



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

April 15, Sat., 10am-4pm
Sacramento Scandinavian Festival
Scottish Rite Masonic Ctr, Sacramento

April 22, Sat., 1 pm, Fika
Petaluma Veterans Bldg

June 3, Sat., 11am-3pm, Sweden Day
Roberts Regional Park, Oakland

June 24, Sat, 11am-3pm, Midsummer
Park in Petaluma

Aug 26, Sat., 1 pm, BBQ on Patio
Petaluma Veterans Bldg

Oct 28, Sat., 1 pm, 96th Anniversary
Petaluma Veterans Bldg

Dec 10, Sun., 2-4 pm, Lucia
Petaluma Veterans Bldg



Vice Chair Nick, Chair Rick, and our new members Carol Smith and Richard Freeberg at January's initiation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: At our January meeting, we welcomed two new members, Carol Smith and Richard Freeberg. Richard had been a member previously. Welcome Carol and Richard!

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024: Congratulations to new board members Heidi Hochrein and Johan Ericsson for serving as Auditors. Thank you also to the officers and appointments who continued in their positions. We still need someone to fill our Chaplain position if you're interested.

AUDIT and ASSESSMENT: The auditors and two of our trustees met on Feb 15 at Linnea and Rich's home to conduct our annual audit and signoff on our yearly report to the District. Our 2023 assessment of \$883.75 has been paid to the District and the Grand Lodge -- your dues fast at work.

LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE 4/15: Our Lodge provides educational support to members and their families through Scholarship Awards. Information was emailed to members on Feb 5.

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP: Our District offers scholarships to applicants who have been Vasa members for 2 years. Applications must be postmarked by 4/01. Check their website vasagoldengate.com.

LODGE VOTED TO GIVE \$500 TO PEF: Members voted last October to give \$500 to PEF (Petaluma Educational Foundation) for a scholarship. Our Scholarship Committee is reviewing the applications this month to select the recipient.

CHAIR's CORNER: Spring is just around the corner. New growth and awakening of that which has been dormant throughout the winter. That applies to our Lodge, too. Take the opportunity to join in the new growth and awakening. To those who have not been involved, please join with us in old/new activities to make a stronger Linnéa Lodge and Vasa Order. Check the "Upcoming Events" above and let me know if you'd like to help with these events -- call (415) 892-0084 or email me at walden08@aol.com. In Truth and Unity, *Rick*

2023 OFFICERS & APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Rick Wahlberg
 Vice Chairman Nick Provenzano
 Treasurer Linnea Koagedal
 Secretary Mary Wahlberg
 Fin Secretary Dianne Provenzano
 Cultural Leader Nick Provenzano
 Chaplain (*Your Name Here*)
 Past Chairman Ann Conger
 Trustee Rich Johnson
 Trustee Dianne Provenzano
 Trustee Ann Christensen
 Auditor Johan Ericsson
 Auditor Heidi Hochrein
 Historian Mike Bowman
 Sunshine Sandra Bowman
 Scholarship Comm – Ann Conger,
 Ulla Flemström, Sandra Bowman
 Webmaster Nick Provenzano
 Newsletter Editor Mary W



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BY DISTRICT DEPUTY ROBERT HOMER
 (L to R) Ann Conger, Johan Ericsson, Mary Wahlberg, Rick Wahlberg,
 Robert Homer (at podium), Dianne Provenzano, Nick Provenzano,
 Linnea Koagedal, Rich Johnson and Heidi Hochrein. What a crew!

DECEMBER'S LUCIA: We celebrated Santa Lucia with a fika, musical program and pageant. Elsa Scheftner, granddaughter of members Maiken and Klaus Scheftner was our Lucia. Elsa has been in the pageant since she was three. Elsa and her sister Ayla have shared the tradition at their schools over the years, and their MorMor has made her famous Swedish cinnamon buns for sharing with the children at school. The Lucia crown was also worn by Elsa's mother, aunt and her cousin Luka. Member Johan Ericsson and his family along with his brother Marcus and his family provided the musical entertainment. We ended the celebration with the singing of Silent Night together. Tack så mycket to Marcela Barrenechea and Chito Rodriquez of Scandia Bakery in Sonoma for contributing the lussekatter they baked for our Santa Lucia celebration. The lussekatter were delicious and enjoyed by all!

JANUARY'S MEETING: In January, our District Deputy Robert Homer installed our 2023 officers and members shared a meal of pea soup and pancakes and fellowship. Thank you to Klaus Scheftner and Nick Provenzano for making the delicious pea soup for us and to Linnea Koagedal for making her signature Swedish pancakes. We initiated two new members – Carol Smith and Richard Freeberg. We also draped the charter in memory of members Carl Anderson, Ruth Duffy, Jorgen Regstad, Diane Savory, and our past District Deputy Diane Maynard. We will drape the charter in memory of member Don Christensen at a later date.

APRIL MEETING: We won't be meeting in February -- our next meeting is Saturday, April 22 at 1 pm at the Petaluma Veterans Building. It will be a fika. Program details to follow.

"Ja Må han leva uti hundra år"

GRATTIS PÅ FÖDELSEDAGEN (Happy Birthday) to our members with birthdays falling in March and April! Our birthday people are Bonnie Koagedal (3/22) and Beverly Rathbun (4/21)!



2022 Santa Lucia – Miss Elsa Scheftner



2022 Santa Lucia Elsa Scheftner with Norah Ericsson, our 2021 Lucia



The talented Ericsson brothers Johan and Marcus and their families performing Christmas tunes for us, complete with a fun rendition of Jingle Bells accompanied by members each with a set of bells to jingle! We call them our very own Rock Stars!



Chito Rodriguez and his children enjoying the Christmas music.



We enjoyed a beautiful Santa Lucia procession.



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 here. Take good care and see you soooooon!