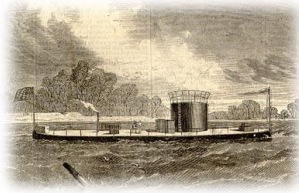


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**March 2017**

**Anniversary Luncheon at the DoubleTree.** Monitor Lodge will be celebrating their 105th anniversary on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** at the DoubleTree by Hilton. It will be by reservation only, just like last year. A flyer with more details included with this newsletter. **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.** Reminder that Chuck Johnson, Charley Rea and James Netzel are Monitor's delegates to the 2017 District convention to be held in Sacramento on April 22-23. Johanna Benker and Anita Nord were elected as alternates. Please let them know if you have any concerns or thought you would like them to pass on to the district.

Yvonne Magneheim and Elissa Silveira (Sierra Kronan), both District officers, are in need of assistance in making the luncheon table center pieces. Ed Netzel (ednetzel@att.net) and Elissa Silveira (elissa.silveira@gmail.com) are coordinating the Swedish pastries and other breakfast sundries. Please let them know if you can bake some Swedish pastries. **Tack så mycket**

**New Members.** We initiated our two newest members: **Stephanie Strazdins** and **Joyce Willow** earlier in March during our monthly meeting.

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

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Anniversary luncheon

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Sill Frukost (herring breakfast)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday – Midsommar Potluck

July – no meeting

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Crayfish party

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Dinner and nomination of officers for 2018

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Potluck dinner

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday – Kaffekalas and election of officers

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday – Julbord & Jul Glögg Party

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Lucia celebration

January 5, 2018 – Friday  
Catered dinner and installation of officers

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**We continue to have several members in need of our support as they recover their health or are in need of a ride to meetings.** 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-March. If you are a member in need of a ride to a meeting, please text or email Chuck Johnson ( 916-501-9762 or [chuckj50@surewest.net](mailto:chuckj50@surewest.net)) so we can coordinate a ride for you.

**Member of the Month.** This month we are featuring **Brian Horsfield.** Brian has had a fascinating Swedish language journey, so in his own words:

“My first visit to Sweden was in 1977 when I went to learn more about how cars and trucks were fueled with wood during WWII. I visited Statens Maskinprovningar (THE SWEDISH MACHINERY TESTING INSTITUTE) where they had trucks and tractors under test. That visit took me to Uppsala and Umeå.

My second visit and the start of my Swedish language adventure started in the early 80's when I started doing business with a small company in Norrland, specifically in Malå



which is northwest of Skellefteå. This was a small company that made and sold logging equipment and they were going to make a special felling head for Weyerhaeuser. When I first met with them it was clear that the Managing Director (Verkstallande Direktör, VD) did not speak English so all discussions were conducted thru their consultant. After we had been doing business for about 6 months the VD called me and, in broken English explained that he had fired the consultant and said “I hope you trust me.” His effort

to learn English inspired me to try to learn Swedish so I convinced my boss to let me go to Berlitz. This lasted for about 4 months until my boss tired of it. I thought that I was making progress and wanted to continue. I was fortunate that I found a Swedish exchange student who would help me.

I was able to find exchange students almost every year since then so I slowly improved. All along I felt that it was important to live in Sweden for a while in order to get better so I promised myself that when I retired I would make the effort. So in 2009 we went to Skåne and lived in Simrishamn for 4 months during which I commuted to school in Lund to continue my Swedish studies. During that 4 month visit we took a driving trip up the east coast as far as Skellefteå then turned inland and took the Inland Highway (inlandsvägen, E46) thru Ostersund and Mora).

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In 2010 we returned for a 3 week visit and stayed near Lund in a little town called Staffanstorp where I became very interested in old Swedish windmills (väderkvarn or mölla) and was able to visit over 30 in Skåne. My goal was to visit all of them and I finally accomplished this in 2016! I have a Google map that shows all the locations together with pictures.

My background is Engineering with a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering and a D. Engr in Agricultural Engineering – all degrees as UCD. I taught at Purdue for 4 years then 2 years at UCD followed by 30 years with Weyerhaeuser R&D ending with the

installation of a production line in a box plant in Yuma, AZ. We have 2 daughter; Amy and Tracy. Amy has a boy and a girl and they live in Spokane. Tracy has two boys, 4 and 7 and they live in Davis about 6 minutes away.”

**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. **Remember** that the application deadline is **April 1<sup>st</sup> !!!**

**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](mailto:chuckj50@surewest.net)) or Brian Horsfield ([clc6000@aol.com](mailto: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.

**The lodge is in need of Swedish attire!** If you have or know of someone else who has items of Swedish attire they cannot fit into or your kids/grandkids have outgrown please consider donating them to the lodge for use by the children at the Lucia celebration and by lodge

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members representing Monitor at various functions such as the Scandinavian Festival and cultural events on local college campuses.

