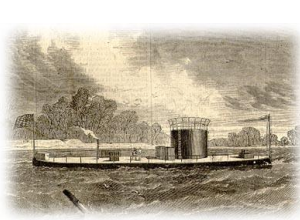


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**Pea Soup & Swedish Pancakes Planned for February.** Monitor Lodge is planning a Pea Soup and Pancake meal for its **February 3rd** meeting. There is no better way to celebrate mid-winter than with Swedish Pancakes for dinner. Peggy Carlson, Birgitta 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! Our Cultural presentation will feature **“A Tree Grows in Sacramento”** aka **“The Prince in the City”**. Be sure to be there to fill yourself with pea soup, pancakes and local history. **Please call or text Meribeth Bean** at her cell number **(916) 995-4965** to sign-up for this great meal. See the recently distributed flyer for more information.

**Monitor Lodge Inducts 2017 Officers at January Meeting.** Members of Monitor Lodge began the New Year with a lasagna dinner and induction of the 2017 officers at its January 6 meeting. Congratulations to all our newly elected officers to be led by Chuck Johnson, Chairman, and Ed Netzel, Vice Chairman, for this year 2017!

“The first meeting of the New Year was a great success,” said Past Chairman 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 2017 meeting also saw the Lodge initiate two members: **Gail Kinkennon**, our own Mark Delle’s dear friend, and **Orville Voxland**, a good friend and neighbor of Andy and Lollie Hopkins. Welcome Gail and Orville!

**We have several members in need of our support as they recover their health.** DeeDee Dahlberg is now able to resume driving after her medical crisis but still taking it slow. Lillian Stafford’s hip replacement surgery in mid-January went well and she is looking forward to returning home from the rehab center by mid-February.



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**Member News.** Brian Horsfield updated and printed the Monitor Lodge annual Program book and it was distributed at the January meeting along with an envelope for your 2017 dues. If you did not receive your copy, please contact Brian via email at [clc6000@aol.com](mailto:clc6000@aol.com). Remember to transfer the annual calendar of events information from the program book to your personal and family calendars.

We extend congratulations to Athena Eriksson, who has been nominated by her Congressional representatives to attend the Air Force Academy. We are all crossing our fingers in support of her enjoying living in Colorado Springs.

We are resurrecting the **“Member of the Month”** with this edition of the newsletter and to kick things off, here is a brief background note about your newest chairman, **Chuck Johnson**. He was born in New Hampshire in 1950. In 1954 he and his family moved to Madrid, Spain as part of the first group of American families to be allowed to live in Spain under the defense treaty signed by Franco. He lived in Spain for 10 years, becoming fluently bilingual, before being transferred to Goose Air Base in Labrador (the basis for a book titled “The Land God Gave to Cain”) where he learned to ski, got his driver’s license and shoveled tons of liquid sunshine. In 1966 he left his family behind to spend his last two years of high school at The Governor’s Academy north of Boston, founded in 1763 (school seal made by Paul Revere). He then moved on to attend the University of Rochester in upstate New York where he met his first Swede, and future wife, Chris Bodelson. Graduating with a degree in geology and his commission in the Navy, he served on active duty for three years, experiencing a number of adventures throughout the Pacific, including helping evacuate Saigon in early 1975. He then returned to Rochester and worked several different short term jobs while Chris returned to college to get her BSN. Then a move back to New Hampshire to attend graduate school while Chris worked as an RN at the Portsmouth Hospital. In 1979, MS in hand and Mrs. in tow (well, car #2), a cross country trip ensued, ending in Gallup, New Mexico where Chuck spent a year performing soil surveys on the Navajo and Hopi Indian Reservations. While professionally a great job, the living conditions were not where he and Chris wanted to raise their new born son Brian so he started looking around and managed to land a soil scientist position with the Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento. So, twelve months after arriving in Gallup, the cars were packed up again for the drive to Sacramento in the summer of 1980. Thirty five years later he retired from Reclamation, having spent his last 15 years as the Regional Land Manager. Along the way he coached Brian’s soccer team, served as his Cub Scout Den leader and later his Scoutmaster, spent many years refereeing youth soccer, working as a regional Problem Captain for Odyssey of the Mind (he is looking for judges for the March 11, 2017 regional tournament) and celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of Monitor Lodge in May 2016. When he isn’t otherwise occupied or doing something with his wife of 42 years (and counting) like visiting Seattle and the grandkids, attending B Street Theater or Sacramento Choral Society performances, checking out art galleries and antique malls he is puttering around the house working on woodworking projects or in the garden.



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**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 – Susan Edelmeyer, Dick Baldwin and Charley Rea.

**2017 Dues.** They are due now! They are still \$35 per year. As noted above, Monitor Lodge's Membership Directory and Program Book was recently distributed to members and includes a self-addressed envelope for dues payment that can be mailed back to Anita Nord or given to her at the upcoming Lodge meeting.

**Scandinavian Festival news!** Mark your calendars now as the date and location has changed! Due to circumstances beyond the Festival's control, we may no longer use Divine Savior Church's facilities and we must change locations. After extensive research, the Festival executive committee has made the decision to hold the 2017 festival at the **Scottish Rite Masonic Center** across from Sac State on **Saturday August 19, 2017**. More information will be forthcoming in the coming months but start thinking now about recruiting more help to work in the kitchen and out on the floor, finding program book advertisers, interested Scandinavian vendors, encouraging friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to attend, etc.

**Tack så mycket to the Monitor youth who made the December St. Lucia celebration so special!**



Lucia celebration 2016 – Nicole Hopkins as St. Lucia with her tärnor and stjärngossar



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Lucia 2016 - Santa, helpers and children



Lucia 2016 – Dancers with Gail Nemy at piano



Lucia 2016 – Dancers and Karin Johnson's watchful eye

