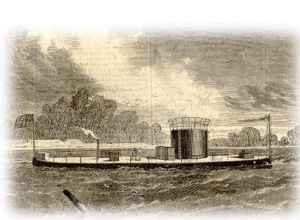


# Monitor Lodge, #218

Sacramento, California

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November 15, 2015

**Swedish Bingo Stars at November Meeting.** The November meeting of Monitor Lodge featured a Swedish language game of bingo. The creation of Monitor Lodge cultural co-chair Deidre Dahlberg, the game required letters and number to be called out in Swedish. Contestants were aided slightly by the letters and numbers being posted on the wall with their Swedish spelling. In addition, a volunteer quickly pointed to the letters and numbers as they were called out. However, speaking or translating into English was strictly forbidden, with violators losing their bingo card. The game was made all the more challenging—and educational—by talented Lodge members from different areas of Sweden calling out the bingo numbers. Annika Anderson, Lars and Birgitta Ostlund, Siw Gormley, and Eivor Pfannkuch were among those making the calls. Lodge members quickly realized that after four or five games they not only were learning five letters and how to count to 80 in Swedish, but also how to do it in about five dialects. The fast-learners were rewarded with prizes after hollering, “Bingo!” Fortunately, all cards were reviewed by cultural co-chair Barry Moore for accuracy. It was lots of fun and we all left a little smarter.



Deidre Dahlberg shows the many areas of Sweden represented at Monitor Lodge’s Swedish language bingo competition.



Monitor Lodge Chair Mark Delle aids contestants by pointing to fyrtio.



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**2016 Officers.** That put us in a good mood, so we went ahead and elected a slate of [officers](#) for 2016. Mark Delle will return as chair. Every spot but one was filled, that being the vice chair. So, if you have a little extra time and want to be vice chair, please let Mark know. Thank you for all those who have volunteered. The full list of officers is below.

**Smörgåsbord.** Next Saturday, [Nov. 21](#), will be the annual Monitor Lodge Holiday Smörgåsbord. Please remember to RSVP to Meribeth Bean by [Monday, November 16](#) if you will be attending, # [\(916\) 995-4965](#). The traditional Glögg och Pepparkakor Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a 4 course Smörgåsbord. The price is \$30 for adults; \$10 if you are under 14 years of age.

Please let the Lodge know if have a dish you would like to bring, or if you want to inquire about what is needed. [sierratrouboy@hotmail.com](mailto:sierratrouboy@hotmail.com)

**Santa Lucia Coming Up!** Just about the time you settle down after the Smorgasbord, it will be time for the annual Monitor Lodge Lucia pageant. This will feature the traditional Lucia surrounded by tarnor, star boys, and a mischievous tomte. And, who knows who else might arrive!? Light refreshments, lingonberry juice, and glögg will be provided as appropriate. The pageant starts at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4. Don't be late!

For more information about how you can participate or help out, contact Karin Johnson [kmjohnsonk1p2@aol.com](mailto:kmjohnsonk1p2@aol.com) or Anita Nord [rolleanita@comcast.net](mailto:rolleanita@comcast.net)

**January 2016 Meeting.** The Lodge will kick-off 2016 on [Jan. 8](#) with the installation of officers. The good news is that the new officers will be cooking dinner! This should be interesting! It starts at 5:30 p.m.

**Vasa Scholarships.** The Vasa Order of American annually offers selected members college and vocational scholarships of up to \$1,000. To be eligible, you must have been a member since Feb. 15, 2015. If so, download an application before Jan. 15, 2016 and, then, mail it before Feb. 15, 2016. Good luck! [2016 Vasa Scholarship information.](#)

**2016 Dues.** They are due in January. Please send a check or bring one to the next meeting. They are still \$35 per.

**Join a Scandinavian Dance Class!** Barry Moore wants you to know a new series of Scandinavian dance classes will start up soon. There will be Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, and Finnish/Karelian dances. For those that recently learned to count in Swedish, dancing will be the perfect complement. To learn more, contact Barry at (916) 969-8904 or [okapmoore@gmail.com](mailto:okapmoore@gmail.com)



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**Old Age & Benefit Fund.** The Grand Lodge recently provided this announcement.

“At our recent Grand Lodge Executive Board meeting, the members of the board revised the matrix used for member applications for benefits from the Old Age and Benefit Fund. Amounts available were increased for members of 10 years and more.” From Joan Graham, Grand Secretary, Vasa Order of America  
For more information, contact [sierratrouboy@hotmail.com](mailto:sierratrouboy@hotmail.com)

**2016 Monitor Lodge Officers**

a. Chairman	Mark Delle
b. Vice Chairman	Vacant
c. Recording Secretary	Yvonne Magneheim
d. Financial Secretary	Anita Nord
e. Treasurer	Johanna Benker
f. Assistant Financial Secretary	Gail Nemy
g. Cultural Committee	Dick Baldwin, DeeDee Dahlberg,
h. Chaplain	Birgitta Ostland
i. Master of Ceremonies	Alex Hopkins
j. Assistant Master of Ceremonies	Daniel Klostermann
k. Inner Guard	Melissa Netzel
l. Outer Guard	Nicole Hopkins
m. Historian/Picture Directory	Chuck Johnson
n. Webmaster	Andy Hopkins
o. Newsletter Editor	Charley Rea
p. Past Chairman	Charley Rea
q. Trustee , 3 year	Peggy Carlson
r. Auditor, 3 year	Barry Moore
s. Membership Committee	

Karin Johnson, Yvonne Magneheim, Ed Netzel , Charley Rea

