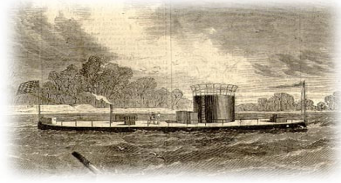


MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

THE



MONITOR

Jack Larson, Chairman—Yvonne Magneheim, Vice Chairman - **Arlene White**, Secretary—**Charley Rea**, Assis-

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

7th @ 7:00
Back to School
Night (bring a
bag lunch to ex
change

Nominating
Committee
Report

Cultural
Program

15th @ 10AM
Annual Sill Fru
kost Carlson
Residence

23rd 2013 Planning
Meeting—time
and location to
be announced

OCTOBER

5th Pie & Coffee

6th Scandinavian
Festival

**ALWAYS CHECK
YOUR 2012 PRO-
GRAM BOOK!**



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/23 Britt-Marie Andersson
- 9/5 Emily Carlson
- 9/12 Peggy Carlson
- 9/6 Carol Churkin
- 9/4 Mark Delle
- 9/4 Melody Friberg
- 9/7 Joesie Hennig
- 9/7 Neil Johnson
- 9/11 Paul Johnson
- 9/2 Yvonne Magneheim
- 9/16 Arlie Veis
- 9/15 Rosemarie Westrup

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants celebrating a birthday this month of September as they begin another year.

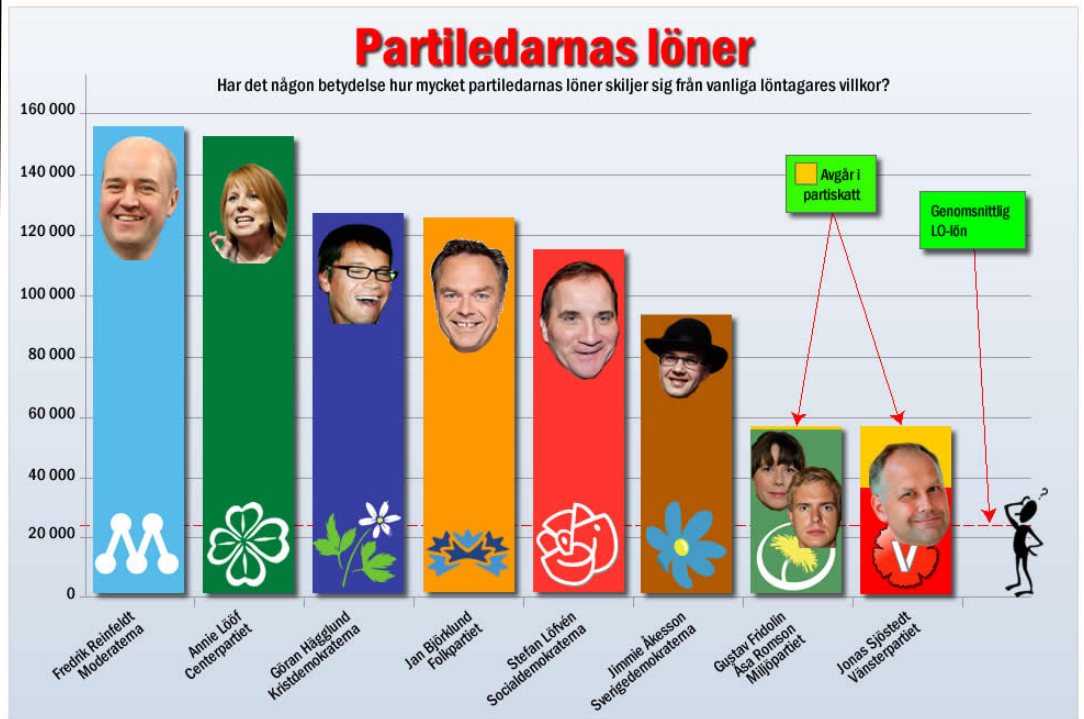
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



115 years total membership in Vasa Order of America is depicted on Page 1! Monitor members Lillian Stafford received recognition of 65 years membership and Arlie Veis. Grand Master Bill Lundquist pinned the recipients at the Saturday banquet.

PAST CHAIRMAN

A Past Chairman's Pin will be awarded to James Netzel at the September meeting.



