

The Monitor

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Bring the family to our annual Swedish pea soup and pancake dinner on Friday, February 5. The dinner is only \$4 for adults with no cost for children. The bar opens at 6:00 and dinner is served at 6:30. The Sierra Kronan Lodge has been invited. A business meeting will follow the dinner. We will be voting on and initiating new members. Let's all give them our big Monitor welcome. Also, the Scandinavian Festival representatives will give a report.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our District Master Noel Hogue and his wife Patti were guests at the January meeting and he installed our new officers for 1993. We have an excellent slate of officers that will be working to keep Monitor a strong lodge. Our thanks to all the incoming officers for the refreshments served after the meeting.

It looks like 1993 will be an active year for our lodge with some of our new members already taking part in lodge business. There are many ways all members can contribute. You will be contacted to learn in what manner you can serve.

In truth and unity
Myrtle Widmark

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Scholarship Committee is now taking applications from high school seniors (1993 graduates) for the annual Monitor Lodge Scholarship. The applicants must be lodge members, children of members, or grand-children of members. Those interested can obtain the needed forms by writing to:

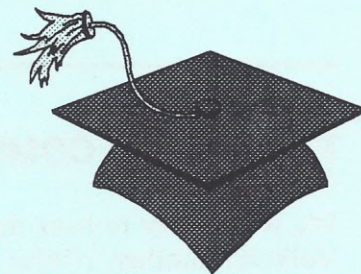
Jeanne Hagstrom
8871 Sharkey Avenue
Elk Grove, CA 95624

The applications will include:

- The student's completed application form
- Three letters of recommendation
- A written composition

The composition theme will deal with the applicant's goals for the future and how the scholarship will help him or her towards those goals.

Please mail the completed application package to the lodge secretary. **The due date for completed application package is March 15, 1993.**

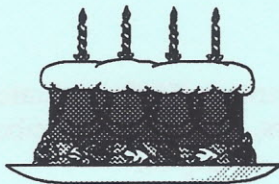


Please keep the Scholarship Fund in mind when you would like to make a donation in memory of someone. Donations are always accepted and appreciated.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 — Cecile Spencer
 2/2 — Lucy Dahlberg
 2/3 — Mimi Hjersman
 2/3 — Mary Ingvardsen
 2/4 — Stanley Hagstrom
 2/4 — Gustav Mattson
 2/5 — Annabel Audet
 2/5 — Lisa Bleasdale
 2/6 — Charles Johnson
 2/9 — Ethel Johnson
 2/9 — Ruth Volkoff
 2/10 — Carol Kwolek
 2/11 — Maude Udvardy
 2/13 — Jill Stockham
 2/18 — Richard Westrup
 2/19 — Kurt Pfannkuch
 2/20 — Audry Fales
 2/22 — Jone Canady
 2/22 — Marie Tillman
 2/26 — Vera Anderson
 2/26 — Birgit Dillard
 2/28 — Richard Forsty

*Hjärtliga
 gratulationer
 på födelsedagen!*



1993 CALENDAR ENCLOSED

The program book that is due any day now contains a list of Monitor Lodge events for 1993 that usually spans two-three pages. In addition, your newsletter editor has prepared the attached handy one-page calendar. It's just right for posting at a convenient place (on the refrigerator?) for quick and easy reference. Or it takes very little space in a purse. Ingrid Kennedy can also run off extra copies.

REMINDER

Constitutions are available from the lodge secretary at the monthly meetings for \$3 each. A practical Vasa Order binder with constitution costs \$5.

JUST ONE MORE LITTLE REMINDER

The deadline for the March issue of *The Monitor* is **Friday, February 12**. Please send your typed or hand printed information to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova.

DUES ANNIVERSARIES

If you have already paid, please ignore this reminder and thank you for your promptness.



Evelyn Anderson
 Annika and Thomas Anderson
 Jean and Megan Barney
 Robert Barrett
 Judy Rae Beal
 Sue Bergman
 Russell Ellis
 Ronald and Doris Haas
 Julius Holmquist
 Helen Jensen
 Linda Johnson
 Lynn Lundberg
 Holger Nordquist
 Lilmer Olson
 Lars Ostlund
 Anne Phelan
 Louise Sims
 Cecile Spencer
 Brian and Jill Stockman
 Helen Tura
 Ruth Volkoff

You may pay the dues at the February meeting or mail them to our new financial secretary, Gail Nemy, 4239 Daybreak Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821.

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We were sorry to hear that Ruth Volkoff's mother, Hildur Benson, passed away on January 11th. She was 95 years old and was an active member before her illness. The charter will be draped in her memory at the February meeting.



LaVerne Gullans fell leaving the lodge and she has a cracked bone in her left arm, which is now in a

slings. She is able to go to work, however, and thanks everyone for the cards she has received.

ROSTER CHANGES

Our new program books with an updated list of our membership will be available very soon. In the meantime, here is an address change:

June B. Brown
 207 Lemon Tree Circle
 Vacaville, CA 95867

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LODGE MEMBERS



Ingrid Kennedy was born Ingegerd Sjölander and grew up with three brothers in Bromma, a suburb of Stockholm. Her interests were sports: track and field in the summer, skiing and skating in the winter, and horseback

riding. She also enjoyed reading, knitting, and playing the piano. Ingrid came to the United States for the first time in 1953 as a temporary "adventure" only, working in Washington, D.C. for five years. However, after she had returned to Sweden, Ingrid met her American husband-to-be when both worked at the American Embassy in Stockholm. So it was back to the United States again, this time permanently. Ingrid was a late bloomer: She married and had her two children while in her mid and late 30s. And she started college in her 40s, getting her bachelor of arts degree the same year she turned 50. Through her husband's work assignments, the family lived in Turkey for two years and in Germany for four years. These assignments provided excellent travel opportunities, including many trips to Sweden to visit family and friends. Ingrid is now a widow and working at Mather Air Force Base (until it closes, that is). Her daughter lives in the Los Angeles area and her son in the Seattle area. Lately, she seems to be into doing newsletters: Besides the Monitor newsletter, she does one at work, one for a ski club, and one for her homeowners association.

