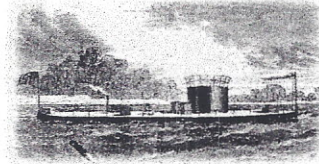


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11/3 Pie Social
Lodge Meeting
Initiation
7:00
(No Dinner)

12/1
Glögg Party
Smörgåsbord
Wisteria Hall
7:00
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12/9
2:00 PM
Luciafest
(See Page 6)

1/9/2007
Audit/Annual Rpt.Mtg
Netzel Residence
7:00

THE HISTORY OF THE RIKSDAG

How long has there been a parliament in Sweden? The answer to that question is not entirely straightforward. It depends on how we define a parliament.

As early as 1435, representatives of different social groups were called to a meeting in the town of Arboga to discuss and determine affairs affecting the country as a whole. The Arboga meeting is therefore sometimes referred to as Sweden's first parliament.

However, it was not until 1527 and later 1544 at King Gustav Vasa's two assemblies in Västerås that representatives of all four estates - the Nobility, the Clergy, the Burghers and the Peasantry - were called on to participate. The term "Riksdag" was first used in the 1540s.

The committee organisation begins to emerge

The 17th century saw the establishment of clearer parliamentary procedures. The committee organisation began to emerge and written regulations on the work of the Riksdag were drawn up. In the late 17th century King Karl XI gained increasing power which meant that the Riksdag's position was weakened.

A two-party system

During the Age of Liberty in the 18th century the pendulum swung once again, and the power shifted to the four estates. A party system evolved with two parties known as the Hats and the Caps.

A parliamentary system with certain similarities to that of today emerged. The working traditions of today's Riksdag, particularly those of the committees, have their roots in the Age of Liberty.

The dominance of the estates was successively weakened by economic crises, antagonisms between the estates and corruption, and it was finally brought to an end through a bloodless coup d'état by King Gustav III in 1772. Once again, the power shifted into the hands of the King.

A new constitution with a separation of powers

In 1809 a new Instrument of Government was adopted in Sweden. It set out how the power was to be divided between the Riksdag and the King.

The courts and public authorities were granted an independent status. Sweden was also the first country in the world to establish an Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsmen. The Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsmen is a body to which citizens can turn with complaints about the authorities.

One of the new fundamental laws in 1809 was the Instrument of Government, which was largely influenced by the principle of a separation of powers. An important factor was that a distinction was made between legislative, judicial and executive power.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

1st
Richard Eriksson
Ruby Hendrickson

2nd
Diane Brownell
Elizabeth Swenson

6th
Ingrid Gilchrest

10th
Joyce Trnka

13th
Joy Carlson
Donna Niemoller

16th
Russ Ellis

19th
Christi Kagstrom
Alice Axberg

24th
Lillian Stafford

25th
Raymond Griffith

26th
Gloria Eriksson

30th
Thelma Range



The new Instrument of Government remained in force until 1974, despite numerous changes over the years. The first Riksdag Act - which is a law setting out the procedures for the work of the Riksdag - was introduced in 1810.

The bicameral Riksdag

Between 1809 and 1974 substantial changes were made to the constitution in order to ensure the representation of the new social classes.

In 1865 the parliament of the four estates was abolished and replaced by a bicameral (two-chamber) system. The First Chamber was elected indirectly by the county councils and municipal assemblies in the larger towns and cities. It was considered to represent "education and wealth". Only men were eligible on the basis of certain criteria relating to age, income and wealth.

Elections to the Second Chamber were only open to men, and in order to vote it was necessary to meet certain economic criteria such as ownership of real estate or payment of tax on an annual taxable income. Eligibility for election only applied to those aged 25 or above. These limitations meant that just 21 per cent of Sweden's men over the age of 21 were entitled to vote in elections to the Second Chamber.

The right to vote

Why didn't everyone in Sweden enjoy the right to vote? From the 1860s a lively debate emerged on the question of voting rights, and demands for universal franchise became increasingly vociferous.

In 1909 a reform was passed in the Riksdag giving Swedish men the right to vote in elections to the Second Chamber. In 1921 a universal and equal franchise was introduced for men and women alike, and the Riksdag finally achieved a system of democratic representation for all citizens.

