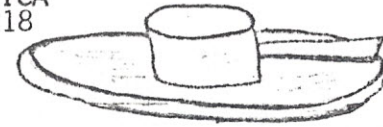


VASA ORDER OF AMERICA
Monitor Lodge No 218
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Wisteria Hall
3830 "U" Street
Sacramento, CA.
October, 1986

THE MONITOR

Regular business meeting
Friday October 3, 1986 at
7:30 PM.



We will have election of
new officers.....initiation
of new members and we will
find out how to search out our "roots".

The Scholarship Committee will have an auction
to raise money for the scholarship fund. A busy, busy
evening but a most important one....see you all there.

Refreshments following.....



SMÖRGÅSBORD NOVEMBER 1

Come to our October meeting, buy your Smörgåsbord
tickets and sign up for food to bring and offer your
help in any way you can. It would be really appreci-
ated by your chairman, Margaret Carlson. Remember
it will cost you only \$7.00 and not \$10 if you sign
up.

Get your tickets from Audrey Fales or Margaret
Carlson.

The Smörgåsbord will be bigger and better this
year. There is a good committee working and we will
have some real nice door prizes.

Margaret Carlson, News Editor
Monitor Lodge
5110 - 42nd Street
Sacramento, CA. 95820
phone - 457-7376 or
452-2470

Dated Material

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

After our summer recess we resumed our regular meetings with a very full agenda. We voted on new members, initiated new members, had reports from the Grand Lodge convention and had the sad duty of draping our charter in memory of Hilma Tvede. In spite of all these items our meeting was not too long. Again we opened the meeting so guests could join us after our private events.

Our smörgåsar och sallad supper before the meeting was enjoyable. I like this sharing of food without the responsibility of preparing a full dinner. This contributes to our fellowship.

We should be back in full swing for the fall program at the next meeting. Plan to attend for election of officers for next year and the final planning for our festive smörgåsbord.

Since we have received a number of new members it may be appropriate to review the significance of the names of our order and lodge. "Vasa" memorializes the name of Gustaf Vasa who led the revolt against Denmark in 1520, restored Sweden's independence and became King of Sweden in 1523. The Vasa dynasty endured for almost 300 years. "Monitor" was the name of the iron-clad warship built by the Swedish-American inventor John Ericsson which made an important contribution to the Union cause in the Civil War. The hull was low in the water to present a poor target and the revolving turret made it very effective. The ship is pictured on the masthead of this newsletter.

Ted Olson

SWEDEN 1751-1771

Adolphus Frederick of Oldenburg-Holstein-Gottorp became king. His connection to the Vasa lineage was very distant. His reign marks a low tide in the affairs of Sweden. Sweden had lost her position as the great power of the North but was still a pivotal factor.

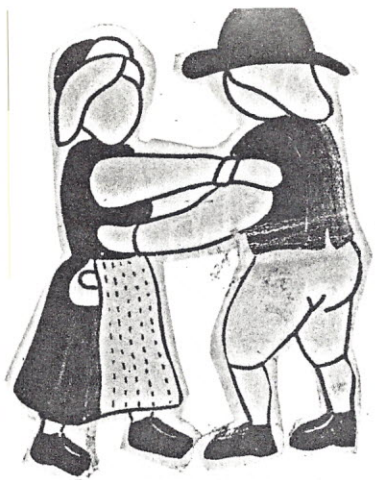
Foreign powers attempted to influence affairs by subsidies; Russia, Denmark and England on one side as opposed to France. Because of French influence Sweden was let in for war in 1757 against Frederick II of Prussia on the side of France and Austria. The war was badly handled but peace was made in 1762 without loss of territory.

During this period the king had little power and the two opposing parties, the Hats and the caps dominated the leadership. Both of the parties received subsidies from the foreign powers and corruption was rampant.

This is a most difficult period of Swedish history to understand and to write. The Hats were the party who wanted to restore the former power and influence of Sweden. They were supported by the French. The caps were more realistic and accepted the status quo. Naturally this was most acceptable to Russia and Denmark and they subsidized the party.

Adolphus Frederick died in 1771. His son succeeded as Gustaf III and there were some very different developments.

