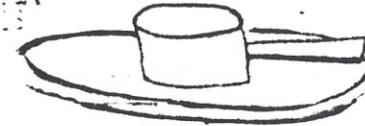


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THE MONITOR

DECEMBER

GLOGG PARTY FOR DECEMBER

Friday, December 4th is our annual Christmas Party and meeting.....it will start 7:30 PM sharp!!

Our Lucia, Lisa Lagomarsino will be with us. And we will be taking in new members, and of course, "Yule Tomten" will be coming so bring a gift worth \$3.00 to exchange (if you wish) mark it "man" or "lady" and from (your name).



A "Glogg Party" afterwards, and on the committee this year is Herb and Millie Johnson, Eleanore Vine, Erika Lewis, Thelma Range, Leo and Lisa Krastins. The committee always goes all out in making this a real festive occasion, so you won't want to miss our December meeting.

LUCIA FEST

Sunday, December 6th at 2:00
(please note change of date and time from book) at St. John's Lutheran Church, 17th & L Street Goethe Hall.

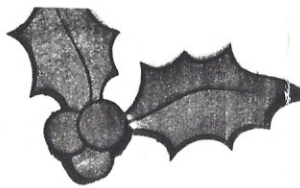
The Children's Club puts on the program with Peggy Carlson and Camilla Caldwell, children's club leaders in charge. Lisa Lagomarsino is the Lucia this year. Santa "Tomten" will arrive so please bring a small gift for your child or grandchild with his or her name clearly marked.

All Monitor members please bring Christmas cookies, coffee breads, or finger foods for refreshments afterwards. Our Lucia Fest is open to the public so bring your family and friends.



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Dated Material



Most of us only think of Tomten at Christmas but in old Swedish homesteads they know that Tomten is always there keeping watch especially in the cold of winter.

Viktor Rydberg wrote a famous Swedish poem about Tomten. Here is an abridged English translation so we can all learn. This was published in an Uppsala newspaper column which often prints items in English as an exercise for its readers. The translator is an Englishman who has studied Swedish.

Wintry fields are freezing hard
Under stars that glitter.
All sleep in the lonely yard,
Though the cold is bitter.
The ghostly moon roams silently,
The snow shines white on bush
and tree.
The snow shines white on roof and
thatch,
Only Tomten keeps his watch.

Keeps his watch at the cowhouse
door
Grey where the snow has driven.
Looks, as for many years of yore,
Up to the starry heaven.
Looks to the wood, where spruce
and pine
Draw round the yard a dark out-
line;

Ponders, puzzles, seeks to appraise
Eternal life's mysterious ways.

Tomten finally slips away,
Seeking master and mistress dear.
Long and well has he known that
they

His kindly interest revere.
Now to the nursery, softly nigh,
Where the sweet little children lie,
Sleeping soundly for him to bless.
There lies his greatest happiness.

So has he seen them, father, son
Through many generations,
Sleeping like children, but, how
come?

What are their derivations?
Each generation, enough and to
spare,

Blossomed, grew old, and left—
but where?

That same riddle which none can
explain
With nagging whisper comes
again.

Silent the woods, the fields, and all
Life out there is cold and still.
Only the distant waterfall
Tumbles, sighing, beneath the hill.
Tomten listens and, half in dream,
Hearkens to life's endless stream,
Wonders whither it flows so free,
Wonders whence its source may
be.

Wintry fields are freezing hard
Under stars that glitter.
All sleep in the lonely yard,
Though the cold is bitter.
The ghostly moon sinks silently,
The snow shines white on bush
and tree.

The snow shines white on roof and
thatch,
Only Tomten keeps his watch.

EDGAR ANSTEY

(Continued)

The final years of Napoleon's reign were turbulent. Sweden was involved as a rather unwilling ally. After Napoleon invaded Russia Bernadotte found an opportunity to change sides when Napoleon attacked Swedish Pomerania. In 1813 a treaty was made between Sweden and England. Sweden received substantial subsidies and an agreement not to oppose union of Norway with Sweden.

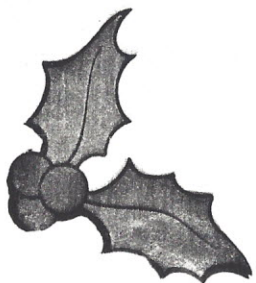
Norway had been a joint kingdom with Denmark since the Union of Kalmar in 1397 although it retained its national character. However, the British blockade had kept the two countries separate for several years. Swedish military leaders and Bernadotte had thoughts of acquiring Norway to balance the loss of Finland. Denmark had been forced into an unfortunate position as an ally of Napoleon by England's aggression in destroying the Danish fleet in 1801 and siege of Copenhagen in 1807.

Napoleon's European alliances and conquests quickly fell apart after his defeat in Russia. Prussia and Austria switched from allies to enemies. Sweden joined in and Bernadotte commanded the Northern army of Prussians, Russians and Swedes in the battle of Leipzig. After winning that battle Bernadotte invaded Denmark and defeated the Danes in a swift campaign. In January 1814 King Frederick VI of Denmark signed the Treaty of Kiel transferring Norway to the Swedish crown.

Bernadotte had achieved his objective for his adopted country but had not forgotten France. The allies had been victorious, the rulership of France was open. He made a quick visit to Paris and made tentative offers to become king of France or, in a less royal capacity, to become "Protector". He found little support and hastily returned to Sweden where there were new difficulties.