Nevertheless, it was still possible, even after 1921, to exclude certain groups from the right to vote. An example was individuals who had been declared incapable of managing their own affairs by a court of law. This limitation of the franchise disappeared in 1989 when the Riksdag abolished incapacitation.

Alongside the universal franchise reform, a parliamentary system of government developed and gained acceptance. This means that the government requires the Riksdag's confidence and support for all major decisions.

The unicameral Riksdag

In 1971 the bicameral system was abolished and a single chamber with 350 members was introduced. Changes were also made to the organisation of the parliamentary committees. The system of different committees for legislative and budgetary matters was abandoned and 16 committees for different specialised areas were established instead.

Three years later, in 1974, Sweden adopted a new Instrument of Government and a new Riksdag Act. The principles of parliamentarianism were incorporated into the constitution and the Speaker acquired a central role in the formation of a new government after an election.

A balanced Riksdag

The disadvantages of having an even number of members soon became evident. In the 1973 Riksdag election the socialist and non-socialist blocs received 175 seats each. This meant that several decisions in the Riksdag had to be determined by lottery.

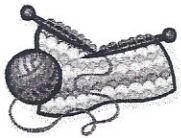
On 10 January 1975, the ceremonial opening of the Riksdag, which from that year was called the opening of the Riksdag session, was held in temporary premises at Sergels torg. The 1975 Riksdag session ended after the spring following a decision to move the beginning of the Riksdag's work-

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NÅL OCH TRÅD NOVEMBER

Pies are done, turkey's in the oven, and our appetites are peaking!! November is a wonderful month, and we are all thankful for our harvest bounty.

Nål och Tråd will meet just once this month—Thanksgiving takes precedence—on November 14th at 10:00 A.M. Our hostess will be Thelma Gorrell. Be sure to bring a brown-bag lunch, and Thelma will serve coffee and dessert



At our regular lodge meeting on November 3rd, we will display our crafts, and we are sure you will find many things for those special people at Christmas.

We put a lot of effort and time into our crafts, and use the proceeds for our lodge's benefit as well as for charitable donations.

JUL BUTIK—NOVEMBER 3

KÖKNYHET

Thanks to lodge members who filled in for missing team members on Team 1, as well as those of you who paid attention to the fact the date for the dinner was listed incorrectly in the Program Book, our first dinner after the summer hiatus was successful. We planned for 80 and about 60 attended, so there was a bit left over.



The November PIE SOCIAL IS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 7:00. Please bring a pie to share. Leftover uncut pies will be sold after the meeting. Homemade pies are always a treat! We need a volunteer to make coffee (start the big pot by 5:30, directions inside the door of kitchen cabinet number 3). Paper products are in cabinet number 4 and the numbers for the combination lock are located inside cabinet 3. Call Dale

THE ANNUAL GLÖGG PARTY OCH SMÖRGÅSBORD is Friday evening December 1 at Wisteria Hall. Doors open at 6:00 and Table 1 opens at 7:00.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES began at the Danish Dinner. **MEMBERS MAY BEGIN MAKING GUEST RESERVATIONS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3rd, THE PIE SOCIAL, OR BY TELEPHONING 916-729-0696. NO RESERVATION IS CONFIRMED UNTIL A CHECK HAS BEEN RECEIVED. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO MONITOR LODGE AND MAIL TO DALE/MARGARET INGVARSDEN, P.O. BOX 4458, CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95611. MEMBERS ARE LIMITED TO FOUR GUESTS.**

NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER 11/15

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SMÖRGÅSBORD MENU

Smörgåsbord

The First Round

Inlagd sill	Pickled herring
Senapssill	Mustard herring
Örtagårdssill	Garden herb herring
Sillsallad	Herring salad
Gravad lax	Marinated salmon
Ungsbakad lax	Baked salmon
Janssons frestelse	Jansson's temptation
Kokt potatis	Boiled potatoes
Ägghalvor	Garnished egg halves
Knäckebröd	Crispbread
Limpa	Limpa
Smör	Butter
Ost	Cheese

