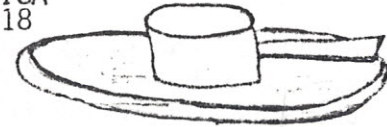


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# THE MONITOR

JANUARY

A New Year's Party is planned for our first meeting of the New Year.....January 2nd 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.

Thelma Badgley, our social activities chairman has a nice evening planned for us....start the New Year out right and attend this meeting.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1987. A joint installation of Reno, Skogan, Sierra Kronan and Monitor Lodges will be held Saturday, January 17, 1987, at 11:00 A.M., at Wisteria Hall, 3830 U Street, Sacramento. A light luncheon will be served, catered by Peggy Carlson and assisted by members of Monitor. Cost will be \$4.00 per person. Paid reservations should be in by January 9, 1987. Make checks payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218, and indicate, "Install. 1/17/87". Send to the Financial Secretary, Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. Let's make this a memorable one for all four lodges. The District Past Masters' Club will officiate.

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Dated Material

As I approach the end of my term as Chairman of Monitor Lodge, I look back with some satisfaction. We have had a full schedule of activities with excellent participation, we have added new members, increased our cooperation with our sister Scandinavian lodges in joint events, and have had some good times.

My contribution has been mainly in trying to make our business meetings shorter and more interesting to allow more time for social activities. Everything else has been the result of members who have assumed the responsibility and worked at everything from trapping crayfish to frying sill to making potato sausage. The chairman can do nothing without this support.

We never say thank you enough. I can not name all who have helped but I appreciate it. Tusen tack. I sincerely hope you will give Chairman elect Muriel Hjersman this same support when she assumes office in January.

We have added quite a few new members during the year. I want to remind them that we are not just a social or cultural club but a lodge of an order. As such all members have obligations to each other. Our older members have the obligation to make new members welcome, introduce them, and invite their participation. Our new members have an obligation to attend meetings and events as they are able, participate in hospitality and becoming a part of the organization. We have some private rituals but no secrets.

In 1987 we complete our first three-quarters of a century as a lodge. We have a history but we have much before us.

*Ted Olson*

Don Carlson and the Children's Club did a beautiful job on the "Lucia Fest" THANKS to every one who helped

Not everything was happiness in the Gustavan Age. Russia continued to support opposition to Gustav's policy to strengthen Sweden and attempted to develop unrest in Finland. In 1788, while Russia was at war with Turkey, Gustav attacked Russia. The war was not popular with the army. A group of Finnish officers, known as the Anjala League, actually attempted to negotiate with Catherine II for freedom for Finland under Russian protection. Denmark took advantage to attack Sweden. Gustav turned these events to his favor, touring the country to gain support and was granted additional power. He was able to make peace with Russia in 1790 after a decisive naval victory and the status quo was resumed.

The outbreak of the French Revolution 1789 concerned all the crowned heads of Europe. Gustav was especially involved because of his close connections with the French court. Gustav sent Count Axel von Fersen to Paris as his representative. It was Fersen who attempted the unsuccessful rescue of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette in 1791.

In Sweden the nobles had become embittered by their loss of power and privilege. They found themselves as ornaments of Gustav's court while, in the previous regime, they had been the real power. The officers in the Anjala League were all of noble families and Gustav had punished them harshly. By 1792 the hatred of the nobles had become so intense they conspired to a most desperate measure. Jacob Johan Anckarström, a former Captain of the Guard with a personal grudge against the king, was assigned to assassinate the king. At a midnight masked ball in the Opera House on March 16, 1792 he shot Gustav in the back. The wound was fatal but Gustav did not die until two weeks later. It is reported that Gustav had received an anonymous warning but refused to change his plans.

Ted Olson

Thelma Badgley, Birgitta Ellis, Darlene Palmer, Phil Olson, Ruth Veis, Cecilia Segerstedt, Don Carlson, Gladys Stangl, Elayne Lincecum, Roland Carlson, Ralph Anderson, Martha Backstrom, Alice Olson, Ted Olson, Elena Trnka, Liesma Krastins, Ed Dahlberg, Maybelle Gustafson, Billye Nelson, Bente L. Hall, Ivy Bland.

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### Birthdays

### 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, 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 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.

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If you are interested in learning Scandinavian Folk dancing at Norway Hall every other Sunday night, get in touch with Elizabeth Johnson for more details.

