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THE MONITOR

January



- 5th 7:30 Business Meeting. Annual reports.
District delegates elected. Cultural program:
Julgrans Plundring.
- 20th Installation of Officers at Sierra Kronan
Lodge, 506 Lincoln, Roseville (Moose Hall)
11:00 Luncheon served. \$6.00 per person.
Reservations need to be made to Helen Forsty 967-1830
or Margaret Linn 483-0261 by January 13th.
Installation of officers following luncheon. You do
not need to be an officer to attend. All are
welcome.

tisdag den 9 hos Eva Allred Planning for spring
januari 188 Johnston Rd. and Scandinavian
kl 19.00 Sacramento, CA 95815 Festival.
922-3303

tisdag den 23 hos Karin och Viola Bodelson
januari 2529 Eastern Avenue #26
kl 19.00 Sacramento, CA 95821
485-0815

Deadline for the "Monitor" will be January 17th.

Your new editor will be Marie Tillman. I am delighted she is taking over for me this month and will be publishing the February Monitor. The Bodelson ladies will continue to help with the mailing. Please give Marie your articles on time and she will be able to do a fine job. Marie has experience working with computers.

Thanks for all your articles, it's been fun this past year.

Ruth Lundberg



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Chairman's Message

The holiday season has arrived and everyone is gathering with their families and loved ones. I would like to take this opportunity to wish my Vasa family a very happy and holy holiday season and a fantastic new year.

We are not only entering a new year, but a new decade. It will hold a lot of new challenges for us as well as many continuing challenges. I am very optimistic towards the future of our lodge during the next decade. We have been joined by several new members this past year and have many new people who would like to join us in the coming year. These new members are taking an active part in lodge offices and activities and through them our future looks bright.

Very often, new members "hold back" due to the natural fear that comes with not knowing what is "expected" of a job, a committee, or an office. We have always been a strong lodge with a wealth of talent and abilities. Too often we tend to sit on our laurels and say we have done our share without training our replacements. If we really consider ourselves members, we will always have "a share" because we will always share in the benefits. If we want new members to actively share in the responsibilities and benefits of the lodge, it is up to us all to share our experience and enthusiasm with newcomers.

Please join me in making not only a new year's, but a new decade's resolution to work with newer members; to share our knowledge and experience; to encourage and support them as well as all members; and to work together to make "In Truth and Unity" not just a motto, but the primary basis of an even better Monitor Lodge throughout the next decade.

In Truth and Unity,
Kurt Pfannkuch

Activities Note: The Mira Loma High School on Edison Road in North Highlands will be available on the third Saturday of each month in 1990. The dance group will be reforming on January 20th at 7:30 P.M. We will work on Gamaldans (Waltz, Polka, Hambo, etc.), ring dances and group dances. Coffee and cold drinks will be provided. Please bring some goodies to share during breaks.

VASA (continued)

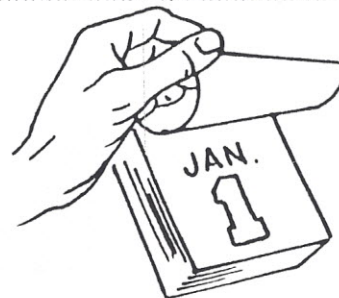
attention from the pope. Sweden, consequently became involved in the Reformation and much of the church property and income was requisitioned by the government.

While Gustav's reign was troubled, his vigorous leadership made him the undisputed ruler and he is regarded as the founder of modern Sweden.

As members of the Vasa Order of America, we should be aware of the significance of the name of our order. It is a significant name.

Ted Olson





New Year's Resolutions

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

VASA

At our membership seminar one of the subjects discussed was the problem of identity in the name of our order. Our sister lodges, Sons of Norway, Dania, and Finlandia, do not have that problem.

To the founders of the order as immigrants from Sweden, there was no such difficulty. The name of VASA was known and Gustav Vasa was as familiar to them as George Washington is to us. In fact, Gustav Vasa, is a comparable figure, the leader of a revolt against foreign oppression who later became the head of his nation.

