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# THE MONITOR



Our next meeting is March 2, 1990. On the menu is swedish style corned beef with rotmos and kalsallad. The dinner is served at 6.30 p.m. and the bar opens at 6.00 p.m. The price is \$4.50.

The committee members are Ed & Lucy Dahlberg, Don Gustafson, Ernie Skorheim, Ted & Alice Olson, Dick Westrup and Dede Dahlberg. Gil Holm is attending the bar. There will also be a dessert committee. After the dinner, the business meeting starts. Come and be ready to compete in the Vasa Order's own Vasalopp. Dede Dahlberg will tell us all about it.

Our guests for the evening are members from the Nord Lodge.



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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

First of all, I'd like to again extend our welcome to all of our new members. Your interest and enthusiasm in your cultural heritage are important to us as a lodge. I encourage all our members to make our new additions feel at home and help them to become an integral part of our lodge.

We have several activities coming up soon in addition to our corned beef dinner in March. The weekend of March 3rd we will be having our annual display at the convention center in support of the Camellia Festival. Not only do I suggest that you come out to see it, but we will need help to set it up and staff it. Come to the March meeting and sign up or contact Deidre Dahlberg, Terry Tillman or myself to volunteer your time.

We have a special treat in April. Gil Holm, an avid hunter and super lodge member, has offered to provide authentic moose stew as a fund raising dinner before our April meeting. This will be a great opportunity for those of you who have never eaten moose. It is lean, healthful and flavorful, so plan now to join us for dinner on April 6th.

The next day, April 7th, is the annual Scandinavian Festival. This event requires a lot of involvement to help with everything from ticket sales to food preparation. The festival and our smörgåsbord in November are our two main fundraisers of the year. Through them we raise the funds necessary to sustain lodge activities while trying to keep the dues within reason. So come on out to the dinner and meeting on the 6th, but don't forget to be at the Scandinavian Festival the next day, ready and willing to pitch in when, if, and wherever you may be needed.

Finally, I realize that many members are hesitant to make a long distance call if they wish to speak to me. If you need to contact me, you may call me at 323-3627 M-F from 7:00 am to 3:50 pm. This is my office phone so please keep calls to a minimum. If I can't talk to you at the time, I will call you back at a better time. Hopefully this will improve the communications problem of an out of town chairman and keep us both better informed.

In truth and unity,  
Kurt Pfannkuch

## LAPLAND

Almost everyone has heard of Lapland (in Sweden they spell it Lappland). It is usually described as the part of Northern Sweden where the Lapps live. However, the Lapps were there before boundaries were drawn and they live in Norway, Sweden, Finland and the USSR. Lapps are usually described for census purposes as the people who speak Lappish (Samiska in Swedish). This also is difficult to define since there are three dialects, eastern, northern and southern, and these are quite different. By this definition there are probably about 45,000 Lapps. This figure is admittedly inaccurate.

About half of these Lapps live in Norway, about one third in Sweden, and the rest in Finland and the USSR. We always think of reindeer in connection with Lapland. However, most of the Lapps in Norway inhabit the narrow coastal belt and are fishermen. Only about one third of the Lapps in Sweden are engaged in reindeer herding. This was an outgrowth of earlier reindeer hunting and appears to be relatively recent in the 2,000 year history of the race. Lapland has become a developed area of mining and industry and most of the Lapps are employed along with Swedes and Finns. Much of the area is trilingual, public notices at the City Hall in Kiruna are published in Swedish, Finnish, and Sami.

Lapland is the center of the iron mining industry. The rich ores of Kiruna and MalMBERGET are transported to Luleå on the Gulf of Bothnia or to Narvik in Norway for shipment to other areas. Lapland is mountainous. Besides scenery that means sources of water power which have been developed for electricity.

Lapland is scenic. The scenery attracts visitors from all of Europe. It is beloved by hikers and nature lovers. The scenery is preserved in several national parks.

In the 1700's Sweden knew that Lapland existed and was part of Sweden but hardly anything was known about the region. Linneus gained his first recognition by his visit to Lapland in 1732. He reported not only on botany but on the fauna of the area and the culture of the people.

Ted Olson



1990 Annual Program

Corrections and Updating with regard to Monitor Lodge,  
No. 218

- p.41 Cultural Leader - should be Deidre Dahlberg-  
not Bahlberg
- p.44 Evelyn Anderson - add Apt. #170 - Correct Zip-  
95828  
Vera Anderson - change address to: P.O. Box 786  
CCNC, Pinehurst, NC 28374 (tel. not known)
- p.45 Thor & Erika Barrows - Correct Zip - 95628  
Richard & Peggy Beckwith - Change "Pl." to "Rd."  
Aliceann Berry - change address to: 4783  
Clothier Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 - Tel. No.:  
486-9713  
Katherine Brucker - change Zip to 95826  
Joyce Burns - change Zip to 95824

More changes to come in the next issue of "The  
Monitor".

