

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

**APRIL 2014**

Chairman, Charles Rea  
Vice Chairman, Brian Horsfield  
Secretary, Yvonne Magneheim  
Treasurer, Johanna Benker  
Financial Secretary, Elizabeth Swenson

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**May Meeting** – Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM, business meeting with dessert and coffee, at IOOF Hall, 1831 Howe Ave, Sacramento. The cultural program will be a sharing of personal information about your Swedish heritage. There will be a map of Sweden so that members can locate where they or their ancestors came from. Anyone who would like to share any cultural/traditional characteristics of their province/city is encouraged to do so. Please bring any memorabilia from your family, etc., that is from your province/city.

**Sill Frukost** – Saturday, May 17, 10 AM, at the home of Ken & Peggy Carlson, 6042 Lincoln Ave., Carmichael. The annual “Sill Frukost” (Herring Breakfast) has been moved back to May as it was in past years. The details are included in the flyer from Peggy. If you have any questions, please call her at 916-944-4990.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**Midsummer Potluck** - We will have our indoor “Midsummer Celebration” on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - Social Hour, 6:30 - Potluck. There will also be the decoration of the Majstang before the dinner and dancing and singing around it after dinner. There will be sign-up sheets at the May meeting.

**Golden Gate District Sweden Day** – Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at Sveadal, 8220 Croy Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. There was a flyer sent by the District Master, Corey Peterson. If you are interested and need more information, you can call Yvonne Magneheim 916-979-9501.

**2014 DUES**

Annual dues are past due. Monitor Lodge raised the dues at the February meeting to **\$35 per person per year**. If you haven't paid your dues for 2014, you should make your check payable to Monitor Lodge #218 and send to our Financial Secretary, Elizabeth Swenson at P.O. Box 22943, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

5/2 Ann Clewitt	5/3 Deidre Dahlberg	5/4 Taniel Green
5/11 Christine Bodelson	5/12 Charles Linn & Myrtle Widmark	
5/15 Siw Gormley	5/18 Scott Matthews	5/22 Diane Berg
5/23 Darlene Miller	5/28 Bernice Hopkins	5/29 Richard Eriksson

### **Member News**

It is with great sadness that we report that Al Mitchell has passed away.

Dean Hopkins, husband of member Bernice Hopkins, suffered a series of strokes. He is now recovering and is making amazing progress.

Other members that are still recovering are: Myrtle Widmark, Linda Larson, Ed Dahlberg, Joyce Johnson, Anita Nord, and Christine Bodelson. A card or phone call would be appreciated. We should keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

If you know of any member that has been ill, please contact Theresa Alberts, Chaplain.

### **Future Planning**

- Our cultural leader is looking for a large map of Sweden for multiple uses. If you have a large map and are willing to let the lodge use it or you know a good place to purchase one call Barry Moore, 916-969-8904.
- It has been suggested that we initiate a movie night. However, the lodge hall probably isn't the most comfortable place for a movie. If you know of a location that would be suitable (hours and cost), please talk to Barry Moore at the next meeting.
- There has been an interest expressed in more dance lessons, possibly before meetings. If you are interested, there will be a sign-up at our next meeting. If there is enough interest, times and place will be determined.

**Caller Needed** – Due to illness, Anita Nord is no longer able to be a caller. If you are willing to make a few calls for the various dinners, please contact Yvonne Magneheim at 916-979-9501.