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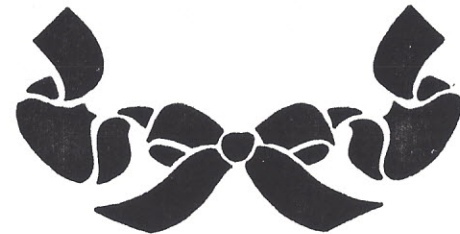
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JULFEST! GLÖGGPARTY! LUCIA! GIFT EXCHANGE!

All of this at our next meeting on December 7th. It will be a festive time with our children's club performing their Lucia program. Our newly established singing group will sing Swedish Christmas carols for us. Of course "Jultomten" will come, so bring a gift worth \$3.00 to exchange (if you wish). Mark it for a "man" or a "lady" and from (your name). Come and let your voice be heard in the Jul Singalong.

Since some of our members are not able to attend our meetings, please remember them by bringing an extra "julklapp" (Christmas gift), for example a poinsettia or some home baked cookies. The lodge will arrange to have the gifts delivered to these members.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As the holiday season nears and we begin to prepare for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays, it is appropriate for me to thank the lodge for the support I have received throughout the past year. All the workers, committee members and volunteers in the lodge have made this a very successful year and I appreciate each and every one of you. A special thanks to those who put in countless hours planning, cooking, serving, cleaning up and doing all those other time consuming jobs to make our annual smörgåsbord such a great success.

The December meeting will kick off our Christmas season with a special presentation by the children's club and of course our post meeting gift exchange and glöggfest. So, don't miss out, come out and join with your fellow lodge members to share the Christmas spirit.

Don't forget to come to the Luciafest on December ninth and help support the children's club. It's always so nice to become a kid again around the holidays and there's no better way to start than by sharing some time at the children's Luciafest.



In Truth and Unity,
Kurt Pfannkuch

IN MEMORIA

On November 5th, Monitor Lodge lost one of its most vibrant and active members in the passing of Ruth Veis. She was always there to take an office, run a committee, sing for us or perform a folk dance. But most of all she was a friend to all and a positive example of the Vasa spirit. Our hearts go out to Arle and family in their loss. In a real sense, her passing is a loss to all of us and Monitor will be that much poorer for it. I hope her spirit will live on in the lodge, strengthening it and making it a more loving and caring lodge.

In spite of all efforts North Schleswig remained Danish. Many emigrated to Denmark and abroad. Young men of military age had no intention of serving in the German army. Finally, after World War I, North Schleswig again became Schleswig as it returned to Denmark. Perhaps all of Schleswig-Holstein would have been returned to Denmark but that country had had enough of dealing with a different population.

There is still a Danish minority in Schleswig-Holstein. In Denmark there is a South Schleswig society devoted to maintaining Danish culture for that minority.

In post World War II the schoolbooks used in the elementary schools in Japan contained the story of Schleswig-Holstein. Japan lost territory in Manchuria, Korea, Formosa and other areas. The lesson to young Japanese was that a nation can survive, loss of territory is not the end.

(Note: Perhaps some readers feel they have been exposed to more information about Schleswig-Holstein than they ever felt they need to know. However, I find it one of the most fascinating minor vignettes of modern history. This is the conclusion.)

Ted Olson



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SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN - continued

When Christian IX was forced to renounce his claim to Schleswig-Holstein on August 1, 1864, that could have been the end of the story. The two great German powers of Austria and Prussia administered the duchies as a condominium.

Bismarck, the "Iron Chancellor" of Prussia had his own ideas of a greater Germany. In January 1866 he raised a complaint about the Austrian administration. This led to the Seven Weeks War between Prussia and Austria which was joined by many of the other German states such as Saxony, Hanover, and Bavaria. The actual fighting did not involve Schleswig-Holstein but took place on the borders of Bohemia. This was the first modern blitzkrieg. It was over in seven weeks. The confederation of Austria and the German powers was defeated.

The treaty of Prague (August 23, 1866) gave Schleswig-Holstein to Prussia but provided that "the population of the north Schleswig shall be again united with Denmark in the event of their expressing a desire to do so by a vote freely exercised". However, they were never granted that opportunity.

