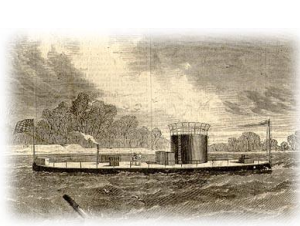


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April 2017

Anniversary Luncheon at the DoubleTree. Monitor Lodge celebrated their 105 anniversary on Saturday, April 8th, 2017. In addition to over forty members and families we had Grand Master Tore Kellgren and PDM Roxanne Kellgren, District Master Scott Schulkin, District Deputy for Monitor Lodge Craig Peterson, Sierra Kronan chairman Darin Freeland and Sierra Kronan Past Chairman Elissa Silveira in attendance. The conversations were lively, Ed Netzel entertained as the MC for the silent auction and raffle and we gratefully presented Mark Delle with a plaque, book and mug for his two years of service as chairman. We also had Craig Peterson present 5 year pins to Susan Edelmeyer and Dan Eriksson, Scott Schulkin present Melissa Netzel with her 10 year pin and Chris Bodelson & Chuck Johnson with their 25 year pins and then Tore Kellgren present Ethel Johnson with her 40 year pin and Arlie Veis with his 55 year pin.



Anniversary cake and Monitor-made Dalahäst table decorations

2017 Calendar of events

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



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GM Tore Kellgren presenting
Arlie Veis his 55 yr pin



GM Tore Kellgren presenting
Ethel Johnson her 40 yr pin



Anita Nord, Melissa Netzel, Athena
Eriksson, Maria & Dan Eriksson and
Richard Eriksson, Sr.



Don Baldwin, Violet DeBord and
Annika Anderson

Sill Frukost (traditional herring breakfast) in May. The gastronomic event will be on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Chris Bodelson's and Chuck Johnson's home on 2644 La Mesa Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. In addition to lots of food, we will have over 3000 Legos to keep kids and those young at heart entertained. Please refer to attached flyer for more information.



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Golden Gate District #12 activities. Reminder that Charley Rea and James Netzel are Monitor's delegates to the 2017 District convention to be held in Sacramento on April 21-23. Chuck Johnson, Johanna Benker and Anita Nord are the alternates.

We continue to have several members in need of our support as they recover their health. Lillian Stafford is doing well recuperating from her hip replacement, she is home from the rehab center and taking one day at a time. She hopes to join us for the May Sill Frukost event. We were thrilled to see Lennart Andersson sufficiently recovered from his mild stroke to attend our 105th Anniversary Luncheon. Hank Stoffel is slowly but steadily recovering his health as well.

New Members. 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.

Member of the Month. This month we are featuring Monitor members, **Birgitta** and **Lars Ostlund**. In their own words, starting with **Birgitta**:



"I was born in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, and came to the USA in 1964 to work in a family as Mother's Helper in Saratoga, CA. They had 4 kids, 3 girls and 1 boy. I cleaned house and took care of the kids. During that time I met my first husband who was stationed in Almaden Air Force Station, CA. He went to Vietnam and I went back to Sweden. We had 3 children, Jerry, Mindy and Tammy. We moved back and forth 3 times until we finally settled here in 1980. My two daughters live here in Sacramento and my son lives in Thailand. I have 7 grandkids.

In 1993, I married Lars Ostlund and we live on Sloughouse Road."

And then **Lars**:

"Lars grew up in southern Sweden, a town called Borås. When he was around 12 years old he was a delivery boy for a butcher and had to deliver buckets of blood to a store where they made blood sausage. This was done on a regular bicycle. He also worked in a bakery and when he was 14 years old he worked on a ship that went to England.



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His parents moved to northern part of Sweden, Norrland, Örnsköldsvik, and then he worked in the forest cutting timber. Later, he went into the military and spent some time there. He met Iris and they got married in Sweden. She lived in a little house with her three siblings. Iris had relatives in Sacramento, so they sponsored them so they all could come to USA. This was 1965.

Lars started working as an Iron worker almost immediately upon arrival and continued in that trade until he retired. Iris and Lars had two children, David and Ann. David lives in Eureka and Ann in Elk Grove. Eventually, he bought 5 acres on Sloughhouse Road and built his first house. Iris passed away in 1989. Lars has 5 grandkids and 4 great grandkids.”

Lodge Scholarships. Susan Edelmeyer, Dick Baldwin and Meribeth Bean, Monitor’s scholarship committee announce with great pleasure that Athena Eriksson is Monitor Lodge’s 2017 scholarship recipient. Athena aspires to serve in the U.S. Air Force after college and ultimately become a commercial airline pilot. We wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter in her already very busy life.



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 vendors, encouraging friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to attend, etc. as several of our longtime workers will not be available to help this year. 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 members representing Monitor at various functions such as the Scandinavian Festival and cultural events on local college campuses.



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Friday, March 3, 2017
7:30 pm
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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. **Introduction of Craig Peterson, our District Deputy**
5. **Membership**
 - a) Initiation of New members:
 - a) Joyce Willow
 - b) Stephanie Strazdins
6. **Reading of the minutes from February – not available.**
7. **Upcoming Events**
 1. **July** - There will be a Glögg competition between Monitor Lodge and Sierra Kronan Lodge in July 2017. More details to follow
 2. **April** - 105th Anniversary Luncheon for Monitor Lodge will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017.
 3. **May** - Sill Fruköst will be held at the home of Chuck Johnson and Christine Bodelson on Saturday, May 6th. This will be a pot luck, Sill will be provided. The charge is \$5.00 per person. There will be a business meeting prior at 9:00 am.
 4. **June** - Midsommar will be celebrated in June. Discussion was regarding inviting Sierra Kronan to join us.
 5. **August** - Crayfish Party will be held on Saturday, August 5, more details to follow.
 6. **August** -Scandinavian Festival will be held at a new location – the Scottish Rite Temple on 6151 H Street on Saturday, August 19, 2017.
8. **New Business**
 7. We will begin acknowledging birthdays at each meeting.
 8. Please consider pick up members who can no longer drive so they can also attend our monthly meetings



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9. Unfinished Business

1. It was noted that there are not resolutions to discuss for the 2017 Annual Convention.
2. Registration forms to attend the Convention were emailed to all members.
3. Yvonne and Elissa need help in creating centerpieces for the banquet dinner Saturday, 4/22/17
4. We need homemade pastries for the convention and Chairman Johnson asked for volunteers.
5. It was noted that the Grand Lodge convention will be held in July of 2018 in Sacramento.

10. Unfinished business- None

11. Reading of Correspondence - None

12. Financial Secretary Report – Anita Nord

March 3, 2017

Dinners: Pot Luck – 6 paid \$10.00	\$60.00
Beverage Donations	\$89.00
Dues: 10 x \$35.00	\$350.00
Initiation:	
Miscellaneous: Donation	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$499.00

13. Report from the Treasurer – No report

14. Cultural Presentation - Christine Bodelson

15. Closing Song

16. Chaplain’s Message - Birgitta Ostlund

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