Gustav Eriksson Vasa (1496?-1560) was a young nobleman in Sweden when Christian II of Denmark enforced his claim to Sweden as a part of the Union of Kalmar. Christian was King of Denmark and king of Norway in the Union and felt that Sweden should be his also. Sweden had been a part of the Union originally but had not accepted foreign domination. Christian invaded Sweden and conquered. One consequence, was the execution of many of the prominent resistance leaders in 1520.

Gustav Vasa had been sent to Denmark as one of the hostages to insure Christian's conquest. He escaped, returned to Sweden to learn of the massacre which had included his father and brother-in-law. He made his way to Dalarna. He spent some time as a fugitive from the Danes while he tried to raise a revolt by informing the people of the Stockholm massacre. He was not successful and began to make an escape to Norway when other confirmation of the massacre reached Dalarna. He was recalled, rallied the people into revolt and eventually expelled Christian and the Danes from Sweden. In June 1523, he was elected King of Sweden as Gustav I.

He had a long and eventful but troubled reign. High taxes were necessary to repay the cost of the successful revolt. There was resistance. Sweden was a Catholic country at the time but received



Hjartliga gratular på Födelsedagen!

1/04	Cecilia Segerstedt	1/13	Kersten Barney
1/04	Elayne Lincecum	1/20	Etna Hermanson
1/06	Alice Olson	1/21	LaVerne Gullans
1/06	Bente Hall	1/21	Peggy Beckwith
1/08	Don Carlson	1/21	Barbara Cornelius
1/08	Roland Carlson	1/22	Thelma Badgley
1/08	Gladys Stengl	1/23	Maybelle Gustafson
1/09	Leisma Krastins	1/24	Elena Trnka
1/12	Richard Franson	1/25	Birgitta Ellis
1/12	Phil Olson	1/27	Ed Dahlberg
1/13	Darlene Palmer	1/25	Viola Bodelson
1/13	Ivy Bland	1/29	Ruth Veis
1/13	Ted Olson		

Special Birthdays: Viola Bodelson 75, Etna Hermanson 77, Ivy Bland 78, Cecilia Segerstedt 81. **Congratulations!**

DUES ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY

Gerda Anderson	Karin Johnson
Mary Anderson	Carl (Herb) & Mildred Johnson
Vera Anderson	Charles & Margaret Linn
Lennart & Britt Marie Andersson	Inez Nordling
Charles & Thelma Badgley	Barbara Erickson Lutz
Charles & Ellarie Campbell	Gordon Olesen
Birgit Dillard	Barbara & Wendell (Phil) Olson
Estrid & Jack Doscher	Martha Olson
Helen & Richard Forsty	Cecilia Sergerstedt
Olga Fredrickson	Eugenia Sholl
Kathleen Goldsberry	Ingrid Smith
Donald & Maybelle Gustafson	Frank & Gladys Stangl
Jeanne & Stanley Hagstrom	Elena & Joyce Trnka
Viola Hallen	George Uffens
Henry & Muriel Hjersman	Arlie & Ruth Veis
Dale & Mary Ingvarlsen	Ruth Volkoff
Joyce Johnson	



If you can't attend the meeting, please send your \$14.00 to the financial secretary, Lisa Krastins, 5550 78th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820

Our December meeting was exceptional. Our Children's Club gave us a preview of their Lucia Program. Meghan Barney was the lovely Lucia.

It was nice to have a visit from our District Deputy, Joe Mingram that evening.

The Jul Tomten was a delightful person (right from Sweden). Thanks to the Pfannkuchs for the lovely Christmas tree and other decorations and the clever way of distributing the gifts. The refreshment committee did a great job, also. It was chaired by Millie and Herb Johnson.

On December 10th, the Lucia Fest went very well. The Children's Club and their leaders are to be commended on the fine performance. Several children received service pins.

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Evelyn Anderson
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Sacramento, CA 95828
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The Axbergs reported to me that they stopped to see our member Faye Powell recently, and she survived the earthquake in San Jose, and was doing well. She sends her greetings.

No report of anyone in the hospital.

Margaret Linn wrote me she is feeling great.

Hope all our members on the previous sick lists are doing well.



Gott Nytt År