NÅL OCH TRÅD

Here are the dates and places for the next two meetings of the Nål och Tråd group:

Tisdagen den 9 februari, kl. 19.00, hos:

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

Tisdagen den 23 februari, kl. 19.00, hos:

Ethel Johnson
4344 53rd Street
Sacramento, CA 95820
Tel.: 457-0966

Help! We need craft ideas for the Scandinavian Festival in April!

THE PROTESTANT POPE

When Nathan Söderblom died in July 1931, his obituary in *Time Magazine* stated: "If Protestantism had a pope, it would have been Nathan Söderblom." At the time of his death, Nathan Söderblom was Archbishop of Uppsala and the head of the State Lutheran Church of Sweden. He had held that position since 1914.

Söderblom was born in 1866. His father was a Lutheran minister and Söderblom early demonstrated his interest in serving the church. He attended Uppsala University and received degrees in classical and oriental languages as well as theology. He was ordained in 1893. His first pastorate was as chaplain to the Swedish-Norwegian legation in Paris. (Sweden and Norway were joined at that time.)

Paris was a mecca for students from all over Europe and America. There were many art students and students of music, medicine, and science. They were sure that a year or two of study in France was the key to fame and fortune. Söderblom and his young bride ministered to this odd congregation.

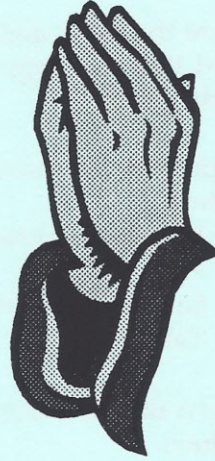
Every Monday evening was open house at the pastor's residence. There were 30 to 40 students in attendance. Most were Scandinavian but there were also others, including the young medical student Albert Schweitzer. On Thursdays, Söderblom held confirmation classes for the children. Always he sought benefits of employment or sponsorship for the students of his congregation.



After seven years of this assignment, Söderblom was recalled to Uppsala where he was appointed professor of theology. He continued the close relationship with students and had an invigorating effect on the university and church life.

Söderblom's fame spread. In 1912, he was also appointed professor at Leipzig, Germany. This ended with World War I in 1914. That was the year he was appointed Archbishop of Uppsala. (Cont'd on the next page)

His first proclamation to the ministers and congregations quoted the Apostle Paul: "You are not masters but fellow servants." This theme attracted attention in the Lutheran churches of Germany and in the reformed churches of France. Söderblom believed that Christian unity should be the first step to real world peace. World War I limited Söderblom's spreading this concept. After the war he was able to visit England, America, and most of the countries of Europe and organize a series of conferences on Christian life and



work. These conferences led to the formation of the World Council of Churches and it was for this work that Söderblom was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1930.

Söderblom possessed great administrative ability and was an effective organizer. He also possessed a common touch and was equally at ease with statesmen, royalty, and young students. I believe *Time Magazine* was right.

- Ted Olson

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■ **MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CALENDAR FOR 1993** ■

JANUARY

Fri, 8th 7:00 Business meeting, district delegates elected, installation of officers, refreshments

FEBRUARY

Fri, 5th 6:30 Pea soup and pancake dinner, business meeting, guests from Sierra Kronan, Monitor chorus

MARCH

Fri, 5th 6:30 Moose stew dinner, family social night, decorations workshop

6th-7th Camellia Festival

Wed, 10th 7:00 Business meeting

APRIL

Fri, 2nd 6:30 Business meeting, cultural program, anniversary cake

Sat, 17th Scandinavian Festival at St John Vianney Church, 10497 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova

MAY

Fri, 7th 6:30 Mors Dag family dinner hosted by the men, scholarship presentation, social evening

Wed, 12th 7:00 Business meeting

Sat, 22nd 10:00 Sillfrukost at Ted & Alice Olson's, 8780 Sunset Ave., Fair Oaks

JUNE

Fri, 4th 6:30 Fars Dag family potluck, business meeting, Monitor chorus

Sat, 19th Midsommarfest, Children's Club, Elk Grove Park

JULY

VACATION!

AUGUST

Sat, 21st 5:00 Business meeting

6:00 Crayfish party and potluck at Lars Ostlund's, 7524 Sloughouse Rd., Elk Grove

SEPTEMBER

Fri, 3rd 7:00 Business meeting, Nominating Committee report, smörgåstårta

11th-12th Yuba City Prune Festival. Chorus and Children's Club

OCTOBER

Fri, 1st 6:30 Swedish meatball dinner, business meeting, election of officers for 1994

Sat, 9th 8:30-11:00 Pancake breakfast at Farmer Bob's, 8571 Sunset Ave., Fair Oaks

NOVEMBER

Fri, 5th 6:30 Business meeting followed by cultural workshop

Sat, 13th Smörgåsbord

DECEMBER

Fri, 3rd 6:30 Glögg party

Fri, 10th 7:00 Luciafest

JANUARY

Fri, 7th 7:00 Business meeting, annual reports, district delegates elected

