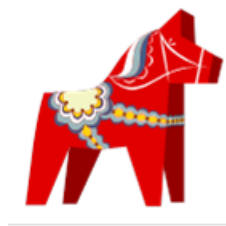
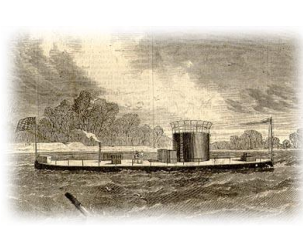


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April 2018

Anniversary Luncheon at the DoubleTree. Monitor Lodge celebrated their 106 anniversary on Saturday, April 7th, 2018. In addition to some fifty members and families we had honored guests Past District Master (PDM) Arlie Veis, PDM Kurt Pfannkuch, PDM ED Netzel (all Monitor members) and Sierra Kronan Lodge #737 chairman Darin Freeland in attendance. The conversations were lively, Ed Netzel again entertained as the MC for the silent auction and raffle. We had PDM Kurt Pfannkuch present Liz Havener with her 10 year pin and then had PDM Arlie Veis present Michelle Kaufman with her 25 year pin and Birgitta Ellis with her 55 year pin. If you took pictures and have not already sent copies to Chuck, please do so soon so we can post them on our web page. **Tack**



Another Ettore-made Princess Torta



Enjoying the slide show, good food and good company

2018 Calendar of events

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 2nd – Saturday –
 Sweden Day at Sveadal

June 29 thru July 6 – VASA
 Grand Lodge convention
 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

December 1st – Saturday –
 Julbord & Jul Glögg Party

December 7th – Friday –
 Lucia celebration

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Cami and friends before her big raffle
and silent auction haul 😊

Upcoming Monitor events. 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. And on Friday, June 1st, we will have dancing and good food as we celebrate Midsommar at the IOOF Hall with the majstång.

Additionally, don't forget Golden Gate District #12's annual convention April 27-29 in San Jose and the VASA Grand Lodge quadrennial convention in Sacramento, June 29-July6.

2018 scholarship recipient. We are delighted to announce that Nicole Hopkins is the 2018 recipient of Monitor Lodge's annual scholarship. She is in her final year of high school and is involved in many activities at school and at Monitor Lodge. She has helped with the silent auction items, raffle tickets and the announcement of the winners at our anniversary luncheon. She currently serves as our Outer Guard and often helps lead activities for the younger children at lodge events. In 2016 she took the lead for our annual Pea Soup and Pancake February cooking team and it was a huge success. To finish that year, Nicole was our Lucia proudly leading the attendants and stjärngossar in song and dance for our enjoyment. In her spare time she has written and self-published a book "Lifeline".



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Monitor's web site. We regularly update the web site (www.monitorlodgesacramento.org), 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.

Member of the Month. This month we are featuring Lisa and Charley Rea. Lisa has been a Monitor Lodge member for over 25 years while Charley has been a member for over 15 years and served as Lodge chairman in 2014. Charley and Lisa live in Carmichael with their two teenage children Annika and Emil.

"Lisa was born in Angelholm to Paul and LaVerne Gullans, She grew up in Hassleholm, Sweden, in the Skane region. She was one of five children, with 3 older brothers and a younger sister. She was an avid horserider. When she was 19 her family moved to Sacramento. Lisa soon enrolled at American River College and earned an associates degree in Respiratory Care. Then, she went to Sacramento State and completed her undergraduate degree in Health Science. Later, she received a masters degree in Public Policy Administration at Sac State. She has worked as a Respiratory Therapist at UC Davis Medical Center for over 30 years. Her parents, Paul and LaVerne, joined Monitor Lodge over 30 years ago, and found it a great way to hold onto their Scandinavian roots. Lisa joined later and is currently enjoying being the leader for Monitor Lodge's the Children's Club.



Charley was born in Sacramento to Leonard and Lesle Rea, the oldest of three children. He grew up in Sacramento, and went to school at UC Berkeley (Go Bears!), where he got an undergraduate degree in Political Economy of Industrial Societies. He lived in Washington, D.C. for ten years, working as a legislative assistant for U.S. Senator William Armstrong (R-CO) and for the US Department of Energy. After a few years in Colorado working campaigns, he returned to Sacramento over 20 years ago. It was a good move, as he soon met Lisa playing

tennis! He currently works as Director of Policy and Communication for the Construction and Industrial Materials Association of California. With no known Scandinavian roots, Charley has found Monitor Lodge a great help in learning about Scandinavia and making lots of friends."

Grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for April: Bob Barrett, Linda Larson, Dick Baldwin, Joan Hagstrom, Lisa Widmark, Violet De Bord, Michelle Kauffman, Alyssa Leaman, Liz Havener, Melissa Netzel, Annika Anderson, Barry Moore, Lennart Andersson and Harold Mattson.

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New lodge business meetings schedule proposed. The first business meeting (new format) 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!**

As we did not have a business meeting at our anniversary luncheon, we have no minutes for April.

Scandinavian Festival 2018. The Scandinavian Festival will be on Saturday, April 21st at Scottish Rite Center. Monitor can still use volunteers to help with all aspects of the event (ticket & food sales, setup & cleanup, kitchen duties, etc.). Let Chuck Johnson or Gail Nemy know if you can help and ask family and friends to help too. We also are asking folks to wear their Swedish costumes if they have one. **Tack så mycket**

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