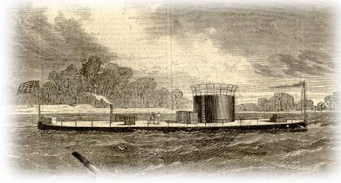


MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6/3/11

Salad Potluck

Open Bar

5:30

Dinner/Cultural Program

6/4/11

Sweden Day Camp Norge

Alta, CA

6/18/11

Midsommar Sveadal

7/29-31/11

Trollebo

8/20/11

Kräftskiva

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 June Brown

6/4 Kris Arnlund-Wilson

6/7 Karna Boyer

6/9 Beatrix Clark

Anita Nord

6/10 Beatrice Mattson

6/16 Jack Larson

6/21 Chris Moore

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/10 Eivor Pfannkuch

7/16 Arlene White

7/19 Meribeth Bean

Robert Johnson

7/25 Henrik Jul-Hansen

7/28 Lars-Erik Hammerin

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1/ Carl Larson

8/5 Theresa Alberts

8/6 David Benson

Troy Nimmo

8/12 Erica Leaman

8/13 Albert Mitchell

8/15 Larry Hultquist

Lars Östlund

8/17 Elizabeth Bushnell

8/26 Birgitta Östlund

8/29 Gail Nemy

Susan Westaby



For a century, archeologists have been looking for a gate through a wall built by the Vikings in northern Europe. This summer, it was found. Researchers now believe the extensive barrier was built to protect an important trading route.

Their attacks out of nowhere in rapid longboats have led many to call Vikings the inventors of the Blitzkrieg. "Like wild hornets," reads an ancient description, the Vikings would plunder monasteries and entire cities from Ireland to Spain. The fact that the

Vikings, who have since found their place as droll comic book characters, were also avid masons is slightly less well known.

The proof can be seen in northern Germany, not far from the North Sea-Baltic Canal. There, one can marvel at a giant, 30-kilometer (19-mile) wall which runs through the entire state of Schleswig-Holstein. The massive construction, called the Danevirke -- "work of the Danes" -- is considered the largest earthwork in northern Europe.

Archeologists have now taken a closer look at part of the construction -- a three-meter-thick (10 feet) wall from the 8th century near Hedeby (known as Haithabu in German). It is constructed entirely out of stones collected from the surrounding region. Some of them are only as big as a fist, while others weigh as much as 100 kilograms (220 pounds). "The Vikings collected millions of rocks," says archeologist Astrid Tummuscheit, who works for the state archeology office of Schleswig-Holstein.

A Customs Station, an Inn and a Bordello

At a press conference Friday, Tummuscheit's team announced a further find -- one that they are calling a "sensation." The researchers have discovered the only gate leading through the Danevirke, a five-meter (16 feet) wide portal. According to old writings, "horsemen and carts" used to stream through the gate, called "Wiglesdor." Next to it was a customs station and an inn that included a bordello.

For a century, archeologists have been dreaming of finding this gate between Denmark and Charlemagne's empire. Experts knew its approximate location, but archeologists were not allowed to dig: an old roadhouse was in the way. "Café Truberg put the brakes on everything," says Claus von Carnap-Bornheim, head of the Schleswig Holstein archeology office.

Things only began moving forward when the café went broke and could be purchased in 2008 with help from the AP Møller-Fonds, a fund belonging to Arnold Maersk, the 97-year-old Danish owner of the world's biggest container shipping fleet. The energy company E.on Hanse, the E.on subsidiary responsible for northern Germany, paid for the building to be demolished and the archeologists could move in. The new find is certain to attract significant attention above Germany's northern border as well -- the Danevirke is seen as a national treasure in Denmark. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark has visited the site, as has Prince Frederik.

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New calculations as to the age of the construction indicate, however, that the earliest parts of the wall might have been built by the Frisians and not by the Danes. Archeologists now think the foundation stone might have been laid as early as the 7th century.

Known for their Pillaging Ways

The Frisians, who lived on the west coast of what is now Denmark and on a number of islands in the North Sea, were fighting for supremacy in the region with three other peoples: the Danes, the Slavs and the Saxons (see graphic). "It was the Kosovo of the early middle ages," says Carnap-Bornheim. In the end, however, it was the Danes who emerged victorious. According to contemporary records, King Göttrik of Denmark ordered in 808 that the border of his empire with that of the Saxons be fortified.

But why make such an effort? To what end did the Vikings pile up millions of tons of rocks on their border? Comparative structures like border fortifications built by the Romans or the Great Wall of China were built to protect them from marauding hordes. But in the case of the Danevirke, the builders themselves were the ones known for their pillaging ways. In the 8th century, Denmark had neither cobblestone roads nor houses made of stone. The pagan king was guarded by fanatic warriors wearing animal costumes -- so-called "berserkers."

