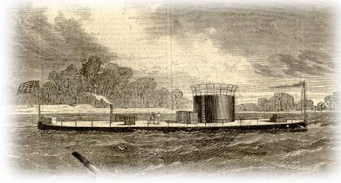


MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

THE



MONITOR

James Netzel, Chairman—Jack Larson, Vice Chairman—Arlene White, Secretary—Charley Rea, Assistant Recording Secretary, Yvonne Magenheim, Financial Secretary—Kurt Pfannkuch, Assistant Financial Secretary—Karin Johnson, Treasurer

COMING UP!

10/7

7:00

Kaffekallas,
Cultural Program,
Election of Officers

10/15

10:00-4:00

Scandinavian Festival
Divine Savior RC Church

10/19

2012 Planning Meeting
J. Netzel Residence

11/4

5:30

Philly Cheese Steak
Dinner, Team 1

12/2

5:30

Annual Julbord

1/6

5:30

Installation of Officers
Potluck

Heljesgården

A museum farm in an exciting cultural environment Heljesgården in Bolum (Västergötland) is a journey back in time. Here you can experience the agriculture and forestry as it looked in the early 1900s. During the summer, there are several organized activities for visitors. Among other things, we have an open house in May each year and in July is the time for mowing. In the beginning of autumn is the harvest time and Hornborgadag. Heljesgården is on the Billingsens hillside east of Hornborgasjön, in the vast nature reserve Hornborgasjön. To the reserve will be about 200,000 visitors to watch birds and landscapes. In the field, people have lived and farmed the land for 3000 years, today there is a footpath that passes by both a sacrificial source of ancient ravines and stone circles from the late Iron Age.

The foregoing is a translation via Google of Heljesgården, Västergötland Museum. And to me and my sister, it is more than what the Website shares.

During our trip to Sweden in 2004, we were guests of my father's family in Götene, and during our stay, our cousin introduced us to Heljesgården. We sat in the living room of the house and met with one of the curators of the Skara Museum as he shared history of the farm even before the 1900s. You see, this is where my farfar emigrated from.

We were able to visit his attic room and see the bed he slept in! We learned why in the Parish Records my grandfather was listed as "escaped!" It turned out that he had a "close relationship" with a piga (Swedish maid) who had become, in the Biblical sense, with child!

He already had permission of his father to go to America, so he sneaked aboard ship and was on his way. Was that the right thing to do? Well, it is not up to us to decide, in my opinion. The maid miscarried, so alas, I have no “mysterious” relatives lying in a Swedish graveyard.


At the family reunion in 2004, hosted by both families (farfar och farmor), we met many third and fourth cousins, and we made many lasting friendships. “Both” families, I mention here, because my farmor was born and raised in Timmersdala, just a short distance from Götene and Heljesgården, but they didn’t meet until coming to America.

This trip took us from west to east as we visited family in Närke (Örebro), cousins on my mors side, ending up visiting Stockholm for our second time and the first time for my sister and brother in law. We all tended to go separate ways while in the City with Linda and I taking a boat ride on Lake Mälaren to Birka, the Viking settlement on Björkö. We got soaking wet! But as a “Vikingphile” it was worth the discomfort.

Leaving Stockholm, we stopped in Uppsala so my sister could visit the cathedral and then through Dalarna to Mora, visiting Carl Larsson’s home and studio, among many other things. Wending our way westward to bring the Volvo to its shipping point, we even managed to get into Norway so we could say we did!!!

I would like to make one more trip to Sweden with a goal of visiting Gotland, where my morfar was born and raised, and to travel from east to west on the Göta Kanal.

I hope you enjoyed this little synopsis (I have a full daily experience on file!), and I also hope you have a trip experience to anywhere!, that you would like to share with lodge members. *(editor)*

 Click the speaker, hear the applause for a job well done. Thank you James and Melissa for hosting the Crawfish Party again this year. It was a beautiful day and everyone got plenty to eat. By the way, your home-grown tomatoes are superb!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Karin Johnson, born on October 5th
Dale Ingvarlsen, born on October 6th
Marianne Lomax, born on October 21st
Diane Curtis, born on October 24th
Marianne Ek, born on October 24th
Lincoln Leaman, born on October 29th

*Watch over thy children, O Lord, wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world.
Raise them up if they fall, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful,
And may thy peace which passeth all understanding keep them all the days of their life.
Amen*

(If your birthday falls in October and you are not acknowledged here
PLEASE LET ME KNOW)

BOOK REVIEW: Lillian Budd

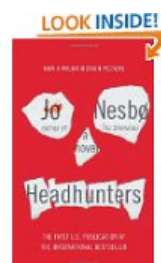
Lillian Budd (1897–1989) born in Chicago to immigrants Charles and Selma Peterson, wrote a delightful trilogy about Swedish-American immigration.

