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Wisteria Hall
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THE MONITOR



First meeting of the New Year.....Jan. 3 at 7:30 sharp. It is a regular business meeting with annual reports due and election of District delegates.

The incoming officers are on the refreshment committee.

Start the New Year out right and attend this meeting maybe there will be time to play a game or two of "Bingo"



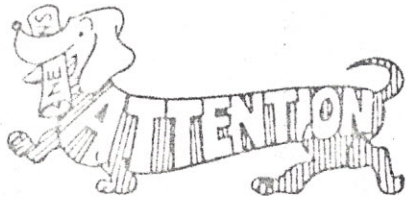
CO-INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 18, 1986, at Wisteria Hall, 3830 U Street; Sandwiches & Salads at 1:30 PM followed by installation of Officers of Reno Lodge No. 711 and Monitor Lodge No. 218. The Installation will be done by the team of the Past Dist. Masters Club. Let's show them a good "välkommen". Bring a plate of swedish sandwiches....salads will be provided by a few members. PLEASE all of you come....this isn't just for officers. It should be enjoyable and it's during the day so that makes it nice for a change.

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THANK YOU. Very special thanks for a very enjoyable and lovely Lucia Fest. Don Carlson, and Joy, Lucia Kathy Lagomarsino, and the members of the Children's Club, and we must not forget all the cooperating parents. A big "thank you" to Ruth and Arlie Veis, Eleanor Vine and others on the Committee who helped to make this a lovely occasion. Of course, we thank our jolly, dancing Tomte, also.

Thank you, Eleanor Vine, for doing such a splendid job as Hospitality Chairman. Also, thanks to the various Committee Chairmen and their coworkers for wonderful dinners and special occasions. Thank you to Margaret Carlson and those who worked on the Smörgåsbord for such a most successful and "fun" occasion.



REMINDER. Reports from Committees and some Officers are due. Those Chairmen who have Blue Books, please make a carbon copy of your report to file with the secretary. The original goes in your Blue Book. Be sure to list your committee. The Blue Books should be turned in so that the new chairmen can use them. Thanks for your cooperation.

Elizabeth Johnson

At our chilly Camellia parade in February, some kind member loaned Alice Olson a pair of red knit gloves with a black and white wrist pattern. She is embarrassed that she has not returned them but cannot remember who the kind member was. She is anxious to return them with thanks and apologies.

THE FLOWER KING (CONCLUSION)

The prospective father-in-law had no appreciation of botany and was not impressed. He insisted Linnaeus must establish himself as a physician before he would permit his daughter to marry.

Even with the difficulties of starting a new practice, Linnaeus soon became successful. He came to the attention of Queen Ulrika Eleanora who named him court physician. He was also chief physician to the Swedish navy and also assayer of metal for the Swedish mint. He became president of the Swedish Academy. Now Dr. Moraeus was eager to have Linnaeus as a son-in-law and he and Sara Lisa were married on June 26, 1739.

A few years later Linnaeus gave up his practice to become professor of medicine at the University of Uppsala. Soon after he became professor of botany and returned to his first interest.

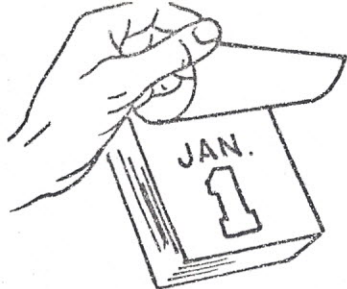
It was as a botanist that he became world famous. He received distinguished visitors from many countries; he had youths of high status clamoring to become his students. These later scattered all over the world to add to our knowledge of the plant world. Solander went with Captain Cook on his voyages of exploration to the South Seas, Kalm came to America. These were only two of many.

Linnaeus was asked to classify and name new plants. Some he named for his Swedish friends so we have Rudbeckia, Thunbergia, Kalmia, and Lagerstroemia in our gardens. Lagerstroemia is the crape myrtle which thrives so well in Sacramento.

He was made a nobleman with the name of Linne. That is the name known in Sweden. But in Sweden the title "Blomster Kungen" (the flower king) is always added.

