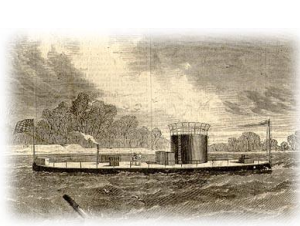


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May 2017

Sill Frukost was a huge success. Monitor Lodge celebrated the gorgeous Spring weather with great food and plenty of grand company and conversation. We even had a short musical interlude with Ginny Lee playing her *nyckelharpa*, a traditional Swedish musical instrument. The gastronomic event at Chris Bodelson's and Chuck Johnson's home was attended by over 40 members and guests.



Dalahäst, roses, Swedish colors and satiated members and guests enjoying the mid-70s weather

2017 Calendar of events

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

June 2nd – Friday – Midsommar Potluck

July – no meeting

August 5th – Saturday – Crayfish party

August 19th – Saturday – Scandinavian Festival

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

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



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Member of the Month. This month we are featuring two different Monitor members, **Ed Netzel** and **Gail Kinkennon**. More or less in their own words, starting with **Ed**:

"I joined the Lodge in September 2002, as my mother-in-law Lorraine Hodoeff and my wife Judy had joined earlier in the year and after 2 meetings I tagged along. It was election of officers night and the request for a chairman came up. David Benson was the chairman. No one stepped forward so I put my name in and was elected. I served 3 terms (2003-2005), then Dale Ingvarlsen and Kurt Pfannkuch served 3 years and then I served another 2 terms (2009-2010) before passing the gavel on to my son James (2011) before he passed the gavel to Jack Larson who served for the lodge's 100th anniversary. I was elected District Master in 2008. Prior to that I served as district Master of Ceremonies, district Board Member, and Vice District Master. I was elected to



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the Grand Lodge as Western Region Board Member. After serving 2 years I had to resign as I took a job out of town. I have been a member of Vasa for 15 years and have enjoyed every minute. “

And then **Gail**:



“I am a native Californian, born in Oakland. I grew up in Rancho Cordova and Fair Oaks. I attended American River College and graduated from the School of Social Work at CSU Sacramento. For nearly thirty years I worked in the library field, retiring from the Sacramento Public Library. I have a daughter, Megan, who lives in Edmond, Oklahoma and is an aspiring artist and writer. In my spare time I like to read mysteries, attend the theater, take walks and spend time with family and friends.”

Upcoming Monitor events. We will be having our Midsommar celebration on Friday, June 2nd with the traditional majstång (maypole) and smörgåsbord (see attached flyer). There will be no lodge events in July but we start the Fall with the traditional crayfish party on Saturday, August 5th which we hope to do jointly with Sierra Kronan. It will be followed in two weeks by the Scandinavian festival (see next section).

Scandinavian Festival news. Mark your calendars now as the date and location have changed! Due to circumstances beyond the Festival’s control, we may no longer use Divine Savior Church’s facilities. 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**, the latest calendar availability in 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. And mark your **2018** calendars with the April 21, 2018 date as the Festival will be shifting to the Spring so we can stay at Scottish Rite and get all our “Swedish sun birds” back ☺



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Golden Gate District #12 activities. James Netzel and Chuck Johnson were Monitor's two delegates to the district convention in mid-April. There was no substantive district business to be reported. However, one significant action was the election of Arlie Veis as an Honorary Life Member of Golden Gate District for his decades of dedication to **VASA** that District 12 was proud to give this recognition. For 55 years, Arlie has been involved – he was a founding member of the Golden Gate Resort Center and the annual Sacramento Scandinavian Festival. He has also served as District Master as well as Chairman of Monitor Lodge. He has been a pillar in the Scandinavian club community and the backbone of Monitor Lodge. The Golden Gate 2018 convention will be at the end of April in the Bay area but the 2018 Grand Lodge convention will be in Sacramento at the end of June and including the 4th of July holiday.

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 June Midsommar event. Kathy Matthews unexpectedly had to spend a few days in the hospital but is now recuperating under the watchful eyes of her family.

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.

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.

Calling all kids, young and old! Monitor Lodge is now the proud owner of approximately 3000 Legos for use at our events. While no pun is intended, we do hope that these will become the first building blocks of a revitalized set of activities for our youth geared to acquaint them with their heritage and Swedish culture. We welcome suggestions and volunteers to help bring more fun for everyone. Please contact Chuck Johnson or Ed Netzel with your ideas. **Tack så mycket**



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Monitor Lodge #218
 Saturday, May 6, 2017
 9:45 am
 Bodelson/Johnson Residence

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 9:45 AM

Review of upcoming events

- 1 **Planning for future events,**
 1. Crayfish party at James and Melissa Netzel in Loomis on Saturday August 5th. Sierra Kronan Lodge have been invited.. A separate committee will be established to plan the crayfish and food stuff.
 2. Scandinavian Festival moved to August 19th at the Scottish Rites Temple, we need many volunteers as many members will be on vacation in August.

- 2 **Reading of Minutes**
 1. Minutes from the March, 2017 meetings- distributed to membership
 - a) **Unfinished business-** None

- 3 **Reading and acting on bills:** Yvonne Magneheim, Secretary

Yvonne Magneheim	Wine and Champagne for Anniversary lunch/Raffle Basket	\$194.43
	For District 12 Convention	
Chuck Johnson	Herring and Danbo cheese for Sill Frukost	\$55.43
	TOTAL	249.86

Kurt motioned that we pay bills as read, Mark seconded.

Reconciliation of the Anniversary Luncheon will be forthcoming with today's minutes to show profit/loss.



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4 Financial Secretary Report – Anita Nord

Silent Auction \$494.00 plus \$43.00 paid later for a total of \$537.00.
Raffle \$260.00

5 Report from the Treasurer – Johanna Benker – absent

6 Report from District 12 convention – Chuck Johnson –

1. Arlie Vies was nominated and elected as an Honorary Life time Member for the District – Congratulations to Arlie.
2. No other business of note. 2018 District convention will be April 27-29, 2018 in Bay area. Grand Lodge Convention will start last weekend in June 2018 and include the 4th of July.

7 Pictures on Monitor's 105th anniversary luncheon have been posted on Monitor's web site without captions for privacy. All pictures are available with captions – just email Chuck for copies

8 Motioned to adjourn by Mark Delle, seconded by Kurt. Pfannkuch, motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

