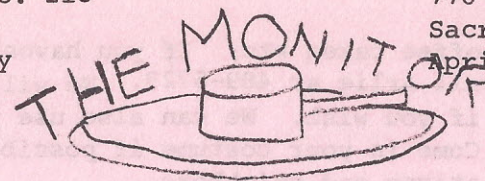


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PEASOUP AND PANCAKES IN APRIL

April 6 our Peasoup and  
pancake supper, starting at 6:30  
Bar will be open at 6:00. Price  
this time is \$3.00 for the dinner  
and the bar is \$1.00.

On the Committee for the dinner will  
be Hank and Muriel Hjersman, Kenneth  
and Peggy Carlson and Don Gustafson.

Traditionally in Sweden this was  
your Thursday night menu. Peasoup was the  
main course with Pork on the side...your thin  
small swedish pancakes with sugar or jam for dessert. And  
then all the akvait you wanted to drink. Come and enjoy  
this real swedish supper and help us celebrate our 72nd  
Anniversary.

On the dessert committee is Ethel Hubbell, Ivar and  
Alice Axberg, and Richard and Helen Forsty.

District officers will be attending....our past chairmen  
will be honored and Viola Hallen will be receiving her 25  
year pin and Ellarie Campbell her 40th year pin. Plan now  
to attend this busy fun filled evening.

IT'S OUR 72ND ANNIVERSARY, YOU KNOW!!!!

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'85 CAMELLIA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Continue to bring newspapers and aluminum cans...Good  
profit now.

To all members who have not been to a recent meeting;  
On April 14th we will be having a joint fund raising affair  
by the Swedes, Norwegians, Finns and Danes called "Scandi-  
navian Holiday" at the Fruitridge Recreation Center, 4000  
Fruitridge Road. It will feature Scandinavian baked goods...  
arts and crafts...entertainment from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.  
We need donations of baked goods...cookies (by the dozen)



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or breads, coffee cakes etc; If you haven't already signed up, please call Arlie at 489-5729. We will re-imburse for ingredients if you wish. We can also use your help with sales etc: Come in your costume if possible and bring friends, relatives and neighbors.

In truth and unity,

Arlie

### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON 1985

The International Friendship Luncheon is another part of the Sacramento Camellia Festival. Each year it is hosted by one of the ethnic communities of Sacramento. Last year it was the Japanese community; this year it was the Portuguese community. Next year, 1985, the combined Scandinavian community will be the hosts. Monitor Lodge will be involved along with Dania, Finlandia, and the Sons of Norway.

There are some expenses involved in participation. That is why we need your cooperation in our Scandinavian Holiday fund raiser on April 14.

In addition, your contributions of newspapers and aluminum cans will go to Monitor Lodge for support for our participation. Please save and bring to meetings.

### PROGRAM BOOKS

The story of all the complications in printing the 1985 program books would make a plot for a soap opera. However, we have been assured that the books have been printed and will be delivered for our April meeting.

Remember, we voted a one dollar charge per book to aid our finances.

APRIL

IS

PALM SUNDAY

Good Friday

AND

EASTER

ENJOY THEM

ALL

ALSO

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS..

See you all April 6th

and

try to get to the

Convention

in Stockton.....

you'll have a great time!!

KARL IX, King of Sweden 1607-1611 by Ted Olson

After Sigismund retired to Poland in 1599 his uncle Karl became regent of Sweden. He was not crowned king as Karl IX until 1607. The expulsion of Sigismund resulted in a protracted war with Poland which was fought mostly in Estonia.

The rivalry with Sigismund also led to intervention in Russia. The situation in Russia was very confused following the death of Tsar Boris Godunov in 1605. In Russian history this is known as the "time of troubles". There was great division among the groups of Russian nobles. Sigismund of Poland intervened in this situation. One group offered the Russian throne to Sigismund's son, Vladislav. Sigismund refused this because he wanted the throne himself. Another Russian group invited Swedish intervention and offered the throne to Gustav Adolf or Karl Filip; the young sons of Karl IX. The Swedes occupied Moscow in 1610.

All of this was inconclusive. Sigismund was driven out of Russia. The Swedes withdrew to Novgorod which was held until 1617.

In the meantime, with Sweden occupied in the east, Denmark began war against Sweden in 1610. When Karl died in 1611 his son Gustav Adolf inherited the wars with Poland, Russia, and Denmark. He was sixteen years old.

