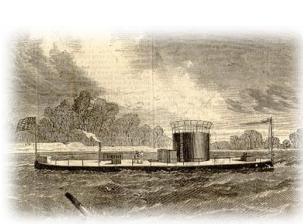


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**February 2018**

**February's Pea Soup and Pancakes was awesome!** We started the evening off with pea soup and pancakes and finished with lots of fun and laughter playing Swedish bingo gallantly led by DeeDee Dahlberg and ably assisted by Eivor Pfannkuch, Anita Nord and Lisa Rea as everyone tried to muddle through all the Skåne, Dalarna and central Sweden pronunciations of numbers and the alphabet. To quote one of the attendees: "The dialects, or accents, were very dissimilar. I had the easiest time understanding the Dalarna accent... Skåne was insane!"

**Upcoming Monitor events.** We will have our traditional *Corned Beef & Cabbage* dinner on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Monitor's 106<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree hotel on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will be by reservation only (more information to follow but deadline will be April 4<sup>th</sup>). We will be holding our annual *Sill FruKost* brunch at Chris' and Chuck's home on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> so keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

Dan Eriksson has volunteered to prepare the corned beef for the March meeting but **we need volunteers** to help with the set-up and meeting activities. Please let Mark Delle or Ed Netzel know how you can help as Chuck and Chris are not able to attend the March meeting.

**2018 scholarship applications.** Don't forget that applications for Monitor Lodge's 2018 scholarships are due by **April 1, 2018 !!** Applications for Golden Gate's scholarship are also due by April 1 but the Grand Lodge Scholarships are due by February 15, 2018. You will find more information on Monitor's [scholarship web page](#).

**2018 Dues are due on January 1, 2018.** The yearly dues are still \$35.00 per member 14 years of age and older. Dues are delinquent on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks payable to Monitor Lodge #218 and mail your dues to Anita Nord at 6435 Palm Ave, Carmichael CA 95608. **Tack så mycket** in advance for your diligence in getting payment in early.

2018 Calendar of events

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday – **Corn Beef & Cabbage**

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday –  
Monitor's 106<sup>th</sup>  
**Anniversary Luncheon**

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday –  
**Scandinavian Festival**

April 27-29 – Golden Gate  
District #12 convention in  
San Jose

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – **Sill  
Frukost** hosted by Chris  
Bodelson and Chuck  
Johnson

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday –  
**Midsömmar** potluck

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday –  
Sweden Day at Sveadal

June 29 thru July 6 – VASA  
Grand Lodge convention  
in Sacramento

July – no meeting

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday –  
**Kräfskiva**

September 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday –  
**Dinner** (type TBD)

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday –  
Potluck dinner and  
nomination of 2019 officers

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday–  
**Kaffekalas** and elections

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DeeDee pointing to numbers and letters as  
Eivor called them out in Swedish



Cami keeping a close eye on  
DeeDee's pointer

**Did you know \_\_\_\_\_ about Monitor Lodge?** This section will feature one or two interesting topics about Monitor Lodge each newsletter. This month we want to highlight a core aspect of the lodge that in recent years have been in the shadows: **Nål och Tråd**. Nål och Tråd is a group within the membership that used to meet with frequency to socialize while making Swedish craft items for sale to raise monies for Monitor's scholarship fund and for donations to local charities such as the [Sacramento Food Bank](#) and the [Sacramento Children's Home](#). At present, the group has dwindled significantly and is only "visible" at the annual Scandinavian Festival where they host the Monitor crafts table. We want to bring Nål och Tråd back from the brink and encourage you to contact Chuck Johnson or Karin Johnson to learn more about how you can get involved.

**Check out our rapidly improving Monitor web site.** We are working hard to update the web site ([www.monitorlodgesacramento.org](http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org)) regularly and are date stamping the bottom of each page so you have a better idea as to the currency of each page's information. While we still have content to update we have added one **new** page that many people will really enjoy – go to the RESOURCES tab and click on **Monitor Lodge cookbooks** and enjoy! We have also made significant changes to the ABOUT VASA, NEWS and GENEALOGY pages. We will be posting current newsletters and regular updates to the membership's annual Program Books in the near future.

Please email Chuck Johnson, Andy Hopkins or Brian Horsfield if you find anything that needs updating/correction or if you have something that you think merits being shared on the website. We are contemplating creating a Monitor Facebook page to complement the web site and would really appreciate the membership's thoughts on the idea. **Tack så mycket** in advance for your input.

**Grattis på födelsedagen** to our **February** birthday celebrants Stanley Hagstrom, Ruby Hendrickson, Chuck Johnson, Ethel Johnson, Marty Parks, Mindy Patterson, Kurt Pfannkuch, Lisa Rea, Jill Stockham, Stephanie Strazdins and Orville Voxland.

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**2018 Program books.** We mailed the 2018 program books in mid-December and, of course, already had some updates noted in the January newsletter but here is another one. Please make the following changes to your book:

Page 9 (Klostermann, Dan) - change Dan's email to: [snoolbobbin@gmail.com](mailto:snoolbobbin@gmail.com)

**Member of the Month.** Missing in action this month.

**Tabled January business meeting item.** At the January meeting a motion was made to waive membership fees under certain circumstances. As there was some confusion during the discussion, the motion was tabled for further research and the motion was revisited at the February meeting. The final version of the motion stated: *"That Monitor waived membership fees of members with 50 or more years of VASA membership **if** the member requests their fees be waived."* After additional discussion, the motion passed on a 30 to 18 vote.

