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KNYT-KALAS (potluck) honoring the men
FRIDAY JUNE 1, at 6:30 pm

Ladies, please bring your favorite "swedish" dish, enough to serve 12 people. This is the night women entertain the men. A surprise program is planned for the evening. Let's see if all you women can out do the men this time. Kitchen help is needed, so ladies, please volunteer. The bar opens at 6:00 pm. As usual, the business meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Awarding of scholarships is on the program for the evening. Congratulations Ricki Niemoller, our scholarship winner of the year. He and his parents Arthur and Donna Niemoller will be honored guests at our meeting.



DINNER INVITATION

Sierra Kronan is inviting members of the Monitor Lodge to their meeting and dinner on June 21st. Price to be announced later.

THANK YOU



Thanks to the many men who put on a fantastic dinner last month for the women. As usual, it was excellent.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Summer is just about here and it's time for the lodge meetings to yield to outdoor activities. If you prefer picnics over business meetings, we have come to your time of the year. The annual Sweden Day picnic will be held in Ororville this year. That's a reasonable drive for most members and it's a good chance to support our fellow North Valley Lodges. Then our own lodge will sponsor the annual Midsommar picnic. This is always a fun time for the whole family and a good chance to get to know the other lodge members better. Later in the summer, we will be having our crayfish party, with lots of good food, good snaps and good fellowship. Come on out to as many of these get-togethers as you can and meet some of the people you normally only see across the lodge room. The purpose of the lodge is fellowship within our cultural heritage and these summer functions are great ways to learn more about other peoples' background and have fun doing it.

There is one more meeting before "semester" and we do have just a little work to do finishing up the plans for all these great functions. I'll keep the meeting as short as possible so that we can visit after the meeting. The ladies are going to honor the men with a Father's day dinner before the meeting so come on out early and stay late. A lot of members have travel plans for the summer so it may be the last you get to visit for a couple of months.

I hope you all have a very pleasant summer. I encourage you all to come to as many fun things as you can. If for some reason you don't get to go to any of them, I hope to see you all back in September. Ha en trevlig sommar!



In Truth and Unity,
Kurt Pfannkuch

There were some contradictions in this arrangement. Schleswig continued to have a mixed population of Danes and Germans and Holstein continued to be German and included in the loose confederation of nominally independent German States known as the Holy Roman Empire headed by Austria. In spite of these problems the arrangement lasted for over 300 years.

The Holy Roman Empire (neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire) came to an end in 1806 during the Napoleonic wars. When the congress in Vienna redrew the map of Europe after the defeat of Napoleon, it created the German Confederation composed of thirty nine of the smaller German states. Holstein was included in this confederation but not Schleswig. Although the confederation was too weak and disorganized to establish any real authority, it added another element to the situation. However, after the association of over 300 years the Danes had come to feel that Schleswig and Holstein had become parts of the Kingdom of Denmark. (to be continued)

Note - the history of Schleswig-Holstein and Denmark is complex and confusing. I invite comments and assistance of our Danish members who may have knowledge of the subject.



"The indispensable man"

Sometime when you are feeling important,
Sometime when your ego is in bloom,
Sometime when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room,
Sometime when you feel that you're going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow these instructions,
And see how humble your soul

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to the wrist,
Pull it out and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how much you will be missed.
You can splash all you wish when you enter,
You may stir-up the water galore,
But stop and you will find that in no time,
It looks quite the same as before.
The moral in this quaint example,
Is to do just the best you can,
Be proud of yourself but remember,
There's no indispensable man.



SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN -Continued

The Charter of Ribe signed by Christian I of Denmark when he was elected ruler of Schleswig and Holstein in 1460 contained many provisions. Schleswig and Holstein were recognized as independent entities but "indissolubly united". Since they were independent the laws of Denmark would not apply. Nothing could be done in relationship to either duchy which did not affect the other. The only relationship with Denmark was through the ruler in his two capacities as King and as Duke.

This had advantages for the kings of Denmark. They could continue the almost continuous conflict with Sweden without the worry of a second front in Holstein. They were also able to deal with the neighboring German states as the Duke of Schleswig-Holstein without directly involving Denmark.

