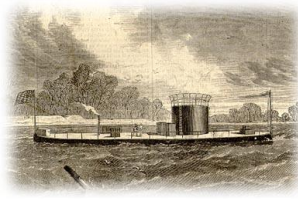


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Monitor fortsätter att hålla ut (Monitor continues to persevere) in generosity, truth and unity. While we had to forego our traditional officer installation due to local COVID restrictions, we again performed an abbreviated installation of officers ceremony during our January ZOOM meeting with Darin Freeland, our District Deputy (and Sierra Kronan chairman) presiding. We had all our 2021 officers agree to serve again in 2022 although we continue to have a few vacancies (please refer to the 2022 program book to see the vacant positions and let us know if you are willing to serve).

Upcoming Monitor events. With the emergence of the latest COVID variant and the recent holiday travel and gatherings creating health uncertainties we will continue to have virtual (ZOOM) meetings for the next few months.

Our next regular meeting will be Friday, February 4th and will be a ZOOM meeting

Annual Program book updates. Our 2022 program book/member directory was mailed in late December and included an envelope for members to mail their 2022 dues to Anit Nord. Please remember It is a “living” document and we share updates in our monthly newsletters. Two corrections already:

Lars-Erik’s correct surname spelling is **Hammarin** and his email is hammarin@surewest.net

Mark Delle’s cell number is: 916-425-8451

Golden Gate District #12 annual convention: The convention will be held April 24-26 but will be a virtual convention. Further information will be forthcoming soon.

2022 Calendar of events
(dates subject to change)

February 4th – Friday – ZOOM meeting

March 4th – Friday – **TBD**
most likely a ZOOM meeting

April 9nd – Saturday – **110th Anniversary** luncheon
(tentative date)

April 22-24 – Golden Gate annual convention will be virtual

May 7th – Saturday – Sill Frukost - **TBD**

June 4th – Saturday – Sweden Day at Micky Grove Park

June 10rd – Friday – Midsommar **TBD**

July – no Monitor meeting

July 1-8 – Grand Lodge quadrennial convention in Philadelphia

August 6th – Saturday – Kraftskiva **TBD**

September 2nd – Friday – Business meeting **TBD**

October 7th – Friday business mtg **TBD**

October 15th – Saturday – **Scandinavian Festival**

November 4th – Friday – Business mtg **TBD**

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Grand Lodge Convention: The quadrennial meeting of the Grand Lodge, Vasa Order of America on July 1 – July 8, 2022 at the Marriott Philadelphia Old City in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Additional information, including deadlines and format for submittal of resolutions is included at the end of this newsletter.

How good is your Swedish vocabulary? If you want to brush up on your Swedish, you will find Swedish vocabulary and lessons in the Swedish edition of **The Local** (<https://www.thelocal.se/>) or **Nordstjernen** (<http://www.nordstjernen.com/>).

The Local offered **jobbig** as their “Word of the Day” on October 5th, 2021.

Jobbig is an adjective meaning “tiresome”, “trying”, “irritating”, “arduous”, “difficult to deal with”, or “a lot of work”.

But despite the fact there are several possible translations, it’s hard to claim any of them are quite so satisfying to exclaim as *jobbig*.

It comes from *jobb* (“job”) combined with the adjective ending *-ig*. It’s not necessarily that a *jobbig* task is difficult – it could be, but it could also just be one you don’t want to do. It feels like hard, unrewarding work.

You can use it to describe anything that’s a pain to deal with, perhaps a person, your day, a conversation, or a situation. Grammar exercises, a long car trip with grouchy toddlers, your least favourite household chore, tax returns, that neighbour you always have to brace yourself for a conversation with: all of these might be *jobbig*.

Examples:

Vilken jobbig dag jag har haft! What a rough day I’ve had!

Han var jobbig som tonåring He was a pain to deal with as a teenager

Oj vad jobbigt! Oh, what a pain!

Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA: This time we look back at some former annual (more or less) Monitor events: Casino Night and Maskerad Night.

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Eivor and Kurt Pfannkuch –
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Arlie Veis, Larry Skigley and Lars Ostlund –
Casino Night 03-20-83



Maskerad 1995 - Tom & Annika Anderson

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Maskerad 1995 - Lars & Birgitta Ostlund

Memory lane travels. Due to space constraints in this issue we've postponed including a **memory** article until next month. Still, we are always looking for you to share some of your Swedish or Scandinavian related photo album discoveries and family history/memories in future issues of Monitor's newsletter.

Important reminder: Our 2022 dues are due on January 1, 2022. 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, Monitor Financial Secretary
6435 Palm Ave.
Carmichael CA 95608

Tack så mycket in advance for your diligence in getting payment in early. We also ask that you consider making a donation to our scholarship fund when you send in your renewal check in honor or in memory of a loved one or just because.

Second important reminder: The annual VASA scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. The Grand Lodge 2022 application is due no later than February 15, 2022 while Monitor Lodge's and Golden Gate District's applications are due no later than April 1, 2022. Additional information and application forms are included with this newsletter. Read the instructions carefully as the requirements are slightly different for each scholarship.

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A grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for **February 2022**, they are Chuck Johnson, Ethel Johnson*, Mindy Patterson, Kurt Pfannkuch*, Lisa Rea, Jill Stockham*, Orville Voxland* and Susan Weber* (* denotes member 75 years of age or older).

Sunshine (Friendship) Committee: We often have members and their families dealing with health issues or unable to easily travel to Monitor events and they appreciate receiving your cards, phone calls and visits. 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. **Tack så mycket**

Current financial report (summary) from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. While current events have created some unusual impacts on our 2021 income and expenses, we are still very comfortably in the black. Below are our fund balances as January 31, 2021:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nal och Trad</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$12,244.36	\$402.40	\$6,338.63	\$4,664.3626	\$7,754.10	\$31,403.85

The above totals reflect the crediting of CD interest and the payment of monthly IOOF Hall rent through September along website hosting expenses.

For the good of the order – If you are in need of a Swedish spoken language fix, check out the MHz Choice streaming TV service:

<https://watch.mhzchoice.com/sweden?anon=a5d3d08f-2aa8-4898-8d9a-d38c3e41063a>

Many of the shows do offer English subtitles. The service also offers many shows in other languages as well. Njut av,

And if you have not already done so you are encouraged to consider adding to your Swedish cultural reading by subscribing to Nordstjernen (both paper and online) (<http://www.nordstjernen.com/>) and The Local – Sweden (<https://www.thelocal.se/>). And don't forget local Swedish cultural offering shared by The Swedish Society of San Francisco on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/swedishsocietysf/>).



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