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Program for Swedish Day, Sunday, June 17, 2007

10:00AM	Worship Service (at Main Stage) Pastor: Rev. Dr. Norman Nelson Special Music: Marguerite Karl, Soprano; Cai Rubin, Accordion; Emily Engstrom, Piano
11:00AM	Cottage Walk (Hourly, 11:00AM to 3:30PM, meet at Cottage Walk Ticket Booth)
11:30AM	Viking Ship Presentation
12 Noon	Maypole Raising & Dancing Procession: Kai Rubin & Ernie Sandquist, Accordionists; Gretchen & Andrew Pearson, Violinists; Swedish American Children's Choir; The Nordic Dancers of Chicago Dance Leaders: Linda & Paul Muhr
12:30PM	Storyacting for Children , by Paddy Lynn (at Main Stage)
1:15PM	Opening Ceremony (at Main Stage) Procession of Flags Singing of the National Anthems--Marguerite Karl, Soprano Welcome by Carl Gustafson, Swedish Day Committee President Remarks by Kevin Burns, Mayor of Geneva Introduction of Performers & Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Paul R. Muhr
1:30Pm	Main Program Swedish American Children's Choir Ernie Sandquist & Cai Rubin, Accordionists The Nordic Dancers of Chicago Gretchen Pearson & Daniel Pearson, Violinists (Sound provided all day by Richard Peck-RJ Recording & Sound of Geneva, IL)
2:30PM	Viking Ship Presentation
4:00PM	Raffle Drawing

All Day Games for the children; visit the Arts and Crafts booths and enjoy Swedish Delicacies from the restaurant and our Kaffe Stuga

Valkommen . . .

Welcome to Swedish Day, our 96th year! First celebrated in 1911, Swedish Day provided an opportunity for the numerous Scandinavian immigrants to enjoy the traditional celebration of Midsommar. We invite you to join us for our annual celebration of this family festival, which has been held since 1925 in Geneva's Good Templar Park. Open to the public and attended by people of all nationalities, this festival still focuses on the Scandinavian celebration of Midsommar, the longest day of the year. Both traditional Swedish and American foods are served throughout the day and a unique program is provided. Many family-oriented activities are also held within the beautiful 60 acre park, specifically purchased for the tradition of Midsummer. It is my honor to oversee this special event built throughout the years by so many friends and families. Please enjoy and explore this legacy of Scandinavian heritage.

Carl Gustafson, President
Swedish Day Committee

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Swedish National Anthem

Du gamla, du fria, du fjällhöga nord	Du tronar på minnen från fornstora dar
du tysta, du glädjerika sköna,	då ärat ditt namn flög över jorden.
Jag hälsar dig vänaste land uppå jord	Jag vet att du är och du blir vad du var
:::din sol, din himmel, dina ängder gröna:::	:::Ja, jag vill leva, jag vill dö i Norden:::

Swedish Day 2007 - Directions

Welcome to our Swedish Day 2007 held since the 1920s in Good Templar Park and before that in Ravinia Park, north of Chicago. Good Templar Park is located on the east side of Fox River in Geneva. Turn north from Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) on East Side Drive in Geneva or south from Route 64 (North Ave.) on 7th Ave. in St. Charles for 1 1/2 miles. You can also take the East-West Tollway (I 88) to the Route 59 exit and go north to Route 38. Admission: Adults \$5.00 each. Children under 12 and anyone in a folk costume admitted free. The park opens at 9:00 a.m.

The Swedish Day Committee expresses its thanks to all Midsummer Celebration advertisers and ad takers and also to all volunteers who work to make Swedish Day a success.

American National Anthem

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous night
O'er the ramparts we watch'd
were so gallantly streaming
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
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Thanks for the Memories, Ice Cream Man

