

NORDIC NOTEWORTHY

Vasa Chapter Nordic #660

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Greenleaf Masonic Center 12900 E. Beverly Blvd. Whittier, CA

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Issue



MAY

ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK

Come one, Come all,
to support our Lodge
in celebrating with a
potluck dinner for our
49th Anniversary!

The fun begins at
6:30pm at the
Greenleaf Masonic
Center on Friday May
7th. The Lodge will
supply the dessert
with an anniversary
cake.

LeRoy Anderson will
entertain us with
music and a sing
along.

An informal business
meeting will follow.

JUNE



Our business meeting
will be held at the
Greenleaf Masonic

Center on Friday
June 4th at 7:30pm.

Refreshment Committee

Karl Almquist
&
LeRoy Anderson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bon Voyage - After 85 years
the Thule Lodge is closing up
and invites Vasa members to
attend there Bon Voyage
Dinner at the Beckham Grill
at 77 West Walnut Street
Pasadena, CA 91103-3682
and phone number 626 796
3399. The dinner will be
held on Saturday May 8th
2010. Social hour is from
5:00pm to 6:00pm and dinner
begins at 6:00pm Dinner
includes Crown City Salad,
Yankee Pot Roast, Sautéed
Chicken Breast or Sole and
Princess Torte. The cost is
\$30.00 Please RSVP to
Nathan at 818 368 5040.

2010 Vasa Family Day –

Come join the fun on Sunday
May 2nd from 9:00am to
5:00pm at Vasa Park at 2854
Triunfo Canyon Road, Agoura
Hills, CA. The entrance fee is
\$5.00 per car collected at the

gate. Breakfast is from
9:00am to 11:00am and
Lunch from 12:00 noon to
2:00pm with dancing,
entertainment, children's
games that begin at 12:30pm
followed by log roll. The
swimming pool is open from
11:00am to 4:00pm. For
additional information call
Ann Hellgren at 310 329
5427.

2010 Midsummer June 27th

Come celebrate Midsummer
the traditional Swedish way
on Sunday June 27th from
9:00am to 6:00pm at Vasa
Park, entrance donation

is \$5.00 per person and children
under 12 are free. Raising of
the Maypole is at 12:00 noon
and Parade of the Royal Court
and dancers is at 2:00pm.
Food is served throughout the
day and breakfast is served
from 9:00am to 11:00am.
Come join in the fun of
traditional music and Swedish
folk dancers, there is a
playground for children,
swimming pool and water
slide and opportunity
drawings and prizes.

This year there are three
contestants running for
Midsummer Queen.



Swedish Pancake

Breakfast

The breakfast is planned for Sunday June 13th at Michigan Park from 8:00am to 11:00am. We are asking for members that can volunteer to work at the breakfast. Any time you can donate will be appreciated, we need people to help set up, assist in cooking, serving and cleaning up. Please contact Arlene Lundquist at 714 521 3791

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Irene Naslund	5/2
Cyndi Lindgren	5/4
Laura De la Torre	5/20
Charlotte Parsons	5/21
John Dorming	5/31

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kris Mandolia	6/4
June Dorming	6/12
Janice Smith	6/13
Larry Kolbeck	6/16
Bonnie Matlick	6/19
Holly Matlick	6/20
Darla Adamson	6/22



George & Millie Mellin
5/3/1941

LeRoy & Greta Anderson
6/23/51

Larry & Susan Kolbeck
6/28/1975

Harry & Janice Smith

6/30/1957

GRAND LODGE

There are several urgent matters to share with you.

To keep you up-to-date on the Vasa investment situation, **the man responsible for our investment loss, Mr. Enrique Villabla, has been arraigned in federal court in Cleveland, Ohio on Wednesday, April 7th.**

Mr. Villabla entered a guilty plea to a federal wire fraud charge. Sentencing is scheduled for June 22, 2010.

In addition, there is a civil lawsuit through the Securities and Exchange Commission that is seeking compensation. Bruce B. Elfvin, of Elfvin & Besser in Cleveland, has been retained to represent Vasa in this matter.

Needless to say, we are following this very closely and will keep you informed of any progress.

MOVING FORWARD

Vice Grand Master, Bill Lundquist wrote a three page letter regarding moving forward for Vasa members. I am inserting a reduced version of some of what he had to share.

The Boards of both the Grand Lodge and The Vasa National Archives share your anger regarding the thief that has stolen millions of dollars from investors in California, Illinois, Ohio, Tennessee and Washington. He is a clever and skilled attorney who assured his clients that he would only invest their funds in securities, including but not limited to S&P 500 Index contracts, treasury bills, or interest earning money market accounts. He assured his clients that their

principal would always be preserved and losses minimized. He falsely reported his client's accounts and is now under investigation by the FBI.

I'm writing to ask you to look at the Vasa Order. Why did you become a member? We have claimed passwords over the years such as "Vasa Fellowship" and "Vasa Family".