(to be continued)

Ted Olson





from your Smorgasbord Chairman....
Margaret Carlson

She wants to thank everyone for all the help and good food this year. Ed Dahlberg bringing extra chairs... Ivar Axberg had to go and get extra tables....Peggy Carlson my right hand....Marge Skicklig and

Erika Lewis for making the tables look so nice. All the men who helped cook, carve, and serve. Dede and Dick in making the food table look so niceall the women and men who set-up, kitchen crew and clean-up gang, our ticket takers, our bar tenders, Gil and Camilla Holm and Steve and Bobbie Holm.....on and on. You were all appreciated, believe me !! This year it was especially nice, not so crowded and then we were honored on our 45th Anniversary too. What a night!!! TUSEN TACK to all.

Elena Trnka wants everyone to know she misses all of us and sends her Christmas Greetings.

In Memoriam

MAUDE ENGBERG 1901-1987

A member for 47 years on November 28th. Passed away November 2, 1987, funeral was November 5, 1987. She had two sons and two daughters and four grandchildren. We'll miss Maude as she loved to come to the meetings and was always willing to help in the kitchen.

ARTHUR OLSSON 1911-1987

Past District Master Arthur Olsson passed away November 4, a few days after suffering a severe stroke. Art was the husband of Jessie Olsson, also a Past District Master. Art and Jessie were frequent visitors at Monitor meetings and social events and Art had many friends in Monitor. Remembrances may be sent to the District Scholarship Fund.



December

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Betty Bergman, Marge Skicklig, Evelyn Anderson, Dorothy Erickson, Sophia Swanson, Lynn Lundberg, Kerstin Hakansson, Margaret Carlson, Alex Freeland, Ellen Harrod, and Gary Doze. Our very best wishes for many more Happy Birthdays!

DUES ANNIVERSARIES: Eva Allred, Kenneth and Peggy Carlson, Martha Fredrickson, Alex Freeland, Ethel Hoffman, Helen Leroy, Margaretha Logus, Audrey Ohlson-Smith and Jack Smith. If you haven't already paid your dues, plan to bring a check with you December 4th or mail it to Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T St., Sacramento, CA 95819. Make check payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. Annual dues are \$14.00.

ANNUAL REPORTS! January 8, 1988. 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 8, 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 1988 committee members.

Our Chairman and Treasurer (Hank and Muriel Hjersman) has been on their vacation in Mexico, therefore no chairman's message this time.

Harry Swanson was in the hospital with pneumonia but is doing fine.

GOD JUL OCH GOTT NYTT ÅR





YES, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO TWO BOAT-LOADS OF SWEDISH EMIGRANTS LANDED AT THE MOUTH OF THE DELAWARE RIVER, near the present-day city of Wilmington.

Swedish emigrants have become a strong, solid group of contributing American citizens over this period of 350 years. The descendants and later emigres are found throughout our nation, and we can be proud of their achievements. We shall hear more of this now and through 1988.

"WHEREAS, in 1638, the Kingdom of Sweden sent 2 ships . . . to establish a colony in what is now the United States . . . be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America . . . That 1988 IS DESIGNATED THE "YEAR OF NEW SWEDEN".

Joint Resolution of the United States Congress
Signed by President Reagan on May 15, 1986.

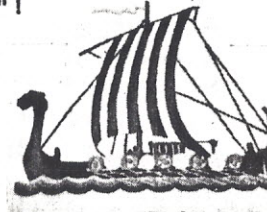
Sacramento is one of some 60 cities designated as a JUBILEE CITY. This was accomplished by the application of Monitor Lodge No. 218. Our own Audrey Fales made the motion to apply and you the membership voted to proceed with it.

Your Committee has been enlarged to have help from Nord Lodge No. 392 of Stockton and Sierra Krona n No. 737 of Roseville. Other lodges have offered help with media and in other ways.

COMING! As far as we know now, we shall be involved in the Old Town Solstice June 18, 19, 1988. We anticipate having dancers from Kilafors, Halsingland, and we expect to have two other groups, one locally here in No. California. We are in the process of getting two entertainments for the Scandinavian Festival April 16, 1988. There are events also planned in conjunction with local universities and music groups of which you

will hear more in the coming months. You will be called on to help in one way or another, such as offering room and meals to a houseguest and perhaps refreshments, etc., for receptions. LET'S LET THE PEOPLE ON THE WEST COAST AND ALL OVER U.S.A. THAT WE ARE PROUD OF SWEDISH-AMERICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR U.S.A.

There has been surprisingly good support in the business, educational, and professional community. Now, let's make 1988 a real "Jubilee"!



Hasty Buns - a recipe from Sweden

(Alice Olson requested the recipe from a Swedish hostess. They are quick and easy and festive, just right for holiday entertaining. The recipe has been translated from Swedish and metric into more familiar terms and has been tried out.)

2 cups flour
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground cardamon
1/3 cup margerine or butter
1 egg
7/8 cup milk
1/3 cup raisins
2 tablespoons chopped candied fruit

Topping
1 egg
sugar or cake decors
2 tablespoons finely chopped almonds

Sift the dry ingredients together. Blend in the shortening with a pastry blender. Beat the egg and milk together and stir in and mix in the fruits Divide into 16 muffin cups. Beat egg and brush tops. Strew on a little sugar and the chopped nuts Bake 375 12-15 minutes.

