



LINNÉA BLADET

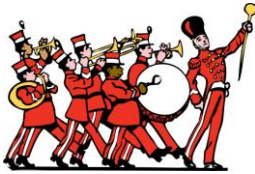
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LINNÉA LODGE NO. 504
VASA ORDER OF AMERICA



Organized by Allan Johnson, 28 November 1927
Veterans Memorial Bldg, 1094 Petaluma Blvd S, Petaluma, CA

~ 2018 Lodge Officers ~



Chairman - Rick Wahlberg
Vice Chairman - Nick Provenzano
Past Chair - Don Christensen
Secretary - Mary Wahlberg
Webmaster - Nick Provenzano
Fin Secretary - Saga Thovtrup
Treasurer - Linnea Koagedal
Cultural Leader - Oscar Carlson
Chaplain - Oscar Carlson

Sunshine - Karen Calleja
Scholarship - Ann Conger
Scholarship - Ulla Flemstrom
Scholarship - Karin Calleja
Historian - Your Name Here
Newsletter - Mary Wahlberg
Vasa Corresp - Mary Wahlberg
Trustee 3 - Dianne Provenzano
Trustee 1 - Ann Christensen
Trustee 2 - Rich Johnson
Auditor 3 - Nick Provenzano
Auditor 1 - Ulla Flemstrom
Auditor 2 - Anne Marie Eskilsson



Chair's Corner

Spring is here. I was just in my back yard looking at my new garden and how Spring, with the rains has given growth and nurture to the garden. The buds are appearing and blooming. We can apply what Spring brings to our Linnéa Lodge, growth and nurture. For our growth, we have 3 new members to be joining our "fold". For nurturing, we have our members who can actively reach out to the new members and get them involved in our activities. The more involvement we have, the easier it will be for us to thrive. Growth and nurturing is essential to our success! Vice Chair Nick Provenzano and I attended the 2018 DL Convention on April 27 – 29 in Miltipas and will share valuable info regarding Vasa's activities in keeping with making Linnéa a more viable lodge.

In Generosity, Truth and Unity,

Rick

Lodge Dues Reminder

Have you sent in your 2018 dues yet? If so, thank you! If not, please remember the Lodge is dependent on your support.

We have received dues from 50% of our members. Our \$1,414 assessment for 2018 to the District and Grand Lodge has been paid so please send in your dues!

Your \$35 check should be payable to Linnéa Lodge 504 and mailed to Financial Secretary Saga Thovtrup, 19051 Kenleigh Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476. We're counting on you!

SO ... YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A HISTORIAN?

Here's your chance to step up and be our Lodge Historian. The Historian keeps and maintains the lodge's history book with photos of all events, identifying all persons, places and dates. Contact your Chair Rick if you are interested in serving in this needed role.

Mark Your Calendars!

BIG NOTE:

Meeting themes and venues may change as we look at ideas to get more members to participate. Notice of change will be given in advance

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(the year we become active again in our lodge)

June 23, 2018 – Saturday 11 am

Midsommar, Location: Koagedals
Coordinators: Rick and Mary Wahlberg

June 29 – July 6, 2018

Grand Lodge Convention
DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento, CA

August 25, 2018 – Saturday 1 pm

BBQ on the Patio
Petaluma Veterans Bldg
Coordinators: Linnea Koagedal and Rich Johnson

October 27, 2018 – Saturday 1 pm

Oktoberfest Petaluma Veterans Bldg
Coordinator: Sandra Bowman

November 4, 2018 - Sunday 11:30 am

91st Anniversary Luncheon, Location: TBD
Coordinator: Mary and Rick Wahlberg

December 9, 2018 – Sunday 4 – 7 pm

St. Lucia Festival, Location: TBD
Coordinator: Nick and Dianne Provenzano

MEMBERSHIP

It's me ...It's you ... It's "we" who build membership.



Välkommen to new member Deron Ericksson whose membership application was accepted at our January meeting. Previous members Gila and Richard Freeberg sent in applications to rejoin our lodge. We will vote on their applications and plan to initiate all three new members at our August 25th meeting. Welcome to all three! This is a very exciting time for our lodge!

Lodge Website

<http://www.linnealodge.wix.com/linnealodge>

Lodge Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/LinneaLodgePetaluma/?ref=hl> or search Facebook for *Linnea Lodge 504-Petaluma*.

District Website

www.vasagoldengate.org



Members Birthdays

Karen Calleja Jan 2
Oscar Carlson Jan 8
Ann Conger Jan 9
Kris Palo Jan 21
Deron Ericksson. Jan 22
Don Christensen Jan 25
Richard Freeberg Jan 28

Nick Provenzano Feb 21
Dianne Provenzano Feb 23
Stephany Kramer Feb 23
Maiken Scheftner Feb 27

Linnea Koagedal Mar 22

Anne Marie Eskilsson Apr 15
Mariann Boone Apr 19
Lorna Rochman. Apr 21

Solveig Davidson May 10
Carl Anderson May 14
Kerstin Humble May 16
Lorentz Koagedal May 22

Må han leva uti hundra

*Sending sunny thoughts to members unable to attend meetings because of their health.
Please know we're thinking of you as it is just not the same without you're here.*



Take good care and see you soooooon!

