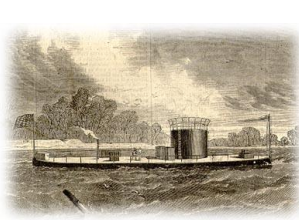


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Sacramento, California

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**Monitor's Kräftkalas on Aug. 6.** You can probably see and taste it already. Steaming crawdads fresh off the stove. Tearing off the shell for that precious meat. Dipping crayfish in hot butter. What could be better? That's right. It's that time of year, when Lodge members savor that freshwater delicacy--crayfish. Monitor Lodge will have its annual Crayfish Party on Saturday, Aug. 6. It is always a relaxing and fun event. This year's party will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ken and Peggy Carlson, 6042 Lincoln Avenue in Carmichael. However, if you would like more time for cocktails and to attend a Lodge meeting, that will all begin at 5:30 p.m. The Kräftkalas will include all the crayfish you can eat, along with cold cuts. There will also be a potluck where attendees are asked to bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert, sufficient to feed 12. The cost will be \$5 and donations will be accepted for drinks. There may be toasts, too. If you have an extra chair, bring it. To make sure enough crayfish are caught and boiled, please RSVP by **August 1** to the Carlsons at 916-944-4990 or [kandpcarlson@aol.com](mailto:kandpcarlson@aol.com).

**A Busy Lodge.** Monitor Lodge has been busy in recent months. This includes the 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon in April at a spectacularly decorated Hilton Doubletree Inn, courtesy of Yvonne Magneheim. It was a great time, and we celebrated individual anniversaries for many members. Then, in May, there was an elegant Sill Frukost at the home of Chuck Johnson and Chris Bodelson, which included grilled sill (herring), ham, potatoes and white sauce. Yummy! And, in June, there was a Midsommer Party, which included folk dancing led by Monitor's Barry Moore.

**Sacramento to Host 2018 Vasa Grand Convention.** The Golden Gate District of the Vasa Order will be Hosting the 39th Quadrennial Grand Lodge Convention. The Convention will be held over 8 days, from June 28 to July 6, 2018. Most exciting, it will be in Monitor Lodge's backyard at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento. In preparation, the District will also host the 2017 District 12 Convention in Sacramento at the Doubletree. To learn more about the conventions and the planning for them, contact Victoria Fedor-Thurman, PDM District 12 Grand Lodge Convention Committee Chair, [VLFT@me.com](mailto:VLFT@me.com)

**Scandinavian Festival on Oct. 1.** Fall means the return of the Sacramento Area's annual Scandinavian Festival--a cultural celebration of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland. The Festival promises the best in Scandinavian baked goods, cuisine, music, dance, art, and folk



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costumes. It includes the annual march of the flags to the tune of each country's national anthem. And, this year, there are rumors of a return of the Vikings! Vendors from throughout Northern California will be there. It will be at the Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane in Orangevale. For more information about Swedish activities at the festival, call 916-481-0373.

**Member News.** Monitor Lodge has been saddened this spring and summer by the deaths and illnesses of several members. In May, long-time Lodge member [Michael Churkin](#) passed away. Mike was an entertaining, thoughtful, and well-liked member of the Club. He and his wife Carol hosted many memorable Mid-Summer Parties on their ranch in the Sacramento Valley. Of Russian lineage, Mike was an accomplished geologist who did pivotal work in Alaska and Russia, before becoming an almond and walnut farmer. The Lodge draped the Charter for Michael at the June meeting....Then, in late June, we learned that [Gwen Vies](#), the wife of Arlie Vies, passed away. Arlie, of course, has long been historian, correspondent, photographer, and past chair of Monitor Lodge. Gwen was step-mother to Karin Johnson and grandmother to Adam Johnson, also members of Monitor Lodge. We miss both Michael and Gwen, and our thoughts are with Carol, Arlie, and their families...We also learned this spring that [Hank Stoffel](#) suffered a stroke and began a long stay in the hospital....more recently, we learned that [Dorothy Klosterman](#), wife of Dan Klosterman, had a heart attack. We understand she is recovering. *If you get a chance, please send condolences and get-well cards to these Lodge members.*

**Monitor Lodge Calendar**

- Aug. 6 - Crayfish Party
- Sept. 9 – Dinner & Cultural Program
- Oct. 1 – Scandinavian Festival
- Oct. 9 – Potluck Dinner & Cultural Program
- Nov. 4 – Kaffekalas
- Dec. 3 – Julbord & Jul Glogg Party
- Dec. 9 – Santa Lucia Program