The Second Round

Rostbiff	Roast beef
Skinka	Ham
Senap	Mustard
Leverpastej	Liver pâté
Kalvsylta	Jellied Veal
Fem sorters korvar	Five types of sausage
Inlagd gurka	Pickled cucumbers
Inlagda rödbetor	Pickled beets
Rödbetsallad	Beet salad
Potatissallad	Potato salad
Gurkor	Pickles
Oliver	Olives
Rädisor	Radishes
Knäckebröd	Crispbread
Limpa	Limpa
Smör	Butter

The Third Round

Köttbullar	Swedish meatballs
Potatiskorv	Potato sausage
Prinskorv	Mini smoked sausages
Revbensspjäll	Spareribs
Rödkål	Red cabbage
Bruna bönor	Brown beans
Kokt potatis	Boiled potatoes
Lingon	Lingonberry sauce

The Fourth Round

Fruktsallad	Fruit salad
Pepparkakor	Gingersnaps
Rispudding	Rice Pudding
Lingon	Lingonberry sauce
Saffranskaka	Saffron cake
Spritsar	Spritz cookies
Struvor	Rosettes

COORDINATOR TABLE 1—EIVOR PFANNKUCH
BIRGITTA OSTLUND

COORDINATOR TABLE 2—PEGGY CARLSON

COORDINATOR TABLE 3—DEDE DAHLBURG

COORDINATOR TABLE 4—DOROTHY MOGFORD
JACK/LINDA LARSON

SET-UP COORDINATOR—MATT WILSON

RESERVATIONS—THE INGVARDESENS

PLEASE LOOK OVER THE MENU BEGINNING ON PAGE 5 AND CONCLUDING ON THIS PAGE.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY A TABLE COORDINATOR TO MAKE SOMETHING FOR THE SMÖRGÅSBORD, PLEASE CALL AN APPROPRIATE COORDINATOR AND OFFER TO BRING A SPECIFIC ITEM AS INDICATED ON THE MENU. DO NOT BRING SOMETHING WITHOUT FIRST DISCUSSING IT WITH A TABLE COORDINATOR.



Thelma and George Gorrell let us acknowledge 55 years of marriage at the October Dinner Meeting. And, Thelma did the decorating for the dinner and worked the Team. Now that's true commitment! CONGRATULATIONS!



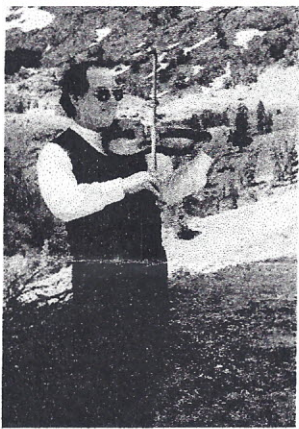
A champagne toast to Dale's 75th Birthday, hosted and given by wife Margaret, was enjoyed by all at the Danish Dinner.



Dale and Margaret shared their recent trip to visit Dale's family in Denmark and to introduce Margaret, not only to the family but to Denmark itself. It's obvious Margaret has become a "Danskaphile" very quickly and here she shares in the presentation with great enthusiasm. Thanks for sharing a bit about your family in Denmark!



Three pretty young ladies with Brother Ed Netzel at this year's Trollebo Family Camp at Silver Lake. I believe we see Myrtle Widmark in the background. According to Ed, day trips up to Trollebo Family Camp are welcome, so think about doing that next summer if you can't attend the full weekend.



Many of us feel we know Tim Rued, even if we have only seen and heard him play fiddle and nyckelharpa at Swedish gatherings. I had occasion to chat a bit with Tim at the recent festival in Sacramento, and he mentioned a tour he is leading this summer to Sweden. The tour is limited to five travelers, "for maximum personal attention." Reservations must be made by April 2007. He can be contacted at 209 825-2669 or tim@folksweden.com ed.

The Sacramento Turner Harmonie will be presenting their Annual Fall Concert on November 11, 2006 at Turner Hall 3349 J Street Sacramento. They will be singing music from Strauss, Lehar, Kalman and popular songs from Germany. For further information on the time of the Concert, the concert is free and for reservations and price of the dinner following the concert contact Irene Guzauskas at 362-2607. Two of our Swedish lodge members will be performing in this concert, can you guess who they are?