SWEDEN DAY PICNIC

Monitor Lodge along with other lodges will celebrate Sweden Day (svenska flaggens dag) on June 2 at Sank Park in Oroville. This is a colorful affair and we urge you to attend.

I never heard about Sweden Day until I joined Vasa, then no one could tell me much about it except that it concerned the Swedish flag. Therefore, I addressed my questions to my friend in Uppsala, Arne Flygare, Colonel (Retired) of the Royal Swedish Army. He answered: "You asked me about the Swedish flag. We will give you some information here. The exact age of the Swedish flag is not known, but the oldest recorded pictures to a blue cloth with a yellow cross dates from the 16th century. As decreed in a royal warrant of 1569, the yellow cross was always to be borne on Swedish battle standards and banners, as the Swedish coat was blue divided quarterly by a cross of gold. Since 1916, June 6th has been celebrated as Swedish Flag Day. This finally also became Sweden's National Day in 1983. The reasons for the choice of date are twofold: The election of Gustav Vasa as Sweden's king on June 6th, 1523, laid the foundation of Sweden as a separate state, and on the same date in 1809, Sweden adopted a new constitution which included the establishment of civil rights and liberties. The colors and design of the flag are laid down in the Flag Act of 1982."

(Ironically, the date of June 6 marks the beginning of the Vasa dynasty, but also marks the effective end of that dynasty. Gustav IV was deposed in 1809 and his elderly childless uncle became king as Charles XIII on June 6, 1809 upon his acceptance of the new constitution which severely limited the royal power. Charles XIII was regarded only as an interim king while search was made for a new succession. This resulted in the Bernadotte dynasty.)



Ted Olson

MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION

Don't forget another family affair, the MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL, this year at Elk Grove Park, Area 7 on June 23. Bring your own picnic lunch. The children's group will have a special program for us. There will also be dancing around the "Majstång" (May Pole) etc. See you there.....



ANNUAL PICNIC

Friday August 3, at 6:30 pm "Utflykt" (picnic) at Howe Avenue Park. Enter the parking lot of Bell Street. Bring your own steak, hamburgers or hot dogs. The barbecue fires will be ready for you. Bring a salad or whatever else to share, and of course your own plates and utensils, etc. Beer and soft drinks will be on ice for a nominal fee.

After the picnic we will move across the street to the Veis' back yard (2116 Bell Street). Bring you own folding chairs. Coffee and ice cream from Chuck and Berthel's Baskin Robbins. Don't miss it!



KRÄFTSKIVA (CRAYFISH PARTY)



For all you new members who haven't been to our "Kräftkalas" before, this is one event you can't afford to miss. Keep this date open for good food, a lot of fun and good fellowship. It will be Saturday evening August 18th at Bea Dillard's, 3940 Silver Spur Way. Bar opens at 6:00 pm and we'll eat at 6:30 pm. Bring a large salad, sandwiches, vegetables, fruit or whatever. This time bring your own card table and chairs. Plates and utensils will be furnished. Come and learn the real swedish way to eat crayfish with akvavit and all. Since there will be no August issue of the "Monitor" to remind you, it is important that you put this event end the annual picnic on your calendar right now. But how could you forget?

Next deadline for "The Monitor" will be
August 15, 1990

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DUES ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

June:
Didrik Anderson
Donald & Joy Carlson
Elizabeth Coleman
Ellen Harrod
Leo Krastins
Frank Lindahl
Bernie & Ruth Lundberg
Frances Misenti
Nancy Misenti
Edmund & Billie Nelson
Ernest & Juanita
Skorheim

July:
Donn & Lillian Stafford
Sigrid Thorsen
Birgitta Ellis
Gustav Mattson

August:
Jean Anderson
Audrey Fales
Carl E Larson

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



Lillian Hellman Pot Roast, as served on Ladies' night.

1 4-pound beef roast (we used boneless crossrib)
1 can of cream of mushroom soup
1/2 envelope dried onion soup mix
1 large onion chopped
3 cloves garlic chopped
2 cups red wine
2 cups water
1 bay leaf, crushed
1 teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon basil



Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Place the beef in a pot with cover with rest of ingredients. Cover and bake 3 1/2 hours or so. Check occasionally, more liquid may be needed. The gravy is made as the roast cooks.