**Birthdays!** Wow! Over 10 percent of the lodge's members have March birthdays! **Grattis på födelsedagen** to Annika Anderson, Lennart Andersson, Dick Baldwin, Robert Barrett, Violet DeBord, Joan Hagstrom, Elizabeth HavenerLinda Larson, Alyssa Leaman, Harlod Mattson, Linda Mitchel, Melissa Netzel and Lisa Widmark.

**Updates to 2017 Program book.** Please update your program books to reflect the following changes:

*Linda Larson* has a new email address: [lindaloularson39@gmail.com](mailto:lindaloularson39@gmail.com)

*Arlie Veis* has a new address: 22 Cadillac Dr. Sacramento, CA 95825

*Joyce (Skoglund) Willow*  
5191 Finlandia Way  
Carmichael, CA 95608  
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[jwillow@winfirst.com](mailto:jwillow@winfirst.com)

New member



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Citrus Heights, CA 95610  
(916) 541-5410  
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New member



*Beatrix Clark*  
(916) 429-2328  
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Missing from directory

**Cultural activities.** Our March meeting featured a short presentation “The Story Behind the Sparkle” by Chris Bodelson about Sweden’s glass and crystal history. The presentation included some pictures and anecdotes about some of pieces belonging to Chris & Chuck. An abbreviated copy of the presentation is attached and the listed web sites provide a lot of additional information.

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**Minutes of the February 3, 2017 meeting**



Monitor Lodge #218  
Friday, February 3, 2017  
7:30 pm  
IOOF Hall

**Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 7:30pm**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Opening Song – God Bless America**
- 3. Chaplain's Message – Birgitta Ostlund**
- 4. Membership**
  - a) Applications for membership?
    1. Joyce Willow and Stephanie Strazdins (Mark's daughter) – initiation ceremony will be conducted in March.
    2. Gail Kinkennon, Athena Erickson, Don Baldwin, Orville Voxland and Elizabeth Witdoeck received their VASA passports and membership pins as new members
- 5. Election of Convention Delegates – we are entitled to 3 delegates and 2 alternates. Priority to existing and past officers of the lodge.**
  1. Charley Rea
  2. Chuck Johnson
  3. James Netzel
  4. Johanna Benker – Alternate
  5. Anita Nord – Alternate

Ed Netzel motioned we closed nominations with the above slate, Yvonne seconded, motion passes

- 6. Cultural Presentations –**
  1. Eivor Pfannkuch introduced 3 young ladies to present a Valentine's Day and how it is celebrated in Sweden., Marie, Hallah and Leana
  2. Leana Sabbar has taken a special interest in Sweden and is moving there to

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continue her schooling.

3. Chuck Johnson gave a presentation on H. R. H. Prince Vilhelm, circa 1927 who came to Sacramento and planted a Cedar of Lebanon tree to celebrate soldiers of Swedish descent who gave their lives I World War 1. He also planted a second tree in Capitol Park. Articles covering his visit can be found in the Sacramento Bee.

## 7. Reading of Minutes

1. Minutes from the October and November, 2016 meetings- distributed to membership  
Elizabeth made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Lisa Rea, motion carries

## 8. Committee reports

- a) Membership Committee – no report
- b) Cultural Committee – no report
- c) Scholarship Committee
- 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.

## 9. Unfinished business - None

## 10. Reading of Correspondence - None

## 11. Planning for future events

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

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

Scandinavian Festival moved to August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rites Temple

## 12. Reading and acting on bills: Johanna Benker, Treasurer

IOOF Hall Rentals	November, 2016	\$225.00
	December, 2016	\$225.00
	January, 2017	\$225.00
	February 2017	\$225.00
Karin Johnson	Food items for dinner	\$ 42.78
Peggy Carlson	Pea Soup Dinner and table plant	\$173.11

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Golden Gate #12	District Assessment	\$4,065.25
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,181.14</b>

Johanna noted that the Hall Rentals may be duplicates. She will advise.

Ed Netzel motioned we pay the bills, Elizabeth Swenson Miura 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

### 13. Financial Secretary Report – Anita Nord

1. **56 people in attendance**
2. **Collected 34 membership dues this evening**

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Dinners: 56 people – Pea Soup & Pancake Dinner	\$570.00
Beverage Donations	\$126.00
Dues: 34 x \$35.00	\$1,190.00
Initiation:	
Miscellaneous: Donation	\$36.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,922.00</b>

14. **Report from the Treasurer** – Johanna Benker – noted that our Lodge is in good shape.

1. We have. \$ 42,121.27 which includes \$20,000 in CD's.

15. **Closing Song** – Du Gamla

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.