In the Swedish news recently there have been articles in several newspapers about how much money Swedish politicians make every month. Here are the details from right to left in the diagram:

Fredrik Reinfeldt, the current Prime Minister and leader of *Moderaterna*, the Moderate Party, and Sweden's most highly-paid politician. The Moderate Party is Sweden's second-largest party with approximately 60,000 members. Reinfeldt makes around 154,000 SEK (23,000 USD) per month, with a yearly salary of around 280,000 USD.

Annie Lööf, leader of *Centerpartiet*, or the Center Party, makes only slightly less than Reinfeldt with 152,000 SEK per month, or just over to 270,000 USD per year.

Göran Hågglund, leader of *Kristdemokraterna*, the rather extreme right-wing Christian Democrats, makes 127,000 SEK (19,000 USD) per month, totaling to about 230,000 USD a year.

Jan Björklund, leader of *Folkpartiet*, the self-acclaimed People's Party, also makes about 230,000 USD a year.

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Everyone attending the Pancake Breakfast/Midsummer celebration had a good time. For many, it was an introduction to the majstång and the “interesting” traditional dances of Swedish Midsummer. There were some bewildered looks on the faces of the 25-35 somethings, but for those of us who have a bit more knowledge of the traditions, and most of all, the youngsters, had a great time.

James Netzel did a superb job constructing the majstång and setting it up (not to mention trucking all the necessities from the hall), and many decorators took over the joy of decorating with flowers. Jesus Cruz handled the DJ responsibilities and acted as go-fer superb!

With one of the two stoves out of commission, Ed Netzel made perfect pancakes all by himself, with some help from Judy, and the menu of pancakes, sausages, OJ and coffee seemed to keep everyone fueled.

Fiddler/nyckelharapist Tim Rued taught the dances and played the music. Our own Barry Moore was there with some El Dorado Dancers, which added to the success of the day.



A MOVEABLE FEAST

The Annual Sill Fru-kost is hosted this year by Ken and Peggy Carlson on Saturday, September 15th at 10AM. I have no further details.

LOOKING AHEAD

Current District Cultural Leader Marie-Ann Hill is presenting a Cultural Seminar in October at Sveadal. I have sent the flyer to all members, but fyi, as a reminder, this event alternates bi-annually with the Membership Chair Seminar and should be attended by Lodge Cultural Leader(s) and others interested. For further information, contact Ann-Marie Hill, 510-482-3413 or marieanh7@gmail.com

IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE INFORMED?

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Our Dist. NL: www.vasadistrict12.org/Golden_Gate_Nyheter.html
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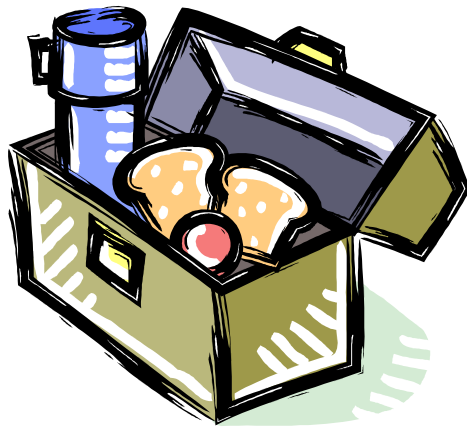
Membership Contacts:

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530-674-1068

Birgitta Ellis
920-0696



Monitor's Annual Crawfish Party. as usual, was held at James and Melissa's home in Loomis. "As usual," also is the fact this event was a great success. The Netzels always go to extremes to make everyone feel comfortable and have a good time. This year was no exception. Besides crawfish, James did his culinary best with the salmon and beef on the grill. Thanks to all who brought food items to share as well as snaps to drink! I received no pictures from the event, so if you have some, send them to Kris Wilson to be placed on the Website. Do not send them to me!



"SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS, DEAR OLD....." whatever our memories of our school years are, lunch and recess usually were the best parts of the school day.

Let's reminisce a little bit at our September meeting and bring a bag lunch to share. Remember, whatever is in the bag is going to someone else, so make it a bit special. Of course, coffee will be provided.

This is our first meeting after taking the summer off and there is much to consider in the way of lodge business.

There will be a Cultural Presentation by Karin and DeeDee. This is NOT A DINNER MEETING. See you at 7:00.

