



# LINNÉA BLADET

LINNÉA LODGE NO. 504, PETALUMA

Organized by Allan Johnson on November 28, 1927  
District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12, Vasa Order of America

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*\*\*Business Meeting will be held at end of meetings or on Zoom\*\**

December 10, 2023, Sun., 2 - 4 pm  
Jul Fika & Lucia Pageant  
Petaluma Veterans Bldg

January 27, 2024, Sat., 1 pm  
Installation of Officers  
Pea Soup & Pancakes  
Petaluma Veterans Bldg

March 23, 2024, Sat. 1 pm  
Fika at River Front Café

April 26-28, 2024  
District's 106<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Double Tree Hotel, Sacramento

June 1, 2024, Sat., 11 am - 3 pm  
District's Sweden Day Celebration  
Community Park Concord

June 22, 2024, Sat., 11 am - 3 pm  
Midsommar, McNear's Park

September 28, 2024, Sat., 1 pm  
Fika at a local restaurant

October 26, 2024, Sat., 1 pm  
97th Anniversary (Oktoberfest)  
Election of Officers  
Petaluma Veterans Bldg

December 8, 2024, Sun., 2 - 4 pm  
Jul Fika & Lucia Pageant  
Petaluma Veterans Bldg

**CHAIR'S CORNER:** The same officers are in place for next year. Thanks to all who volunteered to serve another term. Our new Lodge Chaplain is Johan Ericsson who also serves as Auditor. At our October Planning Meeting, members decided to combine February's Pea Soup & Pancake meeting with January's installation meeting and not meet in February. No auction is scheduled at this time, we may decide to put items on table with a price for people to buy. A motion was also approved to donate \$500 of Lodge scholarship money to Petaluma Educational Foundation again this year. Vice Chairman Nick Provenzano and Financial Secretary Dianne Provenzano will be coordinating the Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Jul Fika and Lucia Pageant again this year for us and will be sending out invites for planning meetings. Please check out the meetings planned for next year on this page. Let me know if you can coordinate an event and/or help so we can lighten the load on your fellow members. In Truth & Unity, *Rick*



## DUES FOR 2024 ARE DUE !

**\$35/person lodge dues for 2024  
are due by Dec 31, 2023**

Please send your check payable to "Linnéa Lodge #504" to  
Diane Provenzano, Financial Secretary,  
221 Darby Court, Petaluma, CA 94952

District assessment is based on member count at year end so we need to know you're renewing by receiving your payment. Tack!



**SUNNY THOUGHTS:** Sending sunny thoughts to members unable to attend events at the moment because of their health. Please know we're thinking of you as it is just not the same without you!

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



RICH JOHNSON ..... 11/7

SANDRA BOWMAN .... 12/6

SVEN ERICSSON .... 12/13

RICHARD FREEBERG .... 12/31

*"Ja Må han leva uti hundra år"*

**2024 OFFICERS  
& APPOINTMENTS**



- Chairman  
Rick Wahlberg
- Vice Chairman  
Nick Provenzano
- Treasurer  
Linnea Koagedal
- Secretary  
Mary Wahlberg
- Financial Secretary  
Dianne Provenzano
- Cultural Leader  
Nick Provenzano
- Chaplain  
Johan Ericsson
- Past Chairman  
Ann Conger
- Trustee  
Rich Johnson
- Trustee  
Dianne Provenzano
- Trustee  
Ann Christensen
- Auditor Johan Ericsson
- Auditor Heidi Hochrein
- Historian Mike Bowman
- Sunshine Committee  
Sandra Bowman
- Scholarship Committee  
Ann Conger,  
Ulla Flemström,  
Sandra Bowman
- Webmaster  
Nick Provenzano
- Newsletter Mary W



~ MEMBERS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES ~

*L to R: Lodge Chairman Rick Wahlberg, Ann Conger (25), Richard Freeberg (15), Johan Ericsson (10), Lorentz Koagedal (55), and District Deputy and District Membership Chairman Robert Homer. Not present were Linnea Koagedal (55), Ann Christensen (30), Rich Johnson (25) and Deron Eriksson (5).*

