



Sweden's first family. King Carl Gustav
and Queen Sylvia with their three children.
One of these will be the future monarch of Sweden,
Do not be surprised if it is a Queen.



A TREE GROWS IN SACRAMENTO

In 1925 Prince Vilhelm of Sweden planted a Cedar of Lebanon at 25th and N streets on the grounds of the Zion Lutheran Church. The tree is still living and growing. We located a photograph of the planting ceremony. This was copied by Henry Hjersman who also photographed the tree as it appears today. We presented these to Consul General Hegardt who also had an opportunity to see the tree. She made reference to this link between Sweden and Sacramento in her remarks at the Camellia luncheon.

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Planting the Cedar of Lebanon at 25th and N Streets - 1925
left to right: Mr. A. J. Rhoden, Dr. Oscar F. Johnson, Raymond Norton, Mrs. Carl Friberg, Mrs. Sophie Norton, Lorraine (Lewis) Dodge, Rev. C. G. Anderson, Prince Wilhelm of Sweden, Mrs. E. E. Graves, Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Mrs. Fred Olson.

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A tree still lives in Sacramento. This is the Cedar of Lebanon planted by Prince Wilhelm. You can see it at 25th and N.



CAMELLIA PARADE PRIZE WINNING FLOAT

The Camellia Parade float entered by the combined Scandinavian lodges of Vasa, Sons of Norway, Dania and Finlandia took first place in division, special effects award and the grand sweepstakes trophy.

The float was a dome, 14 feet in diameter covered with camellias and surmounted with a midsummer maypole. Each quadrant represented one of the Scandinavian nations with an outline map of the country in camellia petals and a 24 inch doll in the national dress. We called the float "Midsummer" in keeping with the Camellia festival theme of Scandinavian Holiday. The dome revolved at 5 RPM while the dolls revolved in the opposite direction at 15 RPM.

While all the lodges made their contribution, the basic construction was done by Ivar Axberg and Dick Forsty while Helen Forsty secured the dolls and costumes. Many others contributed: Lennart Andersson produced the mechanical details and Charles Linn provided casters for stability. There were many from all the lodges who provided camellias and worked to cover the float.

We are also indebted to Good Chevrolet for the shop space for assembly and decoration and to Battery Bill for the battery power for the special effects.

In recognition of their contributions the trophies were presented to Ivar Axberg and Richard and Helen Forsty.





In 1985 the Scandinavian community was the host for the International Camellia festival. The parade float entered by Dania, Finlandia, Sons of Norway and Monitor lodge took all top honors. Dick Forsty and Ivar Axberg created the basic float and have custody of the trophies.



Our Maid of Sweden at the 1985 Camellia Festival was Theresa Cahill, granddaughter of Marge and Larry Skicklig. Her escort was Margaretha Hegardt, Consul General of Sweden for the Western United States.



Theresa Cahill with Monitor members Eva Allred and Ethel Hoffman.

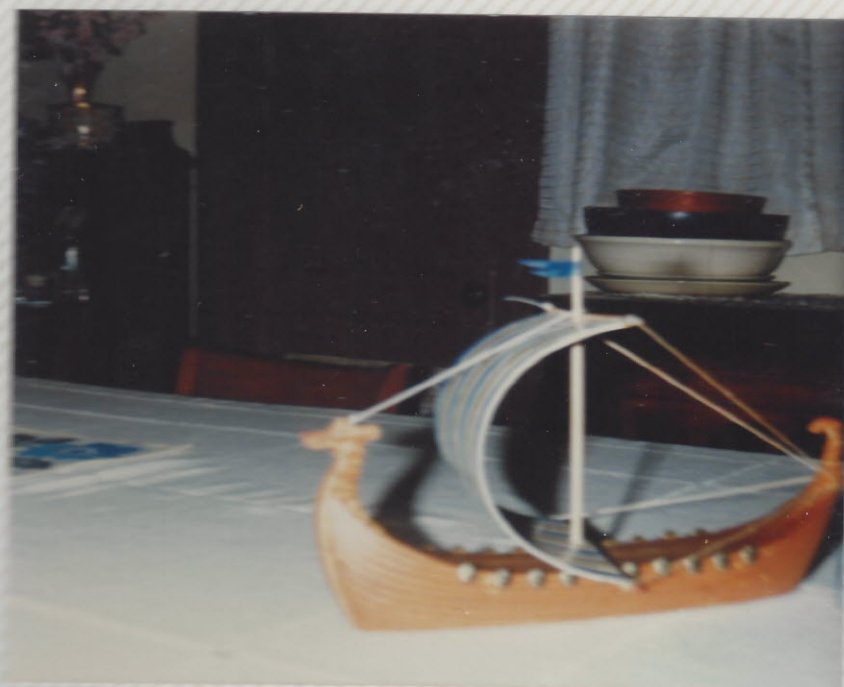


The maids of Scandinavia.



During the recess, Joe Rood of the Sons of Norway presented Monitor Lodge with a beautifully carved model of a Viking ship. The carving is very detailed and the wood was selected so the grain appears as planking. This model was displayed on our parade float. We are grateful to Brother Rood.

Ted Olson







Ellen Johnson, age 93, receives her 50 year pin. It was presented by District Master with the assistance of Zena Lundberg, Baxter Swaffar, and Ted Olson, Muriel Hjermsman, and Elizabeth Johnson of Monitor Lodge.





Monitor member Nancy Misenti with husband
and our newest prospective member.





The 1985 Midsummer begins with decorating the Maypole.



The Maypole is promenaded.





Coffee Time



Hat Parade





The Maypole is erected. The children in Swedish costume are from the children's clubs of Nord Lodge and Monitor Lodge.





Our 1985 Smörgåsbord dinner begins with making potato sausage. It takes many willing hands. These willing hands are those of Liema Krastins, Deidre Dahlberg, Ed Dahlberg, Roland Carlson, Dick Westrup, and Leo Krastins.



There is a woman behind these willing hands. Margaret Carlson was the chair-
man of of our Smörgåsbord committee.



Don Gustafson gives a final inspection
of the smörgåsbord.



The crowd grows restless waiting for
their table to be called.



Finally everyone is happily eating and the major domo, Don Johnson, is ready to pour coffee.







Raggy Carlson



Lucia fest 1985. Lucia carries an antique family coffee service.





Ruth Lindberg 1987



Marge & Larry Skickig 1987



Luce's Christmas 1987

1997

















