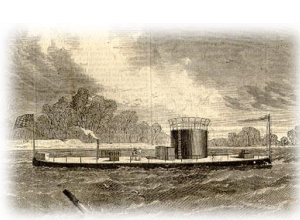


Monitor Lodge, #218
Sacramento, California
Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave



[Monitor Lodge Website](#)



February 2017

Potluck and conversation for March. Monitor Lodge is planning a Potluck meal for its **March 3rd** meeting. Our Cultural presentation will feature “**The Story behind the Sparkle.**” Be sure to be there to fill yourself with good food and fellowship. **Please call or text Meribeth Bean** at her cell number **(916) 995-4965** to sign-up if you miss the call from our telephone tree callers. TACK!

Golden Gate District #12 activities. Members of Monitor Lodge elected Chuck Johnson, Charley Rea and James Netzel as their delegates to the 2017 District convention to be held in Sacramento on April 22-23. Johanna Benker and Anita Nord were elected as alternates. Yvonne Magneheim and Elissa Silveira (Sierra Kronan), both District officers, are in need of assistance in making the luncheon table center pieces. All this is in preparation of the national Grand Lodge convention in Sacramento in 2018.

New Members. At our February meeting we met our two newest members: **Stephanie Strazdins**, Mark Delle’s daughter, and **Joyce Willow**, introduced to Monitor by Eivor Pfannkuch at last Fall’s Scandinavian Festival. Welcome Stephanie and Joyce!

Members are encouraged to invite friends, family and co-workers to our activities. In addition, if you think sending someone our newsletter for a couple of months will pique or sustain their interest, please provide their email to Chuck Johnson so they can be added to the distribution list.

2017 Calendar of events

March 3rd – Friday –
Potluck and review of
convention resolutions

April 8th – Saturday –
Anniversary luncheon

May 6th – Saturday – Sill
Frukost (herring
breakfast)

June 3rd – Friday –
Midsommar Potluck

July – no meeting

August 5th – Saturday –
Crayfish party

September 8th – Friday –
Dinner and nomination of
officers for 2018

October 6th – Friday –
Potluck dinner

November 3rd – Friday –
Kaffekalas and election of
officers

December 2nd – Saturday –
Julbord & Jul Glögg Party

December 8th – Friday –
Lucia celebration



Monitor Lodge, #218

Sacramento, California

Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave

We continue to 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. She surprised everyone by attending our Pea Soup and Pancakes dinner at the beginning of the month (see picture below). Lillian Stafford is doing well recuperating from her hip replacement surgery in mid-January went well and she is looking forward to returning home from the rehab center by mid-February. Meribeth Bean had some minor surgery in early February that has slowed her down but only temporarily.

Member of the Month. This month we are featuring a long time Monitor member, **Elizabeth Swenson-Miura.** Elizabeth worked for the State of California for 36 years installing and maintaining computer networks and no, she doesn't fix PCs - so don't ask! She says she has enough problems figuring out her own laptop! ☺ So, in her own words:

"I got the travel bug from my dad. I retired in 2011 and have now traveled to all 7 continents! Yes, even Antarctica.



I earned three college degrees during my working career – an AA in Data Processing (1976), an AA in Accounting (1981) and an AS in Computer Science (1991).

My father was our family historian. He would always tell me about our various relatives. After he passed away, I got curious about the relatives so I went searching for answers. I was very lucky he kept excellent records of our family trees. I was fortunate enough to work with the German officials (with Gail Nemy's help) to locate and visit the grave sites of my mother's family in the Jewish cemetery in Dieburg. I then met with the mayor of Ober-Ramstadt for afternoon tea and went on a walking tour of the town, seeing where all my family lived and worked. I also went to Sweden and visited my grandfather's town and his family home. I also saw the family grave sites in the churchyard down the road. I will always remember these visits and cherish my memories of these places.

Believe it or not, my favorite place was in Skåne near my grandfather's town of Bjärsjölagård and the walk to visit my family's grave sites at the church in Östra Kärrstorp (2 miles down the road). Stopping at the top of the hill between the two towns and seeing all the beautiful farmland as far as the eye could see was just amazing."



Monitor Lodge, #218

Sacramento, California

Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave

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 Meribeth Bean.

2017 Dues. They are due now and delinquent members will be dropped after March 30th! Dues are still \$35 per year. 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 next upcoming Lodge meeting. Side note: If you want a PDF version of the Program book, email Chuck Johnson (chuckj50@surewest.net) or Brian Horsfield (clc6000@aol.com).

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. as because of this date change several of our longtime workers will not be available to help this year. At present, Monitor Lodge will again be responsible for the Smörgåsar (open-face sandwiches) and Tunn Pannkaka (Swedish pancakes). Questions about the food? Ask Peggy Carlson or Chris Bodelson. Questions about anything else? Ask Gail Nemy, Karin Johnson, Mark Delle, Elizabeth Swenson, Barry Moore or Chuck Johnson.



DeeDee’s back!! Hurrah!!



