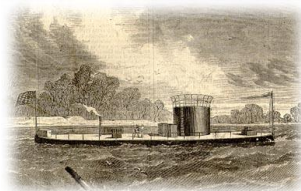


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Juni (June) 2026

May had members and guests enjoying a delightful gathering at Lisa & Charley Rea's home partaking of pleasant Spring weather, good conversation and, as always, lots of good food at our annual Sillfrukost. In addition to a variety of Scandinavian cheeses and salamis, we had a choice of several different sill (herring) dishes, including a new recipe from the Pfannkuchs which got great reviews.

Upcoming Monitor events. June will see us returning to the IOOF Hall for our traditional Midsommar celebration at the IOOF Hall. We then take a break with no events in July and resume in August with our annual Kräftskiva celebration.

Annual Program book updates. Please contact Brian Horsfield, Yvonne Magneheim and Chuck Johnson with any needed changes so we can update the Program Book, member database and newsletter mailing list. There are no new updates as of May.

A grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for **June**: Cheyenne Bart, Karna Boyer*, Elsa Cisar, Will Hanley, Jack Larson*, Anita Nord*, Abril Sancen, Doug Schwilk* and Carole Scibienski (* denotes member 75 years of age or older).



Meet our "newest" youth member – Katy Milne's and Mohamed Salem's son Adam arrived in early February and is doing well. He is already very active at only three+ months of age.

2026 Calendar of events

(dates subject to change)

June 5th – Friday –
Midsommar at IOOF Hall

June 6th – Saturday – District
Sweden Day – location TBD

July – no meeting

August 8th – Saturday –
Kräftskiva

September 4th - Friday -
Nominations – 2027
officers

October 2nd – Friday -
Swedish Tacos

November 6th – Friday –
FIKA- elections

December 5th – Saturday –
Julbord and Glögg party

December 11th – Friday –
St. Lucia

2027 Calendar of events

(dates subject to change)

January 8th – Friday –
Installation of officers

February 5th – Friday –
Pea Soup & Pancakes

March 5th – Friday -
Corned Beef & Cabbage

April 10th – Monitor's **115th**
Anniversary luncheon

May 1st – **Sillfrukost** at
location TBD

June 4th – Friday –
Midsommar at IOOF Hall

July – no meeting

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Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. This month's historic tidbit is an extract from Chairman Don Johnson's **1982** annual report:

"The membership growth of the Lodge was excellent. There were 21 new members initiated. But I feel that the most pressing need of the Lodge is in our follow up with new members. We must find the actions that will ensure that the new members can become well acquainted with other members and the activities and privileges of the Lodge. Without their active participation the Lodge cannot achieve a level of accomplishment which we desire and which will give our Lodge a growing vitality. I encourage each of you to reach out to new members so that they in turn will be encouraged to take an active part in Lodge responsibilities and opportunities.

The real highlight for Monitor Lodge was for the role we had in being hosts to the 67th Golden Gate District 12 Convention in Sacramento. It was an honor as your chairman to open the Convention. We have already given Arlie Veis our gratitude for doing a superb job in being the Chairman for this big event. Monitor Lodge was honored through a celebration of our 70th Anniversary at the Convention Banquet. A super event of the evening was the presentation of 40-year pins to members Esther Biehler and Maude Engberg.

This was also the year the 30th Grand Lodge Convention was held on the West Coast. In June a good contingent from Monitor traveled to Seattle for this special event."

And an excerpt from our lodge historians Alice and Ivar Axberg's **1988** annual report:



On January 25, 1988, Margareta Hegerdt, Counsel General of Sweden, was presented with a Resolution, signed by Governor Deukmejian, establishing 1988 as the year of New Sweden. We entered a float on March 5th, depicting "Kalmar Nyckel" and won the Governor's Trophy at the Camellia Parade. A Swedish log cabin was viewed by many at the Camellia Flower Show. It was built by lodge members."

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Current financial report (summary) as of May from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. We continue to be in the black but with increasing costs we need to explore other opportunities to raise monies to support Monitor's activities and scholarships.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nål och Tråd</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$7,631.23	\$93.77	\$5,189.37	\$9,354.62	\$22,268.99

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 month we are forgoing our usual "Today's word of the day" segment and providing some other options for brushing up on your Swedish language skills:

- While there are many Swedish films to choose from these days, one film currently offered on Netflix offers a little known history lesson about Swedish activities during World War II. Titled "The Swedish Connection" it is the story of Gösta Engzell and his efforts to save Jewish people during the war. You have several options while viewing the film of either Swedish or English audio as well as Swedish or English closed captions. (https://www.imdb.com/title/tt28793125/?ref=fn_t_1)
- A different, pricier option is the Scandinavian School & Cultural Center in San Francisco offerings (<https://www.scandinavianschool.org/swedish-classes>) of both group and private online language classes. They are also the only institution in the US to administer the SwedEx test. Swedex (Swedish Examinations) is a test for proficiency in the Swedish language recognized by the Swedish Institute, a government agency in Sweden with the responsibility to spread information about Sweden outside the country. NOTE: The Swedish government requires applicants for citizenship to demonstrate Swedish language proficiency and civic knowledge and while the SwedeEx is not one of the three approved tests it can help you prepare for one of the officially approved options: 1. **Approved school grades:** Specific courses in Swedish for Immigrants (SFI), municipal adult education (Komvux), or a folk high school. 2. **TISUS test:** The official test used by Swedish universities to verify proficiency for higher education. 3. **Official citizenship test:** Administered by the Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR).

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For the good of the order: 1. Please let our Sunshine committee (Will Hanley, Larry Woodward and Mike Carlson) know of any members in need of a card or visit.

2. Remember to limber up your dance moves and your singing voice in preparation of our Midsommar celebration on Friday, June 6th at our IOOF Hall meeting place.



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