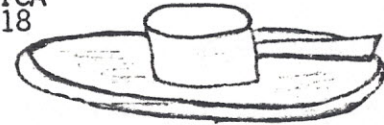


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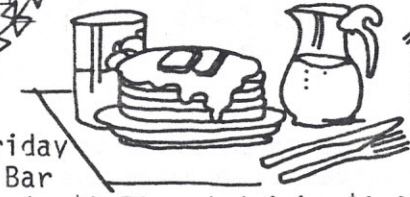


Wisteria Hall
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March, 1986

THE MONITOR

MARCH

Pea Soup



&
Pancake
Supper

at our next meeting Friday
March 7th - 6:30 PM. Bar
opens at 6:00.....price is \$3.50 and drinks \$1.00

On the committee this time is Hank and Muriel Hjersman, Jean Anderson, Ethel Johnson, Vickie Lydecker, Lisa Krastins, Don Gustafson, Ed and Lucy Dahlberg, and Peggy Carlson.

Traditionally in Sweden this was your Thursday night supper. Peasoup was your main course with pork on the side. Your thin small swedish pancakes with sugar or jam was your dessert. Come and enjoy this real swedish supper.....same cooks as last and you remember how good it was then.

A lot of things are happening this time.....we are having an Easter Hat Parade. You remember how much fun we had last month with our "hard times party". Join in the fun this time too!!!

We are having a Ham Raffle and Leo Krastins is showing slides of Norway, Sweden, and Finland. So be sure and bring your friends!!!!



Nord Lodge from Stockton is our guests this time. Ulla Jensen from Nord has a Scandinavian Store in Stockton and will be bringing items to sell and Monitor will make 10% on each item bought. Boy! you can't afford to miss this meeting. It's got to be good. See you all there.....



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We have a new password. Only the chairman is privileged to disclose the password. If you missed the last meeting, you must contact me.

Many members felt that we should have more of a celebration for our anniversary in April. Your executive board feels this is an occasion for a dinner which is being planned. More details elsewhere.

We are not as involved in the International Camellia Festival as we were last year. However, we will have a distinctive booth at the flower show on March 1-2. This year's theme is "for Auld Lang Syne" (the good old days). We plan to re-create and old Swedish "fåbod"; a frontier hut or chalet where the herd people lived while tending the cattle on summer pastures. This will require many people to work.

Our best wishes to our new sister lodge "Sierra Kronan". Many of our members attended the impressive service when this new lodge was instituted on February 22, the first new lodge in District 12 for many years. We also congratulate Sierra Kronan on their membership efforts. From a nucleus of 15 or so members of Monitor who felt a new lodge was needed in the north east area, they were chartered with 62 members. This is not our loss. Our members retain dual membership. This new growth is for the good of the order.

There is a message for all of us here. There are prospective members in our area; they only need to be attracted. We can all work at that objective.

Our next meeting is preceded with our annual pea soup and pancake supper. We will initiate a large class of new members and then declare an open meeting so you may invite friends and prospective members to become part of our fellowship.

Ted Olson

PETER THE GREAT AND CHARLES XII

If you watched the TV miniseries on Peter the Great, especially the episodes dealing with the struggle between Russia and Sweden, you saw a very over-simplified version of the situation. It is true that Charles was a boy king when he ascended the throne in 1697 at the age of 15. The Great Northern War began in 1700. This involved Sweden against Russia, Poland, Saxony and Denmark and was fought on several fronts.

This was the age when kings led armies in person. Charles was still very young when, after defeating the Danes in Zealand, he defeated the Russians at Narva in Esthonia. Charles spent the next six years fighting in Latvia, Poland and Saxony. It was not until 1707 after defeating the Poles and Saxons that Charles turned his attention to Russia and Peter the Great.

Peter had used this time to invade Sweden's eastern Baltic possessions and established St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) as a Baltic port in 1703. His plans for an outlet to the commerce of Europe were well established. He also used this time to train and equip an army.

In 1708 Charles advanced in the general direction of Moscow to be met by a scorched earth. Armies were expected to live off the land as they advanced so Peter's drastic measures were effective. Charles then turned south into the Ukraine where he expected help from Mazeppa. The Swedish supply corps under General Boewenhaupt was intercepted and the Swedes were undersupplied when they met the Russians at Poltava on July 8, 1709.

The Swedes were defeated, Charles was wounded in the foot early in the battle and had to direct operations from his stretcher. In spite of the defeat a part of the Swedish army with Charles and Mazeppa escaped to Turkey where Charles remained until 1714.

It didn't fit the TV script but now you know the rest of the story.