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

LUCIA FEST

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2006

2:00 PM

WINTERSTEIN SCHOOL

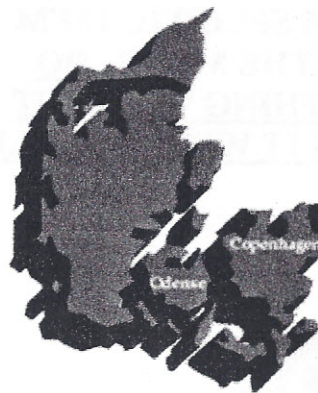
900 MORSE AVE, SACRAMENTO

Christi Kagstrom has arranged for a Lucia Fest for Monitor Lodge. The children will be singing and dancing the traditional Lucia songs, dances and the story of Lucia. Everyone is invited. Bring your friends, neighbors, children and grand-children. If you bring a child be sure to bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it. Parents, try to bring a plate of cookies for refreshments for everyone.



Thanks to Birgitta & Jill we are familiar with our first "Monitor Lodge Sing-Along Song." See Page 11 for the words to Vi gå över daggstänkta berg, the next song in our "repertoire."

Vestkusten is one of the oldest Swedish American newspapers that keep readers updated in both English and Swedish with news from Sweden - politics, events, business and sports and with the people, organizations and events in the active Swedish-American community in the West.



Archaeological research suggests that Denmark was populated as early as 100,000 years ago, though at this time these people were not related to the modern Danes. The modern Danish people are related to the Indo-Europeans who migrated from an area around the Black Sea some 6,000 years ago. Germanic people were living in this area at the time of Tacitus, around the first century c.e. and perhaps earlier.

DINNER MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2006

Officers present: Dale Ingvarlsen, Chairman; Matthew Wilson, Vice Chairman; Jillian Stanley, Secretary; Gail Nemy, Financial Secretary; Karin Johnson, Treasurer; Dorothy Scherer, Chaplain, Past Chairman Ed Netzel; Historian Brian Stockham; Master of Ceremonies Liesma Krastins and Assistant Master of Ceremonies Thelma Gorrell; Guards Jack and Linda Larson; and Cultural Committee Oscar Don Carlson, Diedre Dahlberg, and Jewel Wright. Excused absence: Myrtle Widmark, Assistant Financial Secretary.

After a fine dinner cooked and served by Team #1 for Danish night, the regular lodge meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. After the opening song, Irving Berlin's "God Bless America," visitors and prospective members were introduced. These were Siv, Ann and Bob Johnson. Members with birthdays in August, September, and October were serenaded with the birthday song, followed by another chorus in honor of the 55th wedding anniversary of Thelma and George Gorrell.

In keeping with our recent decision to add more music to meetings, Jill Stockham and Birgitta Ostlund led members in a well-known folk song "We are Musicians" (what used to be called a play-party song, as it must be acted out to be truly appreciated!). Chairman Dale Ingvarlsen's birthday (and Dale and Margaret's five-month anniversary!) were celebrated with a cake and champagne. Dale and Margaret presented a program of slides taken on their recent trip to Denmark, where Dale was able to visit several cousins and nieces. This was beyond the usual travel-slide show, as the travelers brought their personal observations of Danish culture to every photo. Margaret observed that no one seems to be fat, maybe because everyone rides bicycles—or maybe because so many of the Danes smoke! She also mentioned how jarring it was to see a Burger King or McDonald's next to a centuries-old monument. (I have to agree with that, having made the same observation in Paris and other cities!)

Turning to business, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominations for officers. Rather than calling for nominations for each individual positions and voting one at a time, it was moved, seconded, and approved that we would vote on the entire slate at once, and this was accomplished.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Dale announced that the Smorgasbord/Glogg Party will be held on Friday, Dec. 1st. Reservations can be made at the November 3rd meeting, at \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members (including non-member spouses).

