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THE MONITOR



MOUNTAINS! FJORDS! MAGIC! NORGE!

Please join us for the business meeting on Friday, November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. Right after the business discussion, Dick Westrup will present our cultural program. Dick's presentation will feature our Scandinavian neighbor to the west - Norway. Don't miss this. Also, we will have some special refreshments after the meeting. Eva Allred, Lois Mullen, June Delle, Frances and Nancy Misenti are on the committee.

A beautiful day, a perfect setting, excellent food and a great turn out. How about that for our first attempt at a swedish pancake breakfast. THANK YOU all who helped make it a success. We will have to try it again.

WOW! What a meeting last time. We served over a hundred people at our "Köttbullar" supper. It was a huge success for our first time and we have received a lot of compliments thanks to our good cooks who are so willing. We will have another one next year so don't miss is then.

Note: Change of schedule! The children's club now meet from 4:00 to 5:30 at Wisteria Hall before our meetings on Fridays. For more information call Camilla or Peggy (967-9248).

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend my congratulations to the new officers of Monitor Lodge for 1991. We in the lodge appreciate your dedication and acceptance of the responsibility of office for the coming year, and will do everything we can to assist you and make your jobs a little easier. I was pleased to see that some of our newer members have stepped right in and are willing to assume offices. Positive attitudes like that are essential to the existence and growth of the lodge. I would also like to thank Muriel Hjersman and the nominating committee for an excellent job selecting such qualified people to accept these offices.

This will be the last time you see my plea for help for our annual Smörgåsbord. Things are progressing well, but it will only be truly successful if we all do our share. If you are not already signed up to help, please call Margaret Carlson or Don Gustafson and offer your help. The sooner you call the better, so they will know what resources they have to work with.

As we approach the holiday season, we should all think about the things we can be truly grateful for. Too often we let the little problems in life get out of proportion and overlook the abundance with which we have been blessed. Our families, friends, Vasa, America and life itself should never be taken for granted. These are gifts for which we should be constantly grateful. As chairman of Monitor Lodge, I am also grateful for the supportive and hard working members who have made my past year in office so rewarding. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all and to wish you a happy and appreciative Thanksgiving.



In Truth and Unity,

Kurt Pfannkuch

Each of these had a different motivation. The German Confederation included Holstein and Lauenburg (but not Schleswig) as independent member states. Bismarck in Prussia was determined to annex these areas to Prussia. Austria could not allow Prussia to assume dominance by default. Russia had relinquished its dynastic claim but retained interest in the outcome. Great Britain was concerned with the rise of Prussia as a naval power with better access to the North Sea. Charles XV of Sweden had the most romantic motive. In the Scandinavian countries there was a Pan-Scandinavian movement, a union of the Scandinavian countries. Charles was already king of Sweden and king of Norway, he could also become the protector of Denmark.

For the second time a king of Denmark promulgated a policy on his death bed and left his heir with the problem. Frederick VII promulgated a new constitution for "our kingdom of Denmark-Schleswig" on November 3, 1863 and died two days later. Christian IX inherited the problems. The new constitution was contrary to the agreement that made him heir to Schleswig-Holstein but was popular in Denmark. He supported the constitution which angered the German States.

Frederick, Duke of Augustenburg, son of the duke who had earlier given up his claim, now stated that he had no share in the renunciation and claim his rights. He was supported by the German Confederation and troops from Saxony and Hannover occupied Holstein. This action was not supported by Prussia and Austria who demanded that the compact of 1852 should be upheld. This led to a very confused situation. Great Britain, with the support of Russia, France, and Sweden-Norway proposed that the question should be submitted to a new international conference. This opened in London on April 25, 1864. The conference could not resolve the tangled situation.

Austria and Prussia agreed to apply force. The war was short. Denmark received sympathy but not much help from the countries it had relied on. On August 1, 1864, the king of Denmark renounced all his rights to the duchies in favor of the Emperor of Austria and the king of Prussia.

