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# THE MONITOR



*For the  
Ladies!*

- MAY 5 **Mother's Day Dinner** hosted by the men and Children's Club  
6 O'clock dinner (Ladies free, men nominal fee)  
7:30 Business meeting - convention reports  
Program by Children's Club
- MAY 27 **Sill Frukost** at Ed & Lucy Dahlberg's  
3310 Del Paso Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA  
Ted & Alice Olson and committee in charge.

## NAL och TRAD

- MAY 9 Inger Thornros  
3849 Thornwood Dr.  
Sacramento, CA  
971-4010

Project to be announced

- MAY 23 Vicki Lydecker  
1241 Dolores Way  
Sacramento, CA  
454-2932

Project to be announced



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ENGELBREKT - (continued)

What little we know of Engelbrekt is from the scanty accounts of the years 1434-36. His date of birth is not known but presumably was in the 1390's. He appears to have been of German ancestry. He lived in the mineral rich area of Sweden known as Bergslagen, comprising parts of Värmland, Västmanland and Dalarna. Here deposits of iron, copper, silver, gold, and zinc were mined at that time. There is evidence that German capital from the Hanseatic League was invested and German miners and metal workers were imported. Engelbrekt apparently was not a commoner but of the gentry and owner of an iron mine or iron works.

The revolt brought into being an army possibly of 20-30,000, the largest in Sweden up to that time. Engelbrekt apparently had some previous military experience, presumably as an officer. At any rate he proved to be an able military commander. There is a question about the source of weapons. Generally the commoners of Bergslagen were forbidden to bear "bow, dagger, club, spear, sword or broad axe". It must be assumed that with a source of iron that they made their own weapons.

The source of weapons is only one mystery. There is also the question of money. The peasant army did not plunder the countryside and Engelbrekt seems to have had ample funds to supply his army. Again, it is assumed, without proof, that Engelbrekt had financial help from the Hanseatic League which was at war with Eric of Pomerania at the time. However, as the revolt gained success, there was support from nobles and bishops and their retainers. These joined the revolt and furnished officers and expertise to the army.

The first object of attack was the "castles" of the Danish bailiffs. There were usually timber forts. Fire was an effective weapon. Red hot iron balls or firebrands thrown from catapults and bonfires against the walls could bring capitulation. (to be continued)



## Scandinavian Festival - Report

Thank you Monitor members for your great support of the Festival. Although our total attendance was down slightly from last year (1065 attendance) our gross income and net profit were up considerably. Our preliminary reports show an income of \$5260.00 and the expenses so far of approximately \$1500.00. Our usual practice has been to retain about \$900.00 for the next festival so we should be able to split the net profit of about \$2750.00 between the five lodges participating in the festival.

We sold out almost all the food, but thanks to all you good bakers the baked goods table had a few items left until almost closing time. Monitor's craft table also did very well thanks to the Nal och Trad group. Of the 96 workers who actually helped out in some way the day of the festival, 41 were Monitor members plus 4 dual members with Sierra Kronan. I couldn't possibly list all who helped that day but I should call attention to the people who were in charge of certain areas. Open faced sandwich section, Margaret Carlson and Diedre Dahlberg. Entrance, Thelma Badgley, Ruth Volkoff, and June Delle. Swedish pancakes, Don Gustafson and Ernie Skorheim. Coffee Stand, Ruth and Bernie Lundberg, Secondary coffee stand and cookies, Karin Johnson, Jean Barney and Megham Barney who also represented as Maid of Sweden and carried the Swedish flag in the flag ceremony. Program, Ruth Veis. Craft Tables, Audrey Fales and Muriel Hjersman. Food ticket sales, Brian Buscher, Kurt Pfannkuch and Helen Forsty. A special thanks to all our bakers who contributed, but a BIG Special Thanks to Camilla Holm who baked 85 loaves of Swedish Limpa. Although the aebleskiver come under the heading of the Danes, Ellen Harrod who was in charge of this area is also a member of Monitor Lodge and Dick Westrup was her main helper. Ellen has also been very helpful in purchasing supplies for the festival. Ted Olson and Leo Krastins did a great job in keeping our tables clean and everything in order. And to all who came just to enjoy, thank you also. It was a very successful day and Monitor Lodge can be very proud of its part in the effort to promote the Scandinavian culture in the Sacramento area.