Election Results from the 2018 District Lodge Convention

The new District Master of our Golden Gate District 12 is Sven-Ove Westberg of Sveaborg Lodge and Vice District Master is Ed Netzel of Monitor Lodge. Lois Johansson of Lindbergh Lodge remains District Treasurer and I'll remain District Secretary. Toni Bray of Svea Lodge will be the new Recording Secretary. James Netzel of Monitor Lodge remains District Membership Chair and Rupert "Swede" Englund of Skogen Lodge remains District Cultural Leader. Our new Executive Board Members are Bob Homer of Framåt Lodge and Jeff Vanover of Nord Lodge. There's still an opening for Assistant Secretary if you are interested in serving . . .

~ IN LOVING MEMORY ~



Harriet Molin

Sister Harriet Molin passed away on February 7, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Harriet was a dedicated member of Linnéa Lodge for 60 years and was a Honorary Life Member. Harriet would have celebrated her 100th birthday this July. The Lodge Charter was draped in remembrance of Sister Harriet at our February 24th meeting. We will miss her.

"Adjö käre vila i frid."

Did I hear someone say “Midsommar”?



Yes, it's getting to be that time of year again. Midsommar is around the corner and Lorentz has offered to have it as his place again. It is Saturday, June 23rd, starting at 11 am with decorating the Maypole, we'll eat between 12 - 1 pm. It will be \$5 per person and bring a potluck dish for 8-10 to share, 12 years and under are free. Pay at the door. RSVP to Mary at (415) 892-0084 or walden08@aol.com. A flyer will be sent out with all the details in the next few weeks. **So dust off your "volunteer" hat and let Mary Wahlberg know how you can help with the festivities** – her number and email are above under RSVP info. *Tack så mycket to Lorentz & Bonnie Koagedal for opening up their place for this event!*

Change of Address: Changed your address, e-mail or phone number lately? Send changes to Secretary Mary Wahlberg at walden08@aol.com or call (415) 892-0084.

Memorial Contributions: Consider making a donation in memory of a loved one through a donation to the Lodge's Scholarship Fund. Checks should be payable to "Linnéa Lodge 504" and mailed to Treasurer Linnea Koagedal, 14 Steven Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952.

Comments, Suggestions or Submissions? Please send your comments, suggestions or submissions for the Newsletter to Editor Mary Wahlberg at walden08@aol.com or (415) 892-0084. First one to email Editor with this magic number "504" will win \$5 cash. Phone calls don't count.

Grand Lodge Convention 2018

The Vasa Grand Lodge Convention will be held from June 29 – July 6, 2018 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento. Our District Lodge is hosting this convention. Please contact Victoria Fedor-Thurman of the Convention Host Committee at (408) 472-1866 or email vfthurman@gmail.com to volunteer your time and talent to support this event. Also consider attending – you'll meet and spend time with your fellow Vasa members from the U.S., Canada and Sweden.

Installation of Officers Minutes – January 27, 2018

Open Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Rick Wahlberg

Chaplain's Opening Message – Vice Chair Nick Provenzano

Welcome and Intros of Deron Eriksson and his father Erik

Installation of 2018 Officers – Past Chair Ann Conger

Chairman - Rick Wahlberg
Vice Chairman - Nick Provenzano
Secretary - Mary Wahlberg (Absent)
Financial Secretary - Saga Thovtrup
Treasurer - Linnea Koagedal
Cultural Leader - Oscar Carlson
Chaplain Oscar Carlson
Trustee 1 year - Dianne Provenzano
Trustee 2 years - Ann Christensen
Trustee 3 years - Rich Johnson
Auditor 1 year - Nick Provenzano
Auditor 2 years - Ulla Flemström
Auditor 3 years - Anne Marie Eskilsson

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Linnea Koagedal

\$ 3,497.70 Cash on Hand in Checking Accounts
\$ 19,166.27 Fund in Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposit

Our Lucia Fest was a success thanks to all who volunteered to make it happen again this year and we were \$1,000+ in the black after all was said and done.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Financial Secretary Saga Thovtrup

Voted on new membership applicant Deron Eriksson.
Application accepted and Deron will be initiated at our February meeting.

Membership stats: Lost 7 members during 2017, no new members added:
5 dropped: Tom and Irene Clark, Marte Bergman, Harold Anderson, Katherine Barnes
2 deceased: Margit Akesson and Donna Mae Edstrom

Audit Meeting – Audit of lodge's books held on 1-17-18 at the Petaluma Library. Books are in order, 2017 yearly report to District prepared by Linnea (Financial) and Mary (Membership) and signed off by Auditors and Trustees present.