In these articles we have made several references to Estonia which was in Swedish possession at least in part from 1558. Estonia is the region of Europe which is directly south of Finland. While the Estonians have maintained themselves as a distinct ethnic community, they have been dominated by foreign powers for practically all of history. At various times Estonia or portions thereof have been under the control of the Teutonic Knights, Denmark, Poland, Russia and Sweden. All of Estonia came under Swedish rule in 1629. This lasted until 1709 and is referred to in Estonian history as the "good old Swedish days". Then it became Russian.

Estonia became independent at the end of World War I. This lasted only until 1940 when Russia again took control. It is now part of USSR.

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## VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I want to thank the members for their tolerance and cooperation at the March meeting when I chaired for Bernie Lundberg who was attending the Southwest district convention. My special thanks to Audrey Fales who filled in my place as Vice Chairman and served as my parliamentarian.

There were several important items of business at the meeting. The financial review committee submitted a very comprehensive report. Our operations are running at a deficit even with our modest dues increase. The membership voted (1) that a special committee be appointed to make recommendations to bring our finances into balance, (2) that the price of bar drinks at social occasions be increased to one dollar, and (3) that we hold our traditional sill frukost brunch.

Ed Dahlberg has offered his home and garden for the sill frukost, date to be scheduled. Several members volunteered for the committee. It is anticipated there will be alternate selections for those who do not feel ready for the "breakfast of vikings".

During the meeting Audrey Fales submitted her resignation as Cultural Leader for personal reasons and the pressure of duties as District Cultural Leader. This office will be filled at our April meeting.

Preceding the meeting we had our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. We had an excellent dinner, really like a big family with seconds for everyone. That is important to our fellowship. Deidre Dahlberg and committee have our thanks. Also thanks to the dessert committee for their delicious refreshments.

Monitor Lodge was represented with a booth at the Camellia Festival on March 3-4. We made a good impression with our Swedish exhibit. We want to thank all who made their contributions. We also were represented at the International Friendship Luncheon on March 10. This is another part of the Camellia Festival. Elena Trnka was our Maid of Sweden in these festival activities.

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Ted Olson

# Happy Birthday!

April 1	Millie Johnson	24	Margaretha Logus
3	Harry Johnson	25	Ulla Veis
4	Inez Norling	25	Roland Erickson
5	Lennart Andersson	30	Holgar Nordquist
10	Emma Johnson	30	Didrik Anderson
20	Engegerd Bergkvist		

I inadvertently left Donn Stafford's birthday off last month....sorry about that, and here you were born on St. Patrick's Day too. Hope you had a happy one. You know it is a catastrophe for a "swede" to be born on St Pat's

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Our "Maid of Sweden" Elena Trnka graced the Camellia Parade, Luncheon and helped in our booth at the Camellis Festival. Tusen Tack to Billye and Ed Nelson, Britt and Lennart Andersson and Vivian Scott who helped in the booth. And Viola Hallen brought our banner which called attention to our display. Articles were loaned by Sue Bergman, Bea Dillard, Linda Johnson, Ted Olson, Joyce Trnka, and Arlie Veis. Sue Bergman and Ted Olson helped me set up the booth. Joyce Trnka and Sue worked both days. Ted and Alice Olson served all Sunday afternoon as well as cleaning up. We gave out all our printed material and could have used more.

In truth and Unity,

*Audrey Fales*

Thank you Audry for all your work and effort in this endeavor.

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NO DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR.....

## DISTRICT CONVENTION COMING UP

On April 28 and 29 our District Convention will be in Stockton at the Stockton Hilton Hotel. Plan now to attend at least the Saturday night Banquet.

Our delegates are Margaret Linn, Bernie and Ruth Lundberg and Ted Olson. Our Alternates are Britt Marie Andersson, Eleanore Vine, Ruth Veis and Margaret Carlson.

One of our members Margaret Linn is on the nominating Committee and Helen Forsty will be honored as having taken in 58 members in 10 years. Congratulations!!!

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At a beautiful ceremony Thelma Badgley (a Monitor Member) was installed as Princess Royal for the Daughters of the Nile. The installation was March 24th.

CONGRATULATIONS THELMA!!!!

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TICKETS! TICKETS! AND MORE TICKETS. We all have an obligation to support the District Sweden Day, which is June 9th at Micke Grove Park in Lodi. There is \$500 in prizes and the tickets are 3 for \$1.00. Please help sell some or at least buy your share.

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The District Spring Festival will be at the Albany Temple in Albany April 7th. Ruth Volkoff will have a booth there....Any one else interested??? Call Audrey Fales for more details.

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