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Chairman's Message

The November 5th meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. This gives us more time for the cultural program and to visit with friends while enjoying refreshments.

After initiation of new members, Ethel Johnson will give a report on the Membership Seminar. Peggy Carlson will report on the pancake breakfast.

It was a delicious meatball dinner our cooks prepared for the October meeting. We give many thanks to them and their kitchen helpers.

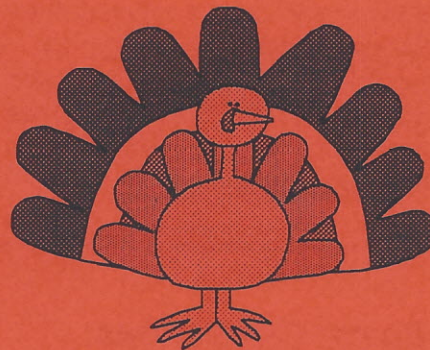
The officers for next year have been elected and our planned program promises an interesting year. With new members coming into the lodge and taking part in the activities, our lodge is growing and promoting our Swedish heritage and culture. Members are welcome to invite others to join us.

The **Smörgåsbord** on November 13th will require the involvement of many members to make it successful. This is an occasion when other people hear about Monitor Lodge.

November seems like a transition month from the quiet days of early fall to the beginning of holiday preparations. It's a time to think about our goals for the future in the New Year.

I wish everyone a fun Halloween, a happy Thanksgiving, and hope to see you all at the **Smörgåsbord**.

*In Truth and Unity,
Myrtle Widmark (481-4056)*



Nål och Tråd

Tisdagen den 9 november kl.

19.00 hos:

Eleanor Vine
7304 Sunsilver Lane
Sacramento, CA 95828
Tel.: 688-5296

This will be our only meeting in November because of the **Smörgåsbord** and Thanksgiving.

Swedish Language Study Group

The language group has been meeting at the Coloma Center, 4623 T Street, Thursdays at 7:00-9:00 pm. Birgitta Ellis is

working with this group. The advanced group now meets at Elizabeth Johnson's at 4332 T Street.

The language students plan to see the Swedish film, "House of Angels" (*Änglagård*), which will open at the Sacramento Inn Cinema on November 5th. (Check your newspaper.) This is a movie that has had "an absolutely magical success" in Sweden. It is said to be full of "breathtakingly beautiful" Swedish scenery. Read more about it in the 1 October issue of *Vestkusten*.

Hjärtliga Gratulationer på Födelsedagen!

11/01 - Anne Phelan
11/04 - Viola Hallen
11/06 - Louise Amundsen
11/06 - Kerstin Doze
11/07 - Wendy Strand
11/10 - Joyce Trnka
11/13 - Donna Niemoller
11/16 - Russell Ellis
11/16 - Jeannine Lokey
11/19 - Alice Axberg
11/19 - Christine Kagstrom
11/22 - Judy Beal
11/23 - Kathy Goldsberry
11/24 - Lillian Stafford
11/25 - Terry Tillman
11/27 - Barbara Olson
11/30 - Thelma Range
11/30 - Janice Sjogren

Member of the Month

This month we're honoring Ed Dahlberg who writes:

I was born in Ogema, Wisconsin, a community called "Little Sweden." Dad was born in the Swedish province of Närke. Although my mother was born in Ogema, both her parents were from Sweden. Dad was in the logging business during the winter. In the summer he built highways for the state of Wisconsin. However, he died when I was only eleven.

In the late 30s I joined three other Swedes and went into timber cutting for a veneer company in Winegar, Wisconsin. We didn't have chain saws in those days! In 1940, my brother and I went to Chicago looking for work, leaving home on Easter Sunday. I soon got into construction work and eventually became a carpenter.

In 1942 I enlisted in the Army. After basic training, they put me in the intelligence section as an S-2 and we were sent to fight Japan. I returned in 1945, stayed in Ogema for a year recovering from malaria, and then went back to work in Chicago.

I married Mary McHugh in 1948 and two years later, DeeDee came along. After a three-month vacation in 1955 we ended up in Sacramento. Friends of a friend, Harry and Ruth Nyquist, were very kind and invited us to Thanksgiving dinner. And I have lived here ever since, working as a carpenter for 30 years.

In 1982, a year after I joined Monitor Lodge, I married Lucy — and what do you think happened!? I not only had a new bride but also got 14 more children. Some time I hope to be able to meet them all!

News Flash!



Jillian Stanley has discovered that if you have cable TV, you can see one hour of news in Swedish, broadcast by Channel 4 in Sweden, on Sacramento Channel 21. It's a

nonprofit educational channel. This program just started in September and can be viewed every Saturday morning at 3 am (!). A terrible time, to be sure, but why not tape it? (Would perhaps be something for our Swedish language students.)

Roster Corrections

The phone number for new members Maud and John Loken should be (707) 425-5576.

The correct phone number for Britt-Marie and Lennart Andersson is (206)683-6063.

From the Editor

The deadline for the December issue of *The Monitor* is **Friday, 19 November**, at the very latest. Please send your input to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Or give her a call at work 634-2461 or at home 638-3212 in the evening.

November Dues Anniversaries

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

Alice Axberg
Ivar Axberg
Lisa Bleasdale
Elizabeth Bushnell
Ellen Herting
Erika Lewis
Janice Sjogren
Roy Sjogren
Majorie Skicklig
Sophia Swanson
Janice Woodruff

Dues are \$14 a year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may pay them at the November meeting or by mail to our financial secretary, Gail Nemy, 4239 Daybreak Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821.

Royal Anniversary

Karl XVI Gustaf has just celebrated his 20th anniversary as King of Sweden. Only 47, he can be expected to reign well into the next century. And with a 80-90 percent support for the monarchy among the Swedish citizenry, Sweden is not likely to be converted into a republic soon. Read more about the King on page 3.



The King of Sweden

Carl XVI Gustaf was born in 1946, the only son (with three sisters) of Prince Gustaf Adolf and Princess Sibylla. His father was killed in an air crash in 1947 and his grandfather acceded to the throne in 1950. After military training, passing the naval officer examination in 1968, he studied at the University of Uppsala.

In the years to come, the Crown Prince followed the work of central and local government agencies and studied Swedish industries at their offices and factories. The program of studies included the Swedish State Church, the courts of law, banks, and mass media as well as labor market organizations and social welfare institutions.

Just prior to ascending the throne, Crown Prince Carl Gustaf followed the work of the government, the ministries and the Parliament while also studying economics at the University of Stockholm. He gained knowledge of international affairs by following the work of Sweden's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, the Swedish International Development Authority in Africa, and spending time in London at the Hambro's Bank, the Swedish Embassy, and the Swedish Chamber of Commerce. At this time, he spent summers in France studying French. He also represented his grandfather, the King, at official functions both at home and abroad.

Carl Gustaf became King in 1973 at the age of 27. He married Miss Silvia Sommerlath from the Federal Republic of Germany in 1976 and they have three children. An avid outdoorsman, the King takes a great interest in environmental issues and nature conservation and he enjoys sailing, diving, skiing, and hunting. Since childhood, he has been interested in the Scout movement and is honorary president of the World Scout Foundation. In 1985, he became Doctor of Forestry at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

Besides state visits abroad, the King travels a great deal within Sweden to keep himself up-to-date about developments in Swedish society.

— Submitted by Eivor Pfannkuch

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