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WISTERIA HALL
 3830 "U" Street
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THE MONITOR

DECEMBER



1st 7:30 Business Meeting, Lucia, Glogg Party, Jul Sing-a-long, Exchange of gifts.

10th 1:00 Children's Club will present a Lucia at Wisteria Hall



NALochTRAD

tisdag den 12 december	hos	Julfest
kl 19.00	Inger Thornros	Exchange
	3849 Thornwood Dr.	cookies &
971-4010	Sacramento	recipes

tisdag den 9 januari	hos	Planning for
kl 19.00	Vickie Lydecker	Spring and
	1241 Delores Way	Scandinavian
454-2932	Sacramento	Festival

TO ALL - from Karin & Viola
 Bodelson &
 Ruth & Bernie
 Lundberg
 (Your Monitor Newsletter staff)



God Jul
 Gott Nytt År

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONITOR WILL BE -DECEMBER 19!



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As we fast approach the holiday season and prepare for Thanksgiving, it is appropriate that I thank the members of the Lodge on behalf of Ruth Veis and myself for the encouragement and support we have received throughout the past year. Without the committees, workers, and all the various volunteers to plan and carry out our events, the Chairman and officers are merely figureheads. YOU make the Lodge what it is, and for that we give thanks.

A special thanks to all those who made our annual smörgasbord so successful. From the planners to the sweepers, from the cooks to the servers, from the bar to the kitchen cleanup, from start to finish it was a major effort and the results were terrific. Several guests were heard to say that this was the best smörgasbord they had ever attended. The lines worked much smoother, the food was excellent, the music better than ever (we'll make Swedes out of Frank and Dolores yet), and the congeniality truly Scandinavian. It was a tremendous success due to the hard work of many individuals. My sincere thanks to you all.

Christmas is just around the corner. Please come to our December meeting and share in the start of "Jultiden". The Children's Club has a special presentation for us and we'll try to keep the business meeting as short as possible so we can all enjoy the glogg and share the Christmas Spirit with our fellow Lodge members.

Finally, don't forget to attend the Luciafest on December tenth and give support to our Children's Club. Remember that it is through the children that our Swedish heritage continues on and that they are the Lodge members of tomorrow. Your support today helps guarantee a Lodge in the future.

In truth and unity,
Kurt Pfannkuch



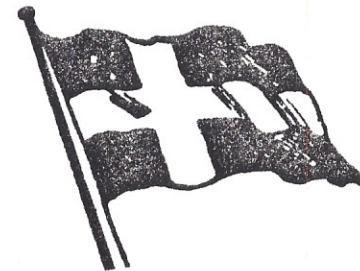
THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Most of us associate the Nobel Prizes with Sweden and some were surprised that the announcement of the award of the peace prize to the Dalai Lama was made in Oslo. There are several institutions involved in choosing the recipients of the various prizes, these were designated in the will of Alfred Nobel. Most were Swedish but the Nobel Will provided that the peace prize be selected by a committee chosen by the Norwegian Storting (Parliament). This was not so strange at the time. Nobel died in 1896, Sweden and Norway were a joint kingdom in his lifetime. He could not foresee that this would end in 1905.

SWEDEN IN THE WEST INDIES

Perhaps the most puzzling question in the Swedish Trivia Quiz in the Vasa Star related to the island Sweden once owned in the West Indies. That island is St. Barthelmy. It is a rather hilly small island on the edge of the Lesser Antilles. The population even now is less than 3,000. It was granted in 1784 by Louis XVI of France to his brother monarch, Gustaff III of Sweden. France and Sweden had close treaty relations at the time and this was a gesture of goodwill. Sweden returned the island to France in 1877. There may be some old Swedish families there since contrasted with most West Indies islands, the population is very much of European origin. The only town is a Swedish momento; the name is Gustavia.

Ted Olson



Report from VASA

Children's Club



This month is a very busy month for our Children's group.

We will present our Lucia at the December 1st Lodge Meeting.

Also, we will have a short program and present membership pins to our children.

On December 10th at Wisteria Hall at 1:00 pm, we will have our Lucia Fest program. Lots of singing, dancing and fun. We will serve coffee, punch and holiday cookies after the program. The children will also have Swedish Holiday crafts to sell.

We look forward to seeing you on the 10th of December. If you plan to attend please share a plate of cookies with us.

Peggy Carlson and Camilla Caldwell - Children's Club Leaders

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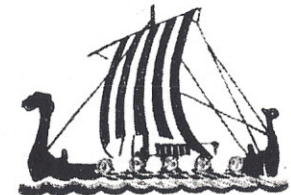
TO REMIND YOU

Please bring a Christmas gift to the December meeting. It should be for someone the same sex as yourself and have a value of approximately three dollars.

Due to post season football playoffs and school plays, our November meeting of the dance group had to be canceled with very short notice. I hope we got the word to everyone who had planned to come before they made the trip out. If we missed anyone, please accept our apologies. Due to the Christmas season, there will not be a meeting of the dance group in December. However, we have been assured that we will have the Mira Loma School to use every third Saturday of the month next year.

Raffle tickets for Grand Lodge Convention are available through your Secretary.

Camillia Festival: * Cultural Exhibits at Convention Center March 3rd and 4th.
* Parade March 3rd
(more info. later from Terry Tillman) * Nominations for Swedish Maid at next **Monitor** Lodge meeting in December. Name & Photo of the Maid has to be submitted at the beginning of January.



Note: Ruth Lundberg has Convention Pins for sale to benefit the Grand Lodge Convention for \$5.00. They are beautiful; designed by a Vasa Order member depicting a Swedish ship going under the Golden Gate Bridge. Please see me at the meeting to purchase them.

Merry Christmas



DECEMBER



12/03 Gary Doze	12/18 David Swanson
12/03 Marjorie Skicklig	12/24 Evelyn Anderson
12/04 Kersten Hakansson	12/26 Dorothy Anderson
12/07 Ellen Herrod	12/30 Betty Bergman
12/12 Margaret Carlson	12/31 Alex Freeland
12/15 Lynn Lundberg	

Special Birthdays: Evelyn Anderson 82, Sophia Swanson 81, Dorothy Erickson 78.

Congratulations!

Dues Anniversaries for December:

Eva Allred	Ethel Hoffman
Karin Bodelson	Christi Kagstrom
Viola Bodelson	Ronny Kagstrom
Camilla Caldwell	Helen LeRoy
Kenneth Carlson	Dr. Daniel Link
Peggy Carlson	Margaretha Logus
Martha Fredrickson	Audrey Olson Smith
Joyce Burns	Jack Smith



Our Sympathy is extended to Frances Misenti on the loss of her brother.



It was reported at our last meeting that Jennie Sea had surgery.

Stanley Hagstrom is recovering from surgery also.

Margaret Linn is doing well after having pace maker surgery.



Lutefisk!



Ven you go to shop for Lutefisk
 An' yew find da vun yew seek-
 Yust be sure dat it is big enough
 For tew last at least a week.
 But don't try tew make him last
 dat long
 Yew don't vant tew be a dunce-
 So yew cook da whole fish right away
 Den yew eat him all at vunce!
 Yust yew stand on da vindvard side-
 So da smell he make blow vay from yew
 Den yew don't care ven he died!