Only their long boats were state-of-the-art -- fast and light but easily navigable. They allowed the Danes to develop a formidable network of trading routes. They plied Russian rivers all the way to Byzantium and sailed the North Atlantic to far-away Iceland, Greenland and even the northern reaches of North America.

Overland Trade

But there was an Achilles heel in this far-flung trading empire, and that was at Hedeby. In order for goods from the east to be shipped to the west, they had to cross the narrow strip of land at the base of present-day Denmark. Traders would sail inland on the Schlei Inlet, but when they got to Hedeby, their wares were offloaded and carted overland to the Treene River, 18 kilometers away. Only there could the goods be reloaded onto boats and sailed into the North Sea.

For the duration of this short overland trek, the valuable goods -- including gold from Byzantium, bear pelts from Novgorod and even statues of Buddha from India -- were open to attack from the mainland. In order to protect this important trade artery, archeologists now believe, a bulwark of earth, stone and bricks was constructed. The Danevirke, in other words, was little more than a protective shield for commerce.

In the coming weeks, archeologists hope to excavate the newly discovered gate right down to the old street level. They are hoping to find old paving stones, hinges or postholes -- the remains, perhaps, of the erstwhile gate into the land of the Vikings.



This article was suggested as something you would enjoy by Arlie Veis. This kind of support for the newsletter editor is very much appreciated



ERIK OLOF LINDBLOM
Photo by Shaw & Shaw, Oakland, Cal.

The **Nome mining district**, also known as the **Cape Nome mining district**, is a gold mining district in the U.S. state of Alaska. It was discovered in 1898 when Erik Lindblom, Jafet Lindeberg and John Bryntessen, the "Three Lucky Swedes", found placer gold deposits on Anvil Creek and on the Snake River, a few miles from the future site of Nome. Word of the strike caused a major gold rush to Nome in the spring of 1899.

Sketch map of the Nome Beach deposits and area creeks 1908

This was one of the first and was the biggest Alaskan gold rush: in North America, only the California and Klondike stampedes were larger. A chaotic and lawless scene ensued, with rampant claim-jumping, crooked judges, and not enough gold found for the 20,000 prospectors,

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gamblers, shop and saloon-keepers, and prostitutes living in the tent city on the beachfront tundra, at least not at first. Then someone thought to pan the red-and-black streaked beach sands. Within days, gold was found for tens of miles up and down the beach from Nome. More than a million dollars worth of gold was taken from the beach in 1899. Subsequently the second and third beach lines were discovered and mined. Anvil Creek produced the second-largest gold nugget found in Alaska (182 troy ounces), as well as the 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th-largest.

Except while prohibited by law during WWII, placer mining near Nome has continued to this day. Over 3.6 million troy ounces of gold have been recovered from the creeks of the Nome District.

A myriad of small hard-rock gold deposits were exploited near Nome, but production was very small, compared to the placer deposits, and none of the hard rock mines operated for more than a few years.

In 1908, the Alaska Road Commission began constructing a trail from Seward to Nome, and in 1911, one year after the trail was completed, thousands of prospectors mushed or hiked to the Iditarod gold fields, a population boom that helped lead to Alaska becoming a territory. That trail is known as the Iditarod Trail, and is about 900 miles long.

Rock Creek mine

A new hardrock gold mine, Rock Creek, has been built. Start-up procedures began in September 2008. Production efforts were suspended in November, due to design inadequacies in the mill and complications meeting regulatory requirements. NovaGold's Rock Creek project has two planned components; the Rock Creek mine and mill complex seven miles north of Nome and the historic underground Big Hurrah mine site 42 miles east. Both sites are on the road net. The gold deposit at Rock Creek consists of sheeted gold and sulfide-bearing quartz veins in metamorphosed and deformed pelitic sediments. A placer gold deposit exploited in the early and late 1900s overlies the hardrock deposit. Early miners sunk workings to explore for hardrock gold, but did not find the large and high-grade gold-in-quartz veins necessary to be economic at that time. A prescient [USGS](#) geologist in 1908 identified the cluster of small veins as essentially a "large low grade gold deposit". Underlying land is patented land owned by NovaGold and by the Sitasauk Native village (surface) and Bering Sea regional (subsurface) Alaska Native Corporations.