By annexing Schleswig-Holstein, Prussia gained the excellent harbor of Kiel which made it into a naval base. It also acquired the flat land of Holstein. Between 1887 and 1895 the Kiel canal was dug connecting the North Sea and the Baltic. This gave Germany (by now Prussia had absorbed the other German countries into a German Empire) a much shorter route to the North Sea as compared to the route through the sound between Sweden and Denmark or the route through the Danish Islands. Germany became a major maritime and naval power and a rival to Great Britain.

SINGING GROUP

Don't miss the opportunity to join our Vasa singing group! Monitor lodge member, Marianne Ek, who is very experienced in the field of music, has volunteered to lead a choir for us. The response from the lodge members has been outstanding. So far, 24 people have signed up (both men and women). The first rehearsal will be on Saturday November 24, at 10.00 a.m. Please call Marianne Ek at 972-7485 to find out where the rehearsals will take place. Thereafter, the choir will rehearse every Saturday for the remainder of the year. If you would like to be the accompanist for the choir, Marianne would like to hear from you. The immediate plan is to work on a program for the Christmas party.

SWEDISH FILMS

Are you interested in Swedish films? Or are you trying to learn the Swedish language? Sacramento Cable TV, channel 42 (Bravo) frequently broadcasts Swedish movies in Swedish with English subtitles. Marianne Ek has taped "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Mozart's Brothers" if any one is interested in arranging a "film get together" for the lodge.

CHILDREN'S CLUB

The VASA Children's club meets every Friday (except on holidays). The first Friday of every month we will be at the Wisteria Hall at 4:30 p.m. The remaining Fridays of the month we meet at the Coloma Recreation Center at 4:00 p.m. There will not be a meeting on Nov 23rd, because of Thanksgiving.

During December we will meet on December 7th at 4:30 p.m. at Wisteria Hall. That evening we will present the Lucia to Monitor Lodge. Then, we meet on Friday December 14 at 4:00 at Coloma Center for our Christmas Party. The VASA children's club will present the annual Lucia program at 2:00 p.m. Sunday December 9th at the Wisteria Hall.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

Karin Dorey is home resting after a bone graft to her arm.



CAMELLIA FESTIVAL

It's never too early to think about Camellias. Before you know it the Camellia Festival for 1991 will be arriving with an explosion of activity. As many of you know, this year's festive floral event will be hosted by the Italian community.

The spotlight to this festal tribute will of course be the Camellia Parade, where the lodge can flaunt its own Swedish Maiden for 1991. To fulfill this dream of one special Svensk Tös (maiden), I will be asking for nominations at the next lodge meeting. Depending on the wishes of the lodge, we will either vote for the Swedish Maiden then, or arrange for ballots to be mailed to the membership at large.

There will be more to come on the Camellia Festival as arrangements progress. My special thanks to Peter Wardlow, Amy Glad, and the other volunteers who will help with this year's festival. The next meeting of the Camellia Festival Committee will be December 11th, 7:00 pm at the Board of Education Building, Lincoln Village Drive.
Terry Tillman



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The julbock design Christmas cards will be for sale at the December meeting. \$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.

SMÖRGÄSBORD COMMITTEE REPORT

Another smörgäsbord has come and gone. As usual it was a big success. Thank you all for your help, the good food, and the support. The smörgäsbord gets bigger and better each year. We know it is a lot of hard work, but very gratifying when we've all had a good time doing it and our friends enjoying it too.

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DUES ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEMBER

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Karin Bodelson
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Joyce Burns
Camilla Caldwell
Kenneth & Peggy Carlson



Martha Fredrickson
Ethel Hoffman
Ronny & Christi Kågström
Margaretha Logus
Jack & Audrey Ohlson-Smith

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

12/03	Marjorie Skicklig	12/18	David Swanson
12/03	Gary Doze	12/24	Evelyn Anderson
12/04	Kerstin Hakansson	12/24	Sophia Swanson
12/07	Ellen Harrod	12/26	Dorothy Erickson
12/12	Margaret Carlson	12/30	Betty Bergman
12/15	Lynn Lundberg		

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

Special birthdays: Evelyn Anderson 83, Sophia Swanson 82, Dorothy Erickson 79.