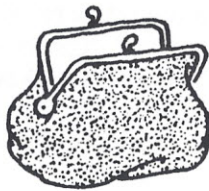
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Next deadline for "The Monitor" will be  
March 15, 1990.

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Dues Anniversaries for the month of March

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Annalena Bronson  | Gibson Kingren  |
| Lowell Carlson    | Carl A Larson   |
| Margaret Carlson  | Alice Olson     |
| Roland Carlson    | Ted Olson       |
| Deidre Dahlberg   | Birgitta Person |
| Ethel Hubell      | Wendy Strand    |
| Eleanor Johnson   | Alice Swanfeldt |
| Elizabeth Johnson | Kurt Swanfeldt  |
| Harry Johnson     | Richard Westrup |
| Joyce Kelley      | Maude Udvardy   |
| Dorothy Kingren   |                 |



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

Camellia Festival



*lots of*

Help! We need Camellias, flowers, and greenery.  
Please help us by bringing Camellias, or other flowers  
and greenery, to our next meeting Friday, March 2nd.  
Or, you can let us know where we can pick them up by  
calling Deidre Dahlberg, 966-4631, or Terry Tillman,  
922-8199. These will be used to decorate the May Pole,  
featured in our Swedish display this year.

Scholarship Committee Report:

The committee will be taking applications from  
High School Seniors (1990 graduates) for the annual  
Monitor Lodge Scholarship. The same rules apply as in  
1989.

The applicants must be members, children of  
members, or grandchildren of lodge members. Those  
interested should obtain the needed forms from Eleanor  
Vine. The forms 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, 1990  
The winners will be notified before June.

For forms, please write to:  
Eleanor Vine  
3905 El Ricon Way  
Sacramento, CA 95864  
Phone: (916) 489-2977

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

## Birthdays



Hjärtliga gratulationer på födelsedagen!  
Congratulations!

3/01 Astrid Horyza	3/17 Donn Stafford
3/01 Thor Barrows	3/17 Kenneth Carlson
3/02 Dorothy Scherer	3/18 Aliceann Berry
3/02 Harriett Yager	3/20 Helen Jenson
3/04 Karin Dorey	3/23 Harry Taylor
3/05 Ellen Herting	3/24 Gerda Anderson
3/06 Berthell Nelson	3/24 Faye Powell
3/08 Eugenie Sholl	3/25 Katherine Brucker
3/08 Jack Doscher	3/26 Lennart Thornros
3/13 Henry Hjersman	3/29 Kjell Hakanson
3/15 Ruth Lundberg	3/29 Joyce Burns
3/15 Johan Sandstrom	3/30 Frank Lindahl
3/15 Linda Johnson	3/30 Arthur Niemoller

Special Birthdays: Faye Powell 84, Ellen Herting 82,  
Astrid Horyza 81, Gerda Anderson 78, Henry Hjersman 76.



## New Members

Louis Eleanor Sims  
2486 Larkspur ln #189  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
(916) 489-7331

Tord & Debbie Holmqvist  
855 Fordham  
Woodland, CA 95695  
(916) 661-3729

Helen M Tura  
3713 JoAnn dr.  
Sacramento, CA 95821  
(916) 489-7833

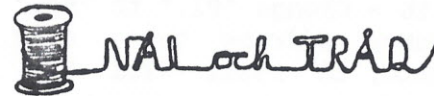
Ronald & Doris Haas  
11508 Armour Court  
Gold River, CA 95670  
(916) 638-9341

Thomas & Annika Anderson  
12269 Brucevillerd.  
Elk Grove, CA 95758  
(916) 684-2204



## Scandinavian Dancing

The Mira Loma High School on Edison Ave. in Sacramento will be available on the third Saturday of each month in 1990. The dance group will be meeting on March 17 at 7.30 p.m. We will work on Gammaldans (Waltz, Hambo, Polka etc.), ring dances and group dances. Beginners as well as more experienced dancers are welcome. The class is free of charge. Coffee and cold drinks will be provided. Please bring some goodies to share during the breaks.



Tisdagen den 13 mars, kl. 19.00, hos  
Ethel Johnson  
4344 53rd Street  
Sacramento, CA 95820

Tisdagen den 27 mars, kl. 19.00, hos  
Elizabeth Johnson  
4332 T Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819

## Sick Committee Report

Ruth Lundberg was in the hospital in January, but was well to attend the February meeting.  
Gustav Mattson was to go into the hospital for a CAT scan of his back.  
Olga Fredrickson is reported feeling better.  
Holger Nordquist had to visit the hospital. We hope he is feeling better.

## Scandinavian Festival Committee Meeting

On March 12, 1990 at 7.00 p.m, there is a Scandinavian Festival Committee Meeting at the Sons of Norway Hall. All Committee People are to attend.