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3830 "U" Street
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THE MONITOR

April



April 3rd - 7:30 PM is our regular business meeting.

This is our Anniversary month....we will be honoring our past chairmen and our three year officers.

Wendy Strand, our Cultural Leader, has something special regarding Easter in Sweden.

Also, our big thing is a Easter Hat Parade. There will be prizes for the best hat, funniest hat, etc; If you don't want to wear it set it on the table so it can be part of our table decorations. Let's make this a fun thing.

On the refreshment committee this time is Karen and Viola Bodelson, Cecile Spencer and Evelyn Anderson.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT

Our lodge is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on April 11th which is truly a once in a lifetime event. It was organized two years before our present District Lodge #12 was formed and only 16 years after the Grand Lodge was organized. Our entire membership should come out to help celebrate this truly historic event. The lodge has voted to underwrite one half the cost of the banquet and dance for all Monitor members in good standing. The very popular "Frank and Delores" band will be playing good Scandinavian music for our entertainment and dancing.

\$7.00 is the price. Deadline for reservations is April 3rd.

Dinner entree choice is London Broil or Baked Half Chicken.

Send your check (payable to Monitor Lodge) and your entree choice to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Linn
3129 Wilkins Way, Carmichael, CA. 95608

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Dated Material



"HJÄRTLIGA GRATULER PÅ FÖDELSEDAGEN! Lennart Andersson, Millie Johnson, Inez Norling, Didrik Anderson, Holgar Nordquist, Roland Erickson, Margaretha Logus, Harry Johnson, Agnalega Bronson, Ruth Whisman, and Ronny Kagstrom.

DUES ANNIVERSARY. Ethel Hubbell and Eleanor Vine.

YOU SHOULD HAVE ONE! The new Grand Lodge Handbook is a 3-ring binder, which individually costs \$2.00 for binder only. There are inserts: Constitution \$2.00; Local Lodge Ritual \$1.00; and the binder with just the Constitution is \$4.00. The District is considering inserts the same size for the District Constitution and perhaps the Program Book in the future. "All within one cover!" Therefore, the Grand Lodge Handbook with inserts is well worth the \$5.00!!! See the Secretary's copy at our next meeting. Grand Lodge Master Carl G. Lindquist writes, "You are urged to encourage all active members of your lodge to purchase this Handbook with the Constitution Insert." And for \$1.00 more you get the Local Lodge Ritual Insert. We are asked to order in quantities of 20, if at all possible. There will be no postage/handling charge.

Ethel Hoffman is doing better.

Just found out Margaretha Logus had major surgery several months ago, and now is fighting a cold and flu besides working long hard hours. Do hope you feel better real soon.



Here the Commander-in-Chief, overestimating the strength of the enemy, had withdrawn in good order towards a base in the north from which he could launch a counter-attack in more favourable circumstances. In spite of the fact that his losses were slight and no major defeat was sustained on the way, the retreat did much to lower his troops' morale; many of the officers were imbued with the feeling that defeat was inevitable and that Sweden's best hope of salvation lay in close co-operation with France. It was such a mood which helped to bring about the greatest disaster which befell the Swedes before their king arrived. The fortress of Sveaborg was bound to play a key rôle in any counter-offensive; beneath its walls lay a good proportion of the fleet, and its garrison of 7,000 men was well supplied with food and ammunition. Yet, at the beginning of May, its commander, an admiral who underestimated the strength of his position, was pessimistic about Sweden's future in Finland and influenced by some members of his staff who were in Russian pay, agreed to surrender it to the Russians after putting up only a token resistance; and with it went all its stores and 110 galleys. In spite of this grave set-back, the counter-attack was launched soon after Gustavus landed, and had considerable initial success; Swedish troops swept down the Finnish coast, while the Russian fleet was bottled up in an Estonian port. But the victory was short-lived. The Russians reinforced their army, and with the first set-back, the timid Swedish commander ordered a retreat. Not only was the ground which had been recovered lost again, but no effort was made to stand again in Finland, and by the end of the year the whole country was in Russian hands.

(Note-this is only part of the story. The dramatic events of the conclusion will be continued in the next item.)

Ted Olson

GUSTAV IV 1792-1809 (conclusion)

(Note-the history of Sweden after the declaration of war on France in 1805 is too complex to abridge. I have directly reproduced the pages from Oakley's "Short History of Sweden".)