Are we acting like a family at this point? The motto of the Vasa Order is Generosity, Truth and Unity. I've shared "truths" in the first two paragraphs of this letter. You have to help with the other Two words, generosity and unity. When one member of our own families is suffering, a healthy and caring family regroups and supports that member. We call ourselves brothers and sisters. Are we acting like loving brothers and sisters? Does this mean we ignore what has happened and not make changes to keep from being hurt in this way in the future? Certainly not.

Now that we've had time to feel our shared anger we need to look toward the future rationally. I am asking you to talk with your delegates to the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention. Ask them to come with positive suggestions of how the Order can move forward saving our National Archives and the Education Fund. Several members at District Lodge Pacific Southwest 15's convention last month asked the strategic questions, "Where do we go from here?"; "What can we do to help?" These are the questions that will help us move to restore our future.

We need to overcome our disappointment, release it and let it go. We can't ignore the disappointment we all feel but if we go on grieving for what was lost we will not rise up and move

on in the organization. We have an opportunity to restore what we've lost.

A clever thief has stolen our Funds. Will you also let him steal our hope for the future? That is not Necessary, please don't get trapped in the past. We can't repair everything but I am very hopeful for the future. The right attitude can turn around the disappointments of last year. It all depends on your willingness as members to let it go, what's done is done. Focus on what we can change. I feel we will see strong Vasa members who believe we are a family come forward to help us succeed. A strong family holds each other up.

In Truth and Unity,
Bill Lundquist, Vice Grand Master

Less Support for the Euro

More and more Swedes turn against the idea that Sweden should join the third step of the EMU and thus replace the Swedish Krona with the Euro. This is shown in a survey performed by Demoskop who asked 1004 voters during the first week of April. Sweden held a referendum in 2003 when a vast majority voted no. The question in this poll was how people would vote in case there support the single currency than the average.

Sweden held a referendum in 2003 when a vast majority voted no. The question in this poll was how people would vote in case there was a new referendum. The 'yes-side' would according to the result only get 37 percent, while those who would vote 'no' is as many as 55 percent. The gap is the biggest since 2007 writes the daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet. Among female voters, the gap is even wider; 59 percent for no and 32 percent for yes. It is also

possible to see that young people are more negative than older and that people with high incomes and people who live in their own house or in Stockholm are more likely to support the single currency than the average.

About six months ago a new trend could be seen in favor of a Swedish participation in the euro cooperation. Leading liberal politicians even promoted a new referendum.

According to most experts, the most important reason for the increased gap is the international financial turbulence and the crisis in euro countries such as Greece.



HEALTH REPORTS

Lillian Johnston is home from the hospital now. She has a therapist coming to her home twice a week for physical therapy. She is scheduled for more surgery on April 30th to have an aneurysm removed.

Greta Anderson is feeling better after her stay in the hospital to fight an infection.

George Mellin is home after his back surgery and we hope his recovery is going well.

Caroline Lindgren was given two weeks to live 4 weeks ago. Peter feels she is making good progress she is getting loving care at home and is one strong Swedish Norwegian gal, she is living up to her Swedish nick name "Iron Lady". Hospice has been just wonderful in assisting us with her care. We have given her messages from the Vasa members that have contacted us, and she is always happy to hear from her friends.

Janice Smith was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. She notified me to let me know she isn't committing to any future events so that she can focus on her health at this time. I am sending positive thoughts her

way as with all our members with health problems and I hope that you will too.

I haven't heard if any other members are having health problems so we wish everyone well and if healthy members drop our sick members a line I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

Volvo – Safest in the World?

Volvo Car's marketing of its XC60 vehicle as the "safest in the world" is misleading and lacks supporting evidence.

This is according to a ruling by Sweden's Market Court in a case brought by Toyota. "Volvo has not presented any proof at all which verifies or even indicates that the XC60 is the safest in the world. Volvo's claims a general one and clearly lacks substantiation," the court said.

Volvo has learned that it will incur a fine of one million kronor if it does not desist from making the claims. Volvo has also been ordered to pay Japanese Toyota's court cost of 1.035 million kronor.

However, just heard about a Swedish family who swears by their new XC60. They were returning from a northern ski resort on a dark road, when their XC60 magically made a break for a moose the driver would never have been able to see.

It was the car's City Safety function that will automatically brake, if you're about to drive into the vehicle in front of you and don't stop. There is also the Driver Alert Control that warns tired drivers with monitoring alerts. Adaptive Cruise Control uses radar sensors to continuously monitor the vehicle in front and adjust road speed accordingly. Distance Alert helps the driver maintain a preset time gap behind the vehicle in front. Blind Spot Information

System detects vehicles in the blind spot. Lane Departure Warning alerts the driver if the car crosses lanes without a turn signal. Collision Warning with Auto Brake offers an audible and visible signal, then engages the brake pads before braking automatically. Is there really a car that is safer than this?

Submitted by Arlene Lundquist

OUT N' ABOUT

Carolyn Johnson is traveling to Nigeria with her Rotary Club. We wish her a safe trip and hope that she will share her adventures with us when she returns.

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From the Editor

If anyone has an interesting article to share or anything you would like to share with members please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,
Cynthia Lindgren