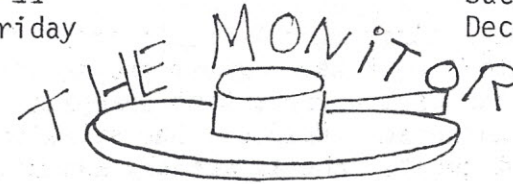


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GLOGG PARTY ON DEC. 7th

Friday, 7th of December meeting is going to be a fun filled evening. Come early, be there by 7:00 PM for our "Country Store"



1. If you have made some Christmas cookies or what ever, or made extra fruit cake or breads, bring something to sell at our "Country Store". If you still have something in your garden or "nuts" people can use bring them. If you have gift items people can buy,



To: GREAT!! maybe you are willing to donate a percentage to the Lodge. This is a money
FROM: making thing for the Lodge, so bring your "pengar" and buy something too.

2. Our regular business meeting at 7:30. Our Lucia will be with us.
3. Yule "Tomten" will be coming so bring a gift worth \$3.00 to exchange if you wish. Mark it either man or lady and put your name on it.

4. Glogg Party afterwards....on the Committee is Herb and Millie Johnson, Erika Lewis, Eleanor Vine, Bertil and Eleanor Westman, Thelma and Ed Range, George Uffens. The Committee always does such a nice job to make it festive. You won't want to miss our December meeting.

LUCIA FEST ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 9th

December 9th at 3:00 PM at St. Johns Lutheran Church 17th and L Street, Goethe Hall, our Children's Club will be putting on a nice program as usuall. Lucia will be crowned, Santa will be there and everyone is to bring cookies for refreshments. See you all there.....





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Dec. 3 Marge Skicklig
- 4 Kerstin Hakansson
- 12 Margaret Carlson
- 15 Lynn Lundberg
- 15 Vivian Scott
- 24 Sophia Swanson
- 24 Evelyn Anderson
- 26 Dorothy Erikson
- 30 Betty Bergman
- 30 Kathleen Anderson
- 31 Alex Freeland
- 31 Linell Engborg

FROM YOUR SMÖRGÅSBORD CHAIRMAN

You are all appreciated!!! I want to thank every one who helped in anyway and all you good cooks out there for all the good food. If you missed our Smörgåsbord you really missed some good food and a fun time.

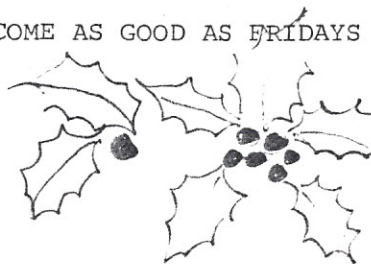
Thanks for making it a big success. Come to our December meeting and hear the profit we made.

Margaret



Our new meeting place in January 1985, shall be at the "Wisteria Hall" 3830 U Street Sacramento. The meeting time shall be 7:30 PM. It is now our official meeting time for regular business meetings.

BEING RETIRED IS WHEN MONDAYS BECOME AS GOOD AS FRIDAYS



CHRISTINA (continued)

Christina's career was far from over.

Christina was warmly welcomed by Pope Alexander VII on arrival in Rome in 1655. It was a great propaganda victory when the daughter of the Protestant champion of Europe embraced Catholicism. However, Christina soon proved to be an awkward guest. She apparently assumed that the Pope would make her ruler of one of the Papal states so she would have a court. This was not forthcoming.

Christina then began an intrigue with France for conquest of Naples, then under the Spanish crown. She fell out of favor with the French when she ordered the execution of her chief aide on the basis of betrayal and this venture came to nothing.

Christina established herself in Rome and continued her interest in culture and learning. She became a patron of the composers Scarlatti and Corelli and the Sculptor Bernini. Her villa in Rome contained a tremendous collection of painting and art. She promoted the first public opera house in Rome and founded the Arcadia Academy for philosophy and literature, this is still in existence. She continued to surround herself with scholars and musicians.

In 1667 her second cousin King John Casimir (Vasa) of Poland abdicated. She offered herself as a candidate for that throne with the support of Pope Clement IX. This venture also failed and she continued her life in Rome until her death in 1689. This was 35 years after her abdication in Sweden.