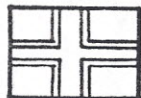
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Vasa Order of America Scandinavian Bazaar

Saturday April 5th 10:00-5:00

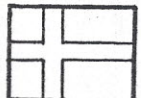


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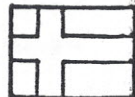
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Denmark

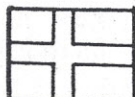
GIFTS

MUSIC



Finland

CRAFTS



Sweden

LUNCH

Veterans Memorial Hall

corner of First Street and Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette, CA

Free Admission

- Scandinavian Crafts and Baked Goods Sale
- Scandinavian Music and Entertainment

Coffee and Coffee Bread served all day

Lunch served - 12:00 on

Hot lunch - Swedish Meatballs + new potatoes

Open-faced Sandwiches - Swedish Hot Dogs

For Information call (415) 527-3134 or (916) 451-4049

Audrey will pick up your items at the April meeting,
For more information PLEASE contact her.

DUES. As indicated in our Newsletter of Jan., the list of names of those whose dues are payable in the succeeding month (March) shall be given to remind members, save on postage and phone calls. (No overdue names shall be listed) Make checks (\$14.00) payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218, and bring to the Regular Meeting or mail to Financial Secty., Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T St., Sacramento, CA 95819

Carlson, Lowell
Carlson, Margaret
Carlson, Roland
Backstrom, Martha
Ellis, Birtitte
Johnson, Carl
Johnson, Elizabeth
Johnson, Harry C.
Kelley, Joyce S.
Krustins, Leo

Larson, Carl A.
Olson, Alice
Olson, Ted
Scott, Vivian
Strand, Wendy
Swanfeldt, Alice
Swanfeldt, Kurt
Udvardy, Maude
Westrup, Richard
Wright, Birgitte

Changes in 1986 Program Book:

Faye Powell

Phone: (408) 249-5818

Emma Johnson -- membership withdrawn upon request due to illness and age.

Monitor Scholarship Committee By-Laws.

A change has been suggested by the present Scholarship Committee to update and give more flexibility to the amount possible to give to recipients of the Monitor scholarships.

Present By-Laws, in part: "I a. The amount shall be \$100.00 for the student to use in whatever field of higher education he or she chooses." * Change suggested: "The amount shall be not more than \$500.00 nor less than \$100.00...."

*The fluid account, not the capital invested to generate interest, shall not be reduced to less than \$50.00 by the gift of any scholarship."

Please consider this for a vote to be taken at our April meeting.

Elizabeth Johnson

HAPPY....HAPPY.....BIRTHDAY TO -

3/1	Astrid Horyza	3/17	Kenneth Carlson
3/2	Eleanora Wessman	3/17	Donn Stafford
3/2	Harriett Yager	3/20	Helen Jensen
3/5	Ellen Herting	3/23	Harry Taylor
3/6	Bertell Nelson	3/24	Faye Powell
3/7	Olga Jensen	3/29	Kjell Hakanson
3/8	Jack Doscher	3/30	Frank Lindahl
3/8	Eugene Sholl	3/24	Gerda Anderson
3/13	Hank Hjersman	3/28	Eva Cleary
3/15	Linda Johnson		
3/15	Ruth Lundberg		

.....and many more.

Audrey still would like back issues of the Vasa Star....
if you are willing to part with them.



Congratulations to
Lennart Andersson....he was made
District Deputy to the newly
instituted lodge "Sierra Kronan"

Thanks

MANY THANKS to Roland Carlson for making a nice
flag stand, and Harry Johnson for painting it.
This flag stand was for the Swedish Flag and pole
which was the gift from Monitor Lodge and pre-
sented to the Sierra Kronan Lodge No. 737 at
the Institution ceremonies February 22, 1986.

SPECIAL.....special Birthday Greetings this time to
Olga Jensen who will be 90 years young and Faye Powell
who will be 80 this month.

LET'S SHORTEN THE REGULAR MEETINGS! Please 'phone
Chairman Ted Olson 967-5538 or Rec. Secty.
Elizabeth Johnson 452-2470 if you have something
that should be on the agenda for the next meeting,
preferably several days before the meeting. If
this custom is followed, lengthy discussions
can be avoided, and the meeting time SHORTENED.
Some important items can have some preparation
by placement in our Newsletter.

All you nice people who checked out items to look at or
read from Audrey Fales display last month.....PLEASE
BRING THEM BACK THIS MEETING. Thanks.....



G.G.DIST. CONVENTION. April 25-27, hosted by
Sveaborg Lodge No. 449, at the Sheraton Hotel,
45 John Glen Dr., Concord (I-680/Concord Ave. Exit).
Theme is Scandinavian Springtime. For Sat.
Banquet and/or Sunday luncheon reservations see
Monitor's Secty. No banquet or luncheon tickets
will be sold at the door. Reservations by
Apr. 8th. Your Secty. also has hotel reserva-
tion forms. Fri. 7-10:00 P.M. No Host Cocktails,
music by Clyde Forsman.

Haven't heard of anyone being ill or in the hospital
Hope none of our members were really flooded out.
The weather man has been especially nice to us lately.