

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

October 2014

CURRENT EVENTS

Business Meeting – Friday, November 7th, 7PM, IOOF Hall, 1831 Howe Ave., Sacramento, CA. We will have our election of 2015 officers and initiation of new members with a slice of pie. We have almost all of the nominations for the offices filled, but we still need an Assistant Recording Secretary with the following duties:

“The Assistant Recording Secretary shall assist and aid the Recording Secretary, and assume the duties of the Recording Secretary in his/her absence. Depending on the working agreement with the Recording Secretary, you may have to write (a laptop computer is available) the minutes of the meeting....”

The duties of the Recording Secretary include but are not limited to: keep accurate records of all proceedings, keep a complete list of all members, furnish the District Secretary with a complete list of all initiations, etc., obtain necessary information for the Yearly Report, and be the custodian of the local lodge official seal.

The Assistant Recording Secretary is a good position to learn what is required to be the Recording Secretary in the future. If you have these skills or are interested in learning new skills, please consider taking this office.

Annual Smörgåsbord

- **Saturday, November 15 - 5:30 Social Hour – 6:30 Dinner, IOOF Hall, 1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento.**
- **Hurry, hurry, hurry! The deadline for reservations is Saturday, November 1st. The cost is the same as last year, \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Make checks payable to Monitor Lodge #218.**
- **Reservations should be made with Meribeth Bean at 916-995-4965 (cell) and sent to 4121 – 67th St, Sacramento, CA 95820.**
- **Aquavit and Glögg will be served.**

Nål och Tråd

Nål och Tråd will have a table at the Smörgåsbord and at the St. Lucia program for your Christmas shopping convenience.

FUTURE EVENTS

Santa Lucia Program & Children’s Christmas Party – Friday, December 5th, – 7 PM, IOOF Hall, 1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento. This will be a traditional Jul party with punch, finger food and cookies. Bring your children, grandchildren and/or great grandchildren.

If you know any children who would like to participate, please contact Karin Johnson at 482-3755.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 – Ruby Henrickson, Diane Brownell, Elizabeth Swenson 11/11 – Richard Eriksson
11/16 – Russ Ellis 11/19 - Christi Kagstrom, Alice Axberg 11/22 – Karen Sandberg
11/24 – Lillian Stafford, Kathryn Matthews 11/28 – Susan Edelmayer

If your birthday has been missed, please contact Karin Johnson so that the list can be updated for the future.

Member News

It is with great sadness that we report that long time member Ed Dahlberg died on October 12, 2014. He will be greatly missed.

Long time member Oskar (Don) Carlson has reported that he has moved to Mill Valley to be near his daughter.

Swedish Classes

Who: Classes open to VOA members, El Dorado Scandinavian Dancers, taught by Eric Swanson [cell 916.225.3620; swannest@hotmail.com]. Retired teacher and Swedish speaker/translator.

What : Beginning Swedish; Intermediate Swedish; Advanced Intermediate Swedish

Where: Eric Swanson's house / 126 John Henry Circle / Folsom CA 95630 USA. te 916-225-3620

Why: Community service. Students are asked to make a donation to Doctors without Borders; I am donating my time and expertise. Students will be responsible to purchase their own textbooks through Amazon.com or other sources. Starting 1 Jan 2015 there will be student donation of \$5 per class which will be forwarded to Doctors without Borders. VOA members may want to learn about their language, history and culture.

When: Swedish 1 - Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM. No class on the second Tuesday of the month - student prep time. The class is aimed at beginners.

Scandinavian 2 - Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM. No class on the second Wednesday of the month - student prep time. This class is intermediate/advanced. The language of instruction is Swedish, but students are welcome to speak and write assignments in Norwegian or Danish.

Interested? Please contact Eric to find out the required textbooks.

NOTE: It is already that time of year. We are updating the member/program book for 2015. If your information has changed during 2014, please contact Gail Nemy at gnemy@sbcglobal.net. We don't want to lose touch with you.