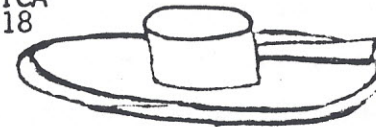


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THE MONITOR



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the new year.....

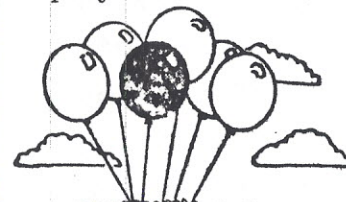
January 8 at 7:30 sharp.

It is a regular business meeting
with annual reports due and
election of District Delegates.

The incoming officers are on the
refreshment committee.

Start the new year out right
and attend this meeting. Who
knows maybe we will have time to
play some BINGO.





Coming Up

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. January 16, 1987, at
Wisteria Hall, 3830 U Street, 11:00 A.M., 11:30
is luncheon catered by our own Peggy Carlson.
Remember how good that was last year? Super for
the price. Perhaps a little better, if possible,
this year, at \$4.50 each. Women of the Lodge will
help decorate tables, serve, etc. Support your
lodge, and officers, and be there! This will be
a Co-Installation for Monitor, Reno, Sierra Kronan,
and Skogen. Reno and Skogen (Redding) come a
long way. Let's make it special in sharing this
event. Installation will be by Past District
Master's Club. Installation follows the luncheon.

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

Dated Material

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Monitor Lodge:
As we approach the close of another year I take the opportunity to thank each of you for your loyal support, good humor, and hard work that you have shared with Monitor Lodge in 1987. You have made Monitor Lodge a joy for me.

On behalf of Monitor Lodge my special thanks to:

Marge Skicklig, for her gifts of flowers, decorations, and wonderful "kitchen helper hostesses", which made a party and special event at every meeting close.

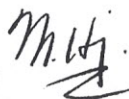
Margaret Carlson, for her talents as a superb cook, efficient editor, and unsurpassed Captain of the Team for the finest Smorgasbord west of the Atlantic Ocean. I am sure every dinner committee in the lodge remains grateful to her for her loyal, behind the scene support and guidance- my gratitude and admiration to her!

Elizabeth Johnson, for her skill, loyalty and deep sense of responsibility as a Secretary of the Lodge- and for her gift of wider vision for the potential of Monitor Lodge, and her willingness to expend herself to help us realize those potentials.

Let us rejoice in the good things we have shared in old 1987, and look forward with anticipation to the possibilities of 1988.

Let us hold in loving memory those of our members who have been taken in death this past year, but let us also remember those who are still with us, and be thankful for their presence, their loyalty, and their support.

In Truth and Unity,



THE NEW FRENCH PRINCE

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The situation that called Bernadotte back to Sweden concerned Norway. The Norwegians refused to recognize the Treaty of Kiel and adopted their own national constitution. Bernadotte led a military expedition in an almost bloodless campaign. In August 1814 the Norwegians signed the convention of Moss. They recognized Charles XIII of Sweden as king but retained their own national constitution. The invasion of Norway was the last military operation of the Swedish army. The general the Swedes had chosen for military leadership to restore the glory of Sweden as a military power instituted long standing neutrality of Sweden which has continued ever since.

In the meantime, the Congress of Vienna was meeting. The victorious great powers, Austria, Prussia, Russia, and England divided up the map of Europe. Sweden's union with Norway was recognized but Swedish Pomerania was given to Prussia which in turn transferred the duchy of Lauenburg to Denmark. Lauenburg was a small duchy adjoining Holstein.

The Congress of Vienna dealt with many questions in a very high handed way. Even Bernadotte's status as crown prince of Sweden was questioned because of his previous association with Napoleon. Gustav, the son of the deposed Gustav IV, had some supporters but Russia and Britain Supported Bernadotte.

Upon the death of Charles XIII in February 1818, Bernadotte became Charles XIV John, King of Norway and Sweden.