Ted Olson



The Sons of Norway Lodge is beginning a dance class this fall and they invite us to join them in learning Scandinavian folk dances.

The dances will be held at Norway Hall, 770 Darina Ave. on Sundays at 6:00 PM beginning Oct. 5th. Each participant will be asked to donate \$10 for the ten week session.

For more information and to register for the class please call Laurel and David Bird at 485-8553 or Carol Lee and Oystein Solheim

at 677-2006. The Birds and Solheims will be the instructors. YOU DO NOT NEED A PARTNER TO JOIN THE CLASS. Doesn't this sound like fun? Let's get a group together and join them.....



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

You will want to make them feel welcome and at home with us. Add their names to the roster in your Program Book.

Susan Buscher
2517 W O St #4
Sacramento, 95816
phone 457-4617

Ivy Bland
2443 Moraine Cir.
Rancho Cordova, 95670 phone 363-1690

Johan L. Sandstrom
3940 Silver Spur Way
Sacramento, 95841 phone - 482-8853



October 3rd we will be voting on our slate of officers presented by our nominating committee.....

Your vote counts, so please be there.

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Asst Secretary
Financial Secretary
Asst. Fin. Secty.
Treasurer
Cultural Leader
Chaplain
Master of Ceremonies
Asst. Master of Ceremonies
Inner Guard
Outer Guard
Past Chairman

Muriel Hjersman
Ruth Veis

Vickie Lydecker
Harry Johnson
Liesma Krastins
Henry Hjersman
Wendy Strand
Leo Krastins
Deidre Dahlberg
Alice Olson
Don Gustafson
Ed Dahlberg
Ted Olson

Appointed Positions

Auditor (3 years)
Auditor (2 years)
Trustee (3 years)
Membership Committee (3 yrs)
Scholarship Com. (3 years)
Sweden Day Delegate (3 yrs)
Hospitality Chairman
Social Activities Chairman
Monitor Newsletter Editor
Children's Club Director
Pianist

Herb Johnson
Dale Ingvaridsen
Bee Dillard
Elizabeth Johnson
Margaret Carlson
Audrey Fales
Marjorie Skicklig
Thelma Badgley
Margaret Carlson
Don Carlson

DUES ANNIVERSARY for Ed and Lucy Dahlberg, Ethel Johnson, Elayne Lincecum. Make checks payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218 in the amount of \$14.00. You may bring this with you to the October 3d meeting or mail it to the Financial Secretary Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. As you know, this is just a reminder and is not a dunning notice. If you have paid the dues for 1987 already, please ignore this. This saves money for postage for the lodge.

October.....



Birthdays

- 3 Kerstin Anderson
- 3 Bernie Lundberg
- 3 Lowell Carlson
- 4 Eva Allred
- 5 Karin Johnson
- 6 Dale Ingvardson
- 7 Charles Campbell
- 8 Barbara Lutz
- 9 Ellerie Campbell
- 14 Emmie Oberg
- 16 Juanita Skorheim
- 20 Ethel Hoffman
- 27 Vickie Lydecker
- 29 Gibson Kingren

about all the prizes Ruth Lundberg took home from the "Fairs" ?

You can see where Ruth has been spending her time this summer. She got 26 prizes at the State Fair...three were "Best of Class". 21 prizes at Auburn Fair and she got 2 "Best of Show ribbons there. No wonder you were so tired at our last meeting.

Are there any of you out there who have children interested in belonging to the children's satelite Club?

Please contact Peggy Carlson at 967-9248.

HAVE YOU HEARD?



GREAT SWEDISH HERITAGE AWARDS will be given at a gala formal dinner at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles Saturday, November 15, 1986. Honorees are Former U.S. Ambassador to Sweden Franklin Forsberg and Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. This event takes place every two years; 1980 in Minneapolis, 1982 in New York, and 1984 in Seattle. Invitations will be mailed out in September, so hurry if you want one. Write Scandiline Industries, Inc., 1217 W. Artesia Blvd Compton, CA 90220, attn. Roger Svensson. There is also a luncheon at the Biltmore on Friday, Nov. 14th, where the Swedish Council of America will present the Raoul Wallenberg Award to Sir Michael Wood, founder of the "Flying Doctors of Africa".

