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A nice *Välkommen* was given to King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden who came to Minnesota for a three-day visit last October 5th & 6th.

While here, they visited the Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., to help mark the 150th anniversary of its founding by Swedish immigrants.

On the following day, they took an active part in the Royal Dedication of the new Carl & Leslie Nelson Culture Center which took place on the grassy campus of the American Swedish Institute, beneath the shelter of a white canvas tent on a cool, windy day. The dignitaries who joined the King and Queen for this celebration

were Bruce Karstadt, ASI president and CEO, Truett Lawson, ASI Board of Trustees, chair, Leslie Nelson, board member and major donor, Senator Amy Klobuchar and both the U.S. ambassador to Sweden Mark Brzezinski and the Swedish ambassador to the U.S. Jonas Hafström. A beautiful music performance was given by the Spelmanslag and the Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag.

We had the honor of attending this Royal Dedication with our house guest Helmer Olofsson from Växjö, Sweden. Having toured the city of Stockholm, watched the Parade of Soldiers and the daily changing of the Royal Guard in the Royal Palace courtyard, touring the Royal Palace

and the Drottningholm Palace & its beautiful gardens which has been the royal family's primary residence since 1981, it was extra special, seeing the King and Queen in our home state.



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Ostrom Tragedy in Washington

In SAG 2/12, page 20, there is an article about Nobel Prize Laureate Elinor Ostrom and her husband Vincent.

Some effort was made to find out where Vincent Ostrom's Swedish roots were to be found.

His family was found as immigrating from Kläppe in Marby parish in Jämtland in 1901, and settled in Whatcom County, WA.

One of the sons in the family was named Alfred, born in Marby in 1894 Nov. 13, and he and his wife Alma Knutson became the parents of Vincent.

SAG reader *Bo Björklund*, Kista, Sweden, read this article and then shared some information he had about Alfred's fate.

Alfred died already in 1931 Sep. 24 in Everson, Whatcom County, age 37. Bo now told that Alfred had been shot by a neighbor, and that this was a double tragedy as the killer committed suicide right after his deed.

ARGUMENT OVER ACCORDION FATAL

Aged Recluse Commits Murder at Bellingham and Then Takes His Own Life

BELLINGHAM, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Alfred Ostrom, 37, was dead today and Frank Lindquist, aged recluse, was a suicide after a dispute last night over an accordion on a lonely farm, three miles east of Everson.

Witnesses, members of the Ostrom family, said that Ostrom was shot by Lindquist, last night when he attempted to prevent an attack upon his nephew, Stanley. The trouble began when Lindquist visited Stanley's home to return the instrument, which he had borrowed.

Following the dispute, Lindquist went to his own home and returned with a shotgun and called for Stanley to come out. Instead, other members of the family and neighbors living across the road approached and Lindquist fired once, fatally injuring Alfred.

He rushed to his own home and then committed suicide.

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