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The next Monitor Lodge meeting is **Friday June 5th, 1992**. The men of the lodge will be honored by the ladies at our annual potluck dinner. The bar opens at 6:00pm and dinner is served at 6:30pm. Please bring your favorite Swedish dish, enough to serve 10 people. If you cannot bring a dish, how about cheese, crackers, pickles, bread, cookies etc.? Anything you'd like to add to our festive table will be appreciated.

The business meeting will follow the dinner. Eleanor Vine will present the lodge scholarship. We will also vote and initiate new members. Let's all come to the dinner and meeting to welcome the new members to the lodge and our fellowship.

— Myrtle Widmark

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This has been a busy year so far for our lodge and more events are coming up. We all thank the men for the delicious Mother's Day dinner served on May 1st. I know some members did not come because of the uneasy

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situation in the area, but everyone there enjoyed themselves. Eivor Pfannkuch had a beautiful basket of Swedish goods that was raffled off for the scholarship fund. And the winner was . . . Margaret Carlson! She will put all the items to good use.

Monitor Lodge has come a long way from 1912 when it was organized. Our 80th Anniversary was observed at the banquet with the District Convention here in Sacramento and many members were present. Our Valley Viking Singers entertained and Frank and Dolores provided music for dancing. Our members working together have made the lodge the success that it is and will continue to do so.

Many went to the Värmlänningarna play and many will go to the Swedish Music Festival. These events add to our knowledge of the Swedish culture. At the festival, we will be selling crafts and cookbooks. We will also hand out information about our lodge.

On **June 6th, Sweden Day** will be celebrated at **Micki Grove Park** in Lodi. Our Valley Viking Singers and our Children's Club will perform. Please bring your baked goods, food, and crafts to be sold, to the meeting Friday June 5th or to our sale table on Saturday June 6th at Micki Grove. **Midsummer celebration** is Saturday **June 20th at Elk Grove Park**, space 3C. Both of these events are family picnics so come and join in the fun. Then, don't

forget the **crayfish and potluck** at Bea Dillard's, **August 15th** at 6:30 pm.

Hope to see you at these events, and have a nice summer.
— Myrtle Widmark

SILLFRUKOST

A large group of us had a great time at Ted Olson's Sillfrukost on Saturday, May 16th. I don't think you can find better cooks than we have at the Monitor Lodge. Besides the sill, onions, ham, eggs, pickled beets, etc., there was Alice Olson's dill sauce for the potatoes and Camilla Holm's limpa. Everyone had second helpings.



We also had the pleasure of music by the Kil dragspelsklubb from Kil in Värmland, Sweden. They will be at the Music Festival, May 30th. We hope that the guests will come again and perhaps become members.

— Myrtle Widmark

under twelve free) and I have tickets available if you want to purchase them ahead of time. If you buy tickets at the gate on the day of the event, they are \$16.00. Please call me for further information, at (916) 673-5917.

— Eivor Pfannkuch
Cultural leader



■ IS AN ÄLG AN ELK? ■

When we served our moose stew dinner several members asked what moose is in Swedish. When they are told that it is *Älg* they often comment "that sounds like elk, is it an elk?" The answer is yes, no, and it depends.

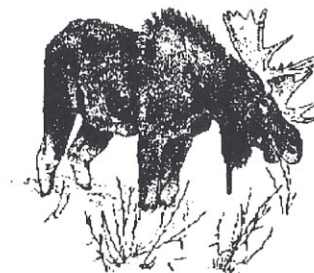
In Northern Europe there's an animal that is the largest member of the deer family. This large animal is endowed with characteristic spreading palmate antlers. Scientifically it is known as *Alces alces*. In Anglo Saxon and in modern German it is called "Elch." In English, that becomes "Elk." In Swedish it is called "Älg" from the Old Norse "Elgr."

In addition, North America has an animal so similar that scientifically it is called *Alces alces americanus*. Early settlers to

North America adopted the Native American name of "Moose" for this animal.



In the western regions of North America there is also the second largest member of the deer family, with branching rather than palmate antlers. Scientifically this large deer-like animal is known as *Cervus canadensis*. Early settlers applied the name "Elk" to this species, while Native Americans called it "Wapiti." Nowadays, Wapiti is the term often used by biologists to avoid confusion. In Swedish it is called "Kanadahjort," or Canadian Buck.



Moose

It is best to rely on our lodge expert Gil Holm. When he has bagged a moose he will tell you. You can be sure that it is *Alces alces americanus*. He knows the difference between that species and *Cervus canadensis*. He has hunted both.

— Ted Olson



MONITOR LODGE OUTING TO SVEADAL, "VÄRMLÄNNINGARNA"

I'm excited to report that our trip to Sveadal was a great success and everyone had a great time. We ended up with forty-two people riding on the chartered bus and several others driving their own cars. The bus trip went by very fast. Strong Swedish coffee, "Kaffebröd," and juice was served to everyone, followed by singing to the wonderful accompaniment of Carola Björk's accordion. Then there was time to play Swedish bingo. My sister in Sweden works where they print bingo cards and sent some so we could play the somewhat different bingo game from Sweden. Everyone caught on real fast and we had an exciting time trying to find out whom would win "storbingo." The game was so exciting that we hardly noticed the narrow, winding, canyon road taking us into Sveadal! After arriving safely and having our picnic lunch, it was time for the Swedish group of 100 (including support staff) to entertain us. It was an exciting performance of music, song and dance, an event for us all to remember and treasure. After a safe trip home,

we all agreed that it had been a great outing. My special thanks to all of you for participating in this trip and making it possible to come together and fill a whole bus. I appreciate your support and eagerness to take in "a bit of Sweden," particularly something as special as this musical Värmlänningarna — a vital part of Swedish folk culture since 1845.