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

From Tom Anderson

Hi Jack,

As you probably already know, Gail Nemy, Annika and I are committee members for the upcoming Scandinavian Festival. As per previous years, the different lodges have donated a \$25 gift basket for the door prizes offered. Hopefully we can count on this year's participation by our lodge as well....

ed notes: I have a gallon of frozen pancake batter and an almost full gallon of peanut oil. If you want them let me know—jaklinda@volcano.net. Also, do not direct questions to me regarding the recipe for pancake batter. Call Ken Carlson and/or Ed Netzel for that information.

MONITOR LODGE #218
Business Meeting June 14, 2012

Monitor Lodge held a business meeting on June 14, 2012 at Yvonne Magneheim's home. Those present were:

Jack Larson
Yvonne Magneheim
Arlene White
Craig Johnson
Gail Nemy
Birgitta Ellis
Deidre Dahlberg
Karin Johnson

Jack had spoken with Eivor in Sweden and she sent her greetings. Mention was made that Craig had been a good alternate at the convention since he had attended all functions. An idea was made that we have deadlines for submitting bills and this was discussed and the majority were not in favor of deadlines for the bills.

Craig Johnson gave us the following treasurer's report:

May income: \$2,755.00
Bills -2,577.97
Interest 44.72
Bank Balance \$10,888.92 (No mention made of previous bank balance)

Bills presented to be paid: \$600.00 to Dede for T-shirts \$620.64 has already been paid for T-shirts.

Eivor Pfannkuch was sending bill for \$186.44 for the Viking dinner.

Margaret Ingvardsen a bill for the raffle basket in the amount of \$68.95

Carol Churkin for May dinner - \$103.57

Kurt Pfannkuch – anniversary, newsletter and printing - \$273.82

Dede made motion to pay these bills and Yvonne seconded – voted and approved.

Yvonne gave report on Sveadal in Morgan Hill. There was no program and only 60-70 people in attendance.

Dede placed an order for 36 more T-shirts to promote and sell at the Pancake Breakfast.

Jack reported on Swedish Pancake Day and needed a motion for \$100 stipend to give to Tim Ruid, Motion made and seconded – passed. Dede, Thelma and Jack will be making pancake batter. Jack thought perhaps Peggy would research where we could get sausages

Discussion was made on continuing to work on the file cabinets.

Brian Stockham is willing to continue as historian.

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Again the discussion arose as to what exactly is in the archives. Gail sent a box of old meeting minutes, which were in Swedish, to the archives. Birgitta keeps all the Lucia paraphernalia.

In February meeting discussion was as to whether we should:

1. Have Julbord off site.
2. Allow it to be bigger than it is already
3. Perhaps have Lucia different date
4. Julbord dinner different date

Karin volunteered to check on a different Julbord venue for 2013, but Julbord will remain the same for 2012. Suggestion was made that a flier be made for Julbord or Lucia.

At the September meeting more discussion will take place regarding the file cabinets and Julbord.

Discussion took place the February meeting regarding not having officers on the dinner teams as this presents a problem for them to take part in the business meeting, so when making up dinner teams in the future no officers will be on a team. Also it was discussed whether dinner team members should be

paying for their dinners and the consensus was that "yes" they should be paying. Another item brought up was an increase in the dinners to \$10 without reservations and \$8 with reservation.

A committee will be needed to help Gail with the program book for 2013. Arlene will help.

There was discussion about changing the October 5th meeting since it falls one day before the Scandinavian Festival and so many of our members are involved. At the October meeting pie will be furnished by the lodge.

On September 23 at 2:30 PM a planning meeting will be held at Yvonne's.

Motion made to adjourn meeting, voted and passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene White, Secretary
Monitor #218

Secretary White's husband Bob is experiencing complications from his bypass surgery. He will be transferred to Kit Carson Convalescent Hospital, 811 Court Street, Jackson, CA 94642.

Please let Birgitta Ellis know of any lodge member needing contact and/or a card. She is our "Sunshine" contact.

THERE IS NO DINNER MEETING IN OCTOBER TO ACCOMMODATE MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE FESTIVAL THE FOLLOWING DAY!

“TO ME THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE”

Those were the words of the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg at a meeting in Budapest on January 10, 1945, when urged by his colleague Per Anger to seek safety. “I’ve accepted this assignment and I could never return to Stockholm without the knowledge that I’d done everything in human power to save as many Jews as possible.”

That was the last time the two colleagues met.

