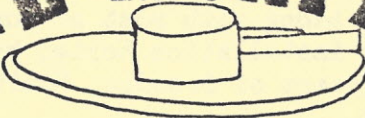


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THE MONITOR



February

PEASOUP AND PANCAKES

Friday night February 1st
(at our new meeting place)
Supper will be served at
6:30. Bar open at 6:00.
Price is only \$3.00.

On the committee for
the dinner is Hank and Muriel Hjersman, Peggy
Carlson, Ted and Alice Olson, Don Gustafson,
and Ed Dahlberg.

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 akaveit you wanted to drink. Come and
enjoy this real swedish supper, you remember how good it
was last year and it is the same committee working this
time.

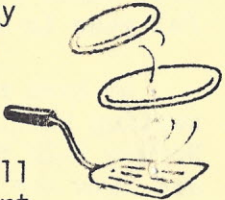
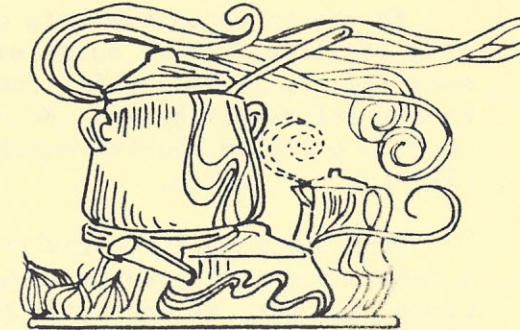
On the dessert committee is Elizabeth Johnson, Eva
Allred, Alice Olson and Gordon Olesen.

Remember our business meetings start right at 7:30
and this time with our new slate of officers.



The '85 Camellia Festival is soon here.
The parade is March 2nd 10:00 down town
starting at 13th and N Street (remember we
will have a float this year) March 9th is the
Luncheon at the Convention Center. Cocktails
at 11:00 and the luncheon at 11:30. There are
still some tickets left, remember you get \$5.00 off. See
Barbara Lutz at our February meeting.

Margaret Carlson, News Editor
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I was installed along with most of our officers at an impressive joint installation hosted by Reno lodge. The new elected officers of Scandia, Monitor, and Reno lodges participated.

We had an enjoyable trip on the bus to Reno. We sang familiar Swedish songs with a sing-along tape and song sheets. I am looking forward to more sing-alongs at our fellowship times. We have moved the meeting time to 7:30 and plan shorter business meetings to allow more time for fellowship.

From the annual reports at our last meeting, we had a very successful year in 1984. We had a lot of fun times together, an outstanding smörgåsbord, and a beautiful Lucia fest. We look forward to an equally successful year in 1985.

We have received many favorable comments on our new meeting hall. We have fond memories of many years at Norway Hall but we had no alternative to moving. We now have our charter hanging on the wall.

In every organization we find three groups: those who makes things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wake up and wonder what happened. We have a very full program planned for this year. There is a place for everyone to serve on our hospitality committees. We are also involved with sister lodges of our Norwegian, Finnish, and Danish lodges in the activities of the Camellia Festival. We want everyone to make things happen.

I appreciate your confidence in selecting me as your chairman. I hope to be worthy. You will have to put up with my shortcomings. I have a poor memory for names. If I ask for identity when proposing or seconding a motion it is for my information as well as assisting our secretaries.

In truth and unity

Ted Olson

CHARLES X GUSTAV

By Ted Olson

Charles X became king upon the abdication of Christina. He inherited the same situations that had controlled Swedish foreign policy for many years. The king of Poland, John Casimir (Vasa) who had a better claim by descent to the Swedish throne, maintained that claim. Denmark, which included Norway and Southern Sweden, was a constant threat.

Charles determined to resolve the Polish situation and, allied with Brandenburg, declared war on Poland in 1655. In 1656 the Swedes conquered Warsaw and controlled half of Poland, John Casimir was forced to flee to Silesia and Charles proclaimed himself king of Poland. The situation soon changed. Russia had its own designs on Poland and declared war on Sweden. Denmark and the Holy Roman Empire also declared war and Brandenburg switched sides. The Swedes were driven out of Poland in 1657 but Charles launched a successful invasion of Denmark from the south in 1657. This was followed in the winter of 1657-58 by a daring undertaking of crossing on the ice and decisively defeating the Danes. By the treaty of Roskilde in 1658 Sweden received the southern provinces of Skåne, Blekinge, Halland, and Bohuslän, the island of Bornholm and the province of Trondheim in Norway.

