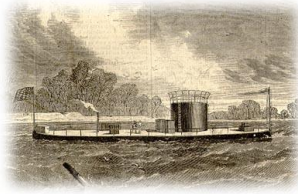


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September (September) 2024

August found us enjoying our annual Kräftskiva at Peggy and Ken Carlson's home. While the heat and some unexpected illnesses had the attendee numbers a bit lower than usual, we did have several prospective new members in attendance. And as always, the food and conversation was delightful.



Upcoming Monitor events. Our first regular Fall meeting will be at the IOOF Hall in September. We will be initiating some new members and also discussing three significant proposals at the meeting: 1. raising dues, 2. disestablishing the Building Fund and 3. creating written policy for managing our monies. A White Paper about these three proposals can be found again at the end of this newsletter. Our goal is to discuss the listed items at our September meeting and make formal decisions on the items at our October meeting. The September meeting is also when we start the nomination process for our 2025 elected officers.

Annual Program book updates. Our Program Book is mailed to all active members each December. Please contact

2024 Calendar of events (dates subject to change)

September 6th – Friday –
Officer nominations

October 4th – Friday –
Swedish Taco Night

November 1st – Friday
Pie social (tentative)

December 7th – Saturday
Julbord and Glögg Party

December 13th – Friday
St. Lucia program

2025 Calendar of events (dates subject to change)

January 10th – Friday
installation of officers

February 7th – Friday – **Pea Soup and Pancakes**

March 7th - Friday – **Corned Beef & Cabbage**

April 5th – Monitor's 113th
Anniversary

April 12th - **Scandinavian Festival**

April 25-27 – **District Convention** – location to be determined (not Sacramento)

May 3rd – Saturday -
Sillfrukost

June 6th – Friday –
Midsommar

July – **no meeting**

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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. We have several updates for September:

Page 6: Norris Cavanaugh *new member*
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A grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for **September**: Britt-Marie Andersson*, Peggy Carlson*, Sarah Cuthill, Mark Delle*, Melody Friberg, Ginny Lee*, Yvonne Magneheim*, Arlie Veis* and Joyce Willow* (* denotes member 75 years of age or older). **But most important we offer Arlie our heartfelt best wishes on his 100th birthday!!!** (Oh, and 62+ year as a member of Monitor Lodge)

Current financial report (summary) as of August 2024 from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. As the IOOF rent invoices are late again, the figures include three months of accrued rent. We continue to be comfortably in the black.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nål och Träd</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$ 10,424.54	\$156.26	\$5,252.70	\$4,668.90	\$8,140.17	\$28,642.57

you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. This month we feature a letter from the late California Senator Diane Feinstein congratulating Monitor Lodge on its centennial anniversary:

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DIANNE FEINSTEIN
CALIFORNIA



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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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April 28, 2012

Vasa Order of America
Monitor Lodge #218
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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to the membership of Monitor Lodge #218, Vasa Order of America. Congratulations on celebrating your 100th Anniversary as a chartered local lodge. This is truly a momentous occasion.

It is an honor for me to congratulate the Vasa Order of America, Monitor Lodge #218 for dedication, hard work, and innovation in providing support to help new Swedish immigrants integrate into the American culture. For 100 years you have continued to preserve the Swedish values of respect for family, heritage, and cultural traditions. Your devotion on behalf of the Swedish-American community has been truly inspiring, and is a wonderful example of leadership, generosity, and good will.

As a United States Senator representing the people of California, I commend the Vasa Order of America, and especially Monitor Lodge #218, for your outstanding contributions to the community. I wish you a wonderful 100th Anniversary celebration and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" being particularly prominent.

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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How good is your Swedish vocabulary? ? If you want to brush up on your Swedish you have several options: we have Monitor's in-person/ZOOM Swedish language classes led by Will Hanley. In addition to the on-line tutorials utilized by some of Will's students at Innovative Languages (<https://www.innovativelanguage.com/>) you will find Swedish vocabulary and lessons in Nordstjernen (<http://www.nordstjernen.com/>) and in the Swedish edition of The Local (<https://www.thelocal.se/>). You can also get a language fix from bi-weekly podcasts at: <https://shows.acast.com/the-newbie-guide-to-sweden-podcast>.