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE is having a short auction of a few special items to increase our available funds for a scholarship in 1987. The first such auction will be after the Regular Meeting, October 3, 1986. We had a peek at some at the September meeting. You will want to be available to bid!! It's fun but also it's for a GOOD cause. November we shall have Turkey Bingo for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund. There will probably be another special auction. See you at the next two meetings, especially.

PROGRAM BOOK FOR 1987 PREPARATION. Be sure to check your name, address, and telephone number on the list at the next meeting. We want it to be correct in the Program Book. Also, in October is election of officers and voting for the proposed program and some of the activities for 1987 that go into the Program Book. Be there and do your part, please!



- DL - Merger ceremony of two or more LL's must be used when merger takes place.
- DL/LL Vasa Star will list Vasa Parks throughout the country in the listing of district and local lodges, etc.
- DL/LL All lodges be encouraged to buy and display the other four Scandinavian flags.
(Denmark - Finland - Iceland - Norway)
- LL - That the Local Lodge pass-word be issued ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS in January following the GL Convention by the Grand Master.
- LL - A minimum of nine regular meetings every year with socials in the vacant months. Of the nine, other meetings may be cancelled provided members have sufficient and timely notice of such decision by the lodge.
- LL - In USA/Canada Local Lodge Ritual insert "REACH SWEDEN" "KONTAKT SVERIGE" or in Agenda of Local Lodge Meeting.
- DL/LL Redesigning of membership application to include other family members and application will probably be an 8½x11 sheet.
- DL/LL Vasa Archives to be renamed Vasa Order of America National Archives, Inc.
- LL - When Chairman gives welcome speech to newly initiated members he shall add "and a Membership Kit will be sent to you from the GL Membership Chairman."

**MOTIONS PASSED AT GL CONVENTION
IMMEDIATELY AFFECTING DISTRICT AND LOCAL LODGES**

- DL - *Passive members shall have the right of attendance and speech at district meetings BUT NO VOTE.*
- LL - *The GL will allow up to \$200 of reimbursable expenses to organizer(s) of new LL.*
- LL - *Student loans from Scholarship Fund are available to candidates who have been Vasa-members for TWO YEARS.*
- LL - *Dual members are eligible to be delegates to the District Lodge from EITHER OF LOCAL LODGES to which member belongs.*
- LL - *Members may hold membership in NOT MORE THAN TWO LOCAL LODGES of the Order.*
- Dual member may serve as an elected officer in one LL only during calendar year.*
- Each LL shall provide an accurate account of all dual members in the LL to the Grand Secretary.*
- Member seeking dual membership must present a statement from present LL showing "good standing", attested to by the Financial Secretary.*
- DL - *Institution of new LL - The DL or its Executive Board, in conjunction with elected officers of the new LL shall arrange for time and place of institution.*
- DL/LL *The Vasa Order Emblem may NOT BE USED on any manufactured item without the consent of the GL Executive Board.*
- DL - *District Secretary shall maintain a file of individual gold impressions of every LL Seal of lodges under jurisdiction of the district.*
- DL/LL *Upon dissolution of a chartered Vasa Activities Club, the retired charter shall be returned to the Grand Secretary. Any remaining funds must be turned over to the District Lodge.*
- At least one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of all members in a Vasa Activities Club shall be Vasa-members.*
- All officers must be Vasa-members.*
- DL/LL *GL Per Capita Tax increased by 75 cents per member/per year. Due and payable December 31, 1986.*
- DL/LL *Delete reference to salute for member entering or leaving lodge room, and it shall be the duty of the Inner Guard to verify membership and seat late arrivals.*
- Delete salute during initiation ceremony when saying "Welcome"*
- DL - *New installation ceremony for District Trustee/Auditors; District Cultural Leader; District Historian and (optional) for District Deputies.*
- LL - *New installation ceremony for Local Lodge Historian.*
- LL - *All property of disbanded LL shall become the property of the district, except the LL Charter, record books and three imprints of the LL Seal, which shall become the property of the GL and be forwarded to the Vasa National Archives for safe-keeping.*
- DL/LL *Mandatory use of a Membership Card (available from GL soon)*