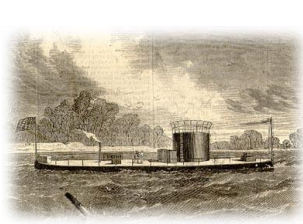
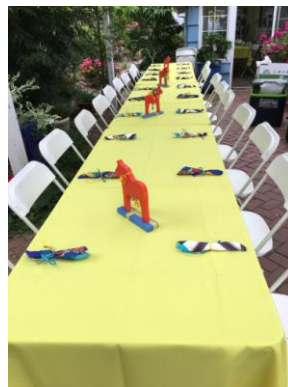


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**May 2018**

**Sill Frukost.** Another glorious weather day, great food and wonderful company enjoyed by everyone as we celebrated Spring at Chris' and Chuck's home and backyard. 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**



2018 Calendar of events

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

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

June 2<sup>nd</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

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday – Julbord & Jul Glögg Party

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday – Lucia celebration

2019 Calendar of events

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday- Dinner and installation of officers

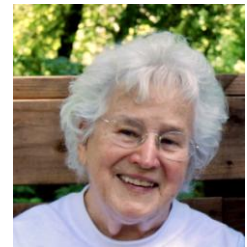
February 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday - Pea soup and Panckaes

**Upcoming Monitor events.** On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be dancing and enjoying good food as we celebrate **Midsommar** at the IOOF Hall with the majstång – wear your costume if you have one. Then we take a break with no meeting or events planned for July. We then will have our annual **Kräfskiva** (crayfish party) on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Additionally, don't forget the VASA Grand Lodge quadrennial convention in Sacramento, June 29-July 6. A number of Monitor members plan to attend the closing banquet on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and share a table. If you would like to join us, please let Yvonne Magneheim know before the registration deadline of June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**In Memorium.** We lost Thelma Gorrel in late March and will drape the lodge Charter in her memory at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Midsommar gathering. Thelma had been a Monitor member for eighteen years and until she relocated to Idaho to live with her daughter Sylvia was an energetic and regular participant in many Monitor activities. She loved opera and classical music, attending the symphony and opera in Sacramento and sometimes San Francisco. She enjoyed sewing, making many dresses for her daughter and granddaughters. Thelma was also an avid reader and pie baker.



**Did you know \_\_\_\_\_ about Monitor Lodge?** This occasional section features interesting facts about Monitor Lodge. This month we want to provide an update about a couple of our recent **annual scholarship recipients** since we are in the midst of graduation season.

**Julia Nemy**, our 2014 recipient and Gail Nemy's granddaughter, is graduating this May from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Her majors were French and Francophone Studies and Environmental Studies. She has received a Fulbright Scholarship and will be going to Rwanda to teach English for a year. If she hadn't receive the Fulbright she also was accepted by the Peace Corps to go to Rwanda to teach English for two years. Needless to say she accepted the Fulbright. She has also received a grant from the French Government to go to Limoges, France to teach English for a year. Perhaps next year she will be able to go to Limoges.

**Athena Eriksson**, our 2017 recipient, is wrapping up a very memorable freshman year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. While her entire year was a wonderful experience, most of the year was relatively dull compared to her first two weeks when she and her classmates had to evacuate campus to avoid Hurricane Irma. Athena is majoring in Aeronautical Science. She opted to do summer school this year to get both semesters of Physics and a couple more classes out of the way while she gets more flight training under her belt. She may be the only college-age kid who goes to Florida over the summer and takes physics.

**2018 Program books.** We mailed the 2018 program books in mid-December and, of course, regularly get changes submitted by members. Please make the following change to your book:

Page 6 (Andersson, Lennart & Britt-Marie) - change their email to: [bilvy10@gmail.com](mailto:bilvy10@gmail.com)

Page 9 (Ingvarlsen, Dale & Margaret) – change to read: 1602 North Mae Carden Street, Visalia, CA, 93291. Phone number is 559-300-1396.

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**Monitor's web site.** We regularly update the web site ([www.monitorlodgesacramento.org](http://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 one of our members with a unique dual cultural situation (Swedish and Greek) – Dan Eriksson.

“Dan is the son of Monitor Lodge members Richard Sr. and the late Gloria Eriksson. He was born and raised in Rancho Cordova, attending RC Elementary, Mills Jr. High and Cordova High School. He explored his Scandinavian roots while attending the University of Copenhagen 1984-1985 as part of the CSU International Program before graduating from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1986. Six years later he married Maria and they have two children - daughter Athena, entering her sophomore year at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL and son Alex, entering his senior year at Rio Americano High School in the fall.



Dan is Principal architect at Comstock Johnson Architects, Inc. (CJA) where he initially joined the firm as a summer intern in 1983 and begun full time in 1986. CJA is a 15-person firm providing architectural services in the commercial, retail, entertainment, education, multi-family residential, industrial and religious sectors. Dan and his family are active members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in East Sacramento and Dan has served as co-chair of the annual Sacramento Greek Festival for the last 8 years. He has been Troop 53's Scoutmaster for the past 2 years and will pass on the reins at the end of 2018. In his free time he enjoys skiing, hiking, camping, woodworking and home improvement projects.”

**Grattis på födelsedagen** to our birthday celebrants for May: Chris Bodelson, Diane Berg, DeeDee Dahlberg, Athena Eriksson, Siw Gormley, Taniel Green, Bernice Hopkins, Don Johnson, Gail Kinkennon and Myrtle Widmark.

**Lodge business meetings schedule.** As we did not have a business meeting at our anniversary luncheon or the Sill Frukost gathering, we have no minutes for April or May.

**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