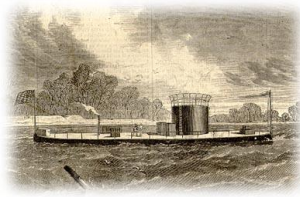


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January 2023

We had a very busy December. We had a bountiful and very delicious Julbord with 85 people in attendance. Everyone got their “fix” of traditional Swedish dishes like *Janssons frestelse*, *sillsallad*, *Bruna bönor*, *Potatiskorv*, *Svenska köttbullar* and *Prinskorv*. And no one’s sweet tooth went wanting either as the dessert table was overflowing with a huge variety of Swedish pastries and cookies.



2023 Calendar of events
 (dates subject to change)

January 6th – Friday – Potluck and installation of officers for 2023

February 3rd – Friday – **Pea Soup & Pancakes**

March 3rd – Friday – Fika and business meeting

April 1st – Saturday – **Anniversary luncheon**

April 15th – Saturday – **Scandinavian Festival**

May 6th – Saturday – **Sillfrukost**

June 3rd – Saturday – **Sweden Day** at Roberts Park in Oakland.

June 9th – Friday – **Midsommar** celebration

July – no lodge meeting

August 5th - Saturday - **Kraft kiva**

September 8th – Friday - Dinner TBD and nominations for 2024 officers

October 6th – Friday – FIKA and business meeting

November 3rd – Friday – 2024 elections

December 2nd – Saturday - **Julbord**

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Then, the Friday after Julbord we held our annual St. Lucia celebration, again with a great attendance. The audience was entertained with a slide show of past St. Lucia pictures from 1977 to 2021 while the children were preparing for their performance. Emily Brainerd was Monitor's 2022 St. Lucia and she was attended by eight Tärnor and two Stjärngossar. The children's performance was followed by a visit by Santa and Tomten. Kudos to Lisa Rea, Anita Nord, Marianne Ek, Larry Woodward and Will Hanley for their work and musical accompaniment in making this yet another memorable celebration (more pictures at end of this newsletter).



Upcoming Monitor events. January will be a bit more sedate with a regular business meeting which will include the installation of our 2023 officers and initiation of new members. In February we will have our traditional Pea Soup and Pancakes dinner meeting. And a reminder that Sacramento's annual Scandinavian Festival returns to its traditional time and place on April 15th, 2023 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Annual Program book updates. Our 2023 program book got mailed to all active members in late December. While we endeavor to ensure the information is correct, it is a living document so please contact Brian Horsfield, Anita Nord and Chuck Johnson whenever your information changes so we can update the Program Book, membership database and newsletters. Tack så mycket

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Important reminder: Our 2023 dues are due on January 1, 2023. 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”.

How good is your Swedish vocabulary? As usual, 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/>). In lieu of providing a Swedish vocabulary word this month, here are some suggestions of how you can start off the new year:

- Local, in-person Swedish language classes. Space is limited but if you are interested, contact Will Hanley at hanley6019@gmail.com or (916) 712-3929.
- If in-person classes don't fit into your schedule check out the plethora of Swedish movies available on Netflix, Prime Video and other on-line sources (just google “Where to stream Swedish movies”). While there are many movies to choose from, one blogger provides his choices for the “12 Best Movies to Learn Swedish Language” at the following URL:

<https://www.languagenext.com/blog/movies-to-learn-swedish/>

Or if you want to just want to enjoy a contemporary, light-hearted Swedish movie, check out **Ur spar** (Off Track) on Netflix:

<https://www.netflix.com/title/81580584?source=imdb>

You can watch most movies in Swedish with Swedish or English subtitles or dubbed in English with English or Swedish subtitles. Sorry, no Swenglish subtitles 😊

- While in-person classes are most helpful for beginners, there are also many on-line Swedish language videos and lessons. Some examples are:

Swedish - The #1 North Germanic language! Learn Swedish (SwedishPod101)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiXCg0lzlww> <https://www.swedishpod101.com/>

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Monitor and other scholarship opportunities. A reminder that Monitor's and Golden Gate Distirct's scholarship deadline is April 1st, 2023 while the Grand Lodge's deadline is January 15th for their scholarships and February 10th for their Swedish Language Camp. Details can be found at <https://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org/membership/scholarship/> .

Current financial report (summary) from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. We are still comfortably in the black. Below are our fund balances as of November 30, 2022.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nål och Tråd</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$12,005.53	\$332.43	\$6,144.70	\$4,668.89	\$7,861.86	\$31,013.42

These figures include the receipts from Julbord and some annual dues payments as well as the reimbursement of some of our December expenses.

Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. In 1970 Vasa received a letter from Sweden about a Youth Group of 30 who wanted to come and perform at various locations on the West coast. They were composed of singers, dancers and 11 were blind children who did scuba diving. When District #12 received the letter DM Arlie Veis was directed to respond and Monitor agreed to host them for the first three days. They performed at ten lodges throughout the district. Monitor member Charlie Linn rented a bus and transported the tour to many locations in District #12 and took them up to Oregon for a tour there.

A grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for January: Johanna Benker*, Birgitta Ellis*, Liesma Krastins*, James Netzel, Ed Netzel, Judy Netzel, Charley Rea, Jim Shoemaker and Brian Stockham*. (* denotes member 75 years of age or older).

For the good of the order – Here is informative article that provides another view of the Sami community to complement Charley Rea's presentation at our January 6th, 2023 meeting. The link is to an on-line Guardian picture easy article about Russia's Sami fight to save their language and traditions:

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2022/jul/07/russias-sami-fight-to-save-their-language-and-traditions-photo-essay>)



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