If you are ready to continue learning about Swedish music and dance, then please take in the **First Annual Swedish Music Festival** in San Mateo, Saturday



May 30th. It will be a day filled with fun, food and Swedish music! The entertainment will be happening continuously on three different stages at the San Mateo Expo Center. There will be folkdancing, folkmusic, traditional jazz, classical musicians and singers. You can bring your own picnic basket or you can buy hot dogs, Swedish meatballs, open-faced sandwiches, beer, wine, coffee and soft drinks.

The gates open at 10:30am followed by a flag-raising ceremony at 10:45 and the entertainment starts at 11:00am. Advance tickets are \$13.00 per person (children



VISITATION COMMITTEE

While Gail Nemy is in Europe, others are reporting for her. It was nice to see our recuperating members, LaVerne Gullans and June Delle, at the Mother's Day dinner. Hank Hjersman is now well enough to be out and about and Marge Skicklig has the cast off her foot. Elizabeth Johnson had an operation on her arm and is having some back problems, but she is keeping busy as usual. Joyce Trnka is doing well now and Joy Carlson is recuperating after her stay in the hospital. Wendy Strand is off work because of recurring problems with her wrist. Helen Tura is going through physical therapy and taking walks to help her recover from a stroke. Don Johnson and his wife Joyce, from Gold Nugget lodge, were at the Sillfrukost. He is doing well but will need some more medical exams. Ivar Axberg

was also at the frukost, he will soon have another operation.
— Myrtle Widmark

CORRECTION:

Oops! We've discovered a mistake in the lodge cookbook "Favorite Swedish Smorgasbord Recipes." On page 13 under "Smoked Salmon", the recipe should say **3 cups of rock salt**, not 3 qts.

We've had a very good response to the Cookbook. Copies can still be purchased from Myrtle Widmark, and multiple copies can be ordered by contacting me at (916) 668-1646.
— Marie Tillman

WILL THE MOTHER OF STEPHANIE McBROYER PLEASE STAND UP!



Stephanie McBroyer was very helpful to the sandwich-makers at our Scandinavian Festival in April. We understand that her mother is a member of Monitor Lodge, but we don't know who she is. We just want to say "Thank you". Please call our chairman, Myrtle Widmark, at 481-4056, or Karin Bodelson at 485-0815. Tack så mycket!

— Karin Bodelson

REMEMBER

★ Turn in your expense sheets, and submit your lodge receipts to the Secretary before the lodge meeting begins.

★ Wear your name badge at all meetings, and be sure to sign the attendance sheet.

★ Bring your items to sell at Sweden Day in Micki Grove to the meeting on June 5th.



IN MEMORIUM

Monitor Lodge lost one of its cherished members, Roland Carlson, on May 8th, 1992, the victim of a sudden heart attack. He will be remembered as an eager helper at numerous lodge dinners and events. Many of us recall Roland's contribution of the round wooden tables we use for our dinners. His friendly manner will be sorely missed by all of us. We give our support to his wife Margaret, son Kenneth and their families. The charter will be draped in his memory at our June 5th meeting.

— Myrtle Widmark

DUES ANNIVERSARIES

If you have already paid, please ignore the listing of your name. Thank you for your promptness.

June Dues:

Carlson, O. Don
Coleman, Elizabeth
Harrod, Ellen
Lindahl, Frank
Lundberg, Bernie and Ruth
Misenti, Frances
Misenti, Nancy
Nelson, Billie and Edmund
Skorheim, Ernest and Juanita

July Dues:

Ellis, Birgitta
Forsty, Helen and Richard
Hjersman, Henry and Muriel
Mattson, Gustav
Stafford, Donn and Lillian
Thorsen, Sigrid

August Dues:

Anderson, Jean
Fales, Audrey



Dues are \$14.00 per year, payable to **Monitor Lodge No. 218**. You may pay them at the June meeting or mail them to the Financial Secretary; Ethel Johnson, 4344 53rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. Phone number: (916) 457-0966. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish a receipt.

— Ethel Johnson

BIRTHDAYS

Hjärtliga gratulationer på födelsedagen! Congratulations!

JUNE

6/1 *June Brown*
6/2 *Audrey Olson-Smith*
6/2 *Ruth Uffens*
6/2 *Inger Thornros*
6/8 *Gilbert Holm*
6/12 *Eleanor Johnson*
6/15 *Elizabeth Johnson*
6/17 *Edmund Nelson*
6/20 *Barbara Erickson*
6/20 *Frank Stangl*
6/22 *Margaret Linn*
6/24 *Erika Barrows*



JULY

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

AUGUST

8/1 *Carl E. Larson*
8/2 *Alice Swanfeldt*
8/5 *Sigrid Thorsen*
8/8 *Jeanne Hansen*
8/8 *W. Durl Van Alstyne*
8/9 *Paul Gullans*
8/11 *Sue Bergman*
8/15 *Lars Ostlund*
8/16 *Michael Aylward*
8/19 *Charles Badgley*
8/20 *Ricki Niemoller*
8/26 *Birgitta Andersson*
8/28 *Jillian Stanley*
8/29 *Dorothy Kingren*
8/29 *Gail Nemy*

FROM THE EDITOR



Our newsletter crew is on vacation until the lodge meetings resume in

September. The deadline for the September issue of the Monitor is **August 15th**, 1992. Please send your information to: Marie Tillman, 1605 Truckee Way, Woodland, CA 95695. Enjoy your summer!

— Marie Tillman

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

There aren't words enough to express our gratitude for your kind thoughts and prayers, the expressions of sympathy, and all the food provided for Roland's funeral. Friends mean so much at a time like this and you are among the best. Thanks for everything.

— Margaret Carlson, Kenneth, Peggy, Emily and Erik