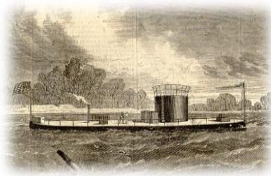


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December 22, 2015

Smörgasbord & Lucia Highlight Monitor's Holiday Festivities. Monitor Lodge's Holiday celebrations included a hearty Smörgasborg on Nov. 21 and a Santa Lucia pageant and celebration on Dec. 4.

The **Smörgasbord** featured scores of dishes from Lodge members, including all the traditional foods. In addition to the delicious food, the evening featured presentations on the history of Glögg by Teresa Albers and several aquavit toasts by Yvonne Magneheim. By the end, we were stuffed and feeling good!

"There was lots of good conversation in English as well as Swedish, and a lot of smiling faces and laughter," said Chair Mark Delle. "We owe a big debt to Dede Dahlberg, Birgitta Ostlund, Peggy Carlson, Meribeth Bean, and others who helped plan and organize the dinner."



Scenes from the 2015 Monitor Lodge Smorgasbord. Upper left - Chair Mark Delle presents the appetizer table. Upper right - members socialize before the servings. Lower left - Golden Gate District chair Michael Peterson with Secretary Yvonne Magneheim, and Chair Mark Delle. Lower right - Lodge members chowing down.



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The **Santa Lucia** featured lodge members' children and grandchildren, as well as many legacies. Ashley Leaman was crowned Monitor Lodge's 2015 Lucia. Congratulations to Ashley! The Attendants were Tess Ellis, Lydia Ellis, Elsa Tjeder, Emily Brainerd, and Mia Ragadio. The Starboy was Emil Rea. And, Noah Ragadio was featured as the Tomte.

This year's Lucia included traditional Lucia songs as well as folk songs and dancing. The Lodge owes many thanks to Karin Johnson for organizing and leading the Lucia. Gayle Nemy and Anita Nord are thanked for musical accompaniment and organizing practices. Thanks also are due to Chuck Johnson for creating a slide show of past year's Lucia pageants. To round out the evening, ole' Saint Nicolaus dropped by to surprise everyone!



2015 Lucia Ashley Leaman surrounded by tarnör, star boy, and Tomte.



Monitor Lodge children's choir in traditional costume

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.



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Prospective Members. This fall's Smörgasbord, Lucia, and Scandinavian Festival have attracted interest in Monitor Lodge; as a result, the Lodge recently received applications for membership from [Helen Camacho and Birgitta Coffey](#)—both are from Sweden!...the [Membership Committee](#) is in contact with several other prospective members, too. So, be sure to welcome new guests as they attend our events. Please let the membership committee know about potential members, too. They are Karin Johnson, Yvonne Magneheim, Ed Netzel, Charley Rea, and Eivor Pfannkuch.

Member News. [Kurt and Eivor Pfannkuch](#) found themselves at the Örgryte New Church in Gothenburg, Sweden on Dec. 13—Santa Lucia Day—and heard this beautiful [music](#), which they highly recommend listening to.....we are sad to report that a couple of long-time long members and past chairmen passed away recently. [David Benson](#) passed away on November 27th. He is survived by his wife Dee. Cards can be sent to her at 3853 Park DR., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762...And, [Charley Linn](#) passed away recently, too. He was also a past Master for District 12. Cards are welcome to his daughter Kathy Braun, 922 Arlington Way, Martinez, CA 94553. We miss them both and cherish a lot of wonderful memories during their time in the Lodge.

2016 Program Book. Monitor Lodge's 2016 Program Book and Directory are now printed and available. Be sure to pick yours up at the January meeting! If you need it sent to you, contact Brian Horsfield at clc6000@aol.com or (530) 759 9202. Chair Mark Delle passes along a "special thanks to Brian for all his time and effort to making the Program Book accurate and complete and especially for his forbearance in dealing with all of the Chairman's 'consultations.'"

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

Vasa News. The Vasa Order of America recently announced that Kathy Cuff will be the new Archivist for the Vasa National Archives in Bishop Hill. She can be reached at vasaarchives@gmail.com

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](#). For questions, call Emma Hanlon at (408) 268-7250.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !



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