



COMING EVENTS

January 7 - 8:00 P.M. Regular business meeting - Annual Reports - District Delegates Elected - Installation of new officers to be held jointly with Scandia Lodge.

Hosts for the evening are the officers elect.

The Lucia Fest was outstanding this year. The Lodge's gratitude goes to Don and Joy Carlson and the Children's Club for such a nice program. Thanks to Bea Dillard and Linda Johnson for arranging the refreshments. The 24th Street Theater was a great place to put on this performance.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

By Don Johnson

My personal and grateful thanks to all you members who gave so much of your time and of yourselves in supporting the lodge activities and in accepting those extra responsibilities of being the chairperson or committee member for a special activity or program during this past year. The efforts and dedication is greatly appreciated and was the key to the accomplishments of the lodge. The officers were superb in carrying out their responsibilities in providing leadership to the lodge.

My own personal satisfaction has been enhanced through the distinct honor of being your chairman and working closely with many of you. Both the new friendships made and the strengthening of ongoing friendships is real rewarding and will be remembered.

Thanks to all of you. My wish for 1983 is for even more participation by more members and to take hold of the opportunity to be active in the fellowship and friendship of the lodge.

It was reported at the last meeting that Cecile Spencer had undergone cataract surgery and was doing fine.

Tony Thorsen was going in the hospital for surgery.

Britt Andersson had surgery for gall bladder and was doing fine.

New members initiated last meeting were:

Nancy Misenti Phone: 972-0746
3471 Potter Lane, Sacramento 95821

Frances Misenti 484-0236
2561 Maryal Drive, Sacramento 95821

Billye & Edmund Nelson 482-9264
3016 Victoria Drive, Sacramento 95821

Lucy Dahlberg 922-2820
3310 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento 95815

Welcome to Monitor Lodge!

Congratulations to Darlene Njord who we heard recently became Mrs. Palmer.

NEW SITE LOCATION

The Site Committee recommends the Masonic Temple Bldg. located at Marconi and Becerra Way be the new location for the monthly meetings for Monitor Lodge #218.

This facility has all the features for the Lodges regular meetings as well as a separate kitchen and dining room. The rent for the full facility is a nominal \$60.00 per month payable for the full year. There are two lighted parking areas immediately adjacent to the building.

The Lodge will have to consider some adjustments necessary to use these facilities. There is no alcohol allowed in the building. The Lodge meeting night will have to be scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month. Electric candles must be used in the carpeted main area.

We urge your considerations on this matter. Although your personal opinion on any part of the proposal is important, the overriding concern is for the good of the lodge as a whole.

Please try to attend the January meeting so your thoughts and wishes on this topic can be considered and appropriate action taken.

In Truth and Unity,
Site Committee: Audrey Fales, Ted Olson,
Don Johnson

(Copy of a note received this week)

Dear Vasa Members:

Thank you very much for the big beautiful poinsettia plant. It is taking the place of a Christmas tree for me this year.

With the help of my sisters, I am getting along very well after my eye surgery.

Thank you again for your kindness and good wishes.

My best wishes to all the members for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Affectionately,
Cecile Spencer

GUSTAV ERIKSSON VASA

The early 1500's were dark years for Sweden. The central government was weak. Christian II of Denmark asserted his claim to the Swedish throne based on the Union of Kalmar and conquered Stockholm in 1520. In November of that year he had 82 of the leading citizens of Sweden executed on trumped up charges; this is known to history as the Stockholm Blood Bath. Among those executed were the father and two uncles of Gustav Eriksson of the Vasa family. Gustav Eriksson had been imprisoned in Denmark but escaped and returned to Sweden shortly after the massacre. After many setbacks he was successful in organizing a revolt which ended Danish rule and in 1523 was elected King of Sweden as Gustav I Vasa.

King Gustav had a difficult time forming a united country from the disorganized provinces and sometimes employed harsh measures.

Upon his death in 1560 he left Sweden as a unified, stable country and is known as the father of modern Sweden. The name of our order commemorates this famous figure of our Swedish heritage.

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Submitted by: Ted Olson

We were sorry to learn that Ruth Uffens had fallen and broken her hip. We hope she is getting along fine at this time.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3-Alfred Bergman | 13-Darlene Palmer |
| 4-Elayne Lincecum | 16-Billye Nelson |
| 4-Cecelia Segerstedt | 22-Thelma Badgley |
| 6-Alice Olson | 23 Maybelle Gustafson |
| 8-Don Carlson | 24-Elena Trnka |
| 8-Roland Carlson | 25-Martha Backstrom |
| 8-Gladys Stangl | 25-Birgitta Ellis |
| 9-Liesma Krastins | 27-Ralph Andersson |
| 12-Phil Olson | 27-Edward Dahlberg |
| 13-Ted Olson | 29-Ruth Veis |

Happy Birthday!



At this time Bernie and I wish to extend our best wishes to all of the Monitor members for a Happy New Year. As I will be your "editor" again this year I would appreciate any items of interest you wish to be published given to me by the 20th of each month. Thanks.

