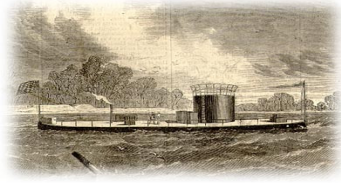


MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

THE



MONITOR

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

November Happenings

11/4 @ 5:30

Dinner/Cultural Program

12/2 @5:30

Annual Julbord with Glögg
Lucia

1/6/12 @ 5:30

Pot Luck

Installation of Officers 2012

Grattis på födelsedag

- 11/1 Ruby Hendrickson
Diane Brownell
Elizabeth Swenson
- 11/11 Richard Eriksson
- 11/13 Donna Niemoller
- 11/16 Russ Ellis
- 11/19 Christi Kagstrom
Alice Axberg
Chuck Larson
- 11/22 Karen Sandberg
- 11/24 Lillian Stafford
Kathryn Matthews

THINKING ABOUT PHILADELPHIA AND ITS SWEDISH HISTORY

(From the editor: Ok, I don't always pick a winner, and my proofer Linda has an opinion on this article, taken from the Web, but I guess I have the "City of Brotherly Love" in my mind. You can always check out <http://www.americanswedish.org/>

Rarely would one think of Roxborough as having Philadelphia's oldest houses or a rich history -- except for those who follow trails through Wissahickon Park or closely examine structures along Ridge Avenue and the surrounding roads. Let's go way back and look at Roxborough's past.

1600's

Swedish settlements started in Philadelphia as early as 1639.

Gradually, they moved west of the Delaware River to the surrounding suburbs. Philadelphia's oldest house is on the West River Drive and was built by Swedes in 1660. Outside the house, a sign reads; "Boelsen Cottage 1684." It was surveyed by Thomas Holme in 1684, but built in 1660, as a sign closer to the house reads.



The first Swede to come to the current Ridge Avenue was Peter Lindstrom, in 1656. The road was a Native American trail leading to Barren Hill and was surrounded by large plantations where corn, beans, and tobacco were grown along with fruit orchards. Ridge Avenue was called the Manatawney and the surrounding area called Manatawna. In 1680, the Court of Upland in England appointed Peter Rambo (a local Swede) to be in charge of maintaining the Manatawney. There are still Rambo's in Roxborough and Manayunk, and they are recognized as Philadelphia's first family. William Penn arrived in 1682 and was amazed at how well-organized the plantations in Manatawna were. In 1690, the names were eventually changed to Ridge Road and Roxburgh (pronounced rocs-burr-ah). Roxburgh was eventually changed to Roxborough in 1707. The area was considered prime location for farming and milling.

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Richard Townsend, who arrived on the "Welcome" with William Penn in 1682, built the first mill on the Wissahickon. 1682 also saw immigrants from Germany and Holland into Germantown and Roxborough in great numbers. Now known as; Roxborough, Manayunk, Wissahickon, Germantown, Mount Airy and Chestnut Hill; was then collectively, German Township. William Penn had eleven tracts of land drawn for Rocks Burrow Township. It extended from the Schuylkill River to Wissahickon Avenue and from the Midvale Avenue area to Montgomery County (Whitemarsh). Roxborough to date, is the only place that maintains the same boundaries given by William Penn. Philadelphia's second oldest house is along the Wissahickon Creek. It's original two-room section dates to 1685. Many of Roxborough's early settlers lived in log cabins. The last five standing cabins were demolished by the end of the 20th Century.



On Northwestern Avenue, on the Roxborough side, there is a house which contains one original room from a 1690 house. A barn built on the property shortly after remains fully intact.

Two of the early recognized families were Rittenhouse and Levering. The Rittenhouse Family had the first paper mill in America in 1690. A house from 1707 stands within the Rittenhouse Site. The site is a National Landmark.



Roxborough also had a religious sect called the "Ridge Hermits". They were educated men who lived in the woods surrounding Hermit Lane. They were considered to be conjurers. The one-room house of "Kelpius the Mystic" still remains hidden in the woods (accessible) and dates to 1695. Dr. Christopher Witt (a Ridge Hermit), painted the first known oil painting in America of Kelpius.

What Is a Cheesesteak?

A cheesesteak is a long, crusty roll filled with thinly sliced sautéed ribeye beef and melted cheese. Generally, the cheese of choice is Cheez Whiz, but American and provolone are common substitutions. The art of cheesesteak preparation lies in the balance of flavors, textures and what is often referred to as the "drip" factor. Other toppings may include fried onions, sautéed mushrooms, ketchup and hot or sweet peppers.

Some sandwich shops also offer a cheesesteak hoagie, a hybrid version that combines the cheesesteak with cold hoagie dressings like lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise. Cheesesteaks are fast, portable and readily available at steak shops, delis, food trucks, pizzerias and even some high-end restaurants throughout the region.

