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## May



MORS DAG FEST (Mother's day dinner)

FRIDAY MAY 4TH

Free dinner for all women, men must pay \$5.00. Bar opens at 6.00 and dinner starts at 6.30 pm.

Lillian Hellman's Pot Roast will be served and all women will get a surprise. Ted Olson is the chairman with Don Gustafson, Ernie Skorheim and Ed Dahlberg as chief cooks. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the men.

Our business meeting starts at 7.30 pm. On the program is initiation of new members.



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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope you all got to go to the Camellia Festival activities this year, especially our booth at the convention center. It was a big success and we received quite a few names of people interested in VASA from it. It was a success because of the efforts of some very involved lodge members and they all deserve to be recognized. Thanks to Diedre Dahlberg for the ideas and overall coordination as well as to Terry and Marie Tillman for their help in getting it all together. Thanks to Margaret Carlson's daughter Linnea and her husband for coming up from the bay area so she could create that beautiful Scandinavian scene in the backdrop. In fact, thanks to the whole Carlson family who, as usual, were there to help from set-up to taking it down and storing it. Thanks to Ivar Axberg and crew for the carpentry work in putting it all together. Thanks to Ted Olson for his help on setting it up and for allowing the lodge to use his barn for storage after it was taken apart. And, thanks to all those who gave their time staffing the booth and to those who donated flowers and plants. It is a pleasure and an honor to be associated with people who are so willing to work together so well for the mutual benefit of the lodge.

I was also very happy to see the great response for our annual Scandinavian festival. After a busy meeting night the previous evening, we had a really good turnout for the festival the next day. It was good to see so many volunteers working for the lodge. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and we not only had a profitable day, but also received a lot of names for people interested in the lodge. It is activities like these that bond the lodge together and to help it grow.

Our next meeting will be preceded by a dinner hosted and prepared by the men in honor of Mother's Day. The men in the kitchen can use all the help they can get for cooking, serving and cleaning up. So whatever your kitchen skills are men, come on out and help honor the

The German population of Holstein was a special thorn to Denmark. During the constant wars between Sweden and Denmark, the Holsteiners often provided diversion on another front. Remember Denmark included Norway and Sweden and there were constant border clashes along this long common frontier. However, in course of time, Denmark, Schleswig and Holstein became more closely united through intermarriage. That was of great importance in inheritance at that time. Eventually Schleswig and Holstein were united in that way. In 1460 the male heirs of Schleswig and Holstein died out. Christian I of Denmark was a nephew and was elected as Duke of Schleswig and Count of Holstein. In 1474 the county of Holstein was elevated to the rank of duchy of the Holy Roman Empire.

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Ted Olson



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Next deadline for "The Monitor" will be

May 15, 1990

Send material to Marie Tillman, 1605 Truckee Way,  
Woodland, CA 95695

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### SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

Many of you have no knowledge of Schleswig (Danish Slesvig) Holstein. If you do, you may think of it as an item of Danish or German history which does not concern Sweden. However, affairs in Schleswig and Holstein often involved Sweden. Besides we have Danish members since we invite all Scandinavians.

The relationship of Schleswig and Holstein to Denmark goes back to medieval times. However, all historical discussion leads up to the Schleswig-Holstein question. That brings us up to the middle of the 1800's and involves Denmark, Austria, Prussia, Sweden, England and a few other German states.

In the middle ages there was no unified country of Germany. It was divided into as many as 400 independent or semi-independent units of kingdoms, principalities, duchies, counties, bishoprics, archbishoprics and free cities. There may have been more and different entities. However, among these were the duchy of Schleswig and the county of Holstein. Both of these were located on the Danish peninsula, Schleswig immediately south of Denmark and Holstein further south. The inhabitants of Holstein were German in speech and culture. Schleswig was a mixture of Danish and German. While both were at least nominally independent, they tended to unite when they felt Denmark was a joint enemy.

ladies. We will also be initiating several new members, so come out and meet them. Meetings are the heart of our organization. Without them there would be no lodge to provide the activities that foster fellowship and perpetuate our Scandinavian heritage. Come on out and support YOUR lodge. Hope to see you there.

