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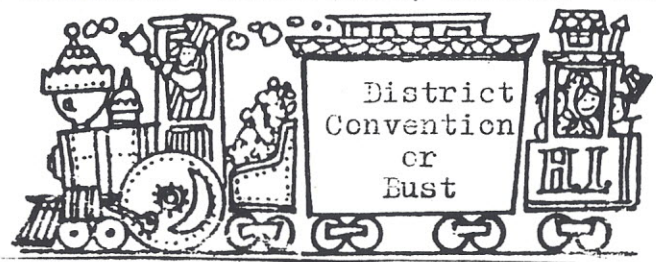
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THE MONITOR



- 1 District-wide Spring Festival - in Redwood City. If you are able to attend, your help would be greatly appreciated. Our District Cultural Leader, Barbara Lantz, says she needs volunteers to work "relief" shifts for an hour or so during lunch. Profits from the festival will be used to help finance the Grand Lodge Convention.
- 1 Valley Vasa Golf Tournament
- 4 Nal Och Trad - Ethel Johnson, 4344 53rd Street, Sacramento, 457-0966 - Bring items to sell at the Scandinavian Festival
- 7 BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM - Initiation - Monitor's 77th anniversary celebration. Past Chairman honored. Our cultural program will focus on John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, and his home province of Värmland. Coffee Committee: the past Chairman.
- 8 Scandinavian Festival (see info.)
- 18 Nal Och Trad - Eva Allred, 188 Johnston Road, Sacramento, 922-3303 - Project TBA
- 21-23 District Convention - Hilton Hotel, Stockton - Nord Lodge



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ENGELBREKT - A great man who was small
of stature

That is the way Vilhelm Moberg heads his chapter on Engelbrekt in his Swedish history. Engelbrekt Engelbrektsson is a great and famous man in Swedish history about whom very little is known.

Moberg states there are more statues of Engelbrekt in Sweden than any of Sweden's kings. This is in spite of the fact that no one knows how he looked. Of course statues are usually of heroic size. But the few contemporary accounts of Engelbrekt make a point that he was very small in stature. Men in the Middle Ages were generally much smaller than now. Suits of armor from that period and examination of skeletons bear this out. That special mention is made of Engelbrekt's stature must indicate that he was much smaller than the average. Popular heroes are usually tall, Engelbrekt is an exception.

In the year 1434, Engelbrekt became the leader of a popular revolt in Sweden. Within a year he was the real ruler of Sweden and elected "Captain-General in Sweden" at a council meeting in January 1435 at Arboga.

The background of Engelbrekt's revolt goes back several years. In 1387 Margaret of Denmark had been elected queen of Sweden. She was already ruler of Denmark and Norway. She ruled until her death in 1412. She had no surviving children and made her grand nephew, Eric of Pomerania, her heir in all three kingdoms. Eric made his headquarters in Denmark and seemed to regard Sweden and Norway as colonies to be exploited for taxes to support his wars against the Hanseatic League. He required his Swedish subjects to pay taxes in cash; that meant the royal tax collectors could place their own value on the grain, butter and meat the peasants had previously furnished and taxes became more burdensome.
(to be continued)

Ted Olson

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Monitor Lodge is celebrating it's 77th Anniversary. I am happy to say we are the largest Lodge in Golden Gate District. We were complimented last meeting by GLD Eric Johnson for our excellent cultural programs and participation in community programs, such as the Camellia Festival and our own Scandinavian Festival. We have a growing Children's Club, which ensures our future. It was my pleasure to teach them two folk dances after an hiatus of 20 years.

We need everyone's help to make a successful Scandinavian Festival. So bring baked goods and willing hands to help on Saturday April 8. You only get out what you are willing to put in.

In Truth & Unity,
Ruth Veis

Children's Club - by Peggy Carlson



We continue to meet every Monday at the Coloma Recreation Center. There are 12 to 15 children in attendance. We have several new members and a family that comes from Stockton. We just had our Easter Party on March 20th. The children dressed as Easter Witches and learned how children in Sweden colored eggs and enjoyed Semlor Lenten Buns.

The children did a nice job of dancing at the Camellia Festival on March 4th. We will continue to practice the dance and Spring song for the May meeting with Monitor. Also we will be performing at Sweden Day and Mid Summer.

Other projects this Spring are the language lessons, printing Club T-shirts, and potatoe stamp craft.

Please join us if you can!!

The new Consul General of Sweden is Peter Hammarström, formerly Secty. Gen. of National Committee of New Sweden '88. Former Consul Gen. Margareta Hegardt will be in Dublin, Ireland.



Scandinavian Festival

April 8th - Scandinavian Festival time again. Please mark that date on your calendar. Board of Realtors Auditorium, 2003 Howe Ave. From 10:00 to 3:00 pm. To all the members who signed up to help at our last meeting, thank you. We still need more hands for the variety of jobs available. Please call Arlie 489-5729 if you can lend a hand. If you can bake some goodies also please bring them out to the Festival or bring them to Lodge Friday evening and we'll see that they get there. And lastly - but not least - if you can't do any of the above please come out and bring your friends and neighbors for some good Scandinavian food, entertainment and fun for all.