By Pamela Gustafson

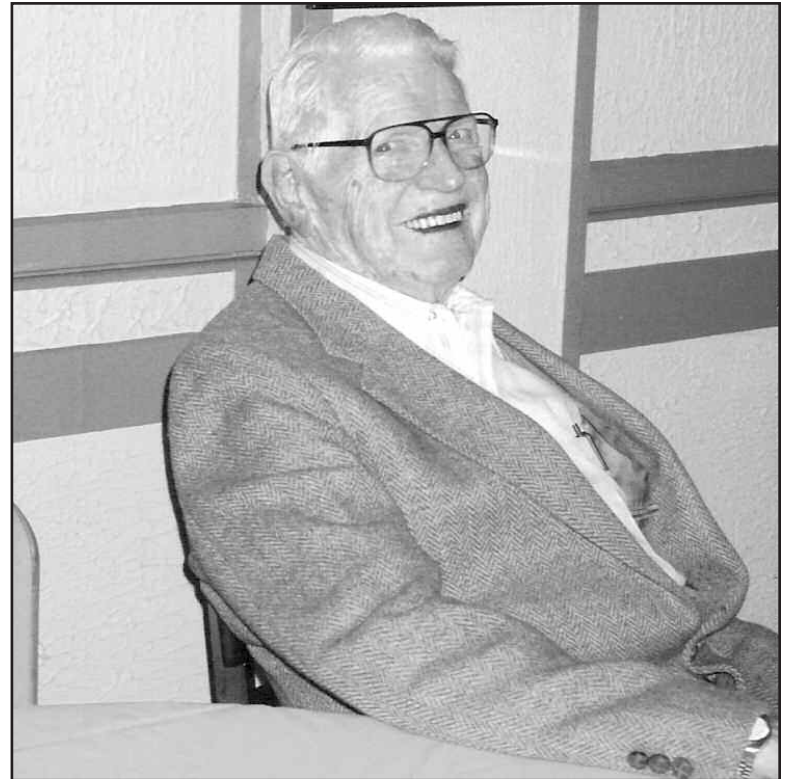
It is with great sadness, we have to inform you of the loss of Charles "Chuck" V. Torsberg on January 20, 2007. Charles was called Chuck by one and all, was born on September 5, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois. He was born with a twin sister, Sigrid Erikson. They entered into IOGT from birth. The obligation of IOGT membership is to lead a life of total abstinence from intoxicating beverages and promotes the principles of Peace and Brotherhood.

In 1927, Chuck was a charter member in the Junior Chapter named True Spirit. Then in the 1930's Chuck and his twin sister helped to organize a senior Chapter naming it, True Unity.

Chuck has served in many capacities besides offices and committees in his own chapter. Chuck has worked for 20 years as a Park Board member, helping to keep good Templar Park looking beautiful. He has also held various jobs in Central States Council,

as president, or treasurer, as well as organizing the Program Book, and we can't forget, he is the **ICE CREAM MAN** at Swedish Day.

I was introduced to Chuck in 2003. My boyfriend (and later husband), Carl Gustafson, showed me an old photograph of the Ice Cream booth from Swedish Day 1937 and said "that's Chuck and God willing he will be at the Ice Cream Booth this Swedish Day." After I joined the Swedish Day committee, I could see Chuck was a wonderful member. He contributed in many ways to the meetings, mostly providing whimsical witticisms at the perfect moment. Even though this Swedish Day will be without Chuck, the Torsberg Family has graciously decided to run the Ice Cream booth AND has donated the ice cream, which, for this year only, will be free! So stop by and share your Ice Cream man memories.



In Loving Memory of
my Parents and Sister

Axel, Ruth and Joyce Johnson

Love, Arlene



Edna Hofverberg, A servant for Swedish Americans

by Arlene Melton

Edna was born into a Svithiod family on December 23, 1915 to Carl Axel Johnson and Ellen Johnson. Her Brother Gilbert joined the family 5 years later. When she was fifteen her mother passed away, her father maintained their little family. During these years Edna learned to play the piano and became quite accomplished, not only on the piano but also on the accordion.

Edna was not a prideful person, but three weeks after her sixteenth birthday she was the 1st woman initiated into the Svithiod order in 1932. This would not be the only one of her firsts.

As she matured, a higher calling directed her to the International Organization of

Good Templars. She was a member of the Forget-me-not chapter No. 15. She became very active and rose through the ranks to become national president of the organization in July 1969. She traveled to many parts of the world in her efforts to promote their good works. She met her late husband Nils in 1951 and they were married that same year. Nils passed away in 1998 and since there were no children, her brother Gil and Marion's children became the children she never had.

Edna's accomplishments were many. She took a temporary job at the Compton's Encyclopedia and retired 33 years later as paymaster and secretary to the comptroller of Encyclopedia Britannica, successor to Compton. In



Elsa Johnson (left) and Edna Hofverberg (right) taken in August 21, 1988 outside the Parthenon in Athens, Greece. Ruth Gustafson took the picture.

