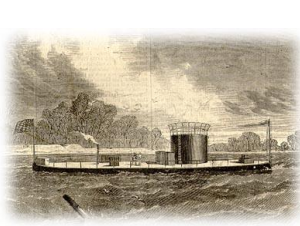


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July-August 2017

Kräftskiva was a huge success. Monitor Lodge's crayfish party on Saturday, August 5th which we celebrated jointly with Sierra Kronan saw over 50 people in attendance including 10 VASA members from other lodges in the District. The attendees celebrated James and Melissa Netzel's hospitality and Peggy and Ken Carlson's delicious crayfish with an abundance of food, aquavit and music.



A nyckelharpa duet



Kathy Matthews and family and others

2017 Calendar of events

August 5th – Saturday – Crayfish party

August 19th – Saturday – Scandinavian Festival

September 8th – Friday – Catered Dinner and nomination 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

2018 Calendar of events

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

February 2nd – Friday - Pea Soup & Pancakes

March 2nd – Friday – Corn Beef & Cabbage

April 7th – Saturday – Monitor's 106th Anniversary Luncheon

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These and additional pictures of the **Kräftskiva** and the **Scandinavian Festival** will be posted on our website - <http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org>

Member of the Month. This month we are skipping our feature as the editor was preoccupied with the Scandinavian festival and Scout summer camp so fell behind in his due diligence ☺

Upcoming Monitor events. There will be a catered dinner on **September 8th** which will include a brief business meeting as well as the nominations kickoff for 2018 elections and a presentation “**Don Quixote tours Skåne**” by Brian Horsfield. On October 6th we will wrap up nominations with a potluck dinner and closing of nominations.

Scandinavian Festival news. The festival was a huge success!!! Despite the change in date and location, we saw an increase in attendance by about 300 people, pushing us over the 1000 mark (not counting volunteers, vendors and dancers) for the first time in many years. And if the feedback we have been getting is any indication, next year will be even bigger. So mark your calendars **now** as the date has changed and is coming up fast! The 2018 festival will again be at the **Scottish Rite Masonic Center** across from Sac State but it will be in the Spring on **Saturday April 21, 2018**. Monitor provided over 40 volunteers (members, friends and neighbors) but we will need more help next year as we were exhausted by the end of the day. 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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Erik at the start of his 6 hours at the pancake griddles



Chuck's van (load 1 of 4)



The kitchen crew about 9:00 AM



Violet spreading good cheer



Donan working food sales

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We continue to have several members in need of our support as they recover their health. Theresa Alberts' mother is dealing with health issues but is slowly on the mend. Louise Center has also been experiencing some health issues that have kept her from attending our gatherings for the past few months but she reports she is doing better. We lost Barbara Erickson Wickstrom in late June and will be draping the Charter in her memory at the September meeting. Oscar (Don) Carlson also recently contacted us to let us know that his wife Joy passed away last year.

New Members. Meribeth collected over 25 email addresses at the recent Scandinavian Festival from people interested in learning more about Monitor Lodge and VASA. Several will be joining us as guests at our September 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.

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. If you know of a local seamstress or tailor who makes costumes, please provide that information to Chuck Johnson so we can add the information to a Scandinavian resources directory.

Would you like to hear more Swedish? Check out a new foreign film streaming video service offered by Mhz Choice (<http://watch.mhzchoice.com>). The cost is minimal and many of the films have English subtitles. If you want to see what is being offered, click on "search" then type in "Swedish" and enjoy. Tack to Marianne Ek for this new language resource.

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 !**



There were no business meetings in July or August so there are no meeting minutes to share.