

Monitor Lodge #218

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A motion was made and passed that we send a gift with John Forsberg who will leave for Sweden the 23 of May and present this gift to the Pousettes from Monitor lodge here in Sacramento.



John Forsberg (age 80) with Rolf and Leif Andersson accepting the flag from King Gustaf at Skansen on June 6th, Sweden's Flag Day

Sept. 6, 1974 - *It was suggested that the picture taken of John Forsberg and of Britt Marie and Leonard Andersson's boys receiving the Swedish flag from the Swedish King at Skansen, Sweden, would be enlarged and present ed to John Forsberg.*

The Swedish flag that was presented by the King of Sweden for the Monitor lodge, was unfurled in the presents of all lodge members by our chairman [Eleanor Vine].

Brother John Forsberg gave a very interesting speech of how he met the King of Sweden and was presented the Swedish flag by the King himself also the two boys of Leonard and Britt Marie Anderson was there. All three representing the Monitor lodge of Sacramento. This presentation was made on the Swedish Flag Day June 6th at Skansen in Stockholm.

Ivar Axberg had made a very appropriate and nice flag pole for our new flag."

We had the flag on display at Monitor Lodge's 107th anniversary luncheon on April 6th, 2019 weekend when we presented Ralph and Leif parents Lennart and Britt-Marie Andersson with their 55 year membership pins.

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Current financial report (summary) as of September from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer we continue to be comfortably in the black.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nål och Tråd</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$9,852.75	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$9,054.62	\$24,190.51

A grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for **October**: Norris Anderson*, Marianne Ek*, Nicole Hopkins, Brian Horsfield*, Karin Johnson* and Vicki Lydecker* (* denotes member 75 years of age or older).

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 Nordstjernan (<http://www.nordstjernan.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>.

Today's word of the day, **folklig**, is provided by the [September 8, 2025](#) edition of *The Local* is a word "of the people and for the people".

Folk simply means "people", but it is used in a great number of ways, and in a great number of words. It refers to people in a broader sense, such as in a national sense (*det svenska folket* – the Swedish people) or to talk about people joined by some sort of characteristic or habit (*förr i tiden gick folk i kyrkan varje söndag* – in the old days people went to church every Sunday).

Folklig, as you may have guessed if you're familiar with Swedish grammar, is the adjective form of the noun *folk*. To be *folklig* means to be closely related to the people or the general public, but also to reflect the people or to have sprung from the people. Traditions can for example be *folkliga* as opposed to *religiösa* (religious), but also in the sense that they are observed by many people rather than just a few. Even food items, for example, can in theory be *folkliga* if they're eaten and appreciated by many, as opposed to a delicacy.

You often hear the word used to describe a person, usually a public figure, as an ordinary person, in a good way. This means that they are considered to be close to the people or even one of them, even though their status in society in some way sets them apart from the masses.

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Counter-intuitively, to be described as *folklig* you almost have to be seen as extraordinary, in a way. Your neighbour Sven Svensson is definitely much more of an ordinary person

than, say, Crown Princess Victoria, but she's more likely than Sven to be referred to as *folklig*.

To be described as *folklig*, however, it is necessary to spend several years demonstrating a down-to-earth, approachable, and to a certain degree humble personality to gain public favour. Once a person has it, they may enjoy huge popularity – they may even become *folkkära*.

Example sentences:

Sveriges monarki har stort folkligt stöd. The Swedish monarchy enjoys great public support.

Hon känns folklig trots att hon är kändis. She feels like one of the people despite being a celebrity.

For the good of the order: 1. We encourage folks to starting thinking about volunteering for our December Julbord and to take on some of the duties of some of our longtime table captains. Don't worry, they will still be around to mentor as well as to enjoy the repast.

2. Congratulations to Nicole Hopkins, Andy and Lollie Hopkins' daughter, who recently became engaged to Liam Longland in Bozeman, Montana.



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