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# THE MONITOR

MARCH

ÄRTSOPPA OCH PANNKAKOR  
(Pea Soup and Pancake Supper)  
Friday March 1, 1991 at 6.30 p.m.  
Bar opens at 6.00 p.m.  
Price: \$4.00



For you new members, pea soup and pancakes is a traditional Thursday night supper in Sweden. Pea soup is your main course with pork on the side, and thin small pancakes with sugar or lingonberries for dessert. We would love to have everyone come enjoy this traditional Swedish supper. Nord Lodge will be our guests for this special evening. Our regular business meeting will follow the dinner.

## NAME BADGES

Everyone please wear your name badge to all meetings so that you can become acquainted with other members and they with you. Russell Ellis will be making the badges for our members. Those initiated in February will get theirs at the March meeting. If anyone else does not have a badge, please call him at 920-0696.

## KITCHEN HELPERS

June Delle will be the caller to remind those members who will be bringing food or working in the kitchen. Her help will be greatly appreciated.

## PROGRAM BOOKS

The program books for 1991 have arrived. Please come to the next meeting to pick up your copy. If you are unable to attend please ask someone else to pick up your copy and deliver it to you.

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❁❁❁ CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE ❁❁❁

All our lodge members give a warm welcome to the new members initiated at the February meeting. We will show you our Monitor hospitality at meetings, and invite you to participate in all activities.

Gil Holm's elk stew and the refreshment committee's Mousse desert served with coffee after the meeting was delicious. We hope everyone comes to our Pea Soup and Pancake supper, another Swedish meal. We need members to call in to help with dinners, clean up and refreshments. It would also be a help to have others learn to take over the cooking at these dinners if needed.

Thank you, Muriel Hjersman, for installing the officers at the meeting.

At our next meeting, Ellen Harrod will report on the Scandinavian Festival. This is one of our fund raiser projects for the year. With so many increases in the necessary items to run the lodge, e.g. postage, we need people to provide help with baked goods, crafts, making sandwiches, other food sold, selling tickets, etc. to make this event successful.

Terry Tillman, Camellia Festival chairperson, will be giving a report on the Camellia Festival and asking for your assistance.

At the meeting we will also be discussing whether Monitor Lodge would like to host the District Convention in April 1992. The last years we did were 1982 and 1968. Arle Veis mentioned at the last meeting that Monitor's 80th Anniversary will be in April of 1992. We will need a committee to make plans for this.

We look forward to celebrating the 79th Anniversary of Monitor Lodge at our April meeting. Let's all come out for this event.



In Truth and Unity  
Myrtle Widmark

CALMARE NYCKEL

Annabel Audet will explain more about the Calmare Nyckel ship Foundation of Delaware. This organization is planning to build a replica of the ship and is seeking financial assistance.

WHY SWEDEN HAS A KING

When I made a presentation about Sweden to Erika Lewis' social studies class I was asked the question "Why does Sweden have a king?" That is really not an easy question to answer and my response was "why not? Sweden has always had a king." That was really a retort rather than an answer.

To answer the question we have to know something about the parliamentary form of democracy that exists in Sweden. It also exists in Great Britain and many other countries of the world. We must also realize that the leadership of any country involves two functions. These are that of the Chief of State and that of the Chief of Government. The function of the first is to maintain continuity of function and to represent the spirit of the nation. The chief of Government is the leader of the operations of the government, the making of laws, administration of programs, and financing of the government.

In England and in Sweden the reigning monarch is the Chief of State, at this time Elizabeth of England and Carl Gustaf of Sweden. Their duties are largely ceremonial. Neither has any say on the operations of the government but they make State visits to other countries, receive delegations, grace important ceremonies by their presence and serve as honorary heads of charities etc.

The Chief of the Government is the Prime Minister who is the leader of the majority in the elected parliament. The members of his cabinet direct the various functions of government.

The government established in the United State of Independence was radically new at the time. The President is both the Chief of State and the Chief of Government. We can not say that it does not work. It has worked for 200 years but there are advantages to the European system. Much of the time of the President is taken up by ceremonies unrelated to operations of government which are his primary responsibility.

This is an attempt to surface a rather complex subject. Because Sweden has a king does not mean it is not a democracy. The best answer to the question "Why Sweden has a king?" is probably "why not? It has always had one".

Ted Olson

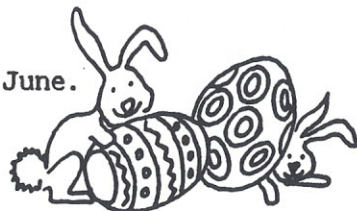
## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

The committee will be taking applications from High School Seniors (1990 graduates) for the annual Monitor Lodge Scholarship. The same rules apply as in 1990. The applicants must be members, children of members, or grandchildren of lodge members. Those interested should obtain the needed forms from Eleanor Vine. Please mail the forms to the lodge secretary. 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, 1991

The winners will be notified before June.  
For forms, please write to:



Eleanor Vine  
7304 Sunsilver Lane  
Sacramento, CA 95828  
Phone: (916) 688-5296

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



### SWEDISH CULTURAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Upcoming events: On April 1, 1991 the famous Swedish couple; nature photographer Sven Gilsäter, and his wife, singer Harriett Forsell will be performing in San Francisco. If you want more information, please call the Consul General's office in San Francisco.