The tentative date for the Lucia pageant will be Wednesday, Dec. 13th at Winterstein School, Gail announced. (Editor's note: UPDATED TO 12/9 @ 2:00)

Dorothy Mogford announced that Nal och Trad donated to the Sacramento Crisis Nursery. Elizabeth Swenson provided the statistics for the Scandinavian Festival this year: 615 visitors paid to attend, so evidently the changed date did not hurt the Festival. Ethel Johnson reminded us that members of our lodge were charter members of the International Old Lacers. Exhibits of bobbin lacemaking will be exhibited in Orangevale on October 21st at the Divine Savior Church Hall.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pay bills. After the Chaplain's message and the singing of Du Gamla, Du Fria, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Jillian Stanley

"DANISH NIGHT" CELEBRATED AT MONITOR LODGE
VASA MONITOR PRES MESSAGE NOV-06

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

Those attending our Lodge meeting last Friday evening enjoyed a delicious dinner of typical Danish food. We extend appreciation and a thank you to each of the members of Cook Team #1. Members and guests present had the opportunity to learn more about Denmark--its people, the geography, their culture and economics—through observations and a slide tour extending from Copenhagen, on the east, to Skagen, on the northeastern tip of Jutland, presented by yours truly and wife Margaret.

A big thank you to several of our members who worked at the Scandinavian Festival this year...especially to Elizabeth Swenson and Gail Nemy, who were our representatives on the Festival Planning Committee.

An election of officers was held at our last meeting. Chairman of the nominating committee, Ed Netzel, presented a slate of officers for next year, and the following officers were elected:

Chairman - Dale Ingvarlsen
Vice Chair - Matthew Wilson
Recording Secretary - Paige Talley
Assistant Recording Secretary - Peggy Carlson
Treasurer - Karin Johnson
Financial Secretary - Gail Nemy
Assistant Financial Secretary - Deidre Dahlberg
Cultural Committee - Marianne Ek, Birgitta Ostlund, Jewel Wright
Chaplain - Dorothy Scherer
Master of Ceremonies - Liesma Krastins
Asst. Master of Ceremonies - Thelma Gorrell
Inner Guard - Michael Churkin
Outer Guard - Judy Netzel
Historian - Brian Stockham
Trustee 3 year - Bud Mogford
Auditor - Arlie Veis

CHANGES ARE HAPPENING

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN VASA HAVE BEEN MODIFIED -

A monumental decision was made by the Grand Lodge at the San Diego Convention this summer, to allow into membership any person who has a commitment to Swedish or Nordic cultural heritage

Another change was made in the Grand Lodge Bylaws, which allows lodges to open the cultural program to the public, and to have news releases and advertisements to invite those interested to attend.

Further, from now on, VASA will use the term "NORDIC" in place of "Scandinavian".

Grand Lodge dues have been increased \$2.00 per year. Total dues per year, including Grand Lodge, District and Local lodges is significantly less than \$5.00 per month.

Coming Events at Monitor...Mark Your Calendars, and Plan to Participate:

Nov 3-Friday - 7:00 p.m. *Pie Social, Lodge Meeting, Initiation of new members*
Bring pies—many will be needed

Dec 9-Saturday - 2:00 p.m. *Lucia Presentation*, in Winterstein School, 900
Morse Avenue, Sacramento

Dec 1-Friday - 7:00 p.m. *Glogg Party & Smorgasbord*

April 7-Saturday - *95th Anniversary Dinner-Dance Party* at Dante Club

June 10-Sunday -10:00 a.m. *Sweden Day Picnic*(Sponsored by District Lodge)
At Oak Grove Park, in Stockton

Coming Events at Sierra Kronan Lodge...You Are Invited:

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Nov 10-Friday – 6:30

Turkey Dinner at Lions Club / Boy Scout Hall, on Sutter Street. Information: Call Barbara – 783-4401

Dec 8-Friday

Lucia and Glogg – Location as above.

MONITOR LODGE'S AMERICAN FLAG WAS LOOKING THE WORSE FOR WEAR...BUT

now we have a brand new American flag and mast, thanks to Ed Netzel, who donated the new flag to our lodge.

NEW MEMBERS

We are planning to orient and initiate five or six new members at our next meeting in November. You are urged to plan now to attend and welcome our newest members. I hope to see you at this meeting in November.

