



January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE SONS OF GUSTAV VASA By: Ted Olson

6 - 8:00 P.M. Regular Business Meeting -
Annual Reports - Election of District
Delegates. Installation of officers of
Monitor, Skandia and Reno lodges.
Hosts: Incoming Monitor Officers.

At the last meeting it was reported that
Barbara Lutz was ill and having tests, and
that Tony Thorson was using oxygen. Hope these
members are doing well at this time.

Nice to see Margaret Linn present (cast and
all).

At our last meeting the Glogg Committee
really outdid themselves. The refreshments
were outstanding! We thank you very much
for such a nice party to end our years
activities.

The Santa Lucia Fest was great this year.
The Children's Club gets so much better each
year. Thanks to Don Carlson, his committee
and the Children's Club for a wonderful
program. Thanks also to Ruth & Arlie Veis,
Eleanor Vine, Bea Dillard and Santa.

We welcomed Alex Freeland into our membership
last meeting. His address is: 5425 -4th,
Rocklin, CA 95677 Phone: 624-2325

The By-laws change passed with a majority
vote so starting in January our dues will
be raised to \$14.00 per year.

HOSPITALITY UPDATE

Thank you for the good response at the
November meeting in signing up for the
Refreshment and Dinner Committees. With
all the business and party activities at
the December meeting the "sign-up" schedule
was not sent around.

Please see the Hospitality article in last
month's newsletter.

For those of you who are not yet on the sign-
up list, please see Joyce or me at the meeting
or call us at home.

We need Refreshment Committee persons for:
April, June, September, November and December.

We need Dinner Committee persons for the June
Swedish Potluck and the September Swedish
Smorgasor.

Thanks for serving.

Don & Joyce Johnson
Hospitality Chairpersons

Please remove Mary Orr's name from our
membership list.

Gustav I Vasa had three sons, Erik, Johan, and
Karl. Each of these became king of Sweden
but this was not a simple succession. Erik
became king in 1561 on the death of Gustav.
He took the title of Erik XIV because in
history and tradition there had been many
kings of that name.

Erik was well educated and ambitious. He
proposed marriage to Elizabeth I of England
and to Mary Stuart and to German princesses.
All refused him. He eventually married his
commoner mistress.

During Erik's reign Sweden expanded across
the Baltic into Esthonia. That country was
partitioned between Sweden, Russia, Denmark
and Poland. This eventually led to further
war.

Johan and Karl had been created dukes with
extensive powers and semi-independent status.
This was a new situation, and led to many
problems.

Besides his other qualities Erik was jealous,
suspicious and mentally unstable. When Johan
married a Polish princess, Erik had them
imprisoned. Erik suspected the Sture family
of treachery and had many of them imprisoned
and assassinated. He was dethroned by his
brothers and imprisoned himself in 1568. He
died in prison in 1577 after a supper of
pea soup. Some suspect the ingredients were
ordered by his half brother who was now
King Johan III.

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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-Lisa Krastins | 27-Ralph Andersson |
| 12-Phil Olson | 27-Edward Dahlberg |
| 13-Ted Olson | 29-Ruth Veis |

Happy Birthday!



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

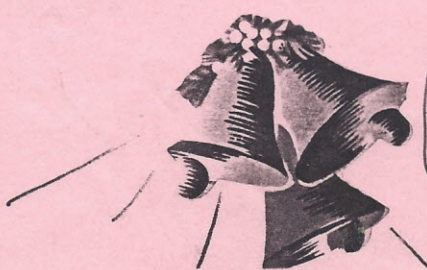
Let us support our lodge functions by coming
out to the installation of officers and
continuing to attend all our lodge functions:
this coming year.

By working on various committees you will
meet new friends.

Please continue to bring your papers and cans
to each meeting.

Thanks for your help.

Bernie Lundberg



*Please bring
sandwiches
for refreshments*