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# THE MONITOR



## GLOGG PARTY FOR DECEMBER

Friday December 6th is our regular meeting.....it will start 7:30 sharp.

It will be a real festive occasion this year.....we will be honoring our 25 yr. members. Lennart Andersson and Britt Marie Andersson, George and Ruth Uffens, and Ingrid Smith. Joe Mingram from Nord Lodge will be presenting their pins.

Our Lucia, Kathy Largamarsino will be there. Yule "Tomten" will be coming so bring a gift worth \$3.00 to exchange (if you wish) mark it either "man" or "lady" and from (your name)

A "glogg party" afterwards and on the committee is Herb and Millie Johnson, Eleanor Vine, Erika Lewis, Maude Engborg, Thelma Range, and Don Gustafson. The committee always does such a nice job to make it festive. You won't want to miss our December meeting.



## Lucia Fest

Sunday, December 8th 2:00 to 4:00 at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 17th and L St. Goethe Hall.

The children's Club puts on the program, and our Lucia this year is Kathy Largamarsino.



Santa will arrive so please bring a gift for your child or grandchild with his or her name clearly marked. All members please bring Christmas cookies, coffee bread, or finger foods of any kind is welcome.

Our Lucia Fest is open to the public, so bring your friends



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# BIRTHDAYS

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

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Margaret Carlson, your Smörgåsbord chairman wants to thank everyone for all the help and the good food.....Ed Dahlberg bringing extra tables and chairs....Peggy Carlson arriving just the right time to arrange things to make the most room....all women who set up and decorated, the kitchen crew and the clean up gang.....

Hank and Muriel, the ticket takers, can't forget the bar tenders, Gil Holm and Rube Carlson, (Roland's brother) Everyone has said this was the best one ever and I couldn't have done it with out you..... Thank you, thank you....

A few comments heard from different people that night.....  
"Sure wish I was a "swede" so I could join your lodge.....  
you have so much fun and your food is fantastic"  
From a chef "Never seen anything so nice and tasted so good too"

"Be-sure and let us know next year....don't want to miss it"

"Best one ever"

"The Band was tops"

And above all everyone had a good time, it was just a different atmosphere this year. No-one had any problems with stolen batteries or slashed tires. Those of you who didn't come.....were the ones who really were the losers.

Did anyone notice the neat bar we now have.....it was made in time for the smörgåsbord. THANKS to Gil Holm and his son, Steve. It is a nice addition to our lodge and very much appreciated. Now we need a locking cabinet for trophies.....any volunteers?

## THE FLOWER KING (continued)

In 1736 Linnaeus was ready to complete his medical studies. That meant he had to receive a degree from a foreign university since the Swedes had little confidence in Uppsala or Lund.

Linnaeus had already published articles on botany. He wrote in Latin which was the universal scientific language of the time. He also spoke Latin fluently so he could converse with learned men in many countries. When he went to Germany on his way to the college of Harderwijk in Holland, he found his name was known among the educated people of Lubeck and Hamburg.

At Harderwijk he was awarded his degree after one week of examinations. He then went to the great university at Leyden. Almost immediately he came to the attention of learned scholars and the rich amateur botanists who had made fortunes in the East India trade and who had botanical gardens filled with the strange new plants brought by their captains and traders.

He was offered honor and money to remain and work for them. However, he was engaged to be married to Sara Lisa Moraeus, daughter of a learned and wealthy physician. The father had given Linnaeus two years to establish himself before marriage could be considered. Linnaeus devoted those years to study in Holland, France, and England and wrote many works about the new plant wonders he had classified and identified. He was also offered honored positions in England and France and even in Spain which he had not visited. He refused all of these to return to Sweden to claim his bride.

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Ted Olson





# Birthdays

- 10 - Henry Bergman
- 13 - Joy Carlson
- 17 - Olga Fredrickson
- 19 - Alice Axberg
- 23 - Kathy Goldsberry
- 24 - Lillian Stafford
- 30 - Thelma Range

November 4 - Viola Hallen  
 7 - Wendy Strand  
 10 - Joyce Trnka

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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## SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

Audrey Fales is home and WAS doing great until she fell flat on the floor, so this will set her back a couple weeks.  
 Eugenie Sholl had an emergency operation and is home doing fine.  
 Evelyn Anderson and Frank Lindahl both had eye operations.  
 Anthon Thorsen is in a nursing home only temporary.  
 Marge Skicklig is going in November 4th to have her feet operated on again.

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FROM SMORGASBORD CHAIRMAN -- Margaret Carlson

Wants you to know if you haven't been called to bring some thing....please phone her or just bring a salad we can always use that. And PLEASE, PLEASE volunteer to help some way. Nobody but nobody knows the work there is to a big undertaking of this kind, except the chairman and she is already tired.

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Danish akvavit is an invigorating drink which is clear, like water, in appearance. A similar drink exists in both Sweden and Norway, but in those countries it has a smoky, amber color to it. The reason for this, according to the danes, is that only in Denmark are the potatoes washed before making the akvavit.

## NEW OFFICERS VOTED IN

Chairman	Ted Olson
Vice Chairman	Muriel Hjersman
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Johnson
Asst. Rec. Secretary	Margaret Carlson
Financial Secretary	Harry Johnson
Asst. Fin. Secty.	Liesma Krastins
Treasurer	Henry Hjersman
Cultural Leader	Eva Allred
Chaplain	Leo Krastins
Master of Ceremonies	Dale Ingvarlsen
Asst. Master of Ceremonies	Mary Ingvarlsen
Inner Guard	Ed Nelson
Outer Guard	Ed Dahlberg
Past Chairman	Bernie Lundberg

Appointed Positions were:

Trustee (3 yrs.)	Elaine Lincecum
Auditor (3 yrs.)	Stanley Hagstrom
Member, Comm. (3 yrs.)	Peggy Carlson
Monitor Newsletter Ed.	Margaret Carlson
Soc. Act. Chairman	Thelma Badgley
Pianist	Robin Aurelius
Children's Club Dir.	Don Carlson
Banquet Chairman	Marge Skicklig

## BAZAAR

It was decided we have our "Country Store" and "Bazaar" the night of our Smörgåsbord. Ruth Lundberg is in charge. PLEASE make some thing for that.....maybe you already have some thing on hand that you have made and wouldn't mind parting with it.....even if it is just a jar of jam or some home made pickles. I'm sure some of you women and men have hobbies.....now is the time to show them off and help the Lodge out too.