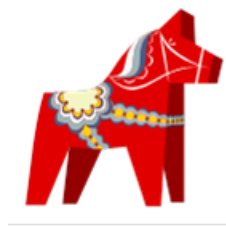
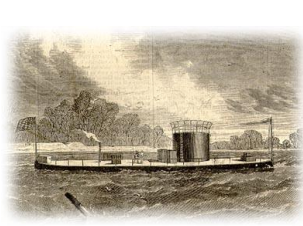


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March 2018

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 106th **Anniversary** luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree hotel on Saturday, April 7th starting at 11:30 AM and it will be by reservation only (more information on flyer but deadline will be April 4th). We will be holding our annual **Sill Frukost** brunch at Chris' and Chuck's home on Saturday May 5th 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 31st. 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 7th – Saturday –
Monitor's 106th
Anniversary Luncheon

April 21st – Saturday –
Scandinavian Festival

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

May 5th – Saturday – **Sill
Frukost** hosted by Chris
Bodelson and Chuck
Johnson

June 1st – Friday -
Midsömmar potluck

June 23rd – Saturday -
Sweden Day at Sveadal

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

July – no meeting

August 4th – Saturday –
Kräfskiva

September 7th – Friday –
Dinner (type TBD)

October 5th – Friday –
Potluck dinner and
nomination of 2019 officers

November 2nd – 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), 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 13th and the next meeting will be on Thursday March 22nd 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

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

5:30 pm - Social hour

6:30 – Vice Chairman Ed Netzel called the meeting to order

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

1. Reading of the Minutes

Diane Berg motioned we accept minutes as printed in the February newsletter, Kurt Pfannkuch seconded, so approved

2. Old Business none

3. Financial Secretaries Report – Anita Nord

Monitor Lodge Income - February 2018

Dinners: Pea soup dinner 66 x \$10	\$660
Drinks:	\$145
Dues: 18 x \$35	\$630
Initiation:	
Miscellaneous: Plants and food sales	\$105
TOTAL	\$1,540

4. Committee Reports

- A. Membership: Yvonne mentioned we had 115 members at the end of 2016 and 107 at the end of 2017. We have added 4 new members so far in 2018.
- B. Cultural: Presented by Eivor Pfannkuch following business meeting.
- C. Scholarship – Reminder deadline for Monitor Scholarships is April 1, 2018 – no report from committee
- D. Scandinavian Festival – April 21, 2018 – Scottish Rite Hall.
 - a. Ed reiterated that all food sales, including baked goods must be made through tickets, no cash to be exchanged so we need people to sell tickets.
 - b. Put stickers on your homemade baked goods to identify what they are selling
 - c. Karin Johnson suggested that we sell the books in the storage room as they do sell. Mark Delle seconded. Permission granted.
 - d. Members are encourage to sign up for assignments as we expect a large audience this year. Please see Chuck Johnson for signups.

5. District 12 Convention

- A. Johanna Benker and Karin Johnson identified as delegates at our February meeting.
- B. Melissa Netzel and Meribeth Bean voted in as the alternates today.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Ed read dedication on a plaque from the Grand Master, Tore Kellgren, congratulating our Lodge on our Anniversary.
- B. Anniversary card greetings from PDM Paul Jevert, Jenny Lind Lodge.

7. Upcoming events:

- A. Saturday, April 7, 2018 – Anniversary Luncheon held it at the DoubleTree Hotel.
 - 1. Need Raffles - Everyone
 - 2. Centerpieces – **Johanna Benker**
 - 3. Set up Raffle and Silent Auction Items – **Gail Kinkennon, Diane Berg and Ruth Brown** volunteered to assist with set up and display of the prizes and work as runners for winners of raffle and auction items.
 - 4. Selling raffle tickets – **Ed Netzel**
- B. Friday, April 27, 2018 - District 12 Executive Board Meeting - Friday, April 27, 2018 at Crowne Plaza Milpitas
- C. Friday-Saturday, April 27-29, 2018 – Crowne Plaza, Milpitas
- D. Saturday, May 5, 2018 – Sill Frukost at home of Chris Bodelson and Chuck Johnson
- E. Friday, June 1, 2018 – Midsommar potluck – IOOF Lodge
- F. June 29-June 6, 2018 – 39th Quadrennial Grand Lodge Convention - DoubleTree, Sacramento

8. Treasurers report – Johanna Benker

- A. \$17,300 checking account
- B. \$20,000 savings
- C. These amounts are after we paid \$3,477.10 – dues to District

9. Reading of the Bills – Johanna Benker

The following bills were approved for payment:

IOOF	Rent for March, 2018	225.00
IOOF	Storage	35.00
Yvonne Magneheim	Beverages and Supplies -3-2-2018	97.11
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District Lodge Golden Gate #12	2018 Program Books – 12 copies plus 2 complimentary copies	72.00
Daniel Eriksson	Food	190.77
	Total	752.08
Additional expense as of 3-14-2008		
Linnéa Koze	Food	209.03
DeeDee Dahlberg	Decor	12.96
Scandinavian Festival		55.00
	Adjusted total	\$1,029.07

IOOF Hall rent paid automatically each month: \$225.00 for the hall plus \$35.00 for storage as per standing approval vote.

Kurt motioned to pay the bills be paid, Hank Stoffel second, motion passes

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10. New Business

- A. Separate business meetings as proposed by Chairman Johnson. All members would be welcomed and dates/times will be advised to the membership.
- B. Need a Raffle Basket to donate to the District convention in April. Would anyone like to put together a basket, keep receipts, expenditures will be reimbursed by the Lodge.

11. Good of Order

- A. Brother Arlie Vies became a Honorary Lifetime Member (HLM) at the 2017 District convention. To celebrate this momentous honor, Ed Netzel presented Arlie a plaque for recognition of faithful and devoted service to the Vasa Order of America.
- B. Thanks to:
 - a. Eriksson family for a fabulous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner,
 - b. Eivor & Kurt Pfannkuch, Daniel Klostermann, Diane Berg for setting up and beautiful décor items
 - c. New members Larry Woodward and William Hanley for doing the dishes!
- C. February and March birthdays - "Ja må han leva" was sung for members
- D. Du Gamla du fria
- E. Chaplain's prayer - Birgitta Ostlund

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Magneheim, Recording Secretary

Cultural Program - Eivor Pfannkuch

After our fabulous Dinner, Eivor presented "The Swedish-Irish Connection"