This peace with Denmark did not last long. The Danes found an ally in Holland and violated some of the treaty conditions. Charles again invaded Denmark with the aim of complete conquest. Copenhagen was saved by a last ditch defence. Sweden was at war with Denmark, Russia, Poland, Holland and Brandenburg when Charles died suddenly in 1660. He was thirty eight years old and had been king for six years. His son who inherited the throne was only four years old.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO RUSSELL ELLIS FOR FURNISHING US WITH OUR ADDRESS LABELS.

Remember your Lodge dues are due for 1985.....and they are \$14.00.

A nice pair of gloves was left on the bus when we went to Reno. Margaret Carlson has them, please contact her.



PLEASE volunteer and take your turn at helping with some of our many dinners this year.....or serve on the refreshment committee after our meeting. Let's make this a "banner" year where we can say we've had the most fun and the best year ever. When the sign up sheet comes around, please do your part.

MENUE FOR THE CAMELLIA LUNCHEON

Did You Know?

Sirloin tips in a patty shell, dilled potatoes, cucumber salad and for dessert rice pudding with Lingonberries. Now doesn't that sound good!! and "swedish"

YOU WILL BE HAPPIER IF YOU TRY TO GIVE PEOPLE A BIT OF YOUR HEART RATHER THAN A PIECE OF YOUR MIND.



We are honored to have Dale and Mary Ingvardson join our Lodge. They are members of the Balder Lodge in Eureka, so will carry a dual membership. Dale is eager to work and will be our new Master of Ceremonies. Thank you, Dale.

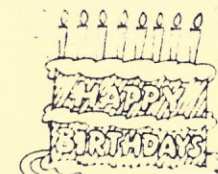


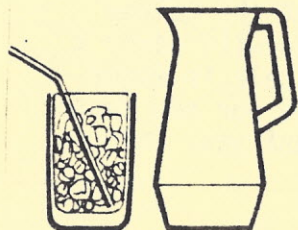
Thanks to Helen Forsty's recommendation of Curt's Travel Service. Anna Logus and her friend (sweet young ladies) who served our coffee and doughnuts on our trip to Reno. Expert driver Ed Steele who played our Swedish Sing-a-long tape. We had a fun time!!!

Audry Fales,
District Deputy

BIRTHDAYS

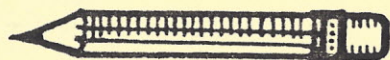
Cecile Spencer	2/1	Richard Westrup	2/18
Lucy Dahlberg	2/2	Royal Osborn	2/18
Palle Hansen	2/4	Kurt Pfannkuck	2/19
Gustav Mattson	2/4	Audry Fales	2/20
Stanley Hagstrom	2/4	Larry Skicklig	2/22
Hilding Olson	2/6	Don Gustafson	2/25
Esther Biehler	2/8	Bee Dillard	2/26
Ruth Volkoff	2/9	Herb Johnson	2/26
Anna Johnson	2/9	Vera Anderson	2/26
Maude Udvardy	2/11	Richard Forsty	2/28
Helen LeRoy	2/16		





The sick committee has not heard of any major illnesses other than I'm sure a lot of you had this "crazy" flu going around and every one is affected differently. Elena Trnka has really had her share of miseries. After having her appendix out, she had five teeth pulled and then got the flu on top of it all. Hope you are feeling better by now. PLEASE let Muriel Hjermsman know of any thing going on or happening, she is the new chairman of our sick committee.

Life is like an onion: You peel it off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.



SPECIAL EVENTS TO NOTE

For our Ethnic booth at the Camellia Festival in March we would like to get any swedish papers, magazines, posters or what ever that would be of interest to other people.

Have you bought your chance to win that free round trip for two to Finland? The tickets are six for \$5.00. Besure and get yours at the February meeting.

KEEP BRINGING YOUR PAPERS (NEWSPAPERS) TO THE LODGE MEETING. IVAR IS ALWAYS THERE TO COLLECT THEM. BLESS HIS HEART!!!

People will believe anything if you whisper it

THE PROGRAM BOOKS ARE IN.....REMEMBER WE ORDERED ONLY 75 SO FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. Come to our February meeting to pick yours up.

PLEASANT MEMORIES MUST BE ARRANGED FOR IN ADVANCE

RENO BY BUS

We had a real fun trip to Reno for installation of our newly elected officers. We had a very entertaining driver, clear sunny weather, beautiful scenery, and wonderful service from our stewardesses, Anna Logus and friend. They served coffee and doughnuts enroute to Reno and champagne on the return, courtesy of our lucky driver. We also enjoyed the sing-along of old familiar Swedish songs..

We played good samaritan to a group of Japanese tourists in a stalled bus. We took them aboard and hauled them to Echo Summit where their bus was able to take them again.

Some of us where lucky, some not so lucky, but everyone had a good time. Tack så mycket to Audrey Fales who made the arrangements.