**96<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Linnéa #504 celebrated Anniversary No. 96 at a luncheon prepared by members on October 28, 2023 at Petaluma Veterans Hall with 26 attending. Anniversaries were Linnea Koagedal-55, Lorentz Koagedal-55, Ann Christensen-30, Ann Conger-25, Rich Johnson-25, Richard Freeberg-15, Johan Ericsson-10 and Deron Eriksson-5. Tack så mycket to Sandra and Mike Bowman for the delicious dill potatoes, Carol Smith for the tasty cucumber salad and Robert Homer for the delectable fruit salad. Meatballs were *à la Ikea*. Chair Rick baked the Princess Cake (*don't believe it*). Carol Smith sold tickets for the Basket Drawing and through the generosity of the attendees, ticket sales were \$140 with all of it going to the Lodge's General Fund. Tack to everyone who took a chance. The lucky winner was District Historian Maria Catanese-Helberg. Several district officers and members from Sveaborg #449 and Framåt #405 came to help celebrate -- District Cultural Leader Christine Monksfield, District Executive Board Member Kate Lindblad Christensen, and District Auditor James Helberg. A special visitor was our one and only Past Grand Secretary Joanie Graham! Deputy Robert Homer did the honors of recognizing members' anniversaries of those present. The rest of the attendees were Lorentz and Bonnie Koagedal, Klaus and Maiken Scheftner, Bev and Ted Rathbun, Sandra and Mike Bowman, Mary and Rick Wahlberg, Richard and Gila Freeberg, Ulla Flemström, Irma Larson, Carol Smith, Ann Conger, Heidi Hochrein, Johan Ericsson, Gun Landwehr (Sveaborg) and her friend Marion Weeks. We ended the festivities with singing Du Galma, Du Fria and God Bless America. Our Lodge received lovely anniversary cards and good wishes from Balder #343 (Eureka), Framåt #405 (Berkeley), Sveaborg #449 (Concord), Skogen #700 (Redding), Vasa National Archives and our District Lodge #12. In all the excitement of the festivities of the day, the lodge secretary forgot to read the anniversary cards aloud at the luncheon, one read "*Njut av en glad och halsosam 96-arsjubileum*". Check out the group picture of attendees on following page . . .



*Watch for the Vasa Star Fall Issue 2023 for article on our 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and our Lodge's Christmas Greeting!*



**CELEBRATING NO. 96!**

Front L to R: Marion Weeks, Gun Landwehr, Sandra Bowman, Joanie Graham, Mary Wahlberg. Second Row L to R: Carol Smith, Heidi Hochrein, Maria Catanese-Helberg, Christine Monksfield, Rick Wahlberg, Ulla Flemström, Bonnie Koagedal, Back Row L to R: Mike Bowman, James Helberg, Richard Freeberg, Maiken Scheftner, Klaus Scheftner, Ann Conger, Robert Homer, Johan Ericsson, Irma Wilson, Lorentz Koagedal, Kate Lindblad Christensen. Missing from photo are Gila Freeberg, Bev and Ted Rathbun.



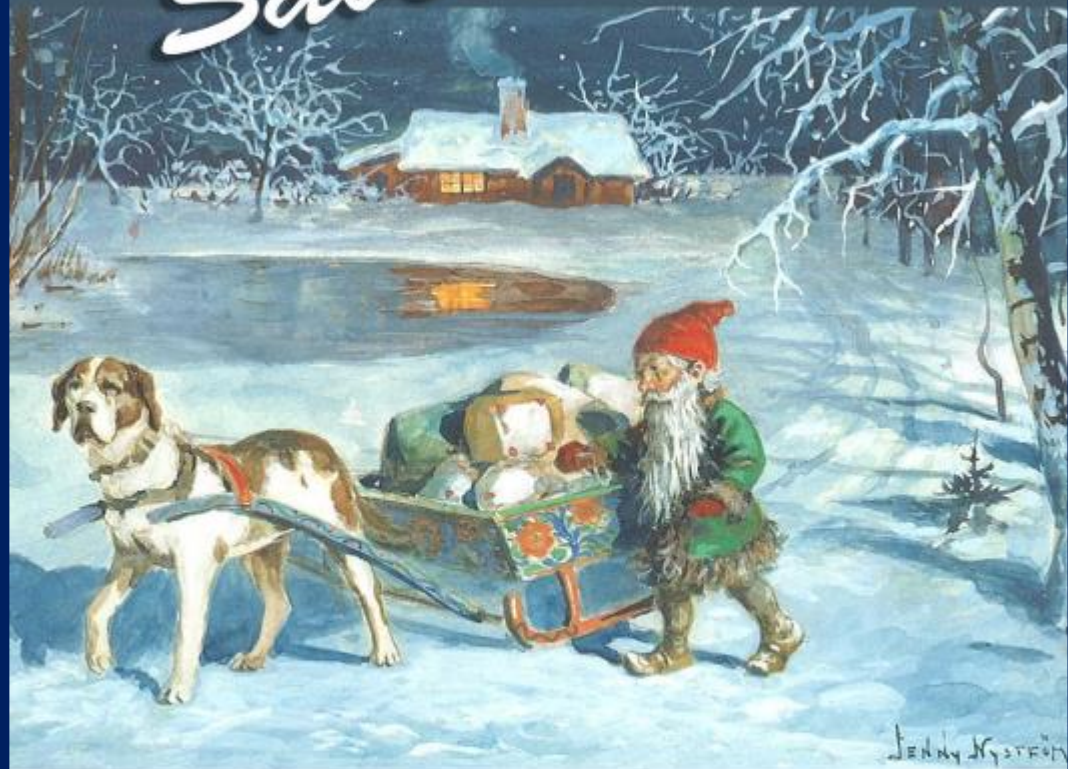
*Grattis på årsdagen!*



L to R: Chair Rick, 55 year Member Lorentz Koagegal and District Deputy Robert Homer



Save **THE** Date!



Linnea Lodge Jul Fika  
December 10th  
2pm to 4pm