Raoul Wallenberg, born into a wealthy and prominent Swedish family, had arrived in Hungary in summer 1944 to take up a position at the Swedish Legation in Budapest. He was part of a project, backed by the US War Refugee Board, explicitly aimed at saving Jews in Hungary from deportation and death. Using all his courage, daring and determination, often putting his own safety at risk, he launched a rescue operation that saved tens of thousands of Jews from the Holocaust.

Shortly after the meeting with Per Anger, in the chaotic days of the fall of Budapest to the Soviet army, Wallenberg was arrested and imprisoned by Soviet forces. To this day, his fate remains unknown.

This year, Raoul Wallenberg would have turned 100. The Swedish government has decided to commemorate his centenary throughout 2012 and many activities are currently underway in Sweden and abroad. Together with Israeli partners, the Embassy of Sweden in Israel will be involved in a number of events to highlight the life and legacy of this remarkable man, including a high-level symposium in cooperation with Yad Vashem in June, with the participation of the Swedish Minister for Integration Erik Ullenhag, and a large international exhibition in Tel Aviv in September.

In Israel, Wallenberg is recognized by Yad Vashem as one of the Righteous among the Nations for his work to save Jews in Hungary at risk to his own life. He was granted honorary citizenship of Israel in 1986. His legacy remains an important part of the fabric of relations between Sweden and Israel and is kept alive by the many Israelis who were saved by him and their families.

Sweden pursues a close dialogue with Israeli partners, notably Yad Vashem, on how to make the imperative of learning from the Holocaust a lasting reality. In 2000, world leaders participating in the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust emphasized the crucial importance of Holocaust education. Already before the Forum, Swedish households had received the book *Tell ye your children...*, which was published in order to spread information about the Holocaust and to encourage future generations to learn from it.

Today, the book has been distributed in over a million copies and is currently available to all on the website of the Swedish public authority The Living History Forum (www.levandehistoria.se).

Swedish governments stand firm in their commitment to make learning from the Holocaust and the fight against contemporary anti-Semitism a priority. Pursuing this fight is also part of honoring Raoul Wallenberg’s legacy.

The Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt has said that as Swedes, we can feel proud of what Raoul Wallenberg did for others. But we must also feel shame over what was not done for him. The year of commemoration will be an opportunity to remember the life and accomplishments of Raoul Wallenberg, but also to reflect on our need for courage and humanity today. Wallenberg’s humanitarian achievements must not turn into a distant memory, but live on to remind us that each and everyone of us has a role and a responsibility in the fight against anti-Semitism, xenophobia and intolerance today. The memory of Raoul Wallenberg shows the importance of personal courage and of taking a stand – because one person can make a difference.

The writer is the Swedish ambassador to Israel.

Stefan Löfvén, is the leader of *Socialdemokraterna*, or the Social Democrats, the largest political party in Sweden with over 100,000 members. Löfvén earns about 115,000 SEK (17,000 USD) a month and around 205,000 USD a year.

Jimmie Åkesson is the founder and leader of the extreme right-wing *Sverigedemokraterna*, or Sweden Democrats. Though the party is the smallest in the Riksdag, he makes a monthly salary of 95,000 SEK (14,000 USD) or 170,000 USD a year. (Note that the website is only available in Swedish. Sverigedemokraterna is the most nationalistic party in Sweden.)

Gustav Fridolin and **Åsa Romson** together represent *Miljöpartiet*, or the Green Party. Combined, they make 57,000 SEK (8,500 USD) a month and 102,000 USD a year.*

Last and unfortunately least, Mr. **Jonas Sjöstedt**, leader of *Vänsterpartiet*, or the Left Party, also earns about 102,000 USD a year.*

*The Green Party and the Left Party both require that their leaders leave a certain amount of their salary to the party itself every month. The Green Party requires the small amount of 2150 SEK (320 USD) per month to keep their party going, including a contribution to their environmental charity fund. The Left Party requires that their leader's monthly salary be cut off at 27,500 SEK (4,100 USD, totaling 49,200 USD a year) and the rest go to party's own fund. This "party tax" well reflects the nature of the Left Party's ideology, putting their leader at the same economic level as an ordinary worker.

The average salary for a normal union worker is 27,700 SEK (4,100 USD) per month, around 50,000 USD a year. That's 230,000 USD less than Fredrik Reinfeldt. As a result, many Swedes are complaining about the salaries of Swedish politicians being too high. What do you guys think? How are these salaries in comparison with the salaries of important politicians in your home country?