Everyone agrees that the cheesesteak, the celebrated Philadelphia sandwich invented by Pat Olivieri in 1930, should be made with chopped beef and melted cheese. The degree to which said beef is chopped and the type of cheese to be melted, however, is where there remains plenty of debate among cheesesteak aficionados.

So, who cares what a Philly Cheesesteak is?

Team 1 hopes we all do, because that is part of the menu for the November dinner, Friday, November 4th. Doors open at 5:30 for social time. Dinner follows when the Chairman rings the dinner bell (well, probably not really). Besides the very special sandwich, an equally special salad will be served. Ice cream sundaes round out the meal. Coffee of course, and always decaf!

We need an accurate head count. Please respond with a return call to the phone tree person leaving a message should you not be home when he/she calls

The Talents of Lennart Andersson



Monitor Lodge wants to say an especially grateful Thank You to Lennart Anderson for his wonderful woodworking talent. He volunteered to make some Swedish Christmas candelabras as a fund raiser for the Lodge for our 100th Anniversary and 2012 convention.

At our October Lodge meeting he brought in seven of his handmade candelabras. Everyone was so impressed that five of them went out the door at \$50.00 each in just a few

minutes.

This money will help to offset the cost of the banquet dinner at the convention for our members. Banquet dinners are notoriously expensive at any venue. It is just the way it is today. We want every member who wants to attend the banquet to be able to attend even if they cannot afford it. This will help bring down the cost for members.

Thank you again, Lennart, for your hard work and long hours in making these beautiful items.

Gail Nemy

Meet Brian Horsfield

Newly initiated member Brian Horsfield is a patient man with a very interesting background. While waiting to be initiated, Brian and his wife Louanne attended the Crawfish Party and the Frukost. As Brian's sponsor, I asked him to give me some biographical information and he graciously did that. Here it is.....ed.

My first visit to Sweden was in 1977 when I went to learn more about how cars and trucks were fueled with wood during WWII. I visited Statens Maskinprovningar (THE

SWEDISH MACHINERY TESTING INSTITUTE) where they had trucks and tractors under test. That visit took me to Uppsala and Umeå

My second visit and the start of my Swedish language adventure started in the early 80's when I started doing business with a small company in Norrland, specifically in Malå which is northwest of Skellefteå

This was a small company that made and sold logging equipment and they were going to make a special felling head for us. When I first met with them it was clear that the Managing Director (Verkställande Direktör, VD) did not speak English so all discussions were conducted thru their consultant. After we had been doing business for about 6 months the VD called me and, in broken English explained that he had fired the consultant and said "I hope you trust me." That inspired me to try to learn Swedish so I convinced my boss to let me go to Berlitz. This lasted for about 4 months until my boss tired of it. I thought that I was making progress and wanted to continue. I was fortunate that I found a Swedish exchange student who would help me.

I was able to find exchange students almost every year since then so slowly improved. All along I felt that it was important to live in Sweden for a while in order to get better so I promised myself that when I retired I would make the effort. So in 2009 we went to Skåne and lived in Simrishamn for 4 months during which I commuted to school in Lund to continue my Swedish.

During that 4 month visit we took a driving trip up the east coast as far as Skellefteå then turned inland and took the Inland Highway (inlandsvägen, E46) thru Ostersund and Mora).



In 2010 we returned for a 3 week visit and stayed near Lund in a little town called Staffanstorp where I became very interested in old Swedish windmills (väderkvarn or mölla) and was able to visit over 30 in Skåne. My goal on my next visit is to visit the remaining 70!

My background is Engineering with a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering and a D. Engr in Agricultural Engineering – all degrees as UCD.

I taught at Purdue for 4 years then 2 years at UCD followed by 30 years with Weyerhaeuser R&D ending with the installation of a production line in a box plant in Yuma, AZ.

We have 2 daughters; Amy and Tracy. Amy has a boy and a girl and they live in Spokane. Tracy has a 2.5 year old boy and they live in Davis about 6 minutes away.

“Swan Song”

About five years ago, the Sill Frukost moved to Amador County. Next year it will be in Fair Oaks at Ken and Peggy’s place. Linda and I have enjoyed the past few years, and we have always appreciated the trips you made to make the event a success.



Additional pictures are available at our Website listed elsewhere in this issue. Special thanks to Yvonne and Johanna for the great photography.

HAPPY 80TH AND THANKS FOR GOOD HEALTH!

It was great to see Dale looking so well after his major surgery, and it was special to be able to celebrate his 80th birthday with a “Happy Birthday Day, Dale” cake.