British troops were sent to Pomerania, but they were able to do little when they got there. Austria and Prussia were swiftly crushed by the French emperor (which title Napoleon had now adopted), and in the spring of 1807 Sweden signed an armistice. Russia now not only made peace with France, but at Tilsit concluded an alliance with her against Britain and her other enemies. Gustavus's foreign policy lay in ruins. Yet, in spite of the fact that the British troops had to be withdrawn from Pomerania, that the Swedes quickly followed them and that Denmark was forced into the conflict on the French side by Britain's seizure of her fleet, he determined to fight on, denounced the armistice and made a new subsidy treaty with Britain. At their Tilsit meeting, Napoleon had given Alexander the task of forcing Sweden to join the Continental System and to close her ports to British ships and goods. When Gustavus refused to do this, the tsar, in February 1808, attacked Finland, which he had determined to annex. Denmark declared war on Sweden the following month, and a French army under the command of Marshal Bernadotte began to gather on Zealand in preparation for an assault on her from the south.

The Swedish army numbered about 66,000 men. This figure was raised to nearly 100,000 by universal conscription, but the quality of the troops enrolled in this way was doubtful, and commissariat and medical services left much to be desired. The king, once more against the advice of his ministers, who feared to weaken the defences of Finland, decided to concentrate his forces to withstand the expected Danish and French attacks from south and west. These were, after all, directed against Sweden proper, and in this area British sea-power could enable a really decisive blow to be delivered against the enemy; having accomplished this, all resources could be switched to meet the Russians. But the threat from the west and south failed to develop. British warships guarded the Sound; the large number of Spanish troops in Bernadotte's army deserted on hearing of the revolt against the French in their homeland; and this revolt turned the attention of both Britain and France away from northern Europe. In June Gustavus sailed to join his soldiers in Finland.

Would you believe Inez Norling, one of our most active member, will be 90 on April 4th? She rarely misses a meeting and always has a special greeting and smile.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Inez.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

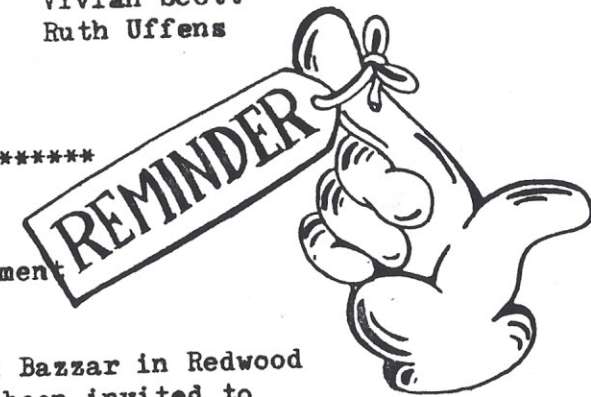
Please add the following name to your directory. It was inadvertently left out.

Carl A. Larson
2664 - 21st Street
Sacramento, CA. 95818
phone - 457-5052

Also delete the following names from the directory.....

Eva Cleary
Olga Jensen
Kerstin Olesen

Vivian Scott
Ruth Uffens



March 28th - Golf Tournament
Forest Lakes

April 4th - Scandinavian Bazaar in Redwood City. Wendy Strand has been invited to demonstrate her bobbin lace.

April 11th our Anniversary Dinner....get your reservations in today.

May 9th our Scandinavian Festival at Fruitridge Community Center.

April 24-26 Vasa Order of America District Lodge Golden Gate #12 Convention in Reno at Sands Regent Hotel

May 16th Bus trip to Kingsburg Swedish festival



Enjoy a little "Bit of Sweden" May 16th at Kingsburg for only \$17 round trip.

Bus leaves Arden Fair (Sears) 5:00 AM Coffee and do-nuts served on the bus. Arrive in Kingsburg about 8:00-8:30

Swedish pancakes and all the trimmings until 9:30.

Parade starts 10:30 (this is where a folding chair will come in handy)

Crafts and more crafts and swedish crafts and food booths all day in the park.

Raising of the May pole, swedish meat ball cookoff and a Smorgasbord in the afternoon.

A swedish program in the evening (last year they had a swedish band and dancers from Sweden)

Get back to Sacramento around mid-night.

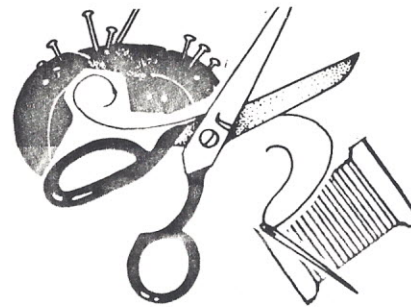
Get signed up today and bring a friend, but there is room for only 47 on the bus. Please contact Margaret Carlson at 457-7376 NOW.

DISTRICT G.G. NO. 12 CONVENTION April 24-26, 1987, in Reno. Consider the following Resolutions in order to instruct your four delegates at our Regular Meeting April 3, 1987.

