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SONS OF NORWAY HALL
770 Darina Ave., Sacramento
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SWEDISH BAKED GOODS

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

by Don Johnson

November 5, 1982 - 7:00 PM Country Store
and Swedish baked goods.
8:00 PM our regular business meeting.

Our thanks to Audrey Fales and her Nominating Committee for presenting a full slate of officers for next year. Congratulations to each of you who were elected to these offices. Your willingness to serve is appreciated by all of us.

Ladies be sure and bring some of your favorite baked goodies.....or if you have some thing from your garden that people would like to buy. Money made at this project will go to the lodge.

The planning committee has met and has developed a program I'm sure you will all want to be a part of. Plan on attending all the meetings as well as the special events. You'll be glad you did.

Nord Lodge will be our honored guest that night.

The Smorgåsbord Dinner will soon be here. It is one of our major special events and is also a lodge fund raiser. Preparation of the dinner involves a large group of members to perform the various functions of cooking, serving and clean up. If you are able, please volunteer for one of these tasks. Many hands make light work.

Hostesses for the dessert after our meeting are Harry and Elizabeth Johnson; Don and Maybelle Gustafson; David and Ruth Hultquist; Sven and Patricia Nylander.

SMORGÅSBORD COMING



Hope to see many of you at our Nov. meeting.

Don't forget Saturday November 13th is our big Smorgåsbord. Again this year it will be at the Fruitridge Community Center like last year. Bar opens 5:30 - Dinner 6:30 - Dancing 8:00 to live music. Price \$6.00 Adults and children \$3.00. Also a Viking drinking horn will be raffled off. We need the help and co-operation from every one this big night.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1983

- 1 Chairman - Bernie Lundberg
- 2 Vice Chairman - Lowell Carlson
- 3 Secretary - Ruth Veis
- 4 Ass't Secretary - Ruth Lundberg
- 11 Treasurer - Arlie Veis
- 10 Financial Secretary - Deidre Dahlberg
- 9 Ass't Financial Secretary - Richard Westrup
- 13 Cultural Leader - Linda Johnson
- Hospitality Chairman - Margaret Carlson
- 12 Chaplain - Ted Olson
- 6 Master of Ceremonies - Margaret Linn
- 5 Ass't Master of Ceremonies - Darlene Nord
- 7 Inner Guard - Ed Dahlberg
- 8 Outer Guard - Leo Krastins
- 15 Trustee - 3 years Audrey Fales
- 14 Auditor - 3 years Henry Hjersman
- Membership Committee - 3 years Lowell Carlson
- Sweden Day Delegate - 2 years Audrey Fales
1 year Roland Carlson
- Valley Vasa Festival Committee -
2 years Larry and Maræ Skicklig
1 year Charles Linn & Audrey Fales



Please plan to get your tickets at our Nov. meeting. Or if you can't get to the meeting please phone Margaret Carlson 457-7376 for reservations, as we are limited to the amount of people that can come.

If you are called upon to bring some thing or asked to help, please say "yes" with a smile, as this is a big undertaking for only a few. We must have a lot of help to make it run smooth.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR VASA PIN

MONITOR

by Ted Olson

On the evening of September 28, 1982 Muriel Hjersman, District Deputy; Chairman Don Johnson Past G.L. Deputy Arlie Veis; and Ruth Veis, Vasa Star Correspondent, had the honor of presenting Severin Johnson with his 50 year membership pin.

The last couple of years we have taken in a lot of new members and you are probably wondering where the name "MONITOR" comes from. On March 9, 1862 the USS MONITOR fought and put the Confederate ship Merrimac out of action at Hampton Roads, Virginia. The Monitor had been designed and named by Naval Engineer John Ericsson, a native of Värmland who had become a naturalized US citizen in 1848.

Also attending this special joyous event in the Johnson home were some of Emma's and Severin's family.

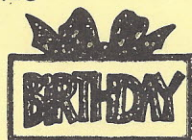
The battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac was a turning point in the naval aspect of the Civil War. It also introduced the age of armored warships. The Monitor was a new and unique design. It was built low to the water to present a small target. It carried a single revolving turret so it could fire in all directions. Before its successful action it was described as "like a cheese box on a raft" John Ericsson was also the inventor of the screw propeller which replaced the paddle-wheel and of many other devices to improve the efficiency of steamships. Upon his death in 1895 the Swedish Government requested burial in his native land. The name "MONITOR" of our lodge commemorates the contribution by a Swedish American to his adopted country. We are proud to bear that name.

It was an evening of good fellowship and "long ago" members and events were recalled in the conversations. A member for 50 years is quite an achievement.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Viola Hallen
- 10 - Henry Bergman
- 10 - Joyce Trnka
- 13 - Joy Carlson
- 16 - Russell Ellis
- 17 - Olga Fredrickson
- 19 - Alice Axberg
- 23 - Kathy Goldsberry
- 24 - Lillian Stafford
- 27 - Barbara Olson
- 30 - Thelma Bange

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!!



Bee Dillard and Linda Johnson has volunteered to be our Chairmen for the LUCIA FEST.

Don't let the Goblins get you at Halloween.