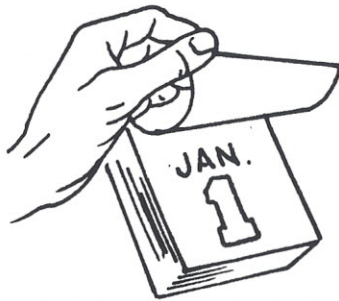
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Ted Olson



LYCKLIGA FODELSEDAGAR! Thelma Badgley, Birgitta Ellis, Darlene Palmer, Phil Olson, Ruth Veis, Cecilia Segerstedt, Don Carlson, Gladys Stangl, Elayne Lincecum, Roland Carlson, Ralph Andersson, Alice Olson, Ted Olson, Elena Trnka, Liesma Krastins, Ed Dahlberg, Joey Gustafson, Billye Nelson, Bente Hall, Ivy Bland, Viola Bodelson, Etna Hermanson, LaVerne Gullans, Peggy Beckwith. May you have many more HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

Oh - oh, DUES, and right after the first of the year, too. Dues are \$14.00 a year, and checks should be made payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218, brought to the January 8th meeting, or mailed to the Financial Secretary Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. Dues anniversaries are for the following: Dale and Mary Ingvarlsen, Carl (Herb) Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Karin Johnson, Charles and Margaret Linn, Barbara E. Lutz, Martha Olson, W. Philip Olson, Barbara Olson, Cecilia Segerstedt, Eugenia Sholl, Ingrid Smith, Frank and Gladys Stangl, Elena Trnka, Joyce Trnka, George Uffens, Arlie and Ruth Veis. If you have already paid your dues, just consider this anniversary of when you joined Monitor and congratulations.



New Year's Resolutions

1. BE ACTIVE IN OUR LODGE
2. SIGN UP ON A COMMITTEE
3. BRING IN NEW MEMBERS



Our deepest sympathy to Ethel Hoffman in the loss of her husband, George, November 14, 1987, in a sudden heart attack. Dr. George Hoffman was aged 57 years. He left also two sons, Mark and David.

Our sympathy to Helen and Richard Forsty in the loss of Richard's brother recently.

Margaret Linn's brother has been ill, and Margaret and Charlie recently brought him to Carmichael to recover.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Ellen Johnson who passed away recently, Also to the family of Maude Engberg.

Harry Swanson is home from the hospital and making a good recovery.

PDM Jessie Olsson lost her mother, Esther Anderson, and we extend our deep sympathy. Some of you will remember Mrs. Anderson coming with Jessie to Installations, etc. She was 104 years old.

Jennie Sea had taken a terrible fall....had to have surgery and now is having therapy and will be in Sutter Conv. Hospital for awhile.



SOME FRESH STARTS FOR 1988

Stop thinking how you "wish it could be"; just think how good you've got it.

Recall the most thoughtful gesture you received last year and perpetuate the kindness by doing it for someone else.

Cut your neighbors grass while they're away.



NÁL O TRÁD (Monitor sewing and hand work group) will be meeting the third monday 7:00 PM January 18. Check with Wendy Strand for further details. They have some exciting things planned for 1988.

Thank  You

Thank you to our children's club leaders, Camilla Caldwell and Peggy Carlson.....it was a beautiful Lucia Fest.

WELCOME

New members.....

Thor and Erika Barrows
8958 Sunset Avenue
Fair Oaks, CA. 95628
phone - 966-2344



For you new members and those who have forgotten.....

HOSPITALITY RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary responsibility for the Hospitality Coordinator 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. Depending on the type of dinner 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 the Hospitality Coordinators to provide you the opportunity to select your serving month.

Each dinner committee and refreshment committee will set up their own table decorations and see that all accessory items such as napkins, 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 Please do your share this year and sign up and help on several of the meetings.



SPECIAL EVENTS TO NOTE

"NEW SWEDEN '88" Sacramento "Jubilee City" Committee has been BUSY. Bea Dillard speaks before a section of AAUW Jan. 21st. Alfred Nobel Exhibit will be placed in March, Mar. 5-12, Swedish Log Cabin Exhibit, artesans at work, folk songs, Camellia Maid present at Camellia Exhibit at Convention Center and at International Friendship Luncheon Mar. 12 at Red Lion Inn. Float in Camellia Parade Mar. 5. Apr. 16 Scandinavian Festival Scandia Dancers. May 23 Ambassador Per Anger addresses Comstock Club re Raoul Wallenberg. Feb. 22nd Fyrljus Singers from Siljansnäs, Dalarna, will give concert at The First Covenant Church. June 18 Public Midsummer at the Old Sacramento Solstice with extension in park in front of Crocker Art Museum. June 25 Midsummer with the San Francisco group who has been meeting at Consul General Siri Eliason's home. Place TBA. Children's Club with combined groups then. July "350 Years of Swedish and Swedish-American Contributions to U.S." Exhibit in East Wing of Capitol Bldg. Nov. or Dec. Handicraft from Sweden at American River College. Nov. 12 our Smörgåsbord at Sierra Unitarian Church Dining Hall. Dec. 4 our L7cia Fest. Video film "The Fabric of Friendship" re early Swedish settlers to be shown in 3 County Libraries and some schools. Dr. Sammern of U.C. Davis shows some Swedish films. Much, much more to come. How's that for a "New Sweden '88" Celebration of Sacramento "Jubilee City"?