In the first book titled *April Snow*, we learn that the Petersson family lives on an island off the coast of Sweden in the late 1800's. The story begins with their second child, Karl's birth in a snow tunnel between the house and the barn on a farm called Norden. Alone and hungry at Karl's birth, his mother Sigrid had dug the tunnel by herself, thinking first about the livestock, which had not been fed for a day.

Karl, grew up to be a fine, thoughtful, caring young man who loved to write. But the day his father, Peter, sold Hjärta, Karl's black stallion without Karl's knowledge or permission, the young man set himself against his father and mother, and decided to immigrate to America. The incident caused Karl to lose his faith in God. His parents, are both Pietists, but of quite different sorts. Peter, who sits in his rocker with an open Bible from which he pontificates, is a mean-spirited, self-centered man. While Sigrid is a hard-working, loving, caring person of faith.

April Snow looks into the everyday life, activities, and thoughts of a remarkable woman. Sigrid has inherited her family farm, where she lives with her husband, and her ever expanding family of children. Sigrid imparts to each of her children a love for integrity, compassion, and diligence and a deep pride in their Swedish tradition and ancestry. We are also introduced to her wonderful grandfather who was ahead of his time in his outlook on women and their role in the world.

*My mother-in-law, Wanda, loaned me her first edition copy of 'April Snow' . Though out of print, the three volumes (*April Snow* – 1951, *Land of Strangers* - 1953, and *April Harvest* – 1959) may be purchased on the Internet or obtained from local libraries. I recommend this exciting trilogy and plan to submit a book review of *Land of Strangers* in November. Carol Nesewich*



Now available and also highly recommended

HELP WANTED/NEEDED

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

The hours of help needed are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday. Scandinavian baked goods are also needed for the bake table. Food sales are our best money maker. The entrance fees pay for the \$2,575.00 hall rental.

If you can help please call one of the following to volunteer your time.

Karin Johnson, 482-3755, to sell food tickets at the food stations

Dede Dahlberg, 966-4631, to help in the kitchen, sandwich making, rolling pancakes

Yvonne Magneheim, 979-9501, to donate pancake batter, sell pancakes and sandwiches behind the counter

Ken Carlson, 944-4990, to fry pancakes

Tom and Annika Anderson, 684-3304, to help at the information table and help with cleanup

Friday evening we need help setting up. Set up starts at 5:00 PM.

Gail Nemy, 481-0373, to count food tickets during the day

Elizabeth Swenson, 452-4033, serve coffee

Anything you can do to help is very much appreciated.

MONITOR LODGE #218

June 3, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Dinner was served at 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman 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 Magneheim
Asst. Fin. Sec.	Kurt Pfannkuch (Absent)
Treasurer	Karin Johnson (Absent)
Cultural Comm.	Myrtle Widmark
	Melissa Netzel
Chaplain	Birgitta Ellis

Meeting was opened with the singing of "America the Beautiful"

Opening prayer was given by Christel Cruz.

Actions & Activities:

- Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter
- Carol Churkin reported on issuing another scholarship to Elizabeth Swenson's son Erik.
- Unfinished Business: Arlie Veis is working on the history of the lodge. Jack Larson met with Kris Wilson regarding the development of the website. Jack also asked for input regarding the website. Jesus Cruz has offered his assistance.
- Yvonne Magneheim reported there is no further information regarding Facebook.
- New name tags are needed for Don and Joyce Johnson as well as several other members. Dale will proceed accordingly.
- Correspondence: Brian Dorey received a scholarship from Monitor and wrote the membership a very nice thank you..
- New Business: James Netzel was reminding everybody about the Crayfish Party on August 20.
- June 17 is the Midsummer Celebration at Sveadal.

- A planning meeting for the 2012 convention will be held at 2:00 PM on July 17 at the Double Tree.
- Sweden Day needed a basket for raffle and James will donate the basket he received at the district convention.
- LaVerne Griffith will help in the sorting of things to be sent to James for storage. Some scrapbooks will be gone through for convention information. There was discussion regarding the bar storage.
- Since the treasurer was absent, Yvonne Magneheim presented the bills for the rent and the storage, which were approved. There was no financial report.

CULTURAL PRESENTATION:

Myrtle Widmark shared with us information regarding various Swedish celebration days, one being June 6 which is Sweden Day. She also shared that the first Sweden Day was celebrated in 2005, which has become an official holiday. Jack Larson displayed the Swedish flag which was presented to Lennart and Britt-Marie Andersson's sons by the King of Sweden.

GOOD of the ORDER:

- Members having birthdays in May and June were honored.
- It was brought to the attention of attendees that financial help was needed in order to continue with the "Sounds of Sweden" broadcast.
- Scandanavian Festival will be held October 15.
- The trip to Junction City for August 12-14 is still being discussed.
- Birgitta Ellis mentioned the Julbord, and she will be willing to do the training.

Next Meeting:

Meeting in October and a business meeting to be held at James in September.

Closing

By Birgitta Ellis, Chaplain

Respectfully submitted by Arlene White, Secretary