This time we have a Swedish word of the day offerings courtesy of The Local on [September 21, 2023](#). This month we explore the word Swedish word of the day: **stålar**. Simply put, stålar is a Swedish slang word for money.

However, it has its roots in a secret language made up by walking salesmen in western Sweden around the 1800s.

Stålar is one of a number of words in the secret *månsing* language used between so-called *knallar* traders in western Sweden to discuss matters of business they didn't want to reveal to other people present.

This consisted, essentially, of swapping certain Swedish words with other less common words for other languages, or adapting a Swedish word in some way. Understandably, considering they were traders, a lot of words in *månsing* are to do with money – like *stålar*.

Stålar originally comes from the Swedish word *stål*, meaning steel, which in turn comes from the Old Norse *stál*. According to the Swedish Academy's dictionary, this is probably due to the *knallar* often paying for things with small items made of steel. Another word from the *månsing* secret language which is still used in Swedish is *fika*, the word for enjoying coffee and cake, which was created by swapping around the syllables in *kaffe*, also known as back slang.

There were also specific words for different amounts of money, including *spänn* for a one krona coin, which is another slang word still used by many Swedes today.

Swedish vocabulary:

Det var inte mycket till stålar i den budgeten. There wasn't a lot of money in that budget.

Man kan tjäna tusen kronor i timmen! Det är stålar det. You can earn a thousand kronor an hour! Now that's money.

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For the good of the order: There is an SVT series titled **Miss Friman's War** currently playing on KVIE (<https://www.kvie.org/>). The series was inspired by a true story of class and women's struggle in the early 1900s. Although "Miss Friman's War" is a work of fiction, the story is partly based on actual events around the all-female food co-op "Svenska Hem", which was founded long before women even had the right to vote. The audio is in Swedish with English subtitles.

Njut av!!



Newsletter editor: Chuck Johnson

Bamse – Världens starkaste björn



Bamse – The World's Strongest Bear

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bamse>

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White Paper - Action items for September 2024 meeting

1. **Raise annual dues to \$50 starting in 2025.** Monitor's fixed expenses (VASA annual assessment, IOOF Hall rent and website hosting) have increased over the past decade. In addition, there are additional operating expenses such as newsletters and programs/flyers printing, mailing supplies and postage, St. Lucia lunches and costumes, providing for HLM (Honorary Life Member) and senior dues waivers, subsidizing beverage service at meetings, etc. The VASA annual assessment has been \$35.35 per active member for several years but Monitor has not raised its dues, currently \$35.00 per active member, to compensate. In addition, in recent years it has been lodge's practice to transfer monies from the operating fund to the Scholarship fund in memory of deceased members. It is anticipated the IOOF Hall rent will be raised again in the near future.
2. **Dissolve Building fund – move monies to operating fund.** The segregated Building fund was established decades ago to enable Monitor lodge to purchase its own building but researching Monitor's records held in Sacramento has turned up no written guidance as to how to manage the fund. In addition, interviews with the very few remaining members who were familiar with the original purpose revealed that there are very few records listing to who donated to the Building fund and no records of how much each of these individuals donated. No documents have been found stating that if the fund were to be disestablished that the monies would be refunded to the donors.

The lodge never accumulated enough funds for the intended purpose of the fund. Conditions over the past couple of decades have made it obvious that the original intent will never be fulfilled so Building fund monies have only been used on rare occasion to fund capital improvement projects, e.g., contribute to IOOF Hall for new kitchen stove.

3. **Establish written policy guidance as to how to manage the Operating fund.** This would incorporate existing written Monitor business practice policies and would include guidance for creating and maintaining a general budget for planning purposes to minimize surprises regarding future expenditures beyond the monthly rent and website expenses.