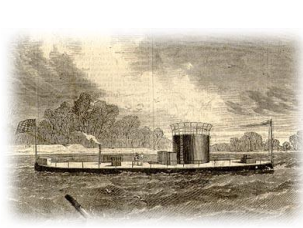


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**March 2018**

**March's Corned Beef and Cabbage was delicious!** Tack så mycket to the Eriksson family for a fabulous meal, to Eivor & Kurt Pfannkuch, Daniel Klostermann and Diane Berg for setting up and beautiful décor items and to a couple of our newest members Larry Woodward and William Hanley for doing the dishes! The highlight of the evening was Ed Netzel presenting Brother Arlie Vies a plaque commemorating Arlie's award of Honorary Lifetime Member (HLM) at the 2017 Golden Gate District convention in recognition of his years of faithful and devoted service to the Vasa Order of America. The evening wrapped up with a fascinating presentation by Eivor about Swedish-Irish "connections".

**Upcoming Monitor events.** Monitor's 106<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree hotel on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 AM and it will be by reservation only (more information on flyer 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.

**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. You will find more information on Monitor's [scholarship](#) web page.

**2018 Dues were 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** to those folks who have already paid their dues.

**Did you know \_\_\_\_\_ about Monitor Lodge?** This section features one or two interesting facts each newsletter about Monitor Lodge. This month we want to highlight another core aspect of the lodge that in recent years has been in the shadows: our **Children's Club**. In recent years the Children's Club sole visibility has been at our annual St. Lucia celebration where our youth has served as St. Lucia and her attendants

2018 Calendar of events

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 convenmtion  
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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and performed a few Swedish songs and dances after the Lucia procession. After our 2017 celebration the Lucia organizers decided that we needed to provide Monitor's youth with more opportunities throughout the year to explore their Swedish heritage and have begun with a meeting on the third Sunday afternoon of each month. The planned activities will include Swedish music, crafts, literature and games. If you want to help and/or have children and/or grandchildren who might be interested in participation please contact Chuck Johnson or Lisa Rea to learn more about how you can get involved.

**Check out our rapidly improving Monitor web site.** We are regularly updating the web site ([www.monitorlodgesacramento.org](http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org)), are date stamping the bottom of each page so you have a better idea as to the currency of each page's information. We always have content to update but we are dependent on our members to tell us when useful information is missing on our [calendar](#) and [current news items](#) pages. We are now posting regular [updates](#) to the membership's annual Program Books. We will be posting current newsletters 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.

**2018 Program books.** We mailed the 2018 program books in mid-December and, of course, already had some updates noted in the January and February newsletters. At this time we have no new updates. You can always get the most current information from the [directory](#) on our website.

**Member of the Month.** This month we are featuring one of our "behind the website" members - **Andy Hopkins:**



"I was born in Seattle, WA into a Boeing family. My grandmother was a Rosy The Riveter and my grandfather was her crew boss. My mom and dad met working at Boeing as well. My mom's side of the family are Swedish/English and my dad's side are Creole from New Orleans, LA. My dada passed away in an accident a month before I was born. My mom had left Boeing and developed an interest in archeology and moved us to Mexico for about 7 years when I was very young. It was a fabulous adventure and I saw most of Mexico's and Central America's archeological sites and landmarks. Returning to the US, I lived in Leavenworth, WA and attended the University of WA. After that, I worked for the State as a Child Support Enforcement Officer in Wenatchee, WA until I got sick of WA winters and moved to Prescott, AZ where I worked for Child Support Services again and met Lollie. We became fast friends and eventually married and had Alex & Nicole. Lollie and I each had a daughter before we met so we blended a family of four kids. Lollie went into private practice and I was in Law enforcement when Alex came along so we decided to transition one of our careers into stay at home parent to raise the kids safe. I did it and went into networking and IT which I could do from home. We followed a job opportunity to CA, where Lollie's sister lived at the time in Sacramento and have been here ever since."

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**Grattis på födelsedagen** to our **March** birthday celebrants Ken Carlson and Jan Volkoff. To all members, if we missed listing you on our monthly shout-out, it is most likely because we do not have your birthday listed in our database as we have not yet reconciled all the information with each member's application card. But please let us know if we inadvertently overlooked you.

**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 so the only thing required is informing the membership at large of the proposed schedule changes. After discussion during the February meeting the consensus of the membership was to give the proposed meeting schedule changes a try. The first business meeting will take place after our anniversary luncheon in April but before our Sill Frukost gathering in May. We will get agendas out in advance and the meetings are always open to everyone but as we will be meeting in someone's home we ask that if you plan to attend a meeting you let us know in advance so that we do not overwhelm the host. **Tack!**

**Scandinavian Festival 2018 updates.** The Scandinavian Festival committee last met on March 13<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Chuck Johnson's home. Folks interested in attending are welcome. Just let Chuck know so he can add you to the email notification list.

**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