Writers have attempted to make a romantic story of Christina and her abdication. The facts seem to be that her conversion to Catholicism appears to have been genuine. She had many affairs but no great love that compelled her action. She was strong willed and resented that there were so many who tried to tell her what a queen should do.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY

REMEMBER!! Annual Reports are due at the December 7th regular meeting. Some are required to be read at the January meeting. All officers and chairman of committees are to make annual reports. Chairmen, please make one report for your blue folder and a copy to turn in to the secretary for filing for future reference. Bring your blue folder (plastic) to the January meeting to give to the new chairman. Minutes of Regular Meetings do not record or reflect all the activities of committees; hence, the request for a copy to be filed with the secretary. Your report can be concise and still give the needed information.

All papers or booklets, etc that belong as a permanent file or record of the Lodge should also be brought to the December meeting.

Elizabeth Johnson

IN MEMORY OF.....

The funeral of Loraine Guttridge, daughter of our own Kurt and Alice Swanfeldt and niece of Sigrid Thorsen, took place November 11, 1984. As a young person, Alice was active in Swedish functions, such as being our Lucia one year. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and relatives.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

We received a letter from the Reno Lodge #711 stating they will host a joint installation ceremony and Lunch on January 12th 1985.....more particulars will be available at our December meeting. Keep that date open as we will be going up on the bus and we would like a bus load.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our Smorgasbord was a huge success. Thanks to Margaret Carlson, Chairman for all her hard work. Everything was just great! Thanks to all others who worked on a committee, brought delicious food, and to all who attended.

Everyone enjoyed the Finnish Dancers and the orchestra for dancing - making it an outstanding evening.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at the next meeting, our Glogg Party and gift exchange. Also remember the Children's Party or Lucia Fest on December 9th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you.

Donna Johnson

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

Margaret Linn is doing OK. She went in for a lot of tests but they couldn't seem to find any thing wrong.

Al Bergman is improving a little, he is at home, and Sue is trying to take care of him.

Hildur Benson doing the same, she is at the Elk Grove Convalescent Hospital.

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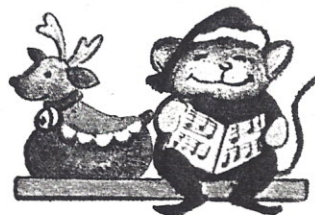
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Taken from a New Year's greeting by Lennart Andersson to the Monitor Lodge members. (Jan. 1, 1979)

These were suggestions that Lennart gleaned from District Board meetings and while visiting other Lodges. And I think it's worth repeating again.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A GROWING LODGE

1. The sponsorship of a new member is a great achievement but also carries with it certain responsibilities which have to be shared alike by all lodge members.
2. All members should make it a point to introduce themselves and talk to new members and make them feel welcome.
3. Name tags should be worn by everyone; it makes it much easier to get acquainted.
4. Try to get new members involved by asking them to serve on committees together with you.
5. Remind new members about lodge doings and if they live nearby suggest that you drive to the function together. Do this also for older members who do not like to drive at night.
6. When you visit other lodges, take new members with you.
7. New members might bring new ideas and suggestions. Listen to them; and if feasible, try their suggestions. (New ideas might be what we need)
8. Show more hospitality, friendliness and thoughtfulness towards one another.
9. Offer to serve on a welcoming committee to greet and take care of new members and visitors.
10. As a final point, officers and members ask yourselves: Have I done everything I can to make the new members feel that they are part of us?



Had a request for this so you can practice at home...

Födelsedagssång (also at weddings)

1. Ja, må de leva
Ja, må de leva
Ja, må de leva
uti hundra år
2. Ja, visst ska de leva
Ja, visst ska de leva
Ja, visst ska de leva
uti hundra år

Ett fyrfaldigt leve för
födelsedags barnen

leve de Hurra, Hurra, Hurra, Hurra

KEEP SAVING YOUR PAPERS AND BRING THEM TO THE MEETING.....IVAR WILL BE THERE, Bless his soul!!!

A Swedish Christmas Fair at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Sunday December 2nd from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. It is sponsored by the Swedish Women's Educational Association. There will be hand made Christmas tree ornaments, hand made sweaters etc; etc; Tombola, Jams and Jellies, entertainment, Lucia, food, food, Glogg!! Adults \$2.00 and children 50¢ Just think how much fun it would be to go to something like this. A NICE SUNDAY DRIVE.....

December 8th a workshop in Swedish Straw by Astrid Feist at the Accadamy of Science Bldg in Golden Gate Park. For more information on this check with Audrey Fales.

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