

# NORDIC NOTEWORTHY

## Vasa Lodge Nordic #660

Meetings held at Greenleaf Masonic Center 12001 E. Beverly Blvd. Whittier, CA

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

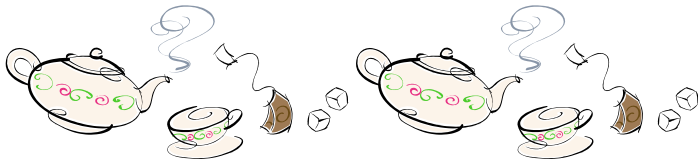
Happy New Year to one and all and we hope that it will be a blessed and healthy new year for everyone.

We look forward to a successful Potluck and we're hoping for a successful friend's night out theme. We're requesting that everyone try their best to invite a neighbor or a friend to attend our Potluck, business meeting and camaraderie on Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Greenleaf Masonic Hall. So open up those phone books and contact a friend or knock on your neighbor's door and invite them to this months Potluck.

Hej och gott nytt å

### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

SEAN THOMSEN &  
BOB SALK



### FEBRUARY



Our February business meeting will be held on Friday February 3, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Greenleaf Masonic Center. We hope to see you there.

### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Janice Smith &  
Peter & Cyndi Lindgren  
(Valentine theme and  
game planned)



### FINANCIAL SECRETARYS DREAM

*I fell asleep the other night,  
And while I had my snooze,  
I dreamed each member stepped right up  
and promptly paid their dues.  
But when I found it was a dream  
I nearly had a fit,  
It's up to you to make it true  
Please do, please do REMIT!*

Each year I print this cute poem as a reminder that dues are \$20.00 per person and due to be paid the first part of the New Year. PLEASE make your checks payable to Nordic #660 and send them to our Financial Secretary Hans Lundquist at 14761 Crosswood, La Mirada, CA 90638 or simply bring your dues to our Potluck on January 6<sup>th</sup> and celebrate with us and make it a really Happy New Year.

# THANK YOU

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the members that helped to make this years Lutefisk dinner a success. Some of our members traveled quite far to give a helping hand. Everyone worked as a team and worked hard to make it a great success.

A special thank you to members that organized and shopped for supplies and worked and cooked in the kitchen, it certainly was no small feat.

Thank you to LeRoy Anderson for entertaining us on his accordion and the Swedish Folk Dance Club of Los Angeles, to Arlene Lundquist & Scandinavian Imports for some one stop shopping. Thank you to Sean Thomsen for donating the rice pudding for the event.

I hope I included everyone it was a fun filled evening with plenty of compliments from guest that had nothing but good comments to make about the food and entertainment and pretty much everything.

## VOLUNTEERS

We cannot live only for ourselves; a thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.

By Herman Melville

Volunteers are love in motion.  
Anonymous

### TEN COMMANDMENTS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. SPEAK TO PEOPLE –there is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. SMILE AT PEOPLE – it takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. CALL PEOPLE – the sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. BE FRIENDLY and helpful, if you would have friends, be a friend.
5. BE CORDIAL – speak & act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. BE GENUINELY interested in people – you can like almost everybody if you try.
7. BE GENEROUS with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. BE CONSIDERATE with the feelings of others – there are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellows and the right side.
9. BE ALERT to give service – what counts most in life is what we do for others. big dose of patience and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded many-fold.
10. ADD TO THIS a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded many-fold.

### Refreshment Committee List 2012

January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sean Thomsen & Bob Salk
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janice Smith & Peter & Cyndi Lindgren
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ken & Louise Murphy
April 6 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup>	To be announced To be announced
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Karl Almquist & LeRoy Anderson
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Peter & Cyndi Lindgren
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Marianne Dickerson & Bonnie Matlick
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cheryl Johnson & Virginia Severson
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hans & Arlene Lundquist

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karl Almquist	1/13
Kenneth Carlson	1/21
Kathleen Lundquist	1/25
Alex Boudevin	1/30

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Dobson	2/3
Bebe Blondfield	2/6
Jonathan Valverde	2/11
Florence O'Brien	2/19
David Dickerson	2/28

## HEALTH REPORTS

It's with a sad heart that I report that member Anna-Lisa Boudevin has passed away on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We send our heartfelt condolences to her husband Alex and family.

Lillian Johnston recently celebrated her birthday and she is feeling pretty well. Her son Weldon Johnston is feeling better as well after his recent surgery and they entertained with Lillian's son Ron and wife Patricia from San Diego when they visited for the day. Lillian and her son Ron share the same birthday. They send greetings to all the members.