Plans include additional ore from the Big Hurrah mine, 42 miles west in the Solomon River watershed, to be trucked to the mill at Rock Creek. Big Hurrah originally opened in 1908, an underground mine exploiting large quartz veins cutting black slates. The mine closed after only a few years; it was reopened for a few years in the 1950s and again in the 1970s. Big Hurrah was the largest underground mine on the Seward Peninsula.

Both sites will be mined from open pits and ore recovery will use a combination of gravity methods and vat cyanide leach procedures. Rock Creek and Big Hurrah have combined probable reserves of 510,000 ounces of gold, with 32,000 additional indicated and inferred ounces of gold. Ore grade is about 1.75 g/t gold (0.05 ounces per ton gold).

(This article recommended by Eivor Pfannkuch and is from WikiPedia)

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VASA Order of America
District Lodge Golden Gage #12
100th Annual District Meeting

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Report on convention from Johanna Benker and Yvonne Magneheim

1. District 12 winner for membership drive, we place first in the nation with a gain of “zero” members which sounds odd, but is an achievement as so many lodges have lost membership. The district earned a check in appreciation. We also gained the Grand Master’s trophy and were presented by Torre to this session.
2. Assistant Master of Ceremonies will now be Sarah Lipscomb.
3. Motion made to donate 5% of our O&B (Old Age and Benefit Fund) fund to the Grand Lodge to be applied to the Archives on an annual basis. Motion being referred to Executive Board for review and approval. The district would have roughly \$6,000.00 to the archives. It was recommended that we apply the monies to the operating funds.
4. Siv Pierson spoke about creating a Swedish language class for all the lodges that can be emailed, put on CD’s etc... Well received by all in the meeting.
5. **ELECTION**
 - a. District Master – Victoria Fedor – Thurman – SVEA Lodge
 - b. Vice District Master – David Jansson Lindbergh Lodge
 - c. District Secretary – Catherine Lipscomb – SVEA Lodge
 - d. District Treasurer – Michael Peterson – Norden Lodge
 - e. 1st Executive Board – Corky Peterson Norden Lodge – also Membership
 - f. 2nd Executive Board –Jeff Vanover - Nord Lodge
 - g. 3rd Executive Board – James Netzel –Monitor Lodge
 - h. District Cultural Leader –Marie- Ann Hill (Tegner)
 - i. Assistant District Secretary – Yvonne Magneheim – Monitor Lodge
 - j. District Trustee for 3 years – Richard Wooster – Fylgia Lodge
 - k. District Auditor – Johanna Benker – Monitor Lodge
 - l. District Chaplain – Maria Helberg–Framåt Lodge
 - m. District Master of Ceremonies –George Sell – Norden Lodge

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- n. Assistant District Master of Ceremonies – Sarah Lipscomb – SVEA Lodge
- o. District Inner Guard – Robert Homer – Framåt Lodge
- p. District Outer Guard – Rosalind Gaviola – Norden Lodge

4. Appointments

- 1. Membership – Corky Peterson
 - 2. Children’s Youth Supervisor – Melissa Netzel
 - 3. Emma Hanlon – Scholarship
 - 4. Historian – Anita Peterson SVEA
 - 5. Newsletter Editor – Chuck Lipscomb
 - 6. Web Master – Michael Bray
6. Jack Larson and Eivor Pfannkuch gave a great presentation on Swedish Books i.e. Stieg Larsson, Stockholmnews.com to read about news in Sweden; check Amazon.com for books at a reasonable price. Camilla Läckberg.

7. **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Resolution #1, Article 12 – Committees, paragraph (d)**– Change article to allow any VASA member in good standing to be a member of the Election Committee – **Resolution approved**
 - b. **Resolution #2, Article 10 Executive Board, Section C**– The first elected Executive Board members shall become the District Membership Chairman and assume the duties of that office up on installation at the District Meeting. – **Resolution rejected.**
 - c. **Resolution#3 – Amend Article 12 - Committees, Section (f) – Resolution approved.**
 - d. **Resolution #4 – The District Ledge shall meet biennially. – Resolution Failed**
8. Joanie Graham was awarded Honorary District Life Membership – Approved and awarded.
9. Presentation given by Torre Kellgren on 100 Years of VASA and its membership with a power point.

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10. Charity Committee Report – will be sent out via email by Victoria.
11. Installation of new board members.
12. VASA Star magazine – email Joanie Graham and ask for mailing list to make sure it is correct and they are not mailing to wrong addresses, deceased, etc..

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Magneheim and Johanna Benker, Monitor Lodge delegates.

SERIOUS BUSINESS AND FUN TIMES OCCUR AT A DISTRICT MEETING
(Pictures courtesy of Yvonne Magneheim and her telephone!)



