

# Mayflower Lodge No. 445

Organized May 1, 1924

## VASA ORDER OF AMERICA

Meetings Held at the Mayflower Lodge 18815 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance, California



**ANN HELLGREN**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**ARLENE LUNDQUIST**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**

### FEBRUARY-MARCH-APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

#### **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Thursday, February 2

#### LODGE MEETING

6:00 pm Social Time  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Meeting

#### **MAYFLOWER HOLDING COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEETING WILL COMMENCE FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF OUR LODGE MEETING**

Thursday February 9

Mayflower Holding Company meeting at Mayflower Lodge.  
6:30 pm Light dinner  
7:00 pm Meeting

#### **FEBRUARY 24-26**

**2011 DISTRICT LODGE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST NO. 15 CONVENTION  
HILTON WOODLAND HILLS HOTEL.  
6360 CANOGA AVE. WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91367**

#### **MARCH CALENDAR**

Thursday, March 1

#### LODGE MEETING

6:00 pm Social Time  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Meeting

#### **APRIL CALENDAR**

Thursday, April 5

6:00 pm Social Time  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Meeting

Thursday, April 12

Mayflower Holding Company meeting at Mayflower Lodge  
6:30 pm Light Dinner  
7:00 pm Meeting

## MAYFLOWER LODGE



(Photographs courtesy Heather Codding)

**The address is 18815 South Crenshaw Blvd in Torrance.**

Take the Crenshaw Exit of the 405 southbound.  
Make a short right on 186<sup>th</sup> Street (Crenshaw Baptist Church on the corner) and turn immediately left on the Crenshaw access street which parallels Crenshaw Blvd.

There is parking on the access street and in our parking area beside the building.  
Handicap access is to the rear of the parking area.

We have a powered lift chair as part of the stairway entrance at the rear.

The Lodge's telephone number  
(310) 515-6575

## **MEMBER NEWS**

Our November meeting was held on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. After electing the Mayflower Lodge Officers that will serve for the 2012 term we adjourned the meeting and 30 plus of our members took part in a Glögg tasting party. Several members made their family recipe to share with their friends. It was a great way to spend an afternoon and lots of fun to taste all the different family recipes of Glögg. Our caterer prepared a delicious casual meal that was perfect for the day.

Lillian Dalsboe was \$25.00 richer after our November meeting. She won the attendance award for the month.

December 10th Mayflower Lodge sponsored a day trip to Solvang for its' members and the members of sister Lodges. It was a day of Scandinavian cultural activities and a chance to enjoy some fine Danish food. We visited the Elverhoy Museum. It is housed in a large home donated by a local Solvang artist and his family. It featured exhibits that depict the life of the Danish people of a hundred years ago. It is a lovely facility with very accommodating docents and most interesting artifacts. After our trip to the museum about 20 or so of our group visited the Chumash Indian Casino in the area. All said they enjoyed this side trip, although I think some came away with lighter wallets.

Mayflower members and friends enjoyed another wonderful Lucia Pageant and Jul Bord in December. This year Charus Johnston, daughter of member Karin Johnston was the Lucia. A hearty tack ska du ha to all who worked so hard to make the day a success.

We are sorry to hear that Christine Osterberg a life member of Mayflower Lodge fell recently and broke her ankle. She had to have surgery and is now at Country Villa Rehab Center in Seal Beach. Cards can be sent to her home as her son picks up the mail each day.

Our condolences to Misty Mendelssohn on the death of her sister in November.

It is with sadness I report the death of long time loyal member, Joyce Iverson. We will miss her gentle and sweet way. Our deepest sympathy goes to Calvin and the family.

## **REMINDER & REQUEST**

Please mail your Mayflower membership dues for 2012 to Cheryl Hellberg 1813 Via Estudillo Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Dues remain at \$20.00 per year per member. To be a Vasa member in good standing dues must be paid this month.

Mayflower Lodge Life member, Bo Hokanson celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Due to a printing error he was left off the December birthday list. He sent his greetings and wants everyone to know that he is still "alive" and living with his wife of 54 years by a lake in Bakersfield, CA.



Kristine Hofve and Kristina Wozniak also celebrated their birthdays in December and were not on the birthday list. I'm sorry this happened and I hope you all enjoyed your special day.