In Truth and Unity,  
Kurt Pfannkuch

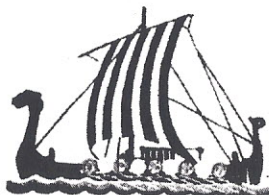
### ACTIVITIES NOTES

The Grand Lodge would like us to provide an individual dressed as a lumberjack for the opening session of the Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco on Saturday, June 30th. If there are any volunteers, please contact Kurt Pfannkuch at 1-674-1068 or Ruth Lundberg at 1-269-0523 before April 26th so we can report if we can honor their request at the District Convention.

At our May 19th meeting of the dance group, we will have an outstanding instructor from the Bay Area. She will help us to organize and run our group as a real class and she will be bringing another instructor who may continue with us in the fall. The meeting will get us started and help us to plan for future classes. There will, however, be a small fee charged to cover costs. The amount will depend on how many people come out and whether or not the Lodge will subsidize us. The fee will not exceed \$5.00 per person and hopefully be much less. Come to the next lodge meeting as the dance group and financial support of the Lodge will be discussed. Tell all your friends who might be interested and everyone please come to the dance group on May 19th. It should be a lot of fun and maybe the start of something big.

## SWEDEN DAY

Sweden day is coming up. Mark your calendars for June 2. The Sweden Day Picnic this year will be in Oroville. As part of the activities, the Reno lodge #711 will be organizing a "Game if Chance". They need prizes and have asked our lodge for donations. If you have "white elephants" any size, please bring them to our next meeting and we'll make sure that they are sent to the Reno lodge. Proceeds from the ticket sale will go to the Sweden Day Fund. Raffle tickets are also available. For more information on raffle tickets, please contact Ted Olson.



SILL FRUKOST, MAY 19TH

The date of the annual Breakfast of the Vikings has been moved to May 19th to avoid conflict with the Memorial Day weekend.

For the benefit of new members, the Sill Frukost is a herring breakfast. We serve herring and champagne. However, the herring are fillets that have been leached, breaded and fried in butter, and accompanied with creamed new potatoes and fried onions. There will be other choices also. If you promised wife or mother a Mother's Day brunch and forgot, you can make it up here.

This year the Sill Frukost will be held at the home of Ted and Alice Olson at 8780 Sunset Avenue, Fair Oaks. Directions: from Highway 50 take Hazel Avenue turnoff to Sunset, then left at Sunset. From Sunrise or Fair Oaks Boulevard, turn right on Sunset. From Highway 80 turn off at Madison to Sunrise and left at Sunset.

Bar will open at 10 AM, frukost at 10:30.

## Till Mor

Tack du kära lilla Mor  
tack för all din möda stor  
tack för gärning god  
tack för allt ditt tålmod  
tack för hoppet som du givit  
tack för allt i hela livet  
tack för allt aom jag fått lära  
tack för bördor du fått bära  
tack för allt ditt goda stöd  
tack för hjälpen i min nöd  
tack för många vackra stunder  
tack för alla goda grunder  
tack till sist för kärlek stor  
tack, du rara lilla Mor.



## CAMELLIA FESTIVAL

Special thanks to everyone who helped with this year's festival preparations. The Majstång and scenic backdrop were masterfully crafted, drawing numerous compliments and remarks as people entered the convention center. The whole display created an impressive portrait of Swedish culture.

We are all grateful to Kathleen Largomarsino who represented the lodge as this year's Swedish Maiden. All the maidens looked truly dazzling at the Friendship Luncheon, each one exquisitely outfitted in her distinctive costume. Thanks again Kathleen.