President Peter Lindgren delivered Poinsettia plants to several of our members and had the opportunity to visit for a few minutes with each. His first stop was to see Ken Carlson and Ken was looking well and happy to see Peter and was feeling pretty chipper. Next he stopped to see George Mellin who was feeling much better since his surgery and he and Millie are looking great. He stopped to see Lillian & Weldon and they were happy to have him stop by to visit as well. He visited with Florence O'Brien and she has a 24 hour live in caregiver and although in a wheel chair she gets daily exercise and is looking very well. Peter delivered a plant to Ole Olausson but he wasn't at home so Peter had to leave it on the porch.

All of the visited members extend well wishes and appreciation to Nordic and send heartfelt greetings to one and all.

### DID YOU KNOW...

\*Stupidity can get you into a mess, but it can't always get you out!

\*Cole's Law: Thinly sliced cabbage.

\*The glass is not half-empty, its just twice as big as it needs to be.

\*Adolescence and snow are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough.

\*One reason computers can do more work than people is because they never have to stop and answer the phone.

\*A dog thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm dry house, pet me, and take good care of me...They must be Gods!

\*A cat thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm dry house, pet me, and take good care of me...I must be a God!  
By – Coffee News Issue

\*Did you know that the Babylonians' celebration of New Year's lasted for eleven days? Their parties would undoubtedly have put modern day New Year's Eve parties to shame.

\*Did you know that the tradition of setting New Year's resolutions also dates back to the ancient Babylonians? Their most common resolution was to return farm equipment.

## **Valentines Day in Sweden**

**By Po Tidholm**

The Swede's traditional inability to absorb foreign expressions was due not so much to national pride as to a sort of social immobility, coupled at times with a degree of (let's face it) self conceit. Valentine's Day has a grip on Sweden.

As time has passed, however, many walls have been torn down, and the most noticeable change to have occurred must surely be that Swedes have become more open to newfangled commercial ideas. Valentine's Day is now a Swedish affair as well, despite having no link whatsoever to the countries past.

Today huge amounts of roses, jelly hearts and pastries are sold at Valentine's in Sweden.

Back in the 1960's flower-sellers in Sweden – inspired by their American counterparts – began to launch campaigns promoting Valentines Day. By the 1980's, the custom had become all-pervasive, in particular the young people have adapted to the custom. It also happens to boost the country's economy as well and it makes the Swedes even happier.

The Swedes call Valentines Day "Day of All Hearts". Valentines Day was established in Sweden in the 1980's and is especially popular among young children and teenagers.

## **District Lodge Pacific Southwest No. 15 98<sup>th</sup> District Convention**

The 2012 Convention will be held at the Hilton Woodland Hills Hotel on February 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to another successful event. Last year Peter and I were honored to represent our lodge as Delegates and found it to be quite educational and interesting. It gave us insight to the business operation of the running of our organization and we were proud to be a part of it.

Keep your District Officers in mind and send good thoughts their way while they make future decisions for the Vasa Order of America.

## **Swede Pulls up Carrot Bearing Long Lost Wedding Ring**

(The Local)

A Swedish woman's recent toiling in her garden turned up an unexpected harvest when she pulled up a carrot out of the ground wearing the wedding ring that she had lost back in 1995.

After 16 years Lena and Ola Pahlsson who reside near Mora, Dalarna in Central Sweden had given hope of ever finding Lena's long lost wedding ring.

The ring which Lena had designed herself, came up missing from the kitchen counter while in the midst of a holiday baking session back in 1995.

The couple engaged in a frantic search for the ring tearing up floor boards and searching behind appliances when renovating the kitchen a few years later, but to no avail.

But as Lena was gathering the last of the carrots from the family vegetable patch last October, she pulled out a carrot that had something attached to it.

As the carrot was so small she almost threw it away when she realized what it was that appeared to be growing around the finger sized vegetable.

Lena wailed out an almighty scream that had her daughter Anna running to the aid of her mom when she found her sitting on a chair looking shocked.

Ola had several theories as to how Lena's ring could have made its way from the kitchen to the vegetable patch. "We thought maybe it had fallen in to the compostable food bin. Perhaps it ended up in compost that was spread over the vegetable patch later," he said. He also theorized that the family's sheep, which is often fed kitchen scraps, may have had a hand in the mysterious migration of the ring. "Maybe it had been eaten by the sheep and then ended up in the manure that we then spread over the vegetable patch," said Ola.

The soil in the vegetable patch has been turned over several times without revealing the ring. Last year, however, Lena didn't plant the carrots in a row but spread the seeds randomly. "That could also be the reason as to how the carrot grew through the ring. A seed could have landed in the middle of it after turning the patch, just by chance," said Ola.

They were both pleased to find that the ring – made of white gold with seven small diamonds – was as good as new after all those years in the soil.

While overjoyed at the find, Lena hasn't yet started wearing the ring again yet, as it still needs to be resized to fit her now somewhat-larger fingers. "We're keeping it in a safe place" Lena said.

**Respectfully yours,  
Cynthia Lindgren, Editor**