Tak Sa Mycket

Arlie Veis - Festival Chairman

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

It is gratifying to see so many Past Chairman out for our 77th Anniversary. Most of them were there the next day to help with the Scandinavian Festival also. All of our officers were there too.

A special welcome to our new members. I hope you will find something to enjoy. We have our Children's Club, Nal och Trad, Swedish classes and soon to come, Folk Dancing.

At our Mother's Day dinner we will be looking for our youngest Mother and our youngest Grandmother. Come and enjoy this special dinner. Our Children's Club will serve and put on a program. **See you all there!**

In Truth and Unity,

Ruth Veis

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**Sick Committee** : We were sorry to hear that George Uffens fell and broke his right wrist. We are glad he is on the mend now.

Haven't seen the Ostlund's or Skickligs for sometime, hope all is well with them.

Vice Chirman, Kurt Pfannkuch requests you call him collect with any news of members sick or hospitalized.

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### **Program Books**

Send \$2.00 to Karin Dorey, 3024 Bluestar Ct., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 if you wish a book mailed to you.

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**Scholarship Committee**: Chairman, Eva Allred announced Kersten Barney, daughter of Jean and Mike Barney and granddaughter of the late Esther Biehler, is the recipient of this year's scholarship. It will be presented in June.

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**Thank You** - Ruth Lundberg wishes to thank everyone for their kind sympathy on the loss of her brother.





**Birthdays**

**May Birthdays**

5-03 Deidre Dahlberg	5-15 Nancy Misenti
5-05 Don Johnson	5-18 Charles Nelson
5-06 Elizabeth Coleman	5-25 George Uffens
5-07 Martin Thornros	5-25 Frances Misenti
5-12 Charles Linn	5-27 Gordon Oleson
5-12 Myrtle Widmark	5-31 Daniel Link

**Special Birthday:** George Uffens 80 - Congratulations!

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**Dues anniversaries for May;**

Doze, Gary	Nelson, Berthell
Doze, Kerstin	Nelson, Charles
Erickson, Dorothy	Pfannkuch, Eiver
Erickson, Roland	Pfannkuch, Kurt
Horyza, Astrid	Range, Thelma

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**Missing** - The list of persons who signed at the Scandinavian Festival for an interest in VASA. If anyone knows where it is please contact Arlie Veis.

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**Notice** - The deadline for the June newsletter will be May 17th. Please include all July and August news announcements as we don't have a meeting and will not publish a newsletter again until the end of August. Thanks. (Allow a few days time for the mail to reach me from Sacramento.)

Thanks, Ruth Lundberg  
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Sandstrom, Johan, 1329-133 A St., White Rock B.C.  
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**I CAN'T REMEMBER**

Just a line to say I'm living: that I'm not among the dead, though I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in the head. I got used to my arthritis, to my dentures I'm resigned, I can manage my bifocals but, God, I miss my mind. For, sometimes I can't remember when I stand at the foot of the stair if I must go up for something or, have I just come down from there? And before the fridge so often my poor mind is filled with doubt; have I just put food away or have I come to take some out? And, there are times when it is dark with my night cap on my head I don't know if I'm retiring or just getting out of bed. So, if it's my turn to write you there's no need for getting sore, I may think that I have written and don't want to be a bore. So, remember that I love you and wish that you were near but now it's nearly mail time so I must say good-bye, dear. There I stand beside the mail box with a face so very red; instead of mailing you my letter I had opened it instead.