



Sveabladet

The monthly newsletter of Svea Lodge #348, San Jose, California. The lodge was organized on August 16, 1916, by Edward Anderson and is a member of Golden Gate District #12, the VASA Order of America. Programs are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1035 Emory Street, San Jose, California. Business meetings start promptly at 7:00PM with the social event immediately following. Home business meetings are held in member's homes on the 4th Friday of the month. See Sveabladet for time and location.

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February 2024

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Friday 16 6:30PM Meeting and Program at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1035 Emory Street, San Jose, CA. See page 2.

Saturday 17 3:00PM Swedish Church Service. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S El Monte Ave, Los Altos. See page 3.

Preview of March events:

Friday 15 6:30PM St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Meeting. RSVP required.

Dear Svea Lodge Members and Friends,

We held a lovely dinner, Installation and Cultural Program in January. There were 28 of us from both Svea and Lindbergh Lodge who came to enjoy the evening. Kikki and Jan Nordin, with the help from Henry Mulak, set up and decorated the Hall. Kikki chose to use various colored napkins to represent the colors in the VASA Flag. The flowers were red and white tulips to celebrate the ascension of King Fredrick X to the Danish Throne. As usual, the decorations and tables looked lovely and festive. Our chef was Aurora Allen who prepared Swedish meatballs in gravy, noodles, salad and veggies. The pastry chefs, Kris Brolin, Karen Parks and I, made Swedish Raw Apple Cake for dessert. Per tradition, Svea Lodge hosted everyone at the dinner. Ken Weissenborn and I conducted the Joint Installation of Officers, and Gun McCuen, the Cultural Leader of Lindbergh gave a short cultural presentation on *Julgransplundring*. *Tusen Tack* to all the volunteers who contributed to making the evening memorable.

We are looking forward to a February meeting and cultural program. The recent surprise abdication by Queen Margarethe has put Denmark in the news! Carolyn Strong will give us a presentation on the beautiful new tapestries that were gifted to Queen Margarethe a few years ago. Carolyn will be sharing photos of the colorful tapestries during her presentation so please plan on joining us!

We do need people to volunteer to give presentations on topics regarding our shared Nordic Heritage. Please share your interests or get family or friends to share their passions surrounding our Nordic Heritage with our Lodge. If you have ideas or suggestions please reach out to Henry Mulak, our Cultural Leader, mulakh@icloud.com.

I do want to say *TACK* to the people who have been bringing beverages and appetizers to share to our meetings. We appreciate your thoughtfulness! In addition, when you arrive early you can join in the Swedish Conversation group. We also have a Svea Swedish Language Facebook page that you should check out as Henry posts interesting and useful information on the page! We also have the website: www.Svea348.com that posts flyers, the recent edition of Sveabladet newsletter as well as photos for you to enjoy.

Warm Regards,

Victoria Fedor-Thurman, PDM, District 12
Chairman of Svea Lodge

THE NEW TAPESTRIES AT CHRISTIANSBORG PALACE IN DENMARK

SVEA LODGE MEETING
Friday, February 16, 2024
6:30 pm
1035 Emory Street
San Jose, CA 95126

Special Guest Speaker, Carolyn Strong, will be sharing about her recent trip to Denmark visiting The New Tapestries at Christiansborg Palace.






SVENSKA KYRKAN SF
Swedish Church Service

FEBRUARY 17 3 PM
460 EL MONTE AVE LOS ALTOS

WELCOME TO SWEDISH CHURCH SERVICE
ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 3 PM
AT THE LOS ALTOS LUTHERAN CHURCH.

PASTOR JOAKIM WILL PREACH AND WE
WILL SING SWEDISH HYMNS.

AFTER THE SERVICE WE GATHER FOR
COFFEE, PASTRIES AND COMMUNITY.
THERE'S PLENTY OF PARKING AND A
PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN.



Denmark has a new king in Frederik X.



Another one of Europe's seven reigning royal houses has gone through a generational change. After the Netherlands (2013), Belgium (2013), Spain (2014) and Britain (2022), it is **Denmark's** turn: 83-year-old **Queen Margarethe II** has handed over the scepter to her son Frederik on Sunday, January 14, 2023, after exactly 52 years on the throne.

The **surprise announcement from the Danish royal family** follows a trend. With the exception of Britain's royal family, many monarchs no longer die on the throne. Instead, they retire and make way for their children.

At 55, **Frederik of Denmark** has already spent a lifetime preparing for the job. But it is one that, according to his biographer, he has been reluctant to assume.

"I don't want to be king," he is said to have shouted to his nanny as a child.

Frederik's wild days as a rebellious "party prince" have long since passed. He and his Australian wife, Mary, have produced heirs to the throne, guaranteeing the continuation of the oldest royal dynasty in Europe. His subjects seem to approve, with polls finding that 80% of Danes are satisfied with their ruler.