Ted Olson





New Year's Resolutions

1. Be active in our Lodge
2. Sign up on a Committee
3. Bring in new members

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 4 - Elayne Lincecum | 24 - Elena Trnka |
| 4 - Cecelia Segerstedt | 25 - Martha Backstrom |
| 6 - Alice Olson | 25 - Birgitta Ellis |
| 8 - Don Carlson | 27 - Ralph Anderson |
| 8 - Roland Carlson | 27 - Ed Dahlberg |
| 8 - Gladys Stangl | 29 - Ruth Veis |
| 9 - Lisa Krastins | |
| 12 - Phil Olson | |
| 13 - Ted Olson | |
| 13 - Darlene Palmer | |
| 16 - Billye Nelson | |
| 22 - Thelma Badgley | |
| 23 - Maybelle Gustafson | |

From the Sick Committee

George Uffens is in the hospital

Marge Skicklig has her leg in a cast now.

Gust Matson had fallen down at home, didn't brake any thing

Tony Thorsen is doing better than he has done for a long time

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Looking back over 1985 we had a very successful year. We adapted to our new lodge hall, our events were well attended and our financial situation is in good order.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was our participation with the other Scandinavian lodges as sponsors of the Camellia Festival International Luncheon and in the Camellia Festival Parade. Our good members worked very hard on the structure and design of our float which took all honors.

Our participation in Sweden Day and the Mid-summer Celebration were very successful. Our annual smörgåsbord was outstanding and our Lada fest has been described as the best ever.

It is not time to rest. Our program for 1986 calls for more cultural emphasis. To build up our membership the only item we have to offer is our cultural heritage. Let us all work on it.

Working together we can accomplish important things in 1986. Working together we accomplished important things in 1985 and we had fun doing it. That is important also.

A year ago I wrote "there are those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wake up later and wonder what happened". This new year we can all make things happen.

My sincere thanks to all who helped make 1985 successful. We never say thank you enough.

Tusan Locky, Secretary
Phil Olson



HOSPITALITY RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary responsibility for the Hospitality Coordinator (Marge Skicklig) is to see that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the providing and serving of food and refreshments. These good things (food and refreshments) are a real necessity to help insure that our meetings are successful.

Every meeting requires a Refreshment Committee. Usually four to six people can handle this responsibility of serving some light refreshments after the meeting.

The Program Book lists those times when a special dinner is to be served. Depending on the type of dinner to be served, it will take from six to ten people to form a dinner committee.

Each member is asked to sign up for services at one or more of these activities. A list will be passed at several meetings by Marge Skicklig to provide you the opportunity to select your serving month, or she will have to call you.

Each Dinner Committee and Refreshment Committee will set up and check with Marge to see if all necessary items such as napkins, plates etc; are available. Any special or extra costs can be submitted as a bill to the Lodge Secretary for reimbursement.

When the list goes around next meeting or if you get called PLEASE do your share this year and sign up for several of the meetings and make this our best year ever.

Another Uff Da.....

Uff Da...is...Looking in the Mirror and discovering you're not getting better. You're just getting older.

A few Scandinavian yokes

A Swede and a Norwegian were always trying to outdo each other. If one of them bought a new boat, then the other would buy a bigger boat. If one of them added on to his house, then the other would build an even bigger addition.

Finally, the Norwegian did something which he thought would give him the upper hand. He called up the Swede and said "I bought myself a farm over ta Vestby, Visconsin, and, you know, it takes me tree days yust ta drive my car from vun end a de place ta de udder."

"Ya." said the Swede. "I had a car like dat vunce."

Three of those "thrifty" Småland Swedes went fishing one day, and they had a bet to see who would pay for the beer that they would be drinking afterwards. The loser would be the first one to catch anything.

After about three hours had gone by, one of them got a bite. He pulled in his line and said, "Would you look at dat! I got a fish vidout any bait on de hook."

The other two men said, "Wat, you vas yoosing a hook?!"

HAPPY NEW YEAR - GOTTE NYTT AR