Nicole Hopkins (right) and her friend Gaby Dickey



Monitor Lodge, #218
Sacramento, California
Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave



Liana Sabbar and Eivor Pfannkuch talking about becoming a college student in Sweden



Ken & Penny Zacher and Hilma Voxland (ask Andy Hopkins about double cousins)



Hilma Voxland (standing in for husband Orville), Athena Eriksson, Gail Kinkennon, Elizabeth Witdoeckt and Don Baldwin being presented with their VASA "passport" folders and membership pins at the Pea Soup & Pancakes dinner in early February



Monitor Lodge, #218
Sacramento, California
Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave
Minutes of the January 6, 2017 meeting



Monitor Lodge #218
Friday, January 6, 2017
7:40 pm
IOOF Hall

Chairman Delle opened the meeting at 7:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Opening Song – God Bless America**
- 3. Chaplain's Message – Birgitta Ostlund**
- 4. Membership**
 - a) Applications for membership?
 1. Orvillie Voxland
 2. Gail Kinkennon
 - b) Arlie moved we accept two new members, seconded by Chuck. All in favor, membership accepted into our Lodge
 - c) Vote on applications - applicants accepted
 - d) Initiation of new members - Ed Netzel initiated both members into our Lodge
 - e) Chaplain Birgitta Ostlund read the Creed of Vasa
 - f) Past Chairman, Karin Johnson read the Order of Unity
 - g) Reinstatement of former members
- 5. Cultural Presentation**
- 6. Reading of Minutes**
 - 1. Minutes from the October and November, 2016 meetings- distributed to membership**
 1. Elizabeth made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Alex Hopkins, motion carries.



Monitor Lodge, #218

Sacramento, California

Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave

7. Committee reports

- a) Membership Committee – no report
- b) Cultural Committee – no report
- c) Scholarship Committee – Athena Eriksson will be applying for a scholarship. Must apply before April 1st.
- d) Scandinavian Festival Committee – Festival needs to move from Divine Savior Church. Chuck Johnson has been tasked to find an alternate location and date, hopefully in the Fall. Karin Johnson noted that we have made \$1,000 from the 2016 festival. Mark Delle has resigned as Treasurer and we need a replacement.

8. **Unfinished business- None**

9. **Reading of Correspondence - None**

10. Planning for future events

Friday, February 3, 2016 – Pancake and Pea Soup Dinner – IOOF Hall

March 3, 2017 - to be held at IOOF Hall – Dinner/Cultural Program/Read Resolutions from District.

May 6, 2017 - Sil Frukost at Bodelson and Johnson's residence

11. Reading and acting on bills: Johanna Benker, Treasurer

Eivor & Kurt Pfannkuch	Vodka, salmon, herring, ham and cheese for Julbord	\$147.97
Brian Horsfield	Program Book	\$138.10
Dan Klostermann	Glögg and Julbord food items	\$39.77
Mark Delle	Food items for Tonight's dinner	\$173.21
Karin Johnson	Lucia Program Expenses	\$171.59
	TOTAL	\$670.84

Ed Netzel motioned we pay the bills, Arlie Vies seconded. All in favor, motion passes. If the rent doesn't change, Arlie proposed we pay the rent every month with a vote, Chuck Johnson seconded. All voted in favor



Monitor Lodge, #218

Sacramento, California

Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave

12. Installation of Officers

1. Arlie moved that we nominated Chuck Johnson as chairman, Ed Netzel as Vice Chair. Yvonne Magneheim, District Executive member installed all officers.

13. Good of the Order

- Alex Hopkins has been nominated by Congressman Ami Bera to the US Naval Academy
- Athena Eriksson has been nominated to US Air Force Academy
- Yvonne - had pins & Aquavit Books for sales for \$5.00 each to support the Grand Lodge Convention.
- Plants for sale for \$5.00 each
- Arlie wanted to congratulate all the new and repeat officers, as well as the installing team.

14. Financial Secretary Report – Anita Nord

1. **46 people in attendance**
2. **Collected 45 membership dues this evening**
3. **Julbord generated 95 guests for a revenue.**

December 9, 2016

Dinners: 95 people Julbord	\$2,540.00
Beverage Donations	\$ 231.00
Dues: 8 x \$35.00	\$ 280.00
Initiation:	
Scandinavian Festival Revenue	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous: Donation	\$ 5.00
Sub-total	\$4,056.00
Cash paid to Helpers for Julbord	(\$185.00)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,876.00

January 2017

Dinners: Lasagna – 46 s \$10.00	\$460.00
Beverage Donations	\$121.00
Dues: 45 x \$35.00	\$1,575.00
Initiation: 2 x /419.00	\$ 20.00



Monitor Lodge, #218

Sacramento, California

Meets at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1831 Howe Ave

Miscellaneous: Julbord	\$225.00
Nål och Tråd	\$272.00
Scholarship	\$30.00
Plants (centerpieces)	\$15.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,718.00

15. **Report from the Treasurer** – Johanna Benker – none today.

16. **Closing Song**

17. **Chaplain's Message** - Birgitta Ostlund

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