1975 she was elected chairman of Manhem Lodge and served in that capacity for 15 years. In 1980 she chaired the Svithiod Orders 100th Anniversary, attended by over 700 people. In 1981 she became the first Lady Grand Master of the Svithiod Order. In 1979 she received the king of Sweden's Royal medal for

distinguished efforts in furthering the cause of Swedish American relations. In 1985 she was elected into the Chicago senior citizens Hall of Fame. Edna said to every one on her 90th birthday, "See you on my 100th, but she did not make it. She passed away April 3, 2007.

Elsa Johnson long time supporter of Good Templar Park

by Carl Gustafson

Elsa Johnson was born September 15, 1907 in Dvårsätt, a village near Östersund, Sweden. The year was 1930 when she got the idea "to come" to America.

She sailed on the Swedish American liner Kungsholm, landing in New York. But she didn't stay there. The train took her to Chicago, where friends welcomed her. LaGrange was her choice to make her new home. In little more than a week, Elsa was working as a "domestic" and she stayed with her

first employer for about three years.

She then started to work for the George Pratt family; prominent and long time residents of LaGrange. As it turned out, Mr. Pratt was a veteran soldier of the Civil War, and LaGrange's last veteran of the 1861-1865 conflict. Elsa stayed in their employ for more than seventeen years.

While Elsa was still living in Sweden, during her teenage years, she joined the local chapter of the International Organization

of Good Templars. Soon after she arrived in LaGrange, she joined Morning Star Chapter and maintained continuous membership in IOGT up until her death. It was at a chapter function that Elsa met Andrew Johnson. Shortly after that, Andrew also joined Morning Star. There they started "keeping company." In 1934, on May 5, they were married and Elsa Jonsson became Mrs. Andrew Johnson.

They spent many busy hours at Good Templar Park, helping to volunteer

their hours to maintain and beautify the property. Andrew at one time served as president of the Good Templar Park board.

After Andrew passed away in 1975, Elsa bought a cottage in the Park, and has contributed her time and energy to her chapter and to the work of the IOGT. Mrs. Johnson passed away on September 17, 2007.

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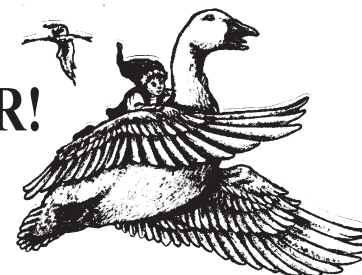
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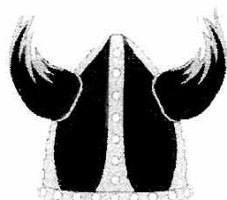
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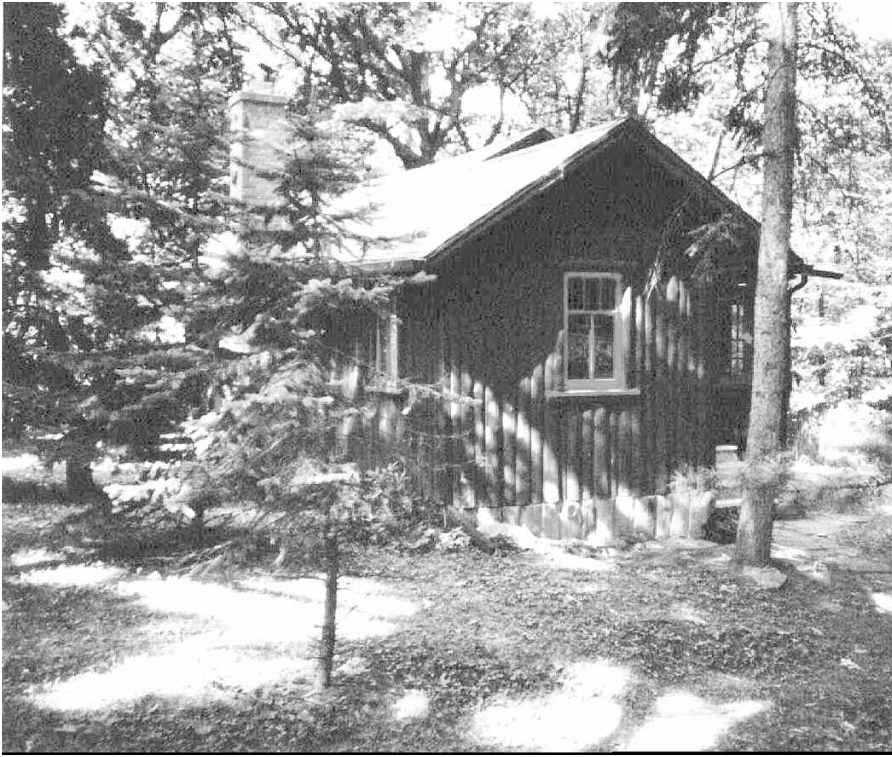
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Swedish Day Menu

