



WOULD YOU WANT LODGE MEETINGS ON THURSDAY NIGHT?

Coming Events

Feb. 4- 6:30 P.M. PEA SOUP & PANCAKE SUPPER. Bar opens at 6. Cost \$2.50 for the dinner. Lillian Stafford & Viola Hallen will cook Swedish Pea Soup, with Muriel & Hank Hjersman cooking the pancakes. Marge Skicklig is the chairman for the dessert time following the meeting. 8:00 P.M. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING with new slate of officers. VALENTINE CAKE WALK following the meeting. Ladies all please bring a cake for this.

Feb. 6- Sweden Day planning meeting.

March 4- 6:30 P.M. CORNED BEEF DINNER. Nord Lodge invited guests. 8:00 Regular business meeting, initiation etc.

March 5 & 6th- CAMELLIA FESTIVAL

March 7 & 8th-RUMMAGE SALE. A chairman to handle this event is needed! Rummage may be brought to the next meetings and Margaret Carlson will collect it.

March 19th- CASINO NIGHT. Norway Hall at 8:00 P.M. Linn's & Lennart Andersson are in charge. Cost \$5.00 per person. Happy hour from 7 to 8. Dealers are needed for 21 and to run the crap table. Will be having a brush-up night, anyone interested please contact Charlie Linn(evenings) for time and place. Phone: 483-0261.

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At the last meeting the site committee reported on their proposal for a meeting place. Details were printed in your last Monitor. The subject was tabled until our February meeting so come prepared to take action at that time.

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Mr. & Mrs. Albin Backman requested to drop their membership from the lodge due to the distance to attend meetings.

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It was reported that Anna Lewis is at home. Barbara Lutz father is in the hospital. He was a former member of Monitor.

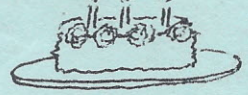
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We have just learned of the death on January 5th of our member Chester Nelson due to cancer. He was the brother of Charles Nelson. We extend our sympathy to the Nelson family.

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The following were elected delegates for District Convention: Bernie Lundberg, Lennart Andersson, Audrey Fales, & Muriel Hjersman. Alternates: Ruth Lundberg, Margaret Linn, Linda Johnson & Eleanor Vine.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS  
1-Patti Holm 8-Esther Biehler  
1-Cecile Spencer 9-Anna Ethel Johnson  
2-Lucy Dahlberg 9-Ruth Volkoff  
4-Stanley Hagstrom 11-Maude Udvardy  
4-Gustav Mattson 16-Helen LeRoy  
6-Hilding Olson 18-Royal Osborn

- 18-Richard Westrup
- 19-Kurt Pfannkuch
- 20-Audrey Fales
- 22-Larry Skicklig
- 25-Donald Gustafson
- 26-Vera Anderson
- 26-Birgit Dillard
- 26-Carl H. Johnson
- 28-Richard Forsty

Happy Birthday!



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE By Bernie Lundberg

First I wish to thank Don Johnson for his terrific leadership as Monitor's Chairman in 1982. We appreciate your talent and efforts on our behalf.

Now I wish to thank the lodge members for electing me as your chairman for 1983. I shall strive to be the leader you want and hope to keep Monitor Lodge progressing in the true Vasa spirit.

We held a "kick-off" potluck dinner for new officers at our home on January 15. My thanks to Muriel Hjersman, District Deputy for conducting the officers training session and to all the officers who attended. It was very informative and enlightened us on lodge needs.

The membership has grown, and the attendance at meetings has increased the past year and my desire is for more members to become active this year.

The coming years activities are outlined in the Program Book and all the officers and myself hope they fit the schedule of our brothers and sisters of Monitor, local and District lodges.

Hope to see you at the meetings and activities!

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COUNT AXEL von FERSEN By Ted Olson

Sweden and France had close relations during the American Revolutionary War and many Swedish officers served with the French forces aiding the American Colonies. The most distinguished of these was Count Axel von Fersen who arrived in America in 1780 as adjutant to the French General Rochambeau.

As adjutant he arranged the negotiations between Washington and Rochambeau in which Lafayette served as interpreter. Fersen formed great admiration for Washington whom he described in a letter to his family as the "most illustrious man of the age." Fersen distinguished himself at the battle of Yorktown in 1781.

Following this service he returned to France where he became a favorite of Marie Antoinette. He was recalled to Sweden for diplomatic and military missions but was returned to France where he attempted the rescue of Marie Antoinette from the French Revolution. (In the 1930's motion picture "Marie Antoinette" the part of Fersen was played by Fredric March).

Fersen returned to Sweden, served in many important posts and met a most tragic death in Stockholm in 1810.