Photos by Brian Stockham

BOOK REVIEW: 'Land of Strangers' by Lillian Budd

The second book in Ms. Budd's trilogy which includes 'April Snow' and 'April Harvest' is the life story of the young man, Karl Mattias Petersson, here known as Carl Matthew Christianson, who wanted desperately to escape from all memories of home. Karl leaves his parents and goes to work for the White Star Line out of Göteborg. This novel with its bitter ironies tells of Karl and Elin and how they first meet in Sweden, how each happens to immigrate to America, how they meet again, marry, and settle in Chicago. Their daughter Sigrid makes them proud and their son Tony's short life brings them the happiest of moments.

The chief merit of this book is the abundance of detail about life in the humbler homes of Sweden, about the uprooting experience of emigrating, about the adjustment to a new country, a new culture, a new language. Karl and Elin, who in America become Carl and Ellen, orient themselves positively to life in the new, unfamiliar land. They work within the many diversities of the American culture, learn English, have jobs, attend concerts, and make friends with Germans, Italians, Dutch, Irish and others.



But Carl has a lifelong problem with drink, using alcohol to forget the mother he had loved and hurt, to forget his yearning for home, to forget that he was a failure, and that he had not been able to write as he had once been so sure he could. Although he has little to do with the church, he is a caring, civil, loving person who fits well into the American scene and culture manifesting in his life style a fascinating blend of atheism and human piety.

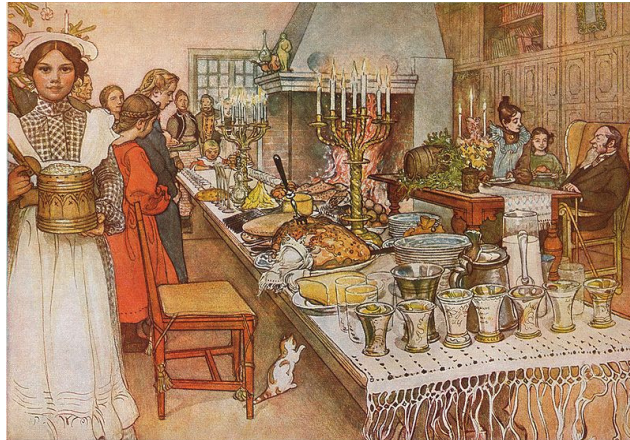
The story of Carl and his family is told with warmth and sympathy and a great deal of atmosphere. Especially to be enjoyed are the generous sprinklings of Swedish terms and phrases, the children's nonsense verse, and the snatches of familiar Swedish songs. The wealth of authentic small details in 'Land of Strangers' makes it well worth reading.

I plan to submit a review of 'April Harvest' in December. Carol Nesewich

Marianne Ek recently fell with a resultant head injury. Several stitches were necessary. She needs a bit of cheering up.

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OUR WEBSITE!



NU ÄR DET JUL IGEN!
(Now it is Christmas again)

Come join us for Monitor Lodge's annual Christmas Smörgåsbord (Julbord) on Friday, December 2nd.

The traditional Glögg och Pepparkakor social hour at 5:30 PM will be followed by a Lucia Program and our 4 course Smörgåsbord.

The event will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1831 Howe Ave., Sacramento, Ca., 95825 (Corner of Alta Arden).

MONITOR MEMBERS -- \$25 before 11/5 (EARLYBIRD SPECIAL!)
After that date the cost for MEMBERS AND GUESTS -- \$30
CHILDREN 17 AND UNDER -- \$10

Admission is by **Prepaid Reservation Only**, and seating is limited, so make your reservations now!

FIRM DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS IS Sunday, Nov 27th.

For reservations, make your check out to Monitor Lodge and mail to:

Kurt Pfannkuch
1921 Columbia Drive
Yuba City, CA 95991

Questions?? Call Eivor at 1-800-823-2443

MONITOR LODGE #218

October 7, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman James Netzel followed by the pledge of allegiance and singing of "God Bless America".

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
Treasurer	Karin Johnson
Cultural Comm.	Myrtle Widmark
	Melissa Netzel
Chaplain	Birgitta Ellis

Actions & Activities:

- Jack Larson presented a brief biography of Brian Horsfield and the membership approved his application which was followed with his initiation.
- Arlene White, secretary, read the minutes of the meeting held on September 7 at James Netzel's home. Minutes were approved with corrections and appear in the NL.
- Draping of the Charter to honor Gloria Eriksson. Obituary was read by Secretary followed by a poem read by Gloria's husband Dick.
- Gail Nemy reminded everybody that the Scandinavian Festival will be held on October 15. A \$25 gift basket is needed and Ed Netzel said he would contribute.
- Note cards will be sold at the Scandinavian Festival to raise money for the convention in April 2012.
- Convention committee will meet at 1:00 PM on November 6 at the Double Tree.
- Lennart Andersson made some beautiful candelabra to be sold to raise money for the convention. Motion was made by Ed Netzel to sell them for \$50, motion seconded by Jack Larson. Material and labor were contributed by Mr. Andersson.
- A Thank You note was received from Elizabeth Swenson's son Erik and read for the membership.
- Jack Larson reminded us that the Cook Team #1 will be doing the dinner in November.
- Arlie Veis would like to dispose of some of the lodge's non-historical information and a motion was made and seconded that we do so.
- Arlie would also like the membership to see if they have program books available for the 80's and 90's so that he can borrow them for further information.