The serving in Good Templar Park starts at 10:00 a.m. and the menu includes traditional Swedish dishes as well as American. This is the menu:

- Fried herring with boiled potatoes, sautéed onions and pickled beets
- Swedish meatballs with boiled potatoes, sautéed onions and pickled beets
- Swedish pancakes with lingonberries
- Coffee with coffeecake and mazariner (almond tart)
- Sloppy Joes with potato chips
- Hot dogs and hamburgers
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about alcohol:

- IOGT members are not alone according to the latest Gallup poll; nearly 47% of Americans do not consume alcoholic beverages. 63% if you include people who have 12 beverages or less per year.

- In corporate America, casual drinkers cause 29 percent more incidents such as absenteeism, tardiness, less than acceptable work or arguments with colleagues than workers who said they did not drink at all.

- Many US lawmakers believe by lowering the drinking age to 16, like in Europe, allows parents to teach their children to drink responsibly.

bly will lower American teenage binge drinking. The University of Michigan research shows American teenage binge drinking rate is 22% compared to 60% in Denmark, 57% in Germany, 54% in Britain, 34% in Italy and 28% in France.

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WHAT ARE THESE COTTAGES?

By Robert Grist

“A cultural landscape” is UNESCO’s World Heritage answer to that frequently asked question. But more on that later. The main purpose of these cottages may be thought of as a place for a change of environment while enjoying nature and remain in or near an urban area. The cottages provide an affordable seasonal retreat for families, friends, or provide solitude in a park-like setting. The connection of the cottages here in Geneva and Sweden may be coincidental. Good Templar Park was developed in 1925 for the celebration of Swedish Day with work done on a volunteer basis. These volunteers stayed in the Park and at some time started using tents for shelter. Eventually, a transition began to building cottages in the early 1930’s. It is not certain that the building of cottages was an idea borrowed from

rapidly growing campgrounds in the 1920’s in Europe or simply of necessity. On travels to Europe and especially Sweden I have observed widespread settings of cottages. On a recent trip with a stop in Vienna, Austria we saw such an area of about seventy cottages within the city limits adjacent to a popular city park. This park opened in 1920. Several other areas in two countries were easily visible while traveling by train to Prague.

Curious to learn about these areas took me of course to the computer. I went to www.koloni.org then to kolonitradgarden which is close to what cottage areas are called in Sweden. This translates to “Allotments and Leisure Gardens”. An allotment is a parcel of land for a cottage and/or horticultural use. I managed to make e-mail contact with



Is this a Good Templar Park cottage? No, this cottage is in Sodermalm in city of Stockholm, Sweden.

the national organization in Stockholm and set up a meeting.

Arriving in this beautiful snow covered city in March I easily found my way, arriving with a list of questions I hoped would tell a story of such cottages. To my pleasant surprise I was met by Ingrid Nordvan and Solveig Sidblad, two officers in the “Swedish Federation of Allotment and Leisure Gardens”. For their information I brought a drawing of our Park in Geneva, photos of the cottages, the Viking ship, and other information. But they cheerfully dominated the TWO hour meeting with their own questions and at the same time answered all the items and more of which I was so interested. I was introduced to two books full of color photos of campgrounds and cottages throughout Sweden. Ingrid and Solvig passed on publications of

similar organizations from other countries as well as their international group of fifteen countries located in Switzerland. My best recollection is how humorous it was at times when we discovered that even at long distance and not yet communicating, we had such striking similarities in our by laws, owners responsibilities, and cooperative relations with our cities. A few days later I met with another member, Leif Thorin, an architect by training, who passed on and explained documents ranging from cottage owners agreements to building permits.

After our meeting I took them up on their suggestion to take a walk past cottages in the city of Stockholm. This city is built on fourteen islands of which I was on the second island, Soder, south of the city center. I was near the fourth subway stop of fourteen stations



Another cottage in Stockholm's city limits...

