

Sons of Norway Hall
770 Darina Ave., Sacramento
September 2, 1983

SEPTEMBER

2 -6:30 P.M. Swedish Smorgasor(sandwiches) and Salad Potluck Supper - Program 8:00 Regular Business Meeting-Nomination of officers - Initiation of new members.

Our August socials certainly were great! The picnic at Howe Avenue Park was super in spite of the heat. The food was as usual, outstanding. Thanks to Ruth & Arlie for having us in their yard again afterwards. Thanks to Ted Olson for showing some beautiful slides. Our thanks to Norman Cedarquist for making the delicious homemade icecream again.

The crayfish party at the Dillard's was wonderful. Thanks to Bea and Tom for opening their home to us again. Our thanks to the fisherman for their hard work and to everyone for coming and bringing other good food.

Just learned that Sue Bergman suffered a heart attack on August 19th and is in intensive care at the hospital. We pray for a speedy recovery for her.

Our chaplain, Ted Olson will enter the hospital for surgery on August 22nd. We wish him a speedy recovery also.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE BY: Bernie Lundberg

It is my desire that all members will be rested up from the summer and back from traveling and be ready for our fall schedule at lodge.

Please bring your newspapers and aluminum cans to the meeting. We will be saving them to raise money for the Camellia Festival which the Scandinavian Lodges will sponsor in 1985.

At their first meeting Arlie Veis was elected the general chairman. He informed me there will be a joint meeting of the Norwegian and Finnish Clubs to be held at 7 o'clock at the Sons of Norway Hall on Tuesday night, August 30th. Anyone of our lodge interested in helping with this venture are asked to please come out for this planning meeting. Hope to see many of you there!

THE RUNESTONES OF SWEDEN

By: Ted Olson

Throughout Scandinavia, but especially in Sweden, there are memorial stones with mysterious inscriptions. These are called Runestones because the inscriptions are in the old runic alphabet which was used in northern Europe before the introduction of the Latin alphabet.

Most of these stones are memorials to husbands or sons who died in adventures far from home. From these inscriptions we trace much of the history of the Swedish Vikings who ventured east to found cities in Russia and to serve in the armies of Byzantium.

While these inscriptions appear mysterious to us they were more mysterious to the people who commissioned them. Very few could read them. Today; however, there are many scholars of the runic alphabet. The inscriptions are in the Old Norse language which is similar to modern Icelandic; they have been deciphered and translated. With a key to the runic alphabet and a little knowledge of modern Swedish even some of us can puzzle out a few words. The Encyclopedia Britannica article on runes is very helpful and fascinating.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Severin Johnson
4-Erika Lewis
8-Jean Anderson
10-Tom Dillard
12-Peggie Carlson
12-Muriel Hjersman
13-Kurt Swanfeldt
16-Arlie Veis
19-Carl Larson
19-Anton Thorsen

20-Helen Forsty
21-Ethel Hubbell
21-Eleanor Vine
22-Esther M. Johnson
23-Britt Andersson
24-Jeanne Hagstrom
25-Tom Johnson
26-Kenneth Andersson
27-Vera Weiss
29-Estrid Doscher

Happy Birthday!