Note: Lillian Hellman was a prominent playwright. She wrote "The Children's Hour" (1934); "The little foxes" (1939) and "Watch on the Rhine" (1941). She must have served this at least once.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCING

Please note that the dance group will not be meeting until fall. Date and time will be announced in the September issue of the Monitor.

NÅL OCH TRÅD

The nål och tråd group will take a summer break during the months June through August. Please join us again in September.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

Harry and Elizabeth Johnson are grateful for our friends in Monitor Lodge and thank them for their caring and praying for the welfare of their grandson, Justin Grosso, during and following brain surgery. The surgery was very successful and the prognosis is excellent. Thank you, also, from Lorna and Frank Grosso, Justin's parents.

Ruth Lundberg had surgery on April 16, she is doing fine.

Barbara Lutz had a gallbladder operation, she is recuperating nicely at home.

Etna Hermanson is doing well following her eye operation.

Helen Forsty is also doing well after the operation to her feet.

Ruth Veis is in the hospital due to an infection.



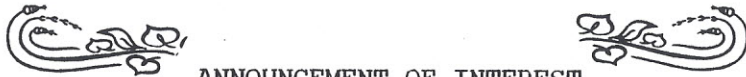
CHILDREN'S GROUP

Don't miss the children perform on June 2, at Sweden Day in Oroville and on June 23 at our Midsummer celebration in Elk Grove.

The last meeting for the children's group is June 10. After the "sommarlov" (summer break) they will meet again on Monday, September 10.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

Just a reminder, the 1990 Grand Lodge Convention, is held at the Marriott Airport Hotel in San Francisco from June 29th through July 6th. Check your "Vasa Star" for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTEREST



Did you know that there is a swedish chorus in San Francisco? THE SAN FRANCISCO SWEDISH CHORUS will celebrate again this year Swedish Music Day on May 20th.

May 20, 1990 at 3:00 pm, at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 678 Portola Dr., San Francisco. Admission is \$6.00 general; \$4.00 seniors. Free parking available. Music by swedish composers: Alfven, Öhrwall, Paul Sjölund, etc.

June 16, 1990, 7:30 pm, same location. Works by Monteverdi, Mahler, Stravinsky, etc.

July 5, 1990, 7:30 pm, same location. Guests: One of Sweden's finest choirs will visit San Francisco for this one concert only. LUNDS STUDENTSANGARE.

For information: Call (415) 469-0221

BIRTHDAYS

Hjärtliga gratulationer på födelsedagen!
Congratulations!

June:

- 1 - June Brown
- 2 - Ruth Uffens
- 2 - Audrey Olson-Smith
- 2 - Inger Thornros
- 8 - Gilbert Holm
- 12 - Eleanor Johnson
- 15 - Sandy Taylor
- 15 - Elizabeth Johnson
- 17 - Edmund Nelson
- 20 - Barbara Ericson
- 20 - Lydia Franson
- 20 - Frank Stangl
- 22 - Margaret Linn
- 24 - Erika Barrows

August:

- 1 - Carl E Larson
- 2 - Alice Swanfeldt
- 5 - Sigrid Thorsen
- 7 - Brian Buscher
- 8 - Jack Smith
- 9 - Paul Gullans
- 11 - Sue Bergman
- 13 - Mary Anderson
- 15 - Lars Ostlund
- 17 - Martha Olson
- 19 - Charley Badgley
- 20 - Ricki Niemoller
- 26 - Birgitta Persson
- 26 - Susan Buscher
- 29 - Dorothy Kingren
- 29 - Steven Stromgren
- 29 - Gail Nemy

July:

- 5 - Martha Fredrickson
- 7 - Herb Johnson
- 8 - Hildur Benson
- 10 - Eivor Pfannkuch
- 10 - John Forsberg
- 11 - Ernest Skorheim
- 15 - Camilla Caldwell
- 16 - Camilla Holm
- 17 - Ronald Haas
- 18 - Ivar Axberg
- 24 - Ingegerd Kennedy
- 24 - Joyce Johnson
- 31 - Leo Krastins



Special Birthdays: Hildur Benson 93, Charles Badgley 83, Sigrid Thorsen 82, Martha Fredricksen 79, Sue Bergman 79, Ruth Uffens 78, Martha Olson 78, Elizabeth Johnson 76.