by a combination of naivism and naturalism.

In 1988, Erkers Marie published her first children's book, which led to the publication of two more books. In her writing, she manages to create the same warmth reflected in her paintings.

Erkers Marie's inimitable style is evident in all her work including her sculptured figurines, an art form she added to her repertoire in 2000 with great success.



Sverigealmanackan is available in the U.S. from many online butiks as are items created by Erkers Marie Persson. **REMINDER: Highlight hyperlink above and click mouse to open Website!**

Eivor advises that Nordstjernen is available in an online version at [www.nordstjernen.com](http://www.nordstjernen.com), just in case you don't want to subscribe to the hard copy. (Note) this may be an abbreviated version. Since I get the hardcopy I don't know the full content.



Of course, Stockholm at your left.



Gullholmen, Se, an archipelago of Göteborg



Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany



To the left, suburbs of Copenhagen, Denmark

See: <http://justpaste.it/3ky>

For several more aerial pictures such as these.

MINUTES  
MONITOR LODGE #218  
January 6, 2012

The January meeting began with the social hour starting at 5:30 PM and dinner following. The meeting was called by Chairman James Netzel followed by the pledge of allegiance and the singing of "America the Beautiful" Birgitta Ellis gave the chaplains message.

QUORUM

Chair James Netzel  
Vice Chair Jack Larson  
Secretary Arlene White  
Asst. Rec. Sec. Charley Rea (Absent)  
Financial Sec. Yvonne Magneheim  
Asst. Fin. Sec. Kurt Pfannkuch  
Treasurer Karin Johnson  
Cultural Comm. Myrtle Widmark  
Melissa Netzel (Absent)  
Chaplain Birgitta Ellis

ACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

We were privileged to have many visitors.. Victoria Fedor-Thurman, District Master of Golden Gate District #12, Helen Mingram, Vice Secretary of Nord Lodge and Past District Master, Craig Petersen, Grand Lodge Deputy, Kurt Pfannkuch, Past District Master, Scott Matthews, Junior Past District Master, Kathryn Matthews, District Trustee and Past District Master, Myrtle Widmark, Past District Master and Arlie Veis, Past District Master.

An application was presented by Eivor Pfannkuch for Ann Clewett and the membership voted to accept her as a member. Ann's initiation will take place in February,

Meeting regarding the April convention will be held at the Double Tree on January 22 at 3:00 PM.

Dale Ingvarlsen, Eivor Pfannkuch and Mark Delle were chosen as delegates with Craig Johnson being 1st alternate and LaVerne Griffith 2nd alternate.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Karin Johnson presented the bills and a motion was made and seconded to pay these obligations.

Meeting was adjourned so that we could proceed with the installation of officers.

The following officers were installed by our visiting District Master, Victoria Fedor-Thurman:

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Cultural Leader Karin Johnson  
Asst. Cul. Ldr. Deidre Dahlberg  
Chaplain Birgitta Ellis  
Master Ceremonies Troy Nimmo  
Asst. Mst. Ceremonies Jesus Cruz

Following installation Jack Larson, concluded the meeting reminding everyone of the February 3 meeting which is pea soup and pancake dinner and initiation of new members.

Submitted in Truth and Unity  
Arlene White, Secretary

## YES, THIS CONCERNS A DEADLINE! SCHOLARSHIP

A MONITOR LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS ON PAGE 8 OF THIS NEWSLETTER, JUST TEAR OUT THE PAGE AND FILL IT IN. THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS AFTER MARCH 15, 2012.

A DISTRICT LODGE SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING EMMA HANLON, DISTRICT 12 SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN, 6497 CAMELIA DRIVE, SAN JOSE, CA 95120, 408-268-7250.

START NOW BY OBTAINING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS AND FRIENDS TO ATTACH TO YOUR APPLICATION AND YOUR ESSAY.

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MARIANNE EK OR GAIL NEMY, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

**DeeDee asks:** Could you put a blurb in the next newsletter about saving cans as a fundraiser for the convention? Ed Netzel collects cans on meeting nights if anyone wants to bring a bag or two. If members don't want to transport the cans to a Vasa meeting, then they could take them to a recycling center. Bring the money to the meeting and turn it in to Ed.



GLAD ALLA HJÄRTENS DAG

# Scandinavian Folk Dancing in the Sacramento, California Area



From the Special Collections of the Sacramento Public Library

Many people around the U.S. enjoy the enchanting movement and music of the traditional folk dances of the Scandinavian countries (Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, & the Faroe Islands). Although these dances originated in specific geographic areas populated by specific ethnic groups, today they are enjoyed by people of diverse ethnic groups, and there is no expectation that one's ancestors came from Scandinavia. All that is required is an appreciation of the beautiful and moving music and dance from this part of the world.

