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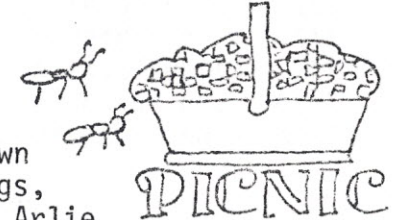
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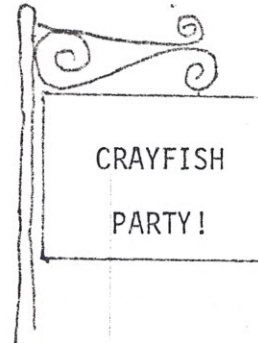
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SUMMER PICNIC

August 3rd at the Howe Ave. Park.
Starting at 6:30PM. Bring your own
meat to Bar-B-Que (such as hot dogs,
hamburgers, or steak if you like) Arlie
will have the briquets HOT. ALSO bring a salad to share
at the Salad table. Beer and pop will be available.



Bring your own comfortable chair, you can use also at the
"Vies'" later in the evening when you take your arm chair
trip to Sweden and all over. Ice Cream and cake will be
served there for the dessert.



Don't forget our "Crayfish Party"

It is Saturday August 18th at 6:30 PM
bar opens at 6:00. It is at "The
Dillard's" 3940 Silver Spur Way.

PLEASE bring a salad, OR sandwiches,
vegetable or fruit, dessert or what
ever....some thing that will go nice
with crayfish. Come and learn the real swedish way to eat
crayfish, Aukavit and all. I heard there is a lot of cray-
fish this year and the "fishermen" are busy making their
own traps, so there should be a lot of good eating.

Don't forget your card table and chairs...we always have
a good time.

Happy Birthday!

7/1 Regina Hansen	7/11 Ernie Skorheim
7/2 Patricia Nylander	7/16 Camilla Holm
7/5 Martha Fredrickson	7/18 Ivar Axberg
7/7 Robin Aurelius	7/18 Ellen Johnson
7/7 Herb Johnson	7/20 Lillie Blanchard
7/8 Hildur Benson	7/24 Joyce Johnson
7/10 John Forsberg	7/29 Don Gustafson
7/10 Einar Pfannkuch	7/31 Leo Krastins

8/1 Carl Larson	8/13 Mary Anderson
8/2 Alice Swanfedt	8/14 Maude Engberg
8/3 Michael Barney	8/15 Lars Ostlund
8/5 Sigrid Thorsen	8/16 Jon Peterson
8/5 Robert Erickson	8/17 Martha Olson
8/6 Peter Engberg	8/19 Charles Badgley
8/7 Bertil Wessman	8/22 Jennie Sea
8/7 Harry Swanson	8/26 Birgitta Wright
8/10 Lars Oberg	8/27 Regina Ryan
8/11 Sue Bergman	8/31 Rita Owens

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has been able to survive the heat wave. Ruth and I just returned from a months trip. I attended my 50 year High School reunion in Illinois and we visited in Wisconsin, Kansas, Colorado and California. Weather wasn't bad until our return trip.

We visited the Vasa Archieve Building in Bishop Hill, Ill. It was very interesting, every Vasa member should try to visit there if you are anywhere near there.

Hope to see many of you at our Picnic and Crayfish Party in August.

In Truth and Unity,

Bernie

GUSTAV II ADOLF
(continued) The Thirty Years War 1618-1648

No one called it the Thirty Years War at the time. The name was applied later when historians noted that 30 years had elapsed from the minor religious dispute in Prague to the treaty of Westphalia ended the conflict in 1648.

The war was a general conflict between the Catholic and Protestant elements in Europe. This was not the only consideration. Austria led the Catholic faction. France, nominally Catholic, joined the Protestant forces because of emnity with Austria. On the Protestant side there were many German countries which no long-exist such as Saxony, Brunswick, Brandenburg and Hesse-Cassel. Other nations were involved; some historians divide the war into four periods. These are the Bohemian period, the Danish period, the Swedish period which began with Gustav's entry into Germany in 1630 and the Swedish-French period from 1635 to 1648.

Sweden had become a very Protestant country and Gustav considered this an extension of the conflict with his Catholic cousin, Sigismund of Poland who had received help from Austria. Gustav's motives were to protect the oppressed Protestants, to aid his relatives in Germany and to prevent Austria from controlling the Baltic.

Warfare was not conducted in the same manner as modern war. There was no established front and the armies ranged all over Europe from the Baltic to the Danube. When Sweden joined the war there was no organized leadership of the Protestant forces and the Swedish victory in the battle of Breitenfeld in September 1631 rallied the Protestants.

On November 16, 1632 there was the battle of Lutzen. The Swedes were victorious but Gustav had taken personal charge and he was mortally wounded in a cavalry charge.

The war continued for another sixteen years. There were other brilliant Swedish military leaders such as Horn, Baner, Torstensson and Wrangel. (to be continued)

Ted Olson

IVAR AXBERG SAYS BRING YOUR PAPERS TO
THE PICNIC, HE'LL BE THERE WITH HIS
TRUCK.

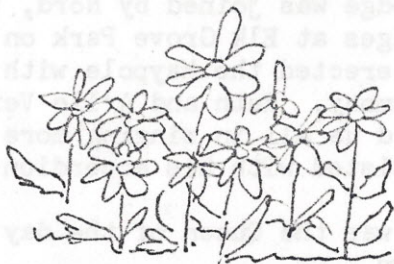
*Did any one see the Olympic Torch being carried?
How exciting!! especially knowing our very own
Leonnart Andersson and his son, Kenneth each carried
it one kilometer, but they were one of those who
had to carry it out of town. They couldn't run
in Sacramento, and that was a shame.....*

A white sweater was left at our last Lodge meeting.
If you are missing yours, please contact Margaret
Carlson. She has it.....

I think half of the Lodge is traveling this summer.
And I mean really traveling.....like taking long
trips, and staying for a long time.

Everyone must be well and doing fine..... haven't
heard of anyone being sick. Other than being busy!
busy! busy!

Did hear about Charles and Thelma Badgley
losing their son.....our deepest Sympathy goes out
to you.



THANK YOU !

Thank you so much for the \$200.00. I will be putting it to good use. It was very much appreciated and so are you.

Love,

Ann Ostlund

We also received a "Thank You" from Vera Anderson for Death Benefit she had received .

Helen Forsty reports the June 3rd Bus trip to Harrah's South Shore was a Huge Success!!! The bus was filled to capacity and there were three big winners besides some of the others doing well too.

There was a profit of \$251.25 for the 1985 Joint Camilla Fund. All in all they had a good time. Another bus trip will be planned again soon....so save your nickles and dimes.

MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION -JUNE 24, 1984

We used to call it the Valley Vasa Festival but the joint lodge committee has renamed it the Midsummer celebration to focus more closely on this element of our culture and heritage.

Monitor lodge was joined by Nord, Viking, and Jenny Lind lodges at Elk Grove Park on June 24. We decorated and erected the Maypole with appropriate dance and ceremony. Ruth and Arlie Veis sang Swedish ballads and led us all in singing more Swedish songs. Lars Oberg assisted with his accordion.

Margaret Linn was the Queen of the day and wore the Midsummer crown.