New Business / Future Plans –

- Planning details of 2018 event calendar. Coordinators still needed for events this year. Discussed ways to

embellish events. Nick to check out different venues. Deron's father Erik shared what they did in their lodge to get new members – went through the phone book to find Swedish names and contacted them.

- Our assessment to the District and Grand Lodge is \$1,414 this year (\$35.35 per member). Breakdown: \$35.35 = \$20.75 (for GL) + \$14.60 (for DL)
- Nick and Dianne Provenzano were nominated to attend the 2017 District Convention in Milpitas on April 28-29 as delegates. Vote was taken and passed. Rick Wahlberg will identified as an alternate, if needed. Estimated cost of \$110 for registration and meals plus \$149 per night lodging (Friday night reception through Sunday afternoon). Linnea to check what was covered in the past and vote to be taken at February meeting.

Good of the Order – Rick

- Thank you to Linnea Koagedal and Saga Thovtrup for hosting this meeting and supplying the desserts for us.
- Thank you to Past Chair Ann Conger who is conducting the installation of officers for us again this year.

Closing – Rick

Chaplain's Message – Vice Chairman Nick

Respectfully Submitted,

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Notes from meeting's proceedings typed up by Mary Wahlberg, Secretary, Linnéa Lodge No. 504

**LINNEA LODGE No. 504 – Pea Soup and Pancake and Auction Meeting
Agenda – February 24, 2018 at 1 pm, Petaluma Veterans Bldg**

1. Open Meeting
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Chaplain's Opening Message
4. Chair Rick thanked all who made the food for the luncheon.
5. Charter was draped in remembrance of Sister Harriet Molin who passed away on February 7, 2018.
6. Treasurer's Report –
 - 3,497.70 Cash on Hand in Checking Accounts
 - \$ 19,166.27 Fund in Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposit
 - \$ 22,663.97 Total Assets
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership Committee – New member Deron Ericksson to be initiated at next meeting (August's)
8. New Business / Future Plans
 - a) All events have coordinators.
 - b) Midsummer and Lucia planning to be discussed at separate planning meeting.
 - c) Approve costs to send delegates to DL Convention – last meeting we approved Nick and Dianne to be delegates. Dianne is unable to attend. Motion approved to have Rick Wahlberg attend as delegate instead of Alternate.
 - a. Expenses for each delegate as follow -- Ask for motion to approve expenses as stated.

- b. \$110 per person registration and meals (Fri night reception thru Sunday afternoon)
 - c. \$240 for hotel (\$109 per night plus 10% tax coming to \$240)
 - d. Nick \$350 (\$110 registration/meals + \$240 hotel)
 - e. Rick \$110 (registration only, no room is needed (Mary has one)
\$460 for two to go to convention.
 - f. Motion approved for approve expenses as stated above.
9. The DL is requesting each lodge to donate \$50 for basket to cover DL convention costs – we have done this in the past years. Members approved cost.
10. Good of the Order –
- a. \$50 was contributed to scholarship fund in memory of Harriet Molin.
11. Closing
12. Chaplain’s Message
13. Meeting continued with the Auction and proceeds to go to General Fund.

Notes from meeting’s proceedings typed up by Mary Wahlberg, Secretary, Linnéa Lodge No. 504

Audit Committee Minutes - January 17, 2018
Petaluma Library at 6:30 p.m.

Linnéa Lodge’s Audit Meeting was held at the Petaluma Library on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, with the following members present:

- Auditor Anne Marie Eskilsson
- Auditor Nick Provenzano
- Trustee Rich Johnson
- Trustee Dianne Provenzano
- Treasurer Linnea Koagedal
- Secretary Mary Wahlberg
- Chair Rick Wahlberg

Auditors and Trustees performed the audit and found the checks and receipts to be in good order and all were satisfied accounting was complete and signed the lodge’s 2017 Yearly Report to the District. Treasurer had completed the Financial Page of the Annual Report due to the District. The Secretary completed the Membership Page of the Annual Report with the information Financial Secretary Saga Thovtrup provided earlier.

As of 12-31-17, there were 14 brothers and 26 sisters for a total of 40 members. The lodge lost 7 members during 2017 (2 by death and 5 dropped).

Financial Balance Sheet as of 12-31-2017

\$ 3,497.70	Cash on Hand in Checking Accounts
\$ 19,166.27	Fund in Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposit
\$ 22,663.97	Total Assets
\$ 0.00	Liabilities
\$ 22,663.97	Net Worth
\$ 6,276.00	Total Income for Year 2017
\$ 5,973.27	Total Expenditures for Year 2017
\$ 302.73	Gain for the Year 2017

Respectfully submitted, Mary Wahlberg, Lodge Secretary, Dated: 03-31-18