



GUSTAV VASA IN DALARNE By Ted Olson

COMING EVENTS

- April 8 - 7:00 Regular Business Meeting.
(Note change of date) Monitor's 71st Anniversary - Program - Past Chairman's Night - Semlor (refreshments) baked by Birgit Dillard.
- April 10 - Valley Golf Tournament, Swenson Park, Stockton.
- April 22-24 - District Convention in San Jose.

Monitor Lodge can be proud of their booth at the Camellia Festival. Our thanks to Linda Johnson and Arlie Veis who chaired this event. Birgit Dillard and Linda provided most of the display items and they were beautiful. Our maid April Nelson was very lovely in her Swedish Costume and we are sorry the parade was rained out the following weekend.

The rummage sale was quite a success. Our thanks to Ivar Axberg for taking charge of this event and to all the members who came out and worked the two days.

Casino Night just finished and we believe it was a huge success also. It was a lot of fun and we found a lot of people were hoarse from the screaming and excitement. Thanks to Charlie Linn and Lennart Andersson and all of their committee!

Please make these corrections to the 1983 Program Book: on page 3, the Grand Lodge Deputy should be Baxter Swafford, on page 121, it should read Gold Nugget, on page 184 add Sven Holmberg1981-82.

Welcome to the following new members who joined Monitor Lodge on March 4th:

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The sick report was very lengthy this past meeting. Harry Johnson was in the hospital for knee surgery and his wife Elizabeth also had injured herself. Lars Oberg is suffering from a bad hip, but is getting better at this time. Estrid Doshier is coming along fine. Lisa Krastins had her arm in a cast. Henry Hjernsman was recovering from surgery. Ruth Uffens is at home now. Anna Lewis is at home again following a stroke. Sue Bergman is suffering from a bad back. We wish everyone a quick recovery!

The winter of 1520-21 that Gustav Eriksson Vasa spent in Dalarne has become a legend with the passage of centuries.

Gustav went to Dalarne because it was noted for independent and nationalistic sentiments. He had friends but there was constant search so he was forced to move from farm to farm disguised as a farmhand. He was close to capture several times. Once a woman slapped and scolded him in front of Danish soldiers to allay suspicion.

Another time he was driven through a Danish checkpoint hidden in a sledge load of straw. The soldiers drove their spears into the straw to check and wounded Gustav in the leg. He made no sound and the farmer made a cut on the horse's leg to explain the trail of blood on the snow. Still another time he was hidden in a cellar concealed by a barrel of beer.

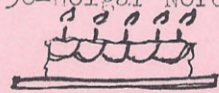
Almost everywhere he went there was a problem in gossip of housemaids. They wondered and talked about the handsome stranger who wore noble clothes under his peasant smock.

All this was 462 years ago. Some of these events may be legend but some King Gustav told himself.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2-Millie Johnson
- 3-Harry Johnson
- 4-Inez Norling
- 5-Lennart Andersson
- 10-Emma Johnson
- 15-Victoria Dowling
- 20-Ingegerd Bergkvist
- 24-Margaretha Logus
- 25-Roland Erickson
- 25-Ulla Veis
- 30-Didrik Anderson
- 30-Holgar Nordquist

Happy Birthday!



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE By Bernie Lundberg

March has been a very busy month for our lodge beginning with the wonderful Corned Beef Dinner.

Gathering Camellias, working in the Swedish Booth, and at the rummage sale, helping at the Casino Night have kept me traveling to Sacramento from Auburn quite frequently.

Ruth and I wish to thank the lodge for purchasing our tickets for the Camellia luncheon. It was our first experience with this event and we found it all very beautiful and interesting.

I wish to thank all our dedicated members who have worked so hard this past month on so many projects.

Welcome to our two new members and I invite you to volunteer for a committee in the near future and you will find it is a good way to become acquainted with our members and to have fun.

I hope to see a large number of members out for our anniversary meeting. Don't forget convention. See you there!