

Sweden's King presents flag to Monitor members

On June 6, Sweden's Flag Day, the King of Sweden presented a flag to John Forsberg of Monitor Lodge 218, and Leif and Ralph Anderson of the Children's Club. It was a moving experience for the 80 year old John Forsberg who had left his native land as a young man, and for the young Anderson boys.

Arrangements were made by Karl-Gustav and Mai-Britt Pousette of Malardrottningen Lodge in Stockholm. We are looking forward to seeing these two hardworking Vasa members in California in December.

The flag was presented to the lodge at the October meeting. We were deeply honored.

-Ruth Veis, VSC
Monitor Lodge



John Forsberg with Ralph and Leif Anderson accepting the flag from the king.

Sixth anniversary for Norden Lodge 648

NORDEN LODGE 648 Fresno, Cal., celebrated its sixth anniversary Sept. 14. The evening began in the Gordon Satterbergs' home in Kingsburg, where punch was served. Dinner followed at the Swedish Mill restaurant, then everyone returned to Satterbergs' lovely yard, decorated with colorful lanterns to dance and enjoy a wonderful time. Guests included GLD Luella Johnson, who, during her term as DM, come to Fresno almost every month to help form Norden and instituted the lodge in 1968.

Also present were PDM Art and DS Jessie Olsson, and PDM Roy E. Johnson, who presented Sally Haggmark with a 50-year pin.

A great number of Scandinavian guests were invited so that they could get to know our group and learn about our wonderful cultural program.

On Oct. 5 Norden had its Casino Night. Plans are progressing for our beautiful traditional Christmas observance Dec. 13.

-Inger Linder

Late summer activities in Akron

FRAMAT LODGE 280, Akron, Ohio, had good attendance and a most enjoyable day at the corn roast. The Melvin Larsons were hosts at their cabin. On Aug. 14, the Willing Workers and their husbands enjoyed the hospitality of Sigrid Borjn. In a beautiful spot on Portage Lakes the group participated in a sumptuous picnic luncheon, and later some of them went boating and fishing and others enjoyed a perfect summer day in the garden. On Sept. 11 the Willing Workers met at the home of Hazel Benson. New officers elected were President, Helen Smith; Sec. Linnea Carsteen; and Treas. Grace LeMaster. Afterwards the group made cancer pads. Mrs. Olga Hendrickson was October hostess.

All members of Vasa take great pride in the achievement of the chairman of the Archives Fund, Melvin Peterson, and his wife Gwen. At the September meeting Melvin reported over the monies raised for the Archives Fund.

Members of Framat Lodge are saddened by the deaths of two of their oldest members, Alfred Carlson and Algot Anderson, both loyal workers since the early twenties, and greatly missed.

-Helen A. Smith

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GOLDEN GATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Nine lodges were represented at the District 12 annual golf tournament at the Bethel Island golf course. Nord lodge was the winner of the tournament trophy. Other awards were won by Eric Johnson, Nord; Florence Griffith, Nord; David Chatterson, Scandia; Dorothy Shelman, Nord; Claude Griffith, Nord; Bobby Phillips, Nord; Ken Vine, Monitor; Ruth Veis, Monitor; Eric Johnson, Nord; Betty Newstrom, Nord; Carl Jerner, Viking; and Florence Griffith, Nord.

It was nice to see also participants from Skogen, Sveaborg, Lindbergh, Scandia, and all the old faithfuls from Nord, Jenny Lind, Monitor, and Viking. DCL John Peterson did the honors for Tegner. Mrs. Walter Sullivan was present, representing her husband, the District Master.

-Ruth Veis, VSC

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kay Spruner writes:

Think, act, and talk membership!

Keep looking for those new members and bring them in to share your good times!

Remember to send in voluntary contributions and memorials to the Archive Building Fund, either through your lodge secretary or directly to the G.L. Secretary.

Your Vasa officers are working for your benefit and enjoyment. Help them by being active in your lodge.

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

It is not necessary to put out the other person's light in order to let your own shine.

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A HISTORIC GIFT FOR SKOGEN LODGE 700 ON ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

EBM Eric Johnson of District 12 holds open a book which relates the treaty of 1873 between the United States and Sweden. The original book was presented to the late King Gustaf IV Adolf by President Eisenhower. A copy of this book was a gift from Logen Kongahälla 702 of District 19, Northern Sweden, to its sister lodge, Skogen 700, Redding, Cal. DM Walter Sullivan, second from left, is shown at the presentation, congratulating Chairman Roy Dahlquist and the lodge for a year of progress. Anna Clawson, VDM, reads a letter of congratulations from Kongahälla.