RESOLUTION 1. Article 17, Para. (a) changed to read: "The District Lodge General Fund shall receive its income from a \$4.20 per capita tax" (Formerly this was \$3.70). Motivation: The 50¢ increase is necessary for the District to keep present levels of service and hopefully improve them.

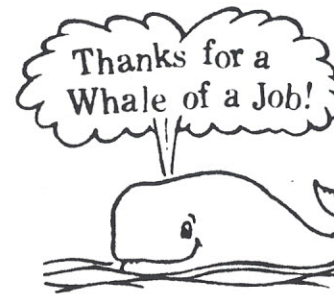
RESOLUTION 2. Article 22 (i) of General Rules. (i) "Any printing of Program Books costing over \$500 to be done for the District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 shall be put out for competitive bids to responsible printers." (Omit balance of (i). Formerly the amount was \$250 and the lowest figure had to be accepted) Motivation: Allows quality to be considered and continuity in printing of Program Books, not just lowest bid.

RESOLUTION 3. Article 22, para. (o) change shall to will. RESOLUTION 4. Article 22, (q) change shall to will. R3 concerns Youth Camp. R4 re annual initiation.



NÅL O TRÅD (official name for Monitor Lodge #218 sewing and handwork group) which translates needle and thread. It covers hand work, machine work, knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, drawn work, bobbin lace, embroidery plastic canvas and sewing of old folk dress. We have books, duplications and we share our Swedish Heritage resources. Any and all

women are welcome to come and see what neat things are being made. We meet the first and third Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Our next meeting will be April 6th at Ruth Volkoff's 7726 La Bandera Way, Sacramento, her phone #682-6003 for more information.



A great big THANK YOU goes to DeDe Dahlberg and her committee in erecting a real "Swedish Wood Shop" as our ethnic booth at the Camellia Festival. Every one commented on it as they walked by so was enjoyed by many. Also thanks to the many who offered items for display and also worked

in the booth.

If you missed our corned beef and cabbage dinner last month...you really missed a good meal. Ed and Lucy Dahlberg and their committee really out did themselves. And we had a good turn out.

Thanks

to pick up your program book or if you want yours mailed to you please mail \$1 to our secretary, Elizabeth Johnson 4332 T Street Sacramento 95819



Money collected by committees after the business meeting is closed must be deposited with the Financial Secretary, carefully counted and labelled.

At no time shall the Treasurer or Financial Secretary serve as a seller of tickets at Lodge activities. This would be a conflict of interest. These officers are designated as receivers of moneys, and we eliminate an important independent safe-guard count for our projects when we involve them in the selling activity. Also, we impact on their assigned work when we involve them in the pressures of change-making and ticket juggling prior to meetings.

MURIEL HJERSMAN

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

On March 13, 1987 the Auditors, Trustees, Chairman and Treasurer met with our District Deputy at the Chairman's home for training, and planning for the current year. Here are some of the results:

The place of Auditors and Trustees is central to the smooth running of the business of Monitor Lodge.

This year, Monitor Lodge Trustees will hold meetings with the Treasurer in June and November to review interest rates and potentials of the certificate accounts which will be maturing shortly following the meetings. With joint agreement on re-investment policy, they will report to the Lodge on their action in September and December.

Storage plans for all Lodge equipment is the responsibility of the Trustees, and an up-to-date record of all property items and their location (inventory) must be available at all times.

All plans for the purchase of new equipment totalling \$25.00 or more must be reviewed by the entire Board of Trustees before presentation of request for funds from the Lodge.

Because no evaluation of stored items has been made during the past ten years, the Trustees have been directed to check the present inventory; a listing of all items which have not been used during the past five years be brought before the Lodge for decision on disposal or re-use.. This task to be completed by the June meeting.

Trustees will keep close records of all equipment (property) and make a full report to the Lodge, and a written report to the Recording Secretary at the end of the year, in time for the annual report to the District.

The Auditors shall serve as budget control officers for Monitor Lodge, as well as giving an audit report of all Lodge accounts in June and in November, in preparation for final auditing and closing the books for Dec 31, 1987.

The budget shall include a record of costs for 1986 as well as projected costs for 1987, and estimated advances for regularly recurring events, based on averages of actual advances in former years. This should cut down the time necessary during large meetings for public planning for future events. In addition, this gives chairmen of committees assurance of what funding they will have to work with.

Requests for funds for expendable items such as food, paper goods, and gifts must be made completely separate from requests for non-consumable property items. Nor should funds requested for one type of item be used to purchase another. Funds collected from the sale of tickets may not be used for purchase of any item or items before a complete report has been presented to the Financial Secretary on the ticket sale and moneys received.

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