Scholarship Committee Report:

The same rules apply as in 1987.....The committee will be taking applications from High School Seniors (1988 graduates) for the annual Monitor Lodge Scholarship.

The applicants must be members, children of members, or grandchildren of lodge members. Those interested should obtain the needed forms from Kathi Goldsberry. The forms should then be mailed to the lodge secretary, which will include:

1. The student's application
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. One written composition. The composition theme will deal with the applicant's goals for the future, and how the scholarship will assist him or her towards those goals.

Deadline: March 15, 1988

The winners will be notified before June.

Please write to Kathi Goldsberry for forms:

9201 Opal Crest Court
Elk Grove, CA. 95624
phone - 685-4063

Keep the scholarship fund in mind when you would like to make a donation in memory of someone. Donations are always accepted and needed.



U.S.S. MONITOR

"Monitor" is the name of our local lodge of the Vasa Order of America. "The Monitor" is also the name of this newsletter. The name commemorates the U.S.S. Monitor which made a decisive contribution to the naval operations of the Union in the Civil War. The possible salvage of the Monitor is the subject of an article in Parade Magazine (Sacramento Bee, December 20, 1987). The Monitor sank on December 31, 1862.

The Monitor was the product of the genius of John Ericsson, the Swedish born inventor. The Monitor is describe in the article in the following quote:

Built in only four months under the pressure of war, the *Monitor* was a technological marvel. More than 170 feet long but rising only 18 inches out of the water, her deck was topped with a cylindrical gun turret (hence her nickname, "cheesebox on a raft"). Among her innovations were armor plating, the world's first revolving gun turret, engines below the waterline and one of the first propellers. The *Monitor* also was the first vessel with forced-air ventilation in her cabin spaces, the first with a flush toilet, and the first with an anchor that could be controlled below deck.

Her career was brief but brilliant: At Hampton Roads, Va., on March 9, 1862, this lone and unsupported warship battled to a draw with the Confederate's steam-powered ironclad, the *Virginia* (the rebuilt *Merrimack*). It saved the day for the Union fleet, which was blockading ports in the South. The Battle of Hampton Roads ended the era of wooden fighting ships, and the *Monitor* became the prototype for the armored, turreted warships that followed.

Why did the *Monitor* sink? It was not designed for the high seas but for inshore operations which were most important to the blockade operations of the Union. It sank off Cape Hatteras in the stormy area known as the graveyard of ships. Because it was not designed for ocean operation it was being towed at the time.

The wreckage was discovered in 1973. It has been investigated - some items have been recovered including the anchor. In March 1987 it was designated as the nation's first Undersea National Historic Landmark.



IMPORTANT NEWS FROM V.O.A. GRAND LODGE.
EDUCATIONAL SUMMER CAMP IN SWEDEN July 25-Aug.13, 1988.
An opportunity for young members, youth leaders, cultural directors, and cultural leaders. To be held at Vara Folkhogskola (Folk High School), about 80 Swedish miles from Gothenburg. Possibilities offered to study Swedish language and culture, the development of Swedish historical culture and social life in Sweden, during the last century, emigration, genealogy and Swedish folk tradition (folkdance, folksongs, and folklore). It is hoped that the time together will strengthen the contacts between our Swedish, Canadian, and American youth.

The total cost is estimated at 3500 Sw crowns including room (double), board, instruction, field trips and home-study course in Swedish. Course is study sessions during the morning and one or two after lunch for first 2 weeks. Afternoons for outdoor activities, cultural events, etc., hiking, etc. 3rd week will be spent in a Swedish Vasa family home.

Application form or registration form will be in Vasa Star. Send this with \$100 registration fee payable to Vasa Order of America, DL No. 19, to DL No. 19 Treasurer Kjell-Åke Dahlberg, Sannagatan 12, 681 00 Kristinehamn, Sweden. You will then have the homestudy course in Swedish with work, reading material, word list and cassettes. Considering the value of the study material the registration fee will not be refunded if applicant is unable to attend. YOUR APPLICATION WANTED ABSOLUTELY BEFORE MARCH 1, 1988.

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!!!