

# Skandia Nytt

SKANDIA LODGE #247, VASA ORDER OF AMERICA

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**Chairman:**

*Nel Solt*

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**Auditors:**

*Ernie Mauritsen*

*Kathryn Martin*

*Birgitta Roodsari*

**District Deputy:**

*Peter Lindgren*

## Chairman's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I am sitting here on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December and it is so quiet! Too quiet!! Three days with friends and family at Lisa's. It is only Sir Bob and I now and I can hear a ding a ling in my head when I move. Silence all around me. Christmas was great. Now we are looking forward to a couple of nice get together for New Years.

At Skandia we had a wonderful Lucia-Christmas dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Annie Anderson and her daughter Pernilla Scott had cooked up a wonderful Swedish Julbord for us. Everything was there from herring to limpa bread. Annie is a member of Mayflower Lodge No 445 and will actually serve as Mayflower's Chairman for 2018.

About 60 members and guests enjoyed the party. The tables and decorations were taken care of by Skandia members on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>. You did a great job! Everything looked perfect. I am afraid of naming any names in case I forget someone. Sir and I had company from Germany and had arranged a bit of a family get together that day. To make up we were the last to leave on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Vasa Folk dancers have gone together with the Swedish Folk dancers of Los Angeles. They did a great job entertaining and teaching the guests some simple dances. Non participants enjoyed watching. Skandia's new member LeRoy played the dance music and he played for the Lucia girls and boys. Of course we had a Lucia. This year the part was taken on by beautiful Emmaline Mauritsen, who actually was Lucia once before. Emmaline's "old man" Ernie was Santa and made the children

very happy and with that also the adults.

Grand Lodge Deputy Susan Premo attended the first part of the party and with me pushing we did something a little backwards. Mike Martin, Kathryn's dad, was present. Mike has apparently considered becoming a Skandia member for a long time, so we reeled him in and he promised to be an all together good guy and all that stuff. As soon as we get his application and dues he'll be a full member!! Congratulations to Mike and Skandia!

And then it was over, but nobody should be sad because "till nasta ar igen kommer han var gamle van for det har han lovat! Look that up in your Funk and Wagnall!

On the 14<sup>th</sup> we met again for our regular meeting. After a delicious chili dinner went through a couple of silly little games. Kathleen Demarjian had brought a bunch of wrapped gifts, one for everybody. Kathleen read a story and if the word left was used you passed your gift to the left and if the word right was used you passed your gift to the right etc. It was a lot of passing and a lot of fun.

I had brought in the last of the items the Denys' had donated to the Lodge just about a year ago, so once again we had a drawing. Again - Thank You so much Armand and Sharron! Your generosity is much appreciated.

We also had a bit of a gift exchange. The

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regular "bring one and you get to take one". This was fun too. Everybody loves to unwrap presents and it is also a lot of fun to see what people have thought of.

By now we had eaten up some of the meting time, which is ok once in a while, but we have to be considerate towards our working members. You know the guys that have to get up in the morning to help support us slightly older members.

We did our nominating of officers and if I remember correctly, the list looks like this:

- Chairman Beau Stocking
- Vice Chairman Ernest Mauritson
- Past Chairman Nel Solt
- Secretary Betsy Cepielik
- Financial Secretary Lori Wennbo
- Treasurer Robert Solt
- Chaplain Kathleen McGinley
- Master Ceremonies Alma Marie Nordquist
- Cultural Ldr Kathleen Demarjian
- Trustees: 1 year - Ernie Mauritson,
- 2 years- Nel Solt
- 3 years - Patrick McGinley
- Auditors 1 year - Ernie Mauritson
- 2 years - Kathryn Martin
- 3 years - Birgitta Roodsari.

As Vice Chairman, Ernie becomes in charge of the Sunshine Committee. We hope that the following will stay on as appointed officers: News letter Bob Solt, Photographer Kathleen McGinley and Scholarship Committee Beau Stocking. I, Nel, will take on Vasa Star rep unless someone else really wants it. The office of Historian is still halfway open.