See you there!

Program Books - send money if you cannot come to the meeting. Send to Karen Dorey.

Blue man's jacket with white trim - left after meeting.

Camillia Festival - Thank you to Megham Barney, Mike Barney and Kurt Pfannkuch for representing us. Dede Dahlberg and Arlie Veis for the booth.

Scholarship Committee - Scholarship to be presented in June.

For those of you interested in learning Swedish Folk Dances, please contact your chairman, Ruth Veis and/or Cultural Leader Deidre Dahlberg. If there are enough people interested, something can, perhaps, be worked out. (There were 20 interested out of 40 people present at our March meeting. Perhaps this says something.)

Mrs. Birgit (Bee) Dillard received the highest award from Rotary International, the Paul Harris Award. This was for community service. She and Tom started a student exchange program in 1967-68, and among other things, Bee has been very active in the women's section "Inner Wheel", and on an international basis. This award carries with it the gratification of a gift, in her name, of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. **Congratulations, Bee!**

Resolution No. 7

Resolved: that Article 17 (a) - District General Fund - be amended to read: "The District General Fund shall receive its income from a \$6.70 (\$3.70) per capita tax, plus any assessments levied by the Grand Lodge, to be paid yearly by the local lodges at the close of the term. All surplus funds received from festivals and other affairs under the auspices of the District Lodge shall be paid into the District General Fund unless otherwise directed."
(New material is underlined: material to be deleted appears in parentheses.)

Motivation: Additional funding is needed to meet rising operating expenses and would enable the District Lodge to promote support programs and growth opportunities for local lodges.

District Lodge Golden Gate No. 12
Executive Board
Helen Mingram, Secretary

Thanks - Bernie and I wish to thank Karin and Viola Bodelson for helping us each month with folding and stapling the newsletter and then mailing it...Ruth Lundberg

Cutoff date for next Monitor will be April 20th.

application to the District Executive Board (on forms obtained from the District Secretary), prior to March 1, of the calendar year. Applications (Applicants) must be complete with scholastic records and the lodge report.

(4) The candidate must submit with the application, transcripts including the most recently completed semester/quarter (a complete record of the high school grades, including first half of senior year). (5) A minimum of two (The highest qualified candidate(s) will be awarded the sum of \$300 each as a scholarship (which will be payable to a college, university, or vocational school of the candidate's choice).

Motivations: Vasa members already enrolled in institutions of higher learning should be eligible for a scholarship in addition to members who are just graduating from high school. Funds are available in the scholarship fund to support the passage of this resolution and this would involve no increase in assessments.

Material to be deleted in parentheses: material added is underlined.

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Resolution No. 6

Resolved: that Article 22 (k) - General Rules - be amended to read: "The Convention assistance from the District Lodge shall not exceed \$1.25 (.75 cents) per member. (New material is underlined; material to be deleted appears in parentheses.)

Motivation: The rising costs of facilities and food have made it difficult for Local Lodges to host a District Meeting without creating a deficit in their general fund. This increase will help offset expenses to the Local Lodges and encourage them to host a District Meeting without placing their own lodge in financial jeopardy.

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Birthdays

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| 4-02 Millie Johnson | 4-21 David Dorey |
| 4-03 Harry Johnson | 4-23 Ronny Kagstrom |
| 4-04 Inez Norling | 4-24 Margaretha Logus |
| 4-04 Christina Barrett | 4-25 Roland Erickson |
| 4-05 Lennart Andersson | 4-30 Didrik Anderson |
| 4-07 Ruth Whisman | 4-30 Holgar Nordquist |
| 4-16 Lois Mullen | 4-30 Annalena Bronson |

Special Birthdays; Harry Johnson 81, Roland Erickson 81, Inez Norling 92, and Holgar Nordquist 84. Congratulations!

List of Members - Program Book change of address: Cornelius, Barbara, 8661 Elk Grove Blvd. #506, Elk Grove, CA 95624, Phone # 685-6425.

Mistake of Printer - Phone correction: Thorsen, Sigrid - 682-5607.

Dues anniversaries for March

- Carlson, Lowell
- Carlson, Margaret
- Carlson, Roland
- Dahlberg, Deidre
- Hubbell, Ethel
- Johnson, Eleanor
- Johnson, Elizabeth
- Johnson, Harry
- Kelly, Joyce
- Kingren, Dorothy
- Kingren, Gibson
- Larson, Carl A.
- Olson, Alice
- Olson, Ted



- Persson, Birgitta
- Strand, Wendy
- Swanfeldt, Alice
- Swanfeldt, Kurt
- Westrup, Richard
- Udvardy, Maude
- Bronson, Annalena

Dues anniversaries for - April

- Barney, Kersten
- Brown, June
- Ellis, Birgitta
- Stromgren, Steve

- Tillman, Marie
- Vine, Eleanor
- Widmark, Myrtle

