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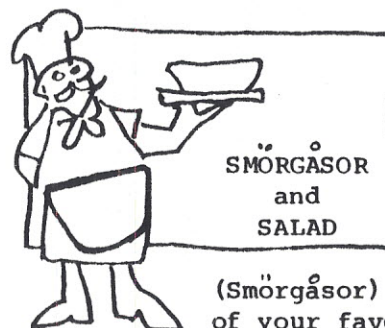
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6th at 6:30 PM

We will start our September meeting with Swedish Sandwiches (Smörgåsar) and salad. Everyone bring a plate of your favorite sandwiches, and the salads will be furnished by the committee.

Bar opens at 6:00...we will eat at 6:30 followed by our regular business meeting.

On the Smörgåsar Committee is Vickie Lydecker, Jean Anderson and Ethel Johnson. For refreshments after our meeting we have Bernie and Ruth Lundberg, Joyce and Elena Trnka and Dale and Mary Ingvarlsen.

This is a real important meeting...we will have nominations of new officers and initiation of new members. Be sure and be there.



SMORGASBORD!! November 2 at Wisteria Hall. This is one of our BIG public events of the year. Be sure to come to our next meeting and sign up to help. It would help Margaret Carlson and her committee immensely to have a list of names early to assure them of adequate help.

"Kaldolmar och Rotmos" for the October meeting. Eleanor Vine needs help for this dinner. If you possibly help in this traditional dinner, please contact Ted and/or Alice Olson.

CHARLES XII (concluded)

When Charles returned to Swedish Pomerania in northern Germany, he was able to take better control of the war. This had been difficult when he was in exile in Turkey where communications were almost impossible. Charles fought delaying actions while attempting diplomatic solutions. Hanover and Prussia had also sided against Sweden.

Charles was able to conclude a subsidy treaty with France. He conducted separate negotiations with the various powers but finally had to abandon Pomerania in December 1715 and continued his diplomatic efforts from Stockholm. In the meantime he collected a new Swedish Army of 60,000 troops to back up diplomacy. Sweden at that time was at war with Russia, Saxony, Poland, Denmark, Prussia, and Hanover.

Charles decided Denmark was the most serious enemy. Denmark at that time included Norway and was the immediate neighbor of Sweden with a long common border. Charles therefore invaded Norway in the fall of 1718 and laid siege to the fortress of Fredrikshald.

Charles always believed in personal leadership as an example to the soldiers. He joined the Swedish troops who were digging trenches under fire and on November 30, 1718 was fatally shot through the head.

There is a very famous and sad Swedish painting "Bringing home the body of Charles XII." The king's body is on a stretcher carried shoulder high through the snow. It is carried by six soldiers while the peasants along the way stand with their heads bowed and bare.

Ted Olson



....and Smorgasbord time again.

Enclosed is a flyer....and tickets will be available by the September meeting.

This year the price is \$10.00 BUT if you are a Monitor member and sign up to bring food, your price will be only \$7.00.

We are having the same band we have had the last couple of years. Seating is limited so get your tickets early.

We'll even have a nice door prize this year, right from Sweden.

PLEASE NOTE: Did you get the wrong serving spoon or an extra one from the picnic? Margaret Linn has a stainless steel tablespoon missing.....it belongs to her swedish set so please contact her.

Happy Birthday!

Sept.

4	Erika Lewis	21	Ethel Hubbell
8	Jean Anderson	21	Eleanore Vine
10	Tom Dillard	22	Esther Maria Johnson
12	Peggy Carlson	23	Britt Marie Andersson
12	Muriel Hjersman	24	Jean Hagstrom
13	Kurt Swanfeldt	25	Tom Johnson
16	Arlie Veis	26	Kenneth Andersson
19	Carl Larson	27	Vera Anderson Weiss
19	Anton Thorsen	29	Estrid Doscher
20	Helen Forsty		

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Like many organizations, Monitor Lodge takes a summer break of formal meetings in July and August. We resume normal operations with our September meeting on the sixth. Lets come back with renewed energy because we have important affairs before us.

I have been out helping Don Gustafson and Ken Carlson with our crayfish traps. This means we go to Lake Natoma and throw them in at sunset and are up early to retrieve them at sunrise. Don and Ken have done the hard work, I only supervise. Peggy Carlson has done the cooking and freezing so we have an excellent supply for the kräft kalas. I appreciate the work of Don and Ken and Peggy and the hospitality of Tom and Bea Dillard in the use of their home and garden for this annual affair. It is the help of members that makes our lodge successful. Tacks&mycka.

There are some compensations to the work of fishing. Lake Natoma is beautiful in the evening when it is dotted with the colorful sails of windsurfers. It is beautiful at sunrise when everything is calm and only the ducks are moving. I enjoy it.

Hope to see everyone on September 6.

Ted Olson

NO YARD SALE

We had scheduled a yard sale in September as a fund raiser. Because of the excellent support of our other activities, we do not need a special fund raiser at this time, and the yard sale has been put on indefinite hold and can be considered cancelled for this year.

We appreciate the generous offer of Charles and Margaret Linn of the use of their yard and hope we can accept the offer at some future date.

IN MEMORIAM. Al Bergman departed this life August 8, 1985, in Duluth, Minnesota, while on a visit there with Sue, his wife. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, August 20, at the First Christian Church, Sacramento. Monitor Lodge members served refreshments to some 200 persons who remained afterwards to speak to Sue.

Recreation Center. If you haven't filled out your questionnaire regarding the District Recreation Center, please do so now and see that Henry Hjermsman gets it as soon as possible -- or bring it to our next meeting. Even if you don't think you will ever use it, he still wants your ideas. Thanks.

As usual, Sacramento Monitor Lodge was well represented at the Junction City Scandinavian Festival (Ore.) This was the 25th Anniversary of the Festival. Helen Forsty reports that the occasion was well-done with a pageant, dance groups, authentic foods of the various Scandinavian countries. Attending from Monitor were: Helen and Richard Forsty, Alice and Ivar Axberg, Mildred and Herb Johnson, Esther Johnson and daughter, Dorothy and Roland Erickson, Alice and Kurt Swinfeldt, and Joyce and Don Johnson.

CRAYFISH DINNER. The Weather Man was good to us. The light rain stopped and we had a delightful evening. There were quantities of crayfish, well-prepared, (Thanks to our fishermen and helpers.) as well as "oodles" of food. It was well-attended! Our thanks to Bea and Tom Dillard. Their yard and home have a beautiful setting for this event, and they were gracious hosts. (Did you know that Bea is an artist? You should see her egg work!)

BAZAAR (formerly Country Store). This has been traditional with our Smörgåsbord. If this is to GO, perhaps NOW is the time to work and plan for it.

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Thanks to the Monitor Lodge members for their cards, phone calls and concern. I appreciated them so much.
Bernie Lundberg