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south of this center. In the next three hours on this island I walked past EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE cottages in seven campgrounds! In metropolitan Stockholm, a large area of course, there are some 10,000 lots with about half for horticulture, meaning floral, vegetables, fruit trees or any combination. The other half has about 5,000 cottages. Closer to the city center these cottage sizes are about 190 sq. feet. Further out cottages are about 380 sq.ft. In Geneva, the cottages size averages 390 sq feet and just like Sweden the trend is toward larger cottages. In all of and through Sweden there are over 34,000 lots with some 16,000 cottages.

The Chicago Tribune published an article March 16, 1997 titled "Cottage industry in Stockholm Gardening on city land..." This story by Maria Nilsson tells of walking through allotment areas much as I also experienced. I would like to give credit to this fine article as it was inspiring to me. The article is available on www.chicagotribune.com.

The allotment movement began in Germany in the mid 1800's. This interest moved to Sweden in 1895 and spread at a similar time throughout Europe. There is an international organization headquartered in

One of the cottages that will be shown on the cottage walk. Meet at the Cottage Walk Booth at 11:00am and continue through out the day until 3:30pm



Switzerland that represents fifteen member countries. Most of the properties are owned by cities or municipalities and lease to local societies. In our conversation it was stated that during the last hundred years none of these countries has lost allotment areas for any reason such as development, road expansion, nor having been expropriated by a city or the like. Some have moved from original locations but always replaced. In fact all countries write of their satisfaction and cooperation with these areas. The Swedish Parliament has expressed its positive attitude with these areas.

The World Heritage Convention adopted by UNESCO's conference in 1972 recognized allotment

gardens as "CULTURAL LANDSCAPES". This convention stated some twenty reasons for the preservation of these landscapes and their benefits. Two of these state: 1) "The allotment gardens have in most European countries assumed an important social and socio-political function: and 2) "...they require existing allotment garden sites have to be safeguarded all over Europe."

Here in Geneva, IL we hope you will take a cottage walk in the shade of the trees. This walk is offered several times during Swedish Day. You may walk past many different styles and summer colors all a little different from the others in the park. Each cottage is carefully placed, even measured so as not to disturb the growth

our beautiful hardwood trees. The City of Geneva's horticulturist stated on a recent visit that this park has a rare example or such growth existing. A past tree survey listed fifty one species of trees on these sixty acres.

I recommend a virtual visit to one particular campground in Mariestad, Sweden. Go to: <http://web.telia.com/~u50116128>. Click on Bilder fran kolonilotter, then Sommarbilder (summer photos). There are over one hundred widely varied and most colorful cottages shown. Their community house, programs, activities and winter photos may also be seen.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our Camp Ground and your virtual tour to Swedish cottages.

Companion Commemorative Coins of 1936-1938

By Earl Hanson

In light of the United States Mint's fifty state quarters program and its decision to release dollar coins with portraits of American presidents, perhaps it would be appropriate to describe the companion coins issued in denomination of half a dollar and two kronor by the United States and Sweden, 1936-1938. The occasion was the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of Swedish colonist in what is now the state of Delaware.

The Kalmar Nickel, the ship on which the settlers sided is depicted in full said on both coins. As customary, the king is on the two kronor coin from Sweden. On the half dollar appears the Old Swedes Church, erected in 1698-1699.

Today, the half dollars are quite scarce; however, the two kronor coins are not considered to be uncommon. Both commemorate an important event in Swedish and American history.



2 kronor coin from Sweden featuring the Kalmar ship and King Gustavus.



American Half dollar from 1938 commemorative set showing Old Swedes Church and the Kalmar ship.

Svenskarnas Dag 1915 Ravinia Park

On an historical note, here is a photo that was taken June 20, 1915. Back in the days before we had Good Templar Park, the event was held at the beautiful grounds of Ravina. The gentlemen in the lower left corner, Peter Bihl, is the Swedish Day President's Morfar (maternal grandfather).

If anyone can identify others in this photo, please contact the Swedish Day Business Manager, Pamela Gustafson, at: swedishdaybm@gmail.com. You can also contact her at her regular address listed on page three.



Svenskarnas Dag 1915 Ravinia Park, some people identified are in the top row Evalt Asplund, and bottom row - Peter Bihl and Verner Gillerstrom.

The Viking Finally Home??

Once again, the Viking ship is in the news. This 114-year-old Norwegian ship was sailed across the Atlantic for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. It was quite the attraction then and it still is today. You can get up close to the ship on Svenskarnas Dag (Swedish Day), June 17th. The ship is truly an amazing site.