Financial Report

May 6, 2011

Anniversary Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction

DINNERS

Members		44	\$4.00
Guests		4	\$4.00

CASH BAR

Annual Membership		April 2010 - to -March 2010	April 2011 - to - March 2012
Bean, Maribeth	CASH		\$30.00
Curtis, Dian	check #5476		\$30.00
Delle, Mark	check #4276	\$2.50	\$30.00
Delle, Mark			\$10.00
Herrmann, Kerstin Elizabeth	check #104		\$30.00
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Jenson, Helen	check #643	\$30.00	\$30.00
Johnson, Anna Ethel	check 3280		\$30.00
Larson, Jack	Check 3083		\$30.00
Scherer, Dorothy	check #164		\$30.00
Widmark, Myrtle	check #3078		\$30.00
Westrup, Richard	check #2609		\$30.00
Westrup, RoseMarie	"		\$40.00
White, Arlene	check #5534		\$30.00

PLEASE CORRECT YOUR PROGRAM BOOK!

The following information received from Elizabeth and is ONCE AGAIN included herein for your information:

Per our conversation, Carol Churkin's correct e-mail address is CChurkin@suceed.net (the first C was not included in the program book).



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2011 Dues for Monitor Lodge #218

Name(s): _____

Adult member (over 17) _____ x \$30.00 = _____

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**MEET JESUS AND CHRISTEL CRUZ
INITIATED MAY 6, 2011**

**MONITOR LODGE #218
May 6, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Chair James Netzel

Quorum: Secretary noted officers present which represented a quorum

Chair James Netzel
Vice Chair Jack Larson
Secretary Arlene White
Asst. Rec. Sec. Charley Rea (absent)
Financial Sec. Yvonne Magnehaim
Asst. Fin. Sec. Kurt Pfannkuch
Treasurer Karin Johnson
Cultural Comm. Myrtle Widmark
Melissa Netzel
Chaplain Birgitta Ellis (absent)

Application for Kerstin Herrman (mother of Theresa Alberts) was voted to be accepted. Ed Netzel made the motion and Jack

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These are the people that are recipients of pins and were not present at the Anniversary Dinner or the May Meeting. If you wish to have your pin mailed, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Secretary Arlene White.

5 years

Wanda Magnuson-Nesewich
Carol Nesewich

10 Years

Martha Todd Parks
Tarrel Green

15 Years

Ruby Hendrickson
Joesie Hennig
Larry Hultquist

25 Years

Ronny Kagstrom
Kristi Kagstrom

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Larson seconded .Greeting from various lodges which were not read at the anniversary meeting were read to the assembly. Jesus and Christel Cruz were initiated into the order and we welcome them.

Actions and Activities:

- Minutes of March meeting were approved as printed in newsletter.
- Pins and certificates for years of membership were made available to those not receiving them at the April Anniversary Celebration.
- Motion was made to dispose of TV and various outdated electronic equipment belonging to the lodge. Karin Johnson suggested taking inventory. Ed Netzel made motion to donate to charity and Jack Larson seconded. Motion was passed.
- Birgitta Ostlund presented the application for scholarship for Kurt and Eivor's grandson. Dale made motion to accept and Jack Larson seconded. Motion carried.

Cultural Meeting:

Since the following Sunday was Mother's Day, Myrtle Widmark

gave a history of Mother's Day, which originally started as a pagan holiday and in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Mother's Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of May in Sweden.

New Business

- Midsummer celebration was discussed and decided that we would pass on it this year since it is too short a time period to put it together. Carol Churkin said they are open to hosting the Midsummer Festival in 2012.
- Yvonne Magneheim mentioned that the District is on Facebook and that we needed to be on Facebook as a lodge. Kurt Pfankuch appointed Melissa Netzel and Yvonne Magneheim to investigate our presence on Facebook. Kris Wilson will also help Jack Larson second and motion approved.
- No new correspondence.
- The following members were voted to District offices.
Assistant District Secretary – Yvonne Magneheim
District Auditor – Johanna Benker
Director Childrens Club – Melissa Netzel
District Executive Board – James Netzel
- The resolution presented at convention for holding the convention only every other year was voted down.
- Treasurer Karin Johnson presented the bills and Ed Netzel motioned that we pay them. Melissa Netzel seconded and motion was carried.
- Karin Johnson also gave information regarding the CD's that total \$20,000 and are in \$5,000 increments and roll over at various times.

Good of the Order

- Jack Larson noted that it is necessary for members to make reservations for the dinners so that those hosting can plan accordingly.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be potluck and June 3.

Closing By Cristel Cruz and Jack Larson as Chaplain for Birgitta Ellis

Respectfully submitted by Arlene White, Secretary