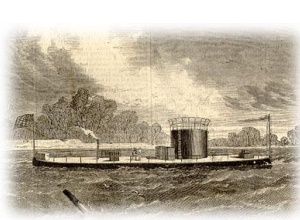


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**January 15, 2016**

**Pea Soup & Swedish Pancakes Planned for February.** Monitor Lodge is planning a Pea Soup and Pancake meal for its **February 5** meeting. There is no better way to celebrate mid-winter than with Swedish Pancakes for dinner. Peggy Carlson, Birgitta Ostlund, and others will be preparing pancake batter and promise to have plenty of lingonberry and powdered sugar, too. And, Lars Ostlund, Ken Carlson, Ed Netzel, and others are some of the best pancake makers this side of Sweden! Be sure to be there to fill yourself with pea soup and pancakes. Look for more information in the coming days on how to sign-up for this great meal.

**Monitor Lodge Inducts 2016 Officers at January Meeting.** Members of Monitor Lodge began the New Year with a lasagna dinner and induction of the 2016 officers at its January 8 meeting.

“The first meeting of the New Year was a great success,” said chair Mark Delle. “We enjoyed lasagna, garlic bread, and green salad, with cheesecake and lingonberry sauce for dessert. All the dishes were tasty as indicated by the many positive comments and the fact several folks went back for seconds. Many tacks to all who helped put this together,” said Delle.

**New Members.** The inaugural 2016 meeting saw the Lodge add two members: **Don Baldwin**, our own Violet De Bord's new groom, and **Athena Eriksson**, daughter and granddaughter, respectively, of Daniel Eriksson and Richard Eriksson. These continue two great legacies in the Lodge. Welcome Don and Athena!

**Draping of Charter.** At the January meeting, the Lodge also draped the charter for several recently departed members. The charter was draped for **Scott Mathews, Richard Westrup, David Benson, La Verne Griffith** and **Charlie Linn** who passed away last year. In addition, several members spoke with personal memories about them. They will all be missed but we will certainly keep them in our hearts. Information on funeral and memorial services are below:

Charlie Linn - a celebration of life - Saturday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at IOOF hall. Lodge members are invited. The family would appreciate guests bringing cookies or appetizers.

La Verne Griffith – funeral services will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Ascension, 7607 Garden Gate Dr., Citrus Heights.



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**New Meal Charge.** The times continue to change, and Monitor Lodge is no different. At the January meeting, the Lodge voted to increase the price for our regular dinners to \$10.00. This will help better cover the cost of the food and room rental.

**Member News.** Myrtle Widmark has a new address:

Myrtle Widmark, Room 224  
c/o Katella Senior Living Community  
3952 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**District & Lodge Scholarships.** Members are reminded that there are Scholarship opportunities from the District and Monitor Lodge. Persons applying for the District scholarship must be a member, son or daughter, or grandchild of a member. For more information on scholarships, contact the Scholarship Committee.

**2016 Dues.** They are due now! They are still \$35 per year. Monitor Lodge's Membership Directory and Program Book was recently mailed to members and includes a self-addressed envelope for dues payment.

**District Culture Activities.** Mimi Holtermann-Docto, the Cultural Leader for the Golden Gate District (northern California) of the Vasa Order, encourages Vasa members to participate in cultural activities around the District. She is making an effort to inform Vasa members about these. Here is an excerpt from a recent report on her visits to culture events this past fall.

"Between October and November I was able to go to three Vasa anniversaries: my own Framåt's, Tegner's, and Linnea's. I felt quite good about these three gatherings. Celebrating the anniversary of a lodge pays tribute to forbearers as well to the efforts of current members. I encourage all of us to attend as many lodge anniversaries as possible. It really does mean a lot to the Lodges. And it may be our best way to keep Lodges united, not isolated. Not only do I feel closer to members but also I am more likely to return to Lodges knowing that I am welcome back.

"Time went by quickly and December rolled around. What a busy month! Jul is a time for family, and this includes our Vasa family. Above and beyond other Swedish holiday traditions, it seems every Lodge puts out great effort to celebrate Santa Lucia. It has become a near and dear tradition that unites us. Indeed, perhaps it is the biggest event that brings families together for Vasa. I thank Scott Schulkin for recognizing this, and writing up our Lucia activities for the Nordstjeran newspaper. Furthermore, this youth-friendly tradition, with its costumes and procession encourages young and old to discover and rekindle Swedish heritage. Truly all the Julfests were delightful. I personally attended three, each a little different, but all equally wonderful." Mimi Holtermann-Docto [mimiholtermann@gmail.com](mailto:mimiholtermann@gmail.com)