- Motion was made and seconded that we send the minutes from the 50's to the archives at Bishop Hill.

ANNUAL BUSINESS

- Nomination and election of officers for year 2012.

Chairman	Jack Larson
Vice Chair	Yvonne Magneheim
Secretary	Arlene White
Asst. Rec. Sec.	Charley Rea
Financial Sec.	Kurt Pfannkuch
Asst. Fin. Sec.	Gail Nemy
Treasurer	Craig Johnson
Cultural Comm.	Karin Johnson
	Deidre Dahlberg
Chaplain	Birgitta Ellis
Master Ceremonies	Troy Nimmo
Asst. Master Ceremonies	Jesus Cruz.
Inner Guard	Melissa Netzel
Outer Guard	Judy Netzel
Historian	Brian Stockham
2 year Auditor	Arlie Veis
3 year auditor	Carol Churkin
3 year trustee	Richard Eriksson

CULTURAL MEETING

Melissa Netzel and Myrtle Widmark gave a talk on arts in Sweden.

Myrtle also reminded us that donations for the food bank will be taken at the next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- It was voted to allow \$30 to be spent to update handbooks used by officers of the lodge.
- Jack Larson reported on the website as being "a work in progress".
- Financials were presented by Karin Johnson. Motion made and seconded to pay the bills as presented.
- Yvonne Magneheim reported that there were 32 people in attendance at the Sill Frukost so graciously hosted by Jack and Linda Larson.

CLOSING

By Birgitta Ellis, Chaplain and adjourned by Chair James Netzel

Respectfully submitted by Arlene White, Secretary

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W. SACRAMENTO, CA 95605

MONITOR LODGE #218
September 7, 2011

Amended Meeting Minutes

Business meeting was held at James & Melissa Netzel's home where we were treated to a very good dinner.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. 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

Treasurer Karin Johnson

Cultural Comm. Myrtle Widmark (absent)

Melissa Netzel

Chaplain Birgitta Ellis (absent)

Other members present were Gayle Nemy, Troy and Diane Nimmo, Eivor Pfannkuch., Ed Netzel and Marianne Ek.

The motion to defer previous minutes was made and seconded since they were printed in the newsletter.

Actions and Activities:

It was reported that there were only 20-22 reservations for the Frukost and James so generously volunteers to furnish some salmon..

Meeting regarding the Scandinavian Festival will be held at Anita Nord's at 7:00 PM on September 27 and also one on November 6 at the Double Tree.

Discussion regarding the Scandinavian Festival being held on October 15 resulted in Troy and Arlene will sell raffle tickets. Eivor will be at the information table. We were also made aware of the fact that we all need to be alert to our surroundings.

Monitor needs to furnish a \$25 raffle basket for the Scandinavian Festival.

At this particular time they were not as many vendors as needed and the discussion pointed to the fact that they need to pay \$80.

Yvonne reported that most members have paid their dues for the year with there being 44 non-paid.

An e-mail from Margaret Ingvarlsen was read regarding Dale's progress.

Jack Larson outlined the nominations for the 2012 year.

Yvonne volunteered to do the necessary name tags.

Kurt will take over the mailings of the newsletter.

We are wanting to make the 2012 directory available at the Julbord.

Jack Larson brought up the idea of reinstating the Children's Club discussion followed.

Marianne Ek discussed the funding and advertising for the Sounds of Sweden radio broadcast.

Jack Larson is working with Kris Annlund-Wilson to have the Monitor website available by October 1.

Karin Johnson presented the bills to be paid and the motion was made and seconded to approve.

There will be a meeting at Karin Johnson's on September 25 to put together the history of the lodge for the convention.

Suggestions are needed regarding the raffle tickets for the Scandanavian Festival.

Motion made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene White, Secretary.



Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961) was a Swedish diplomat, economist and author. An early Secretary-General of the United Nations, he served from April 1953 until his death in a plane crash in September 1961. He is the only person to have been awarded a posthumous Nobel Peace Prize. Hammarskjöld remains the only U.N. Secretary-General to die in office, and his death occurred en route to cease-fire negotiations. Praised by many, President John F. Kennedy called Hammarskjöld "the greatest statesman of our century." (from Nordstjernen 9-30-11)

**NON PERISHIBLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED
MONITOR LODGE SUPPORTS THE SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK!
ITEMS COLLECTED AT NOVEMBER MEETING**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL MYRTLE @ 481-4056