(to be continued - this is not quite the end)

Fred Olson

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



Grattis på födelsedagen! Ja må de leva!
Happy Birthday,

11/04	Viola Hallen	11/17	Olga Fredrickson
11/06	Louise Amundsen	11/19	Alice Axberg
11/06	Kerstin Doze	11/19	Christie Kagstrom
11/07	Wendy Strand	11/23	Kathy Goldsberry
11/10	Henry Bergman	11/24	Lillian Stafford
11/10	Joyce Trnka	11/25	Terry Tillman
11/13	Joy Carlson	11/27	Barbara Olson
11/13	Donna Niemoller	11/30	Thelma Range
11/16	Jeannine Kaiser		

Special birthdays: Olga Fredrickson 89, Viola Hallen 78

NEW MEMBERS

Gary & Sue Brill-Lehn
609 40th Street
Sacramento, CA 95819
(916) 451-1890

Jillian Stanley
510 23rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 448-9765

Amy Glad
909 Alvarado Ave #16
Davis, CA 95616



SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN - continued

The Schleswig-Holstein question has now reached the year of 1863. From the constitution of 1855 there had been constant unrest and diplomatic negotiations among the great powers.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1991
MONITOR LODGE NO. 218

Chairperson	Myrtle Widmark
Vice Chairperson	Harry Johnson
Recording Secretary	Dorothy Scherer
Assistant Secretary	Jean Anderson
Treasurer	Arthur Niemoller
Financial Secretary	Vickie Lydecker
Assistant Financial Secretary	Martha Fredrickson
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Assistant Master of Ceremonies	Peter Wardlow
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Outer Guard	Donna Niemoller
Historian	Billie & Ed Nelson
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Auditor (3 yr term)	Arlie Veis

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Sweden Day Delegate (2 yr term)
Membership Committee (3 yr term)
Vasa Star Correspondent
Scholarship Committee

Kurt Pfannkuch
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Audrey Fales
Ruth Lundberg

Two Year Term

Eleanor Vine, Chair
Lois Mullen
Kay Doze
Jeanne Hagstrom
Ethel Hoffman

Three Year Term

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

It was good to see Ruth Veis at the Pancake Breakfast, and she reported that Didrik Anderson was not feeling well. Hank Hjersman was in the hospital for a few days but is home now, and he will have some tests and X-rays later.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The julbock design Christmas cards will be for sale at the November meeting and at the Smörgåsbord. \$5.00 for package of 10 cards and 5 packages for \$20.00. We would like to have the boxes empty. Call Myrtle Widmark at 481-4056.



SMÖRGÅSBORD COMMITTEE REPORT

By the time you receive this newsletter I am sure we will be sold out on the smörgåsbord. We have had a big response this year, but please check with Margaret or Don to get on a waiting list. If you have signed up to work and plan to eat, you won't be left out, but don't plan on sitting with your family or friends unless you have a ticket. For those of you who might be thinking about bringing an extra person that night hoping to buy a ticket at the door, forget it! There just won't be any.

We are trying to make it real nice this year, not to be too crowded, have enough food for everyone and to have a good time too. So, thanks for co-operating.

Your Smörgåsbord committee



tisdag den 13 november
kl 19.00

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Elizabeth Johnson
4332 T Street
Sacramento, CA 95819
452-2470

tisdag den 27 november
kl 19.00

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Myrtle Widmark
3900 Silver Spur Way
Sacramento, CA 95841
481-4056



DALAMÅLNING

Would you like to paint your own Dalahäst? Julie Anne is coming back with another all-day seminar in Dalamålning. This time we will be making Välkommen signs that are cut in the shape of a Dalahäst. Beginners are welcome. You don't need previous painting experience to enjoy this class.

The class will be held on Saturday, November 17, at Mira Loma High School, 4000 Edison Avenue. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Building. Bring a sack lunch. We'll paint from 9:00 to noon, have a short lunch break, and paint again from 1:00 to 4:00. Bring an additional wooden piece from home and Julie Anne will help you to design a Dalamålning on it if you finish the Dalahäst early. Julie Anne's lesson costs \$25.00 which includes the wooden Dalahäst Välkommen sign to paint.

If you are interested in this class, get a list of supplies from DeeDee Dahlberg (966-4631). DeeDee will also have a sample photo of the plate at our November meeting if you would like to see what the finished creation will look like.

PLEASE SIGN-UP for this class at our November meeting or call DeeDee to get on the reservation list. We are limited to 20 participants.



PLEASE NOTE

Next deadline for "The Monitor" will be
November 7, 1990
Send material to Marie Tillman,
1605 Truckee Way, Woodland, CA 95695



DUES ANNIVERSARIES FOR NOVEMBER

Ivar & Alice Axberg
Ellen Herting
Gustav & Marjorie Skicklig

Sophia Swanson
Harriett Yager
Erika Lewis