At January's meeting we will install our friends and decide on who goes to 2018's Convention. This will most

definitely be my swan song. I am looking forward to having our wonderful Beau as Chairman again.

Two other things and this means that I'll be an old mean lady!

No 1 - Sir Bob has been the Editor for this little news letter for years and would dearly like to retire! He has brought this up a couple of times. Our members swear they will let him know about what is going on in their lives-or give us some Swedish "news". BUT!!!! It is almost impossible to produce anything without input!

No 2 - Unless you want to pay for someone to come in after each meeting the Hosts must keep up the Lodge!! This includes clean floors in kitchen, restrooms and dining room. All garbage, including restrooms should be disposed off. The Hosts also should make sure that all lights are out and all cupboards and other doors locked. The Lodge MUST be ready for the next renter!!

After a little discussion it was decided that it would be better if next month's Host takes the dirty towels at the same time as the refreshment box. This way we hopefully have the clean towels brought back. NO, I don't like it either but it is OUR LODGE!!!

Once again I thank everybody for having been such great members! You have brought many a smile to each other. Our now 5 year old grand daughter says: Mormor don't laugh at me! I try to explain that I smile because she makes me happy. A gift to treasure.

I am looking forward to a great 2018!

Nel

**January Happenings**

**Birthdays:**

- 2 Armand Deny
- 5 Bob Solt
- 8 Kristina Roodsari
- 17 David Hedlund
- 25 Rudy Roodsari
- 31 Katie McGinley

**Business Meeting:**  
(2 nd Thursday)

- January 11
- 7 pm Dinner
- 8 pm Meeting

**Host / Hostess:**

- Jane Hendricks
- Mary Ethel Pierson

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**SKANDIA LODGE NO. 247, V.O.A.  
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

Skandia Lodge is proud to offer three (3) \$1,500.00 Scholarships to our deserving student members.

**To be eligible:**

1. Must be a member in good standing of Skandia Lodge for at least one year prior to application submission deadline and presently accepted at or attending an accredited two year or four year college or university (undergraduate or graduate) or trade school. A minimum of 12 units for an undergraduate student (a maximum of 6 units to be taken on line).
2. The applicant, or the applicant's parent or grandparent must have attended at least six (6) Skandia business meetings in the 12 months preceding the application deadline
3. Has not been a Skandia Lodge scholarship recipient in the preceding year.
4. Provide a letter with name of school, major, grade point average and participation in school activities etc.
5. Give some information about yourself and your participation in Skandia Lodge and/or Vasa Order of America events and functions. Special credits will be given to applicants who have assisted Skandia Lodge in its duties at Vasa Park functions.

The deadline for receiving your application with the above information is

**February 1, 2018**

Please mail application early to insure receipt by that date. Applications not received by specified date will not be considered.

In compliance with IRS rules, as recipient you will be presented with a certificate at a suitable time by the Lodge. The monies will be sent directly to your school based on proof of attendance or acceptance.

Scholarship monies must be claimed within 12 months of being awarded.

Send application to: Skandia Lodge Scholarship chairman:  
Beau Stocking, 2915 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank CA, 91505  
drbeau@pacbel.net

*Skandia's Lucia*



*Left: Lucia Emmaline Mauritsen and her entourage*

*Below: Chairman Nel with Santa Claus*



*Photos: y Kathleen McGinley*

*Skandia's Lucia*



*Above: The young folks meet Santa Claus. Below Left: Alma Marie Nordquist with Old Nick. Below Right: Emmaline Mauritsen with Father Christmas*

*Photos by Kathleen McGinley*



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## **2018 Dues are Due!**

If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues, they are due now!

Dues of \$12.00 per member should be sent to our  
Financial Secretary:

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5703 Primrose Ave  
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