

NORDIC NOTEWORTHY



Vasa Lodge Nordic #660



Trinity Lutheran Church 11716 Floral Drive, Whittier, CA

President Sean Thomsen

2017 April/May/June Issue

April

Split Pea Soup and Pancakes!!! Dinner will begin at 6:30pm on Friday April 7th.

Our business meeting will follow at 7:30pm.



REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

*Cheryl Johnson &
John Dorming*

The Founders Day CELEBRATION

Nordic Lodge will have a booth at the Whittier Founders Day Celebration on Saturday May 6th from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Central Park, 6532 Friends Ave. Whittier, CA 90601

If you can volunteer to spend some helping at the booth please contact Cyndi Lindgren 562-441-5281 or Cheryl Johnson at 562-696-1374.

This event is an outreach program to introduce our lodge & organization to the community.

We will be serving hot dogs, chips & soda's which has been a success the past couple of years.

May

We will have a potluck at Trinity Lutheran Church on Friday May 5th at 6:30pm.



All members will be participating as the refreshment committee we will be having a Potluck and need to help one another in setting up and clean up. It will be helpful to know in advance the food item you plan to bring so we can coordinate the meal.

Our business meeting will follow at 7:30pm.



SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Swedish Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday June 3rd at 8:00am to 11:00am at the Trinity Lutheran Church 11716 Floral Drive, Whittier.

Volunteers are encouraged to help out with setting up, cleaning up and serving. We will need your help to make this a successful event.

Prices are \$7.00 for Adults & \$4.00 for children 10 years old and under and free for 2 years old with purchase of an adult meal.

JUNE

We will have a potluck at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30pm on Friday June 2nd. This will be our last potluck and business meeting before our summer break until September.

Our business meeting will follow at 7:30pm.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE



*LeRoy Anderson &
Karl Almquist*

NORDIC LODGE – 56th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

It was decided at our March meeting that we will celebrate the anniversary luncheon in the month of July. Our anniversary is actually in May however the district has several other events happening that we would be in competition with and this is one reason we have chosen July and it gives us a chance to socialize during the months we don't have business meetings.

The exact date of the luncheon has *not* been decided as yet and we will be contacting you when that information is confirmed.

Happy Birthday

APRIL

Susan Kolbeck 4/25
Kurt Lundquist 4/29

MAY

Cynthia Lindgren 5/4
Laura de la Torre 5/20
Charlotte Parsons 5/21
John Dorming 5/31

JUNE

Kris Mendolia 6/4
Janice Smith 6/13
Larry Kolbeck 6/16
Bonnie Matlick 6/19
Holly Matlick 6/20
Michael Dickerson 6/20
Carolyn Salk 6/30

Birthdays are good for you!
**Statistics show that the people who have
the most live the longest.**



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Peter & Cynthia Lindgren
4/4/04

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Larry & Susan Kolbeck
6/28/75



Swedish American Central Association – Midsummer Court Selection

* To be held at Skandia Hall on Saturday April 15, 2017. The court begins at 11:00am, lunch will be served the cost is \$18.00, RSVP by April 10th by contacting Kathryn Martin 626-914-1622.

***Mayflower Lodge** will be having a luncheon to recognize the new members in the district by having an initiation ceremony. It's advised to **RSVP** as soon as possible as space is limited to Ann Hellberg. This event will take place on Saturday April 22 at 1:00pm at 18815 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA.

***Spring Picnic** at Vasa Park on Sunday April 30th for a member appreciation day. Hopefully all of you received your information in the mail.

***Midsummer** at Vasa Park in Agoura Hills on Sunday June 25th, 2017. We hope to see you all there for a fun filled day.

*No one is more cherished in this
World than someone who
Lightens the burden of another.*

Congratulations

Congratulations to John Dorming for being elected as the new two year Executive Board Member for our district. John served as a delegate at this February Convention and was nominated by Kjell Hellberg.

Congratulations to Cynthia Lindgren for being appointed to be the new District Historian. And I also was a delegate and am looking forward to this new experience.



For those members that have not sent in their 2017 membership dues they are payable the beginning of each year.

The cost for 2017 is \$30.00 and please make your checks out to Nordic Lodge #660 and send them to Financial Secretary Peter Lindgren at P.O. Box 40191, Downey, CA.

Thank you for your cooperation it is greatly appreciated.

Did You Know?

According to an article in the Scandinavian Press Magazine, U.S. President Donald Trump is the direct descendant of Hakon V King of Norway according to Icelandic genealogist Oddur F. Helgason. President Trump is also related to Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. Icelandic President Gudni Th. Johannesson of Iceland and in fact almost all Icelanders.

The two presidents are related back through 25 generations and share a common ancestor in no other than King Hakon V of Norway, a Viking age King who reigned from 1299 to 1319. President Trump is a descendant of Hakon's daughter, Duchess Ingibjorg Hakonardottir (Ingebjorg Hakonsdatter) who by marriage became a Swedish princess and was the mother of King Magnus of Norway and Sweden. President Johannesson is the descendant of King Hakon's daughter Agnes. Most Icelanders can trace their ancestry back to Gottskalk "grimmi" (or Gottskalk the cruel), Helgason writes "and if you are an Icelander you can look him up to see how you are related to President Trump."

NORDIC LODGE HISTORIAN REPORT

Recently I came across some past Vasa Star Magazines from the 1980's and 1990's and I came across an article regarding Nordic Lodge's Swedish Pancake Breakfast in 1997. My jaw dropped when I read that they cooked and served breakfast for almost "200" customers.

The article went on to mention past member Kathy Henry and her daughter and son in law being the first in line to pick out their ideal location to have breakfast.

We want to wish all of you much Joy in celebrating some of the upcoming holidays we'll be celebrating throughout the next *three* months.

Easter Sunday April 16th.



Mother's Day – Sunday May 18th.



Memorial Day – Monday May 29th.



Fathers Day – Sunday June 18th.



<h3>Swedish Chocolate Balls</h3>

<p>4 oz. Butter or Margarine 4 ½ T. Sugar 1 tsp. Vanilla 2-4 tsp. Cocoa Powder 1 ½ C. uncooked oatmeal Mix all of the ingredients and form into balls. Roll in Coconut or Sugar and chill. (From Vasa Star Magazine May 1997)</p>

MAYPOLE OR MIDSUMMER POLE?

Vasa Star article from 1995 – During my more than 20 years membership in the Mayflower Lodge 445 and more recently the North Star Lodge 145, I have been endeavoring to instruct the Swedish – Americans about the difference between a "Maypole" and a "Midsummer pole."

Maypole is used to celebrate the 1st day of May ("May" in Swedish is "Maj") – therefore "majstang"). The celebration of midsummer in Sweden in June is signified by the use of "midsommarstang" which translates to "midsummer-pole." As "maypole" refers to the month of May it is most inappropriate to refer to the celebration of midsummer in June with a "maypole." I guarantee that you will not find anywhere in all of Sweden any one referring to the midsummer-pole as a "maypole". Accuracy of the difference is very important. Written by member Astrid Waldemark.



Respectfully Yours,
Cynthia Lindgren