Swedish Crown Princess Victoria and Norwegian Prince Haakon are next up for their respective thrones. Victoria is in line to take over from her father, **Carl XVI Gustaf**, who has been on the throne for over 50 years. Haakon would replace his 86-year-old father, King Harald V, who now rarely appears in public because of his ill health.

Svea Lodge's installation of officers together with Lindberg Lodge.

Note the flags and flowers, honoring the new King Frederik of Denmark with red and white tulips!
Gun McCuen from Lindbergh Lodge spoke about traditions around the Christmas tree and *Julgransplundring!*
Lovely Swedish meatball dinner by Aurora Allen!



**Installation of Officers.
Svea Lodge and Lindberg Lodge**



Stockholm Trip by Laura Frieberg

This past December, I was able to go on an academic tour with a high school honors society that took place in Sweden. The tour was focused on the Nobel Prize and the legacy of Alfred Nobel, and I was joined by 40 other high school students from around the USA. Over the course of ten days, I had the opportunity to tour Stockholm, Uppsala, and Gothenburg, attend lectures by past and current Nobel laureates, visit museums, and even meet the U.S. Ambassador to Sweden. This picture was taken at Skansen on my last day in Stockholm. It was very cold, but I had an amazing time, and it was a great opportunity to connect with my heritage and experience Sweden in the winter with other students my age.



Did you know that the Swedish author Vilhelm Moberg lived in Carmel-by-the Sea, California, from 1948 to 1960? It was during that period he wrote the popular The Emigrants series....

I just learned this from Wikipedia.

Margareta Smith

To Lodge Chairmen, Lodge Secretaries, Honorary Life Members, Past District Masters and District #12 Board Members,

This notice is the official call for the 106th District #12 Convention on April 26 - April 28, 2024, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento, CA.

Convention registration information will be emailed in early February and available on the *vasagoldengate.com* website at that time.

For resolutions to the District Bylaws to be considered at the convention, you will receive a separate email with information on submitting resolutions. All resolutions must be received by me no later than March 1, 2024.

Delegate and Credential forms will be sent to the Lodge Secretaries in a separate email.

In Truth and Unity,

Mary Wahlberg
1938 Benton Lane
Novato, CA 94945
(415) 892-0084

February Birthdays

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|---|-----------------------|----|-----------------|----|--------------|
| 7 | Erika Michelle Canion | 10 | Larry Skarset | 14 | Maili Yates |
| 8 | Craig Anderson | 12 | Yvette Frojelin | 14 | Roger Barnes |

March Birthdays

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|----|--------------------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 7 | Ulf Ström | 12 | Barbie Aknin | 17 | Ken Colby |
| 7 | Victoria (Vicke) Johnson | 13 | Ann Wismer | 26 | Kikki Nordin |
| 11 | Trudie Conrotto | 14 | Chuck Lipscomb | 30 | Carolyn Strong |



Historian's Report

Vasa Archives Donation Inventory

We have just completed a major step in our archiving project. The items listed below represent our most recent donation to the Vasa Archives. The Vasa Archives are also on the distribution list for our newsletter, the Sveabladet. The newsletter provides the Vasa Archives with digital updates of all lodge activities.

The next step will be to provide local researchers with access to our Archived Member List and Lodge History. We will arrange a meeting with SAPL and the Santa Clara County Library to discuss possible donations of these two items.

Minutes

1950 - 1963

1964 - 1969

1970 - 1979

1980 - 1987

1995 - 1999

Yearly reports

1961 - 1983

2006 - 2013

By-Laws

1982

Directories

1976

1977

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Miscellaneous

Certificates/Announcements

Photographs

Old Age Benefit Fund

Funeral Ceremony

I want to thank Pat Nelson, Mette Leuthold and Joan Kjemtrup for their help in sorting through 107 years of documents and labeling photographs.

Marylin Anderson Crawford

Historian, Svea Lodge #348

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Swedish American Patriotic League 2024 Event Calendar



- SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

JANUARY

January 8	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
Jan. 21 or 27	Sveadal Walkthrough	10:00 AM	Sveadal Grounds
January 22	Swedish American Patriotic League Meeting (SAPL)	7:30 PM	Virtual
January 27	Private Event – Erikson Shower	All Day	Sveadal Clubhouse

FEBRUARY

February 12	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
February 24	SAPL Founders' Day	1:00PM	Swedish American Hall

MARCH

March 11	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
March 23-24	Work Weekend	9:00 AM	Sveadal Grounds

APRIL

April 8	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
April 20-21	Work Weekend	9:00 AM	Sveadal Grounds
April 22	Swedish American Patriotic League Meeting (SAPL)	7:30 PM	Virtual

MAY

May 4-5	Work Weekend	9:00 AM	Sveadal
May 4	Sveadal CLUB Meeting	5:30 PM	Sveadal Clubhouse
May 13	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
May 18	Svea Lodge Meeting & Picnic	12:00 PM	Sveadal Sports Lawn
May 25-27	Opening Weekend - Midsummer Preparation	All Day	Sveadal
May 25	Opening Cocktails & Dinner	6:00 PM	Sveadal Clubhouse
May 26	Sveadal Cabin Owners Meeting	10:00 AM	Sveadal Clubhouse