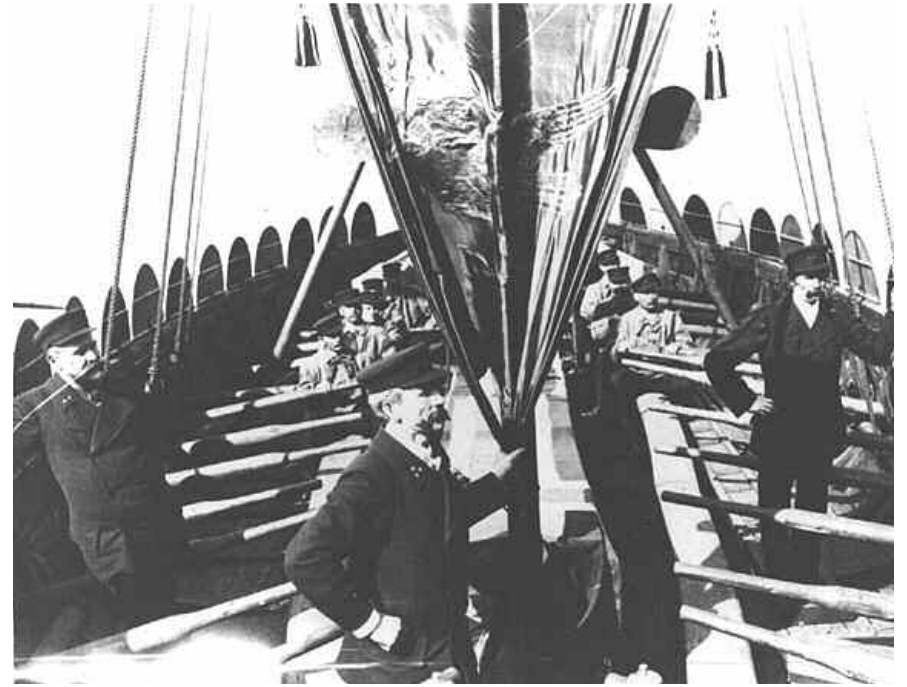
Let's take a quick historical review of the ship's trip to Geneva. After the 1893 Columbian exposition ended, Captain Magnus Andersen gifted the ship to city of Chicago and housed at the Museum of Science and Industry. In the 1920's, the ship was moved to Lincoln Park where it sat in one of the Lagoons for over 40 years. The ship bares that watermark still today. In 1995, the Chicago Park District no longer wanted the ship and sold it for \$1 to Scandinavian-American Council who moved it to Good Templar Park. The council went defunct in 2003ish. In the spring of 2007, The Viking was listed as one of 10 Endangered Landmarks in the State of Illinois. This has caused the recent media storm.

The issue has been: who owns the ship? Ownership is the key and is currently being verified. General consensus is that the Chicago Park District owns the ship. It is evident by the Chicago Park District's past performance

with the ship that it may fall into further peril. Once ownership is verified, the ship can be purchased and the restoration process started. This means the ship could possibly leave Good Templar Park for a destination unknown. Many would like to return the ship to Jackson Park in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. The cost alone of moving the ship would cost tens of thousands of dollars if not hundreds of thousands.

It is commonly known the Vikings did not write their own history. They assimilated into the cultures they conquered. Maybe it is your turn to help write the history of this magnificent ship. How can you help? If you have an interest helping the ship be restored please tell one of the presenters on Swedish Day.

There are a number of groups who wish to preserve this ship. Unfortunately, restoring the ship to its original state may be cost prohibitive at this time, but the immediate goal is to preserve it to stop future degradation.



Captain Magnus Andersen and the crew of The Viking on its maiden journey to Chicago.

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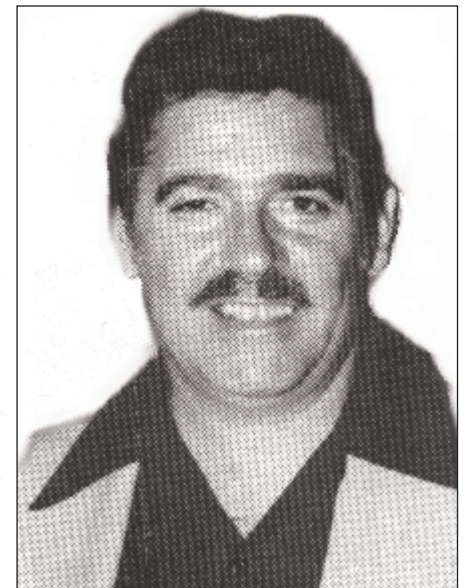
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