DUES ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY! A reminder only!  
If you have not paid already, please bring your dues to our Regular Meeting, January 2, 1987; or send your check for \$14.00 made out to Monitor Lodge No. 218, to the Financial Secretary, Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T St. Sacramento, CA 95819. If you cannot attend meetings in January and February and wish an annual Program Book sent to you, please also remit \$1.00 and specify for Program Book. This defrays the expense of the envelope and postage.

Anderson, Didrik  
Anderson, Mary  
Andersson, Britt Marie  
Andersson, Leif  
Andersson, Ralph  
Badgley, Thelma  
Campbell, Ellarie  
Dillard, Tom  
Doscher, Jack  
Forsty, Richard  
Goldsberry, Kathleen  
Gustafson, Joey  
Hagstrom, Stanley  
Hjersman, Muriel  
Ingvarlsen, Mary  
Johnson, Joyce  
Johnson, Mildred  
Linn, Charles  
Lutz, Barbara E.  
Olesen, Gordon  
Olson, Martha  
Segerstedt, Cecelia  
Smith, Ingrid  
Stangl, Gladys  
Trnka, Joyce  
Uffens, Ruth  
Veis, Ruth

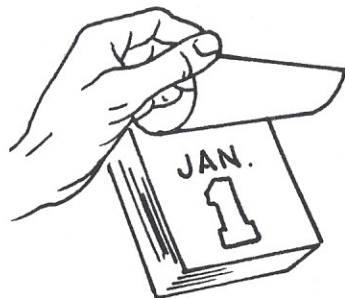
Anderson, Gerda  
Anderson, Vera  
Andersson, Kenneth  
Andersson, Lennart  
Badgley, Charles  
Campbell, Charles  
Dillard, Birgit  
Doscher, Estrid  
Forsty, Helen  
Fredrickson, Olga  
Gustafson, Donald  
Hagstrom, Jeanne  
Hallen, Viola  
Ingvarlsen, Dale  
Johnson, Carl Herb  
Johnson, Karin  
Johnson, Tom  
Linn, Margaret  
Norling, Inez  
Olson, Barbara  
Olson, Philip  
Sholl, Eugenia  
Stangl, Frank  
Trnka, Elena  
Uffens, George  
Veis, Arlie  
Weiss, Vera

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"I was after my Arne day and night ta kvit smoking," said Viola, "and it finally verked."

"How do ya know dat?" asked her neighbor Emma.

"He vent out ta get some cigarettes three days ago," said Viola, "and he ain't come back vid 'em yet."



## New Year's Resolutions

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



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS! Add their names to the Membership in your Program Books.

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Phone: 428-2730

Link, Dr. Daniel, 2638 Kadema Dr., Sacto., 95864

Phone: 971-0525

Bodelson, Karin & Viola, 2529 Eastern Ave., #26,  
Sacto. 95821

Phone: 483-0815

Kagstrom, Christi, & Ronny, 954 Howe Ave. #121, Sacto.  
95825

Phone: 922-0567

Caldwell, Camilla, 1302 - 36th St., #8, Sacto., 95816

Phone: 452-2928

We hope you will find it enjoyable to be active members and enjoy Monitor Lodge. Please make yourselves known to people and volunteer on committees to get acquainted more rapidly. Our best wishes to you in 1987 and as members of Monitor!

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ANNUAL REPORTS! January 2, 1987. The customary reports should be made. Those of you who have blue books, you are to make your report in duplicate, please. File the copy with the Secretary for the Monitor's permanent file. Bring your blue book to the January 2, meeting to give to your successor, if this is in order. These blue books are so very helpful to committee chairmen, especially. Please include in your report the committee members, the activity(ies) of the year, costs, income, profit (if any), and suggestions that might help improve the functions next year. This will be most appreciated by 1987 committee members.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Remember we are still attempting to build up our "liquid" fund for a scholarship to be given this year. Watch for more details in the February Newsletter about qualifications, applications, etc. Donations can always be made to honor someone or remember a dear one, or just to help a student defray some of the expenses involved in furthering an education. It's expensive to go to school beyond high school! Let's help one of our members, or the child or grandchild of one of our members to continue their preparations for a career or whatever their plans may be.

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A lot of flu and colds going around but the sick committee has had no reports of any major illness.