## **MAYFLOWER OFFICERS FOR THE 2012 TERM**

Chairperson	Kjell Hellberg	Trustee 3 yrs	Ann Hellgren
Vice- Chairperson	Kurt Olofsson	Trustee 2 yrs	Lillian Dalsboe
Past Chairperson	Uno Kasperson	Trustee 1 yr	Ollie Wendell
Recording Secretary	Ann Hellgren	Auditor 3 yrs	Roger Stephens
Asst. Record. Sec.	Kristine Hofve	Auditor 2 yrs	Hasse Lundquist
Financial Secretary	Cheryl Hellberg	Auditor 1 yr	Arlene Lundquist
Asst. Fin. Secretary	Elliott Coddling		
Treasurer	Thomas Crowe		
Chaplain	Britt-Marie Potter		
Master of Ceremonies	Anita Hedlund		
Asst. Mstr. Of Ceremonies	Karin Johnston		
Cultural Leader	Heather Coddling		
Inner Guard	Richard Stephens		

## **DLPSW NO. 15 CONVENTION**

The 2012 Convention will be held at the Hilton Woodland Hills the week-end of February 24-26. This will be an exciting meeting as we will be exploring new and forward looking ways to attract new members and encourage present members to take an active part in promoting and securing the future of our organization.

The members elected to be Mayflower's voting delegates at this year's convention are Elliott Coddling, Anita Hedlund, Kurt Olofsson, Uno Kasperson and Ann Hellgren. Heather Coddling is Mayflower's alternate delegate.

## **DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?**

Lodge members are encouraged to submit items for the next newsletter to the Editor. Please send your information *by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month* to Ann Hellgren to be included in the next edition.

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# ***HAPPY BIRUHDAY ! !***

## **FEBRUARY**

2 Elsie Silver  
Bill Clauson  
Inga Linda Loy  
3 Mårten Dyborn  
7 Linda Seaholm  
9 Egel Hetland  
George Walters  
16 Kjell Åke Hellberg  
17 Rex Henderson  
24 Chad Thomas  
26 Eva-Marie Forsberg  
Harry Rekefors  
27 Carlos Ortega

## **MARCH**

1 Ollie Wendell  
7 Kathryn Henderson  
8 Mildred Roberts  
9 Richard Wendell  
17 David Holmes  
18 Odd Plano  
21 Doris Schurke  
Carrie Lee Holton  
22 Britt Potter  
25 Karin Holmes  
26 Sanford Johnson  
27 Angela Henderson  
31 Ann Hellgren  
Scott Sandberg

## **APRIL**

3 William Cooley  
4 Mim Gibson  
6 Kristin Spaberg  
9 Svea Karlsson  
10 Gayle Stephens  
12 Lennart Lovgren  
Marianne Numes  
14 Nickolas Janssen  
16 Dorothy Swenson Alexander  
18 Vivian Gutierrez  
22 Carl Swanson  
29 Lisa Thomas  
Christopher Wendell  
30 Christine Osterberg

# ***Mayflower Glögg Tasting Party – November 2011***



**All the extras ready to go.**



**Elliott and Heather Coddling have got glögg !**



**Heather with Siv**



**Barbara and Lillian have a laugh**

# ***Mayflower Glögg Tasting Party – November 2011***



**Kjell-Åke pours his blend**



**Hasse Lundquist enjoys some glögg**



**Britt Olofsson found a cookie**



**Anita and Eleonora**

# ***Our Solvang Bus Trip – December 2011***



**On our way from Mayflower**



**...and arriving in Solvang**



**Downtown Solvang**



**Deciding where to go next**

# ***Our Solvang Bus Trip – December 2011***



**One of the many shops to visit**



**On our way into the Elverhoy Museum**



**Ann Hellgren says "Wish you were here"**



**A docent explains an exhibit for us**

## ***Our Solvang Bus Trip – December 2011***



**We all loved the Danish kitchen exhibit at Elverhoy Museum**



**Solvang's horse drawn trolley decked out in Christmas finery**



**The street dancing was so much fun to watch !**

# ***Mayflower Lucia Celebration – December 2011***



**Heather Coddling and Cheryl Hellberg at the Reservation Table**



**A partial view of the room at the Masonic Lodge**



**Heather and Elliott Coddling helped tend the bar**



**The traditional *Smörgåsbord* was well received**

# ***Mayflower Lucia Celebration – December 2011***



**The Johnston family enjoying dinner**



**The Mayflower Choir entertained us with their beautiful selections**



**The start of the Lucia procession**

# ***Mayflower Lucia Celebration – December 2011***



**Our Lucia pageant... lighted ,,,,,,**



**.....and by candlelight**



**Santa arrives...**



**.... and Santa sits**

# ***Mayflower Lucia Celebration – December 2011***



**Our thanks to Elliott Codding for being the perfect Santa....**



***Santa won't give it to me !***