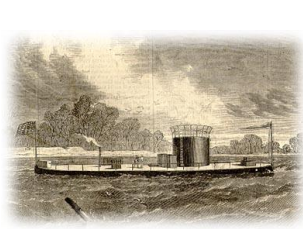


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**October/November 2018**

Our October **potluck** dinner and business meeting was fun as we enjoyed good food and conversation and topped it off with a slide presentation about the new Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, Washington. Most of the business meeting was spent discussing the proposed updates to our scholarship program guidelines and the establishment of meal fee guidelines.

In November, we started a bit later than usual as we were only having a **Kaffekalas** while we wrapped up discussion on and then approved the meal fee guidelines (copy attached and also posted on our [website](#)). One announcement of note was the receipt of a DVD from VASA Archives containing the **hand written** minutes of Monitor Lodge dated from 1937-1982 (*the first 25+ years are in Swedish!!*). We also had more discussion on the proposed updates to our scholarship program and decided to provide the compiled comments to the Scholarship committee to review and return a final recommendation to the membership at the February meeting. We wrapped up the business meeting voting in the 2019 officer slate by acclamation. We finished off the evening with a delightful but way too brief presentation and music by Ginny Lee on the nyckelharpa.



As a **follow-up** to the September cultural presentation about the lodge's charter, attached is a list of the signatories as researched by Lillian Stafford back in the early 1980s.

**Upcoming Monitor events.** On Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate our annual **Julbord** get-together at the IOOF Hall. We will have our annual **St. Lucia** celebration the following Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Refer to the attached flyers for more information. January 4<sup>th</sup> will be the installation of officers, induction of new members and a catered dinner.

**Did you know \_\_\_\_ about Monitor Lodge?** This occasional section features interesting facts about Monitor Lodge. This month we present information about Monitor's culture and practices – did you

2018 Calendar of events

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

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday –  
**St. 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 Pancakes**

March 1<sup>nd</sup> – Friday – **Corned  
beef and cabbage** dinner

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - 36<sup>th</sup>  
**Sacramento Scandinavian  
Festival** at Scottish Rite

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 107<sup>th</sup>  
**Anniversary** luncheon

April 26-28 – Friday thru  
Sunday – Golden Gate  
District #12 convention

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – **Sill  
Frukost**

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday –  
**Midsommar**

July – no meeting or events

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday -  
Kräfskiva (crayfish Party)

September 6<sup>th</sup> –Friday –  
“**Make your own  
Smörgåsar**” and  
nomination of 2020 officers

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know that we have a lending/exchange library of over 100 books? Many of the books are in Swedish, others are in English but written by Swedish authors. Members may borrow books and return them or they may exchange a book for another Swedish book if they wish to keep a book. If you want to keep a book but have none to exchange, you can place a \$1 (or more) donation in the donation jar. Monies collected are added to our scholarship fund. And speaking of our scholarship fund, in addition to outright donations from members to the fund, monies received from NåI och Tråd craft sales as well as a percentage of Monitor's net proceeds from the annual Sacramento Scandinavian Festival also go into our scholarship fund.

**2019 Dues are due on January 1, 2019.** 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, Monitor Financial Secretary  
6435 Palm Ave.  
Carmichael CA 95608.

**Tack så mycket** in advance for your diligence in getting payment in early.

**Annual Program book updates.** We have sent out notices to those members who have email accounts that the 2019 membership fees are due. In the notice we have also requested that members verify their program book information and picture. For members without email, we have included that paperwork in the newsletter snail mail.

You can always find the most current information in our on-line [directory](#) on our website. You need a password to access this page so please contact Chuck Johnson if you cannot log into the page.

**2019 scholarship applications.** Now that school is back in session, it is not too early to start thinking about scholarships! Applications for Monitor Lodge's 2019 scholarships are due by April 1, 2019 !! Applications for Golden Gate's scholarship are also due by April 1 but the Grand Lodge Scholarships are due by February 15, 2019. You will find more information on Monitor's [scholarship web page](#). Members are reminded that contributions to the Education/Scholarship Funds of local lodges, districts and the Grand Lodge are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code 170(c) (4) as no goods or services are provided in return for these contributions. We ask that you consider making a donation to our scholarship fund in honor or in memory of a loved one or just because... If you include a donation in your dues check, please include a note so that Anita knows to allocate the monies to the appropriate funds.

**Monitor's web site and Facebook page.** 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 now post the most [recent newsletters](#) and will be posting meeting minutes in the near future. Please contact Chuck Johnson, Andy Hopkins or Brian Horsfield if you find anything on our [web site](#) that needs updating/correction or if you have something that you think merits being shared. Contact Chuck or Sarah Cuthill if you find anything on our [Facebook page](#) that needs updating/ correction. **Tack så mycket** in advance for your input for both sites.

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**Member of the Month.** This issue we are highlighting one of our members who has recently returned to the lodge after a long absence: Lars-Erik Hammarin. Lars-Erik was born in Uppsala, Sweden in 1945. Uppsala, a town about 45 miles north of Stockholm, the seat of the Archbishop of the Swedish Church and of a university founded in 1477. After high school and his mandatory one year military service in the Royal Army, Lars-Erik studied mathematics, computer science and electrical engineering at the University of Uppsala. In the early 1970s he joined an international high-tech company with a facility in Stockholm then in the late 70s transferred to the company's R&D facility in Paris, France. In 1982, Lars-Erik received an offer to join a high-tech company in the Silicon Valley and he relocated to Santa Clara, California early 1983. It was in California that he met and married his wife Mary. Their twin sons, Frank and Ross, were born in 1990. In 1995, Lars-Erik's job relocated to Roseville and the family moved to Granite Bay. For a few years in the late 90's, the family participated in the Monitor Lodge Children's group. Lars-Erik retired in 2009. Lars-Erik enjoys travelling and has made many trips to visit family and friends in Europe. He was involved with youth soccer in Granite Bay for many years as coach, referee, and club treasurer. Lars-Erik's other interests include music (season ticket holder Sacramento Philharmonic), woodworking (building nyckelharpas), ice hockey (San Jose Sharks fan), and genealogy.



**Grattis på födelsedagen** to our birthday celebrants for October: Eva Allred, Marianne Ek, Nicole Hopkins, Brian Horsfield, Dale Ingvarsen and Karin Johnson. For November the celebrants are: Diane Brownell, Susan Edelmayer, Russell Ellis, Richard Eriksson, Sr, Kathy Matthews, Donna Niemoller, Lillian Stafford, Elizabeth Swenson-Miura, Loren Weatherly and Larry Woodward

**Sunshine(Friendship) Committee:** We have several members and their families currently dealing with health issues. Please keep Ethel Johnson, Eivor Pfannkuch, Gail Nemy, Dale Ingvarsen, Marianne Ek and Karin Johnson in your thoughts and prayers. Please contact Larry Woodward or Will Hanley, our Sunshine committee members, if you know of a member in need of our assistance in some manner.

**Lodge business meetings schedule.** October's and November's business meeting minutes are attached to the end of this newsletter. **Please take note:** Our next full business meeting will be in February 2019. We will be holding our installation of 2019 officers and induction of new and reinstated members at our January 2019 meeting.

**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. Don't forget to let folks know that we always have Legos on hand at our meetings for the kids and the young at heart and remember to refer them to Monitor's web site (<http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org>) for information.