JUNE

June 10	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
June 22	SAPL's 130th Annual Midsummer	10:00 AM	Sveadal

JULY

July 4	Svea Lodge Pancake Breakfast & Car Show	9:00 AM	Lower Area/Sports Lawn
July 5	SAPL Kids Tennis Tournament	10:00 AM	Sveadal Tennis Courts
July 6-7	SAPL Tennis Tournament	All Day	Sveadal Tennis Courts
July 6	Horseshoe Tournament	All Day	Sveadal Horseshoe Pits
July 6	Ice Cream Social	3:00 PM	Clubhouse Patio

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2024 SAPL Calendar - Updated 01/11/2024

July 6	SAPL 4 th of July Cocktails, Dinner & Dance	6:30 PM	Sveadal TBD
July 8	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
<i>July 13</i>	<i>SveadalCLUB's 6⁴th Golf Tournament Awards Dinner</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>	<i>Sveadal Clubhouse</i>
<i>July 19</i>	<i>Christmas in July</i>	<i>8:00 PM</i>	<i>Sveadal Clubhouse</i>
<i>July 20</i>	<i>Christmas in July</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Sveadal Clubhouse</i>
July 27	Sveadal's 98 th Anniversary	TBD	Sveadal Clubhouse
July 27	<i>SveadalCLUB's Pickle Ball Tournament</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Tennis Courts</i>
July 28	Swedish American Patriotic League Meeting (SAPL)	10:00 AM	Sveadal Clubhouse

AUGUST

<i>August 10</i>	<i>Sveadal Club's Theme Day Activities, Games, Dinner & Dance</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Sveadal</i>
August 12	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
<i>August 17</i>	<i>Svea Lodge Anniversary Picnic</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Sports Lawn</i>
August 31	SAPL Labor Day Cocktails, Dinner & Dance	6:30 PM	Sveadal TBD

SEPTEMBER

Aug 31-Sept 2	SAPL's 94 th Annual Labor Day Weekend Basketball, Softball, Swimming, Dinner, Dance, Bingo	All Day	Sveadal
September 2	36 th Annual Blender Run	9:00 AM	Sveadal Grounds
September 9	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
<i>September 21</i>	<i>Private Event – Hanley Wedding (9/20,21, 22)</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Sveadal Grounds</i>
September 23	Swedish American Patriotic League Meeting (SAPL)	7:30 PM	Virtual
Sept. 28-29	Closing Weekend	All Day	Sveadal
Sept. 28	Closing Cocktails & Dinner	6:00 PM	Sveadal Clubhouse
<i>September 29</i>	<i>Sveadal Cabin Owners Meeting</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Sveadal Clubhouse</i>

OCTOBER

October 5	SAPL Cultural Event - Leif Eriksson Day	All Day	Sveadal Clubhouse
October 14	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual

NOVEMBER

November 2-3	Winterizing Work Weekend	9:00 AM	Sveadal
<i>November 2</i>	<i>SveadalCLUB's Meeting</i>	<i>5:30 PM</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
November 11	SAPL BOD/Sveadal GC Meeting	7:30 PM	Virtual
November 25	Swedish American Patriotic League Meeting (SAPL)	7:00 PM	Virtual

DECEMBER

<i>December 7</i>	<i>SveadalCLUB's Kids Christmas Party</i>	<i>12:00 PM</i>	<i>Sveadal Clubhouse</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>Private Event – Baughman Family Reunion (12/20-22)</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Sveadal & Rentals</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Private Event – Massey/Olsson/Sayegh (12/24-26)</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Sveadal & Rentals</i>

Use of Sveadal through facilities rental are listed in Italics.

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGES – UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE AT: sveadal.org

**Svea Lodge #348
Vasa Order of America
2024 Dues Payable Notice**

Please pay your 2024 dues between January 1 and April 1, 2024

Fill in this form and return with your check to:

Keith Hanlon, Financial Secretary

6497 Camelia Drive, San Jose CA 95120

Adult member (over 17) _____ x \$50.00 = _____

Junior member (14-17) _____ \$10.00 = _____

Total: _____

Name(s) _____

Please make checks payable to SVEA LODGE 348

If your address, telephone number, or E-mail has **changed**, please enter the changes:

Address change: _____

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E-mail change: _____

Members' Advertising Page

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None-members \$50.00 per year.

Contact Erika Canion, 1914 Wilson Court, Antioch, CA 94509 or

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A note from the Svea Lodge Webmaster:

Please visit our webpage at <http://svea348.com> to keep up to date on activities and news. You will find a link to the Language Lessons Facebook page. A new link has been added to access new membership applications. The application can be found under The About page. Please email pictures or updates to svea348webmaster@gmail.com so they can be added to the website. Any suggestions to improve the website is welcome.

Carolyn Strong
Svea Webmaster