**New lodge business meetings schedule proposed.** It was recently proposed that the lodge revert to having its business meetings on separate days and/or times so as to not infringe on the limited social meetings time. The lodge constitution and bylaws already allow for this flexibility and the only thing required is informing the membership at large of the proposed schedule changes.

**Scandinavian Festival 2018 updates.** The Scandinavian Festival committee last met on February 13<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Chris' and Chuck's home. Folks interested in learning more about the "backroom" operations of the festival are always welcome to attend any of the meetings. Just let Chuck know so he can add you to the email notification list.

Specific to Monitor's involvement in the festival, we still need volunteers to help making pancakes, selling the pancakes and smörgåsar (open face sandwiches), serving at the lodge's crafts/membership table, helping at the baked goods table and selling food tickets. Most of these activities are scheduled for two hour shifts but you can always work more 😊 Gail Nemy will have sign-up sheets at the March and April meetings. Encourage family members, friends and co-workers to help as well. **Tack så mycket** for volunteering. Oh, and don't forget to wear your Swedish costume if you have one.

**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. And remember to also refer them to Monitor's web site (<http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org>) for information

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MONITOR LODGE  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Friday, February 2, 2018

5:30 pm - Social hour

6:30 – Chairman Chuck Johnson called the meeting to order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Song
- Chaplain’s Message

## **7:00 pm – Business Meeting**

Ed Netzel motioned we accept minutes as printed in the newsletter, Elizabeth S. Miura seconded, so approved

## **Business Minutes**

Reminder of Scholarship deadlines

## **Committee Reports** - none

## **Upcoming events:**

March 2, 2017 – Corned Beef and Cabbage – we need volunteers. Chuck and Chris will not be in attendance in March.

April 7, 2017 – Anniversary Luncheon has been proposed to hold it at the DoubleTree Hotel

## **Old Business**

Violet DeBord made a motion that members of 50 years or more should not have to pay any more, seconded by Ed Netzel. Discussion followed. Motion tabled and enter into the newsletter until more research can be accomplished.

- Motion was made by Melissa Netzel to accept motion if the member has been an “active member” in our Lodge for 50 years or more, we would waive their annual membership fee. Seconded by Diane Berg. Discussion followed. 18 against and 30 for – motion carries.

## **Report on Julbord – January 5, 2018 Installation Dinner**

Dinners: Make Your Own Smörgås	50 x \$10	\$ 500
Drinks:		\$ 165
Dues:	40 x \$35	\$1,400
Initiation:		
Miscellaneous: Nål och Tråd		\$ 250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,315</b>

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**Reading of the Bills**

The following bills were approved for payment:

IOOF	Rent for January, 2018	225.00
IOOF	Storage	35.00
IOOF	Rent for February 2018	225.00
IOOF	Storage for February 2018	35.00
IOOF	Overtime for early access in February	90.00
Peggy Carlson	Food and supplies for Pancake dinner February 2018	
DeeDee Dahlberg	Food for Pancake Dinner February 2018	54.62
Charley and Lisa Rea	Lucia Program supplies	43.29
Charley and Lisa Rea	Lucia Necklace	<b>95.13</b>
Peggy Carlson	Food supplies for Pancakes Dinner	<b>120.52</b>
	<b>Total</b>	923.56

IOOF Hall rent paid automatically each month: \$200.00 for the hall plus \$35.00 for storage as per standing approval vote.

Melissa moved bills be paid, Mark Delle second, motion passes

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**2018 District Convention Nominations**

Delegates for April Golden Gate District Convention

Karin Johnson

Johanna Benker

Alternates to be determined next month and final selection and approvals.

Melissa Netzel volunteered

Meribeth Bean

February birthdays.

"Ja må han leva" was sung for January members

Chaplain's prayer – Birgitta Ostlund

**Good of the Order announcements**

- 6:45 – Coloma Community Center – dancing was announced by Barry Moore. Every Monday night.

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- Grand Lodge Future Events
- Sweden Day 2018 – June 2, 2018 a. Motion to take out 6 Black and White Advertisements 3.3' x 1.6" in Nordstjerman for \$186.30 total expense to promote our next VOA District # 12 Sweden Day at Sveadal on Saturday, June 2, 2018 featuring the Akvavit Kryddat Brännvin World Championship. (See the attached copy of the Nordstjernan 2018 Advertising Rates from Nordstjernan Editor and Publisher Ulf Barslund Mårtensson.) b..
- Midsummer 2018
- Membership Seminar
- District 12 Executive Board Meeting -- Friday, April 27, 2018 (To be scheduled)
- 2018 District Convention – April 27 - 29, 2018 (Crowne Plaza, Milpitas)
- 2018 Grand Lodge Convention -- June 29-June 6, 2018 (DoubleTree, Sacramento)
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Stockton, Nord Lodge – Judy Smith invites all members for a Pancake Breakfast, Eagle's Hall, Bourbon Street, 8:30am to 1:00 pm

Adjourned at 7:00 PM

**7:00 pm – Swedish Pancakes**

**7:30 pm - Cultural presentation** Swedish bingo presented by DeeDee Dahlberg

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Magneheim, Recording Secretary