Another upcoming event is a Valborgsmässa Dinner Dance in San Francisco on April 26, 1991. Tickets will sell for about \$50 per person.

Tri City will organize a smörgåsbord luncheon at the Newark Fremont Hilton on April 20, 1991. More about the dinner dance and the smörgåsbord in our next newsletter.



Tisdagen den 26 februari, kl. 19.00, hos  
Muriel Hjersman  
640 40th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819

Tisdagen den 5 mars, kl. 19.00, hos  
Ethel Johnson  
4344 53rd Street  
Sacramento, CA 95820

Tisdagen den 19 mars, kl. 19.00, hos  
Myrtle Widmark  
3900 Silver Spur Way  
Sacramento, CA 95841



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

Please send your material to:  
Marie Tillman, 1605 Truckee Way, Woodland, CA 95695

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### MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Bronson, Annalena  
Carlson, Lowell  
Carlson, Roland & Margaret  
Dahlberg, Deidre  
Johnson, Eleanor  
Johnson, Harry C.

Kingren, Gibson & Dorothy  
Krustins, Leo  
Olson, Ted & Alice  
Swanfeldt, Kurt & Alice  
Udvardy, Maud  
Westrup, Richard

Membership anniversaries signifies DUES. If you have not yet paid, please bring dues with you to the March 1st meeting or mail them to your Financial Secretary Elizabeth Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. Please make checks payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. The yearly dues are \$14.00. If you wish a receipt mailed, enclose a self-addressed, stamped (29 cents) envelope. Please call Elizabeth Johnson at 452-2470 if you have any questions.

## 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	3/24 Gerda Anderson
3/06 Berthell Nelson	3/24 Faye Powell
3/08 Jack Doscher	3/25 Katherine Brucker
3/12 Kathleen Lagomarsino	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 85, Astrid Horyza 82, Gerda Anderson 79, Henry Hjersman 77, Dorothy Scherer 75, Jack Doscher 75, Frank Lindahl 75

## SICK COMMITTEE REPORT



Don Gustafson, Gail Nemy and Marge Skicklig are home recuperating. They would welcome a card from you. Please report ill members to Vice Chairman Harry Johnson at phone number 452-2470.



## ADDRESS CHANGES

Mr Lowell Carlson  
6025 C Joaquin Murietta  
Newark, CA 94560  
(415) 683-3912

Mr Peter Wardlow  
1704 "F" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 448-8957

## QUESTIONNAIRES



Do you remember the surveys that were included in our January newsletter? So far, we have only received a limited number of them back. Please fill yours out and send it to the address on the back of the form. In case you have lost your form, we will provide extra copies at the next meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS

Michael J. & Darlene W. Aylward  
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Fair Oaks, CA 95628  
(916) 965-8707

Mrs. Jean Marie Barney  
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Sacramento, CA 95820  
(916) 381-1495

Megham Alisa Barney  
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Dr. Robert T. & Jeanette C. (Dee)  
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(916) 962-1988

Judy Rae Beal  
6915 Monticello Court  
Citrus Heights, CA 95621  
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501 Southgate Road  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
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4177 Stowe  
Sacramento, CA 95864  
(916) 485-8316

Anne E. Phelan  
7948 Sunrise Blvd.  
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(916) 725-7178

Brian & Jill Stockham  
8721 Montiflora Court  
Elk Grove, CA 95624



## CAMELLIA FESTIVAL 1991



Don't forget the Camellia Festival Parade on Saturday, March 2 at 10.30 a.m. Please bring Camellias and greenery to the lodge meeting the night before. The Camellias are needed to decorate the Maiden's Jeep. We also need some to decorate our table at the friendship luncheon. We know that the supply of Camellias is scarce this year. Whatever you can bring is appreciated.

Time is running out to buy luncheon and raffle tickets. If you want to go to the luncheon, please call Terry or Marie Tillman at 668-1646 as soon as possible. As mentioned in previous newsletters the price is \$17.50. The luncheon will be held at the Red Lion Inn on Saturday March 9.



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(916) 278-6514

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MARCH 15, 1991

CONTACT: STEPHANIE GOTTHARDT, Visual & Performing Arts Services.

(916) 452-9074

The University Chorus of California State University, Sacramento will present a concert entitled Resonance of Sweden featuring four distinguished musicians from Sweden as special guest artists. The program includes folk music and traditions from Sweden, including Swedish ballads (visor), sung and played on a variety of instruments. The University chorus will open the evening's program with choral works from Russia and Sweden. The event will be presented on Saturday, April 6 at 8 p.m. at Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Drive, Sacramento. Ample parking is available at the church located one block north of the campus entrance. A suggested donation of \$4 general, \$2 student/senior is requested.

In addition, a free workshop will take place Friday, April 5 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 151 of the CSUS Music Building. The workshop will feature the Scandinavian guests discussing and illustrating the history of Swedish music, concentrating on the literature for voice, guitar and piano.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Music Department at 278-6514, or Dr. Don Kendrick at 278-7487.

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