

**MONITOR LODGE # 218
VASA ORDER OF AMERICA**

FEBRUARY 2014

CURRENT EVENTS

**March Meeting - Mar 7th—"Cabbage Soup" Dinner –
5:30 PM Social hour - 6:30 PM Dinner – Cultural Program and meeting to follow – IOOF Hall,
1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento.**

Our cultural program for the evening will be a presentation about the Sami people, including their jewelry, presented by Nonnie Löffström. This will be a very unique opportunity to learn more about another Scandinavian culture.

The Telephone Callers will be contacting you for your reservation. If you missed their call or haven't received a call you should call your assigned caller to make a reservation. We want to make sure we have enough food.

Violet DeBord	685-2908	Alberts – D. Dalhberg
Anita Nord	961-2189	Delle – Ingvarlsen
Lillian Stafford	487-4201	Jensen - Nesewich
Elizabeth Havener	487-2837	Netzel – Winter

FUTURE EVENTS

Anniversary Dinner – Whoooops! The Anniversary Dinner was listed in the program book and in the last newsletter incorrectly. The date is actually **Saturday, April 5th**. Please change your program books and note this date on your calendar. It will be at the Dante Club as in other years. More information will be available at the March meeting. Bring your checkbook if you want to make your reservation that night.

If you have anything that you would like to donate to the raffle or silent auction, you can bring it to the March meeting. The proceeds of the raffle and silent auction are used to reduce the price of the dinner. If you would like to help with the raffle or silent auction or you have any questions call Yvonne Magneheim at 916-979-9501.

District Convention – The annual Golden Gate District # 12 convention will be held April 25th, 26th and 27th at the Nugget Hotel in Sparks, Nevada. If you are interested in attending, contact Yvonne Magneheim for the necessary forms at 916-979-9501.

2014 DUES

At our February business meeting we voted to increase the dues to **\$35 per member per year**. Our dues are usually payable at the beginning of each year. However, due to the change in the amount we delayed the collection of dues this year. They are now due. Every year we pay a per member fee to our District Lodge at the beginning of the year. It is important that we collect our dues for Monitor Lodge in order to have enough general funds to cover that payment. The payment to the district mainly covers the cost of liability insurance for the district and the individual lodges. You will also be eligible for the member discount for the Anniversary Dinner.

Please pay your dues as soon as possible. You should make the check payable to Monitor Lodge #218 and send it to our Financial Secretary, Elizabeth Swenson at P.O. Box 22943, Sacramento, CA 95822. She will also be at the March meeting if you would like to pay at that time.

SCHOLARSHIP

Monitor Lodge Scholarship – Applications for the Monitor Lodge Scholarship are due April 15th. If you know someone who is eligible for this scholarship, a member, child or grandchild of a member, you can request an application from either Marianne Ek at 916-371-7756 or DeeDee Dahlberg at 916-481-0373. Applications will be available at the March meeting.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/17 - Kenneth Carlson

3/18 - George Kantar

3/29 - Joyce Burns

If your birthday has been missed, please contact Karin Johnson at 916-482-3755, so that the list can be updated.

Member News

It is with sadness that we report that long time member, Annabel Audet died. A memorial service will be on March 1st at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sutterville Road, Sacramento.

Recently several members have had stays in the hospital, Theresa Alberts and Joyce Johnson. Other members that are still recovering are: Myrtle Widmark, Linda Larson, Ed Dahlberg, Joesie Hennig and Christine Bodelson. We should keep them in our thoughts and prayers.