Program Planning Meeting, Sept. 13, 2006

The Program Planning Meeting was held at the Netzel residence. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Dale Ingvarlsen, Chair; Matt Wilson, Vice Chair; Ed Netzel, Past Chair; Jillian Stanley, Secretary; Gail Nemy, Financial Secretary; Marianne Ek, Scholarship Committee; Dorothy Scherer, Friendship Committee and Vasa Star Correspondent;; Jack Larson, Monitor Newsletter Editor; Elizabeth Swenson, Auditor; Jewel Wright, Cultural Committee; and John Wright.

A few assorted matters were discussed prior to establishing the program schedule for 2007.

The newsletter editor needs to receive information from the Friendship Committee about members who are shut in or ill. This committee needs to be much larger, it was agreed. Dale suggested getting the enlarged Friendship/Member Contact Committee, with a total of twelve members, set up by year's end.

Marianne Ek suggested placing an ad announcing Monitor meetings in the Turn Verein Oktoberfest program; this was moved, seconded and approved. Ed Netzel, as past chair, will be listed as the contact person.

Ed and others will be at the Sweden Day Planning Committee meeting October 1st in San Jose.

The Smorgåsbord Planning Meeting will be held Sept. 24th at 3 p.m. at the Ostlunds' home.

In preparation for the Scandinavian (Nordic) Festival on Sept. 30th, help is needed transporting items from the lodge to the festival hall. It was not decided how large a vehicle would be needed. Jack suggested having a trustee present when things are removed from the lodge, as they would know where to replace the items later.

John Wright and Don Stafford had spend two weeks organizing the storage room, but it has not stayed organized! One suggestion was to lay out a grid on the floor with tape to indicate where things belong.

There was a brief discussion about the dilapidated condition of our American flag and its pole, and how best to replace it.

The next meeting, October 7th, Danish night, should include election of officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee, consisting of the Past Chair and two other members, proposes a slate of officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee presents their slate, and nominations from the floor are requested. If there is more than one nominee for a position, the officer will be selected by ballot.

Gail and Matt have many address changes for next year's member directory.

Jack, Matt, Gail and Marianne offered to work on production of next year's program book. Dale suggested putting mailing labels on the books, and any not given out at the meeting can then be mailed to members easily.

Bank problems: Bank statements from United California Bank have been going, not to the present treasurer but to the past one. Karin Johnson had suggested changing to Wells Fargo. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

There were no bills to report.

Program Planning:

January 5th, 2007. Joint Installation with Sierra Kronan. We will send a letter inviting Sierra Kronan to attend. It will be a potluck, with Monitor providing the main course.

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On January 10th there will be a book audit, postponed from the scheduled December date, due to the need to wait until year's end.

On January 17th there will be a business meeting at the Netzel residence.

The first regular meeting of the year will be on February 2nd. This will be Swedish night, with the traditional pea soup and pancake dinner.

The March 2nd meeting will be the Kaffeekalas, along with installation of new members.

The Anniversary Dinner will be held on April 7th, if a Saturday event is not too expensive compared to Friday. There is some feeling that Saturday would be a more convenient night for people who work during the week. It will be at the Dante Club again. The Secretary will send invitations to District officers and chairs of other lodges.

On April 11th there will be a business meeting at the Netzels.

The District Convention is scheduled for April 27th-28th, but a host lodge has yet to be decided upon.

Morsdag (Mother's Day) will be May 4th, Norwegian night. This will be a team dinner preparation.

There will be a business meeting on May 9th.

Farsdag (Father's Day) will be held June 1st, Finnish night. This will also be a team preparation. We will invite members of the Finnish lodge to attend.

June 10th is Sweden Day, which will again be held in Oak Grove Park.

June 22nd is Midsommer in Sweden. Marianne will find out if IKEA is planning something for this that we could participate in somehow.

Jack and Linda Larson offered to have a Sillfrukost (herring breakfast) at their home, but in the summertime because of the weather in the foothills. June 30th was chosen as the best date for this fun (and delicious) event.

Camp Trolebo will take place August 1st - 3rd. For those without much free time, it is possible to attend the camp for just one day.

