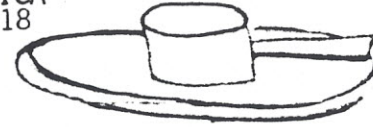


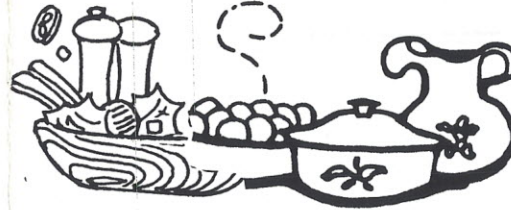
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# THE MONITOR

## SEPTEMBER



Friday the 4th at 6:30  
is our first meeting this  
fall and we will have

Swedish Sandwiches (Smörgåsar) and salad. Everyone is  
to bring a plate of your favorite sandwiches and the  
salads will be furnished by the committee.

Bar opens at 6:00....and we will eat at 6:30 PM

On the Smörgåsar Committee is Martha Fredrickson, Ethel  
Hubbell, Margaret Carlson and Marge Skicklig.  
For the refreshments afterwards we have Roland and  
Dorothy Erickson, Joyce Trnka and Ivy Bland.

This is a very important meeting.....a lot of things  
are going on. Along with our regular business meeting,  
we have the report of our "Nominating Committee". We  
will be voting on a big group of new members. Ticket  
sales for the Smörgåsbord and sign up sheets for the  
committees etc.....so plan now to attend, and this  
would be a good time to bring a prospective member.

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SWEDISH LANGUAGE CLASSES start September 24, 1987,  
at Winterstein School, Morse & Hurley, 7:00 P.M.  
There are three levels. Sign up for one; and if  
you find it's the wrong level, you can transfer.  
Registration was \$30.00 last year. Check should  
be made out to the San Juan Adult Education. Bring  
it with you to class or Registration Office.  
Instructors are: Christi and Ronny Kågstrom, and  
Camilla Caldwell, members of Monitor Lodge No. 218.

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Dated Material

Sacramento, Jubilee City for New Sweden 1988

Would you like to help make it possible for all people of Scandinavian descent in the Sacramento Valley to know about Vasa and the local lodges?

New Sweden - 1988 is your opportunity!

Convention Center, Downtown Merchants Association, Crocker Art Museum, City of Sacramento, Camellia Festival are all willing to help, but we Monitor Lodge members must do our part too.

Events we can tie into at the moment are Camellia Festival and our own Scandinavian Festival of Sacramento.  
Exhibits from Sweden we can ask for include:

Young Swedish designers (textiles, sculpture, .....)  
Scandinavian Stoneware  
Ilon Wiclund - Illustrator of childrens books  
Hand Craft from Sweden

Artists from Sweden we might invite include:

Hudsvalls Folkdanslag  
Par Bricole Male Chorus  
Almhults Musikkår

People we should contact locally include:

Scandinavian importers, gift shops, handcrafters, local dancers, singers, and painters; department stores who feature Scandinavian design in appliances, porcelain, pewter, wood, silver, textiles; community libraries where exhibits are permitted, etc.!

Put on your thinking cap and bring your ideas for a community saturation program for "New Sweden 88".

*In truth and unity*  
*Musiel Heim*

In my last item I referred to the death of Count Fersen as a result of the rumors of poisoning in the sudden death of the new crown prince, Christian Augustus. Some years ago I wrote an item about Fersen but the career of this soldier, diplomat and statesman is interesting enough to repeat.

He was the son of a famous father prominent in Swedish affairs. He was born in 1755, educated in 1 military schools and entered Swedish military service at the age of 15. Because of close relations between Sweden and France he transferred to the French Army where he became a colonel. In 1780 he was sent to America as adjutant to the French general de Rochambeau. He distinguished himself at the siege of Yorktown.

He returned to France and became a favorite of queen Marie Antoinette. Later he was recalled to Sweden and led a regiment in Finland but was again sent to France as an agent of Gustav III to Louis XVI. After the outbreak of the French Revolution he attempted the unsuccessful rescue of the king and queen. (In the 1930's movie "Marie Antoinette" the part of Fersen was played by Frederic March. He even spoke a few words in Swedish in the film). Fersen was next sent to Vienna to induce the emperor to intervene against the French revolution but was unsuccessful.

Fersen served Gustav IV in various other positions and was appointed Earl Marshal of Stockholm in 1801. He fell out of favor with Gustav in disagreement over foreign policy but continued in that position. He took no part in the 1809 revolution that deposed Gustav but was well known to favor the succession of Gustav's son.

As Earl Marshal he received the funeral procession of Christian Augustus in Stockholm. A mob formed and attacked him. He was kicked and trampled to death. The formation of soldiers present made no attempt at rescue. This happened June 20, 1810.

Ted Olson





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Britt Marie Andersson, Estrid Doscher, Helen Forsty, Erika Lewis, Arlie Veis, Eleanor Vine, Ethel Hubbell, Kurt Swanfeldt, Muñiel Hjerzman, Tom Dillard, Jean Anderson, Vera Weiss, Carl A. Larson, Joyce Sue Kelley.  
En lyckliga födelsedag!

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Calling all Swedish Folk Costumes! Calling all Swedish Folk Costumes within Monitor Lodge, or available to Monitor members!!!!  
For our October meeting, when we will be showing hand crafts and hobbies for sale or for show, we will also be initiating a group of new members.

Our Cultural leader wants to have a spectacular Fashion show of Native dress. Some of you have several outfits, and many have outfits which are normally too warm to wear in California. Can we plan to have them all with extra models to wear the extra outfits? Can we have the warm, authentic outfits in the wings, and have them modelled only during the show????  
What a neat way to initiate new members!  
Thanks, Wendy!

A sign-up sheet will be available at September meeting to give us an idea of how many costumes and how many willing models we have available.

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Would you like to learn all kinds of Scandinavian dances? You'll have your chance starting in October. more on that in our next NEWSLETTER.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Steve Strömgren, 214 N. Cleveland, Woodland, CA 95695. Ph. 1-664-1519.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY FOR SEPTEMBER (Dues)  
Holm, Camilla and Gilbert, Lewis, Erika; Lydecker Vicki; Buscher, Susan; Bland, Ivy; Sandstrom, Johan Lennart. Please make check payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218 and bring to the Sept. 4th meeting. If you mail it, please send it to Harry C. Johnson, Financial Secty., 4332 T St., Sacramento, CA 95819.

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS/PHONE NO., etc. Sept. 4th, for the Membership List in the Monitor No. 218 section in the Dist. Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 portion of the new inserts for G.L. Binder.

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BINDERS. If you have not purchased your Binder with the Grand Lodge, and Local Lodge By-Laws from G.L., etc., be sure to order one with the Secretary. The Monitor Program, Membership List, etc., all, will be added to the Binder. Binder only is \$4.00. Binder with the inserts is \$5.00. Grand Lodge is absorbing shipping costs, etc. All the pertinent information for Vasa Order of America will be within one cover. To be able to replace inserts in future years, should make costs much less.

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The Nominating Committee is working hard to come up with a slate of officers. If you would like to hold an office or help out in any way on committees etc: Please contact Ted Olson or Audrey Fales. Come to our September meeting for their report.