Dues Anniversaries for the month of May

Gary & Kerstin Doze  
Roland & Dorothy Erickson  
Astrid Horyza  
Charles & Berthell Nelson  
Thelma Range  
David Swanson

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



Birthdays

Hjärtliga gratulationer på födelsedagen!  
Congratulations!

5/03	Deidre Dahlberg	5/12	Myrtle Widmark
5/05	Don Johnson	5/15	Nancy Misenti
5/05	Louise Sims	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 Olesen

Special birthday: George Uffens 81



SMÖRGÅSBORD COMMITTEE REPORT

Your smörgåsbord committee has been busy making plans for our annual dinner to be held this November. It will be at the same place as last year, the Unitarian Church. As you know this is our biggest fund raiser. Last year we cleared over \$1600. For this year we plan some minor changes in the menu with a slight increase in the ticket charge.

What we very much need is more help!

Areas where we need assistance are:

1. Set-up and decorating from 9 am to noon.
2. Host and Hostess (Greet and seat guests) from 5 to 7 pm.
3. Food service helpers (to replenish smörgåsbord tables) from 5 to 8 pm.
4. Cooks helpers: Group #1: 9 am to 1 pm  
Group #2: noon to 4 pm
5. Coffee Makers from 4 to 6:30 pm
6. Clean up (Clean tables and take trash to the dumpster) from 9 to 11 pm
7. Odd jobs, hours as needed.

If you can help call either Don Gustafson at 967-6020 or Margaret Carlson at 457-7376 or indicate area on this chart, sign and give or mail to the lodge secretary.



Scandinavian Dancing

This month, the dance group will be meeting on Saturday, May 19, at 7.30 p.m. at Mira Loma High School on Edison Avenue in Sacramento. See Chairman's message for more informaton.

Tisdagen den 8 Maj, kl. 19.00, hos  
Myrtle Widmark  
3900 Silver Spur Way  
Sacramento  
481-4056

Tisdagen den 22 Maj, kl. 19.00, hos  
Deidre Dahlberg  
5829 Birdcage Street #266  
Citrus Heights, CA 95610  
(916) 966-4631  
Punch #180 at security gate



### Sick Committee report

Holger Nordquist is recuperating at home following his operation of cancer.  
Erica Lewis had a pneumonia relapse and was going to her daughter to rest.  
Lucy Dahlberg had cataract surgery but is doing very well.  
"Get well" wishes from us all. We hope to see you at our next meeting.

### 1990 Annual Program

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

- p.45 Don & Joyce Carlson - correct address to:  
1296 Gold Pan Rd.  
p.46 Barbara E. Cornelius - add Apt. #506 -  
change Elkgrove to Elk Grove  
June F. Delle - correct street number to  
8804-A  
Gary & Kerstin Doze - correct telephone  
number to 927-7685

Barbara Ann Ericson - correct telephone  
number to 456-9918  
Martha Fredrickson - correct street  
number to 3165  
Olga Fredrickson - change address to:  
Land Park Senior Lodge, 966 43rd Ave.,  
Sacramento, CA 95831 (Lodge telephone  
number is 421-7000)

- p.47 Henry & Muriel Hjersman - clarify street  
number - 640  
Dale & Mary Ingvarlsen - correct street  
spelling - Promontory  
p.48 Eleanor Johnson - add telephone number  
646-3161  
Lynn Lundberg - add telephone number 338-  
2976  
p.49 Nancy Misenti - correct telephone number  
483-5881  
Inex Norling - should be Inez  
Lilmer Olson - add telephone number 481-  
3067  
p.50 Betty L. Price - street address should  
be: 7022 Raintree Dr.  
Johann Lennart Sandstrom - change address  
to: 14858 17th Ave., White Rock, B.C. V4A  
6V4, Canada - tel: (604) 538-5720  
Jennie Sea - Unfortunately, this member  
has died recently  
p.51 Sigrid Thorsen - correct telephone number  
682-5607

If any member finds any other corrections which need to  
be made, we would appreciate hearing about them.