The crayfish party will take place at the Carlsons' again, on Saturday, August 11th. There will be a business meeting first; this one will occur at 5 p.m. so that officers can finish business in time for "happy hour"!

September 7th will be the first regular meeting after the summer break, with a Kaffeekalas and member initiation. A business meeting will be held on Sept. 12th.

We do not yet know whether the Nordic/Scandinavian Festival will be held in September again next year, but it is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 29th.

Danish night and election of officers will occur on October 5th, 2007.

November 2nd will be the Pie Social and member initiation night.

That leads us to the spectacularly popular Glögg Party on December 7th, with the audit and annual report meeting being held on Jan. 9th, 2008 at 7 p.m.

A discussion was held about new ways to get members involved and interested—basically, new ways to have fun! Marianne suggested more singing at meetings: it's audience participation and cultural acquisition at the same time. She will investigate the possibilities of this further.

Dale mentioned that the film night was so successful this past year that we should do it again. Marianne commented that Turner Classic Movies is showing more foreign films nowadays, and taping these movies, especially when a Swedish one is shown!, would be a very inexpensive way to build up a film library. A past Movie Night on Thursdays did get some attendance as well. Calling any members who have Swedish films on hand—let us know if you would share them for a movie night sometime!

Other suggestions for activities included excursions to wine-tastings, plays and ballets in San Francisco, and visits with other lodges.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jilian Stanley



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ing year from the spring to the autumn. Consequently, the 1975/76 Riksdag session was opened in October 1975. As of the 1976/77 session, the Chamber has had 349 members.

Four-year electoral period

Two important decisions were taken in 1994. The first was to extend the electoral period from three to four years and the second to make the budget procedure more efficient. The latter means that the budget year now coincides with the calendar year and that the Budget Bill is presented and dealt with during the autumn.

OUR LODGE SONG FOR NOVEMBER

VI GÅ ÖVER DAGGSTÄNKTA BERG PÅ SVENSKA

Vi gå över daggstänkta berg, fallera,
Som lånat av smaragdena sin färg fallera,
Men sorger ha vi inga
våra glada visor klinga
när vi gå över daggstänkta berg, fallera.

De väldiga skogarnas sus, fallera,
Gå mäktiga som orgeltoners brus, fallera,
och livets vardagsträta
så lätt det är förgäta
vid de väldiga skogarnas sus, fallera.

De gamla, de kloka må le, fallera,
Vi äro ej förståndiga som de, fallera,
Ty vem skulle sjunga
om våren den unga,
om vi vore kloka som de, fallera?

I mänskor, förglömmen er gråt, fallera,
Och kommen och följ oss åt, fallera,
Se, Fjärran vi gånga
att solskenet fånga.
Ja, kommen och följ oss åt, fallera.

Så gladeligt hand uti hand, fallera,
Nu gå vi till fågel Fenix land, fallera,
till det sagoland, som skiner
av smaragder och rubiner
nu gå vi till fågel Fenix land, fallera.

OUR LODGE SONG FOR NOVEMBER

VI GÅ ÖVER DAGGSTÄNKTA BERG IN ENGLISH

We hike over dew-splashed mountains,
That borrow their color from emeralds.
But we have no sorrows;
our happy songs resound
when we hike over dew-splashed mountains

The sound from the vast forests
Sounds like organ music,
and the strife of every day
is easily forgotten
by the sound of the immense forest

The old and the wise may laugh;
We are not as smart as they are.
Cause who should then sing
about the new spring,
if we were as smart as they?

You people, forget your crying
And come and follow us.
See, we are going far
to catch the sunshine.
Yes, come and follow us!

So, happily hand-in-hand
We now head to the land of the Phoenix bird,
to the saga land that shines
of emeralds and rubies.
Wenow head to the land of the Phoenix bird

There were two Swedish carpenters building a house. One of them opened a pack of nails, and asked the other: "Why are half of the nails lying in the wrong direction?"

The other replied: "You *****! They are supposed to be used on the other side of the house!"

Interpol was looking for an escaped convict in Denmark, and sent pictures of the man to the Danish police. The pictures were taken from both sides and the front. After a few days the Danes replied: "We caught the guys on the left and the right but the one in the middle got away".

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