What is Scandinavian Folk [Dance](#)?

In the Sacramento area, we are an enthusiastic group who enjoy doing old favorite dances and learning new ones. Our group is the *El Dorado Scandinavian Dancers (EDSD)*. Often dancers come to the group from other recreational or social dance forms, such as International Folk Dance, Contradance, or Scottish Country Dance. Any dance, music, or athletic background helps a person to pick up Scandinavian folk dance.



Some of us own and wear traditional folk costumes from parts of Scandinavia to special events, but no costume is necessary, and everyday clothes are worn for regular dances. The only garment that is important is a pair of dance shoes. Styles vary with the country. A Danish, Norwegian or Swedish shoe is typically sturdy, with a low heel and a smooth leather sole. The heel is leather or rubber. A Finnish shoe is made in lightweight leather.

<http://www.folkdance.com/scandi/>

1/13/2012

For more information contact Monitor Members Barry Moore or Johanna Benker. Also, more information is available at the above Web address or on the Monitor Website

# Helan Går

“Helan går (sång när man tar första supen”

*Way down in your stomach where it's deep and dark and cold  
is the Devil and he's waiting for a drink.....!*

## Swedish

1. HELAN GÅR SJUNG HOFF FALLERI FADERIJLLANLEJ

HELAN GÅR SJUNG HOP FADDERALLANLEJ

OCH DEN SOM INTE HELAN TAR, HAN HELLER INTE HALVAN FAR  
HELAN GÅR .....

**Everyone looks in each others eyes and takes a sip.....**

SJONG HOPPFADDERALLANLEJ!!!!

2. HALVAN GÅR,

Same as above but substitute Halvan for Helan

3. TERSEN GÅR,

Same as above but substitute Tersen for Helan

## English- Phonetically

*Let's down the first! (Sung at parties on taking the first drink)*

HELL AND GORE CHUNG HOP FATHER ALLAN ALLAN LAY

HELL AND GORE CHUNG HOP FATHER ALLAN LAY

OH HANDSOME IN THE HELL AND TAR AND HELL ARE IN THE HALF AND  
FOUR.

HELL AND GORE CHUNG HOP FATHER ALLAN LAY.....!

**Everyone looks in each others eyes and takes a sip.....**

(CHUNG HOP FATHER ALLAN ALLAN LAY!!!!

1. HALVE AND GORE CHUNG HOP FATHER ALLAN ALLAN LAY

2. TESS AND GORE CHUNG HOP FATHER ALLAN ALLAN LAY

## MONITOR SNAPS

Kurt, Eivor and Hans' Recipe

1 bottle 1.75 liter decent vodka like Smirnoff  
Put in one-cup jar  
Add  
3 Tablespoons fennel seed  
3 Tablespoons Caraway  
Let sit for 3-4 days  
Filter through a coffee filter into a mixing bowl  
Add the rest of the vodka to blend

Pour back in the bottle  
Let "age" for at least three days!

Enjoy!



On behalf of myself and the 2012 Officers, many thanks for helping make the Installation of Officers a truly memorable evening. From the wonderful potluck spread, the great time of fellowship, the evening was culminated by the Installation presided over by District Master Victoria Fedor-Thurman, assisted by Grand Lodge District 12 Deputy Craig Peterson, and PDM Helen Mingram. Helen is also District Deputy to Monitor Lodge. Besides the aforementioned, other PDMs were present also to which we at Monitor say thank you.

Food and fellowship were obvious during the evening:



For taking these pictures, thank you Yvonne, and to see them all go to [www.monitorlodgesacramento.org](http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org). ed.

Traditional Thursday Night Dinner held on Friday  
February 3rd beginning at 5:30 with Social Hour.  
A Cultural Program is planned by our new Chair and Co-Chair and all are looking forward to it!  
There may be some dancing also, so bring your healthy legs and dancing shoes. **SEE YOU THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

### **Please note and mark your directory:**

W. Craig Johnson  
[wjohnsonvasa91@gmail.com](mailto:wjohnsonvasa91@gmail.com)

Please use the address ONLY for Treasurer-related communication. All other communication, please use the address as listed in the Directory.

**MONITOR LODGE #218  
VASA ORDER OF AMERICA  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

FROM:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted (not later than ~~May 1, 2011~~) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Monitor Lodge #218 member who qualifies your candidacy: \_\_\_\_\_  
*3-25-12*

Present High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This scholarship applies to study in any field selected by candidate.

What are your choices of study?

First choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Information which will be helpful in determining this scholarship grant:

a. Activities within your school:

b. Activities outside your school:

c. Activities within Monitor Lodge:

d. Honors you have received:

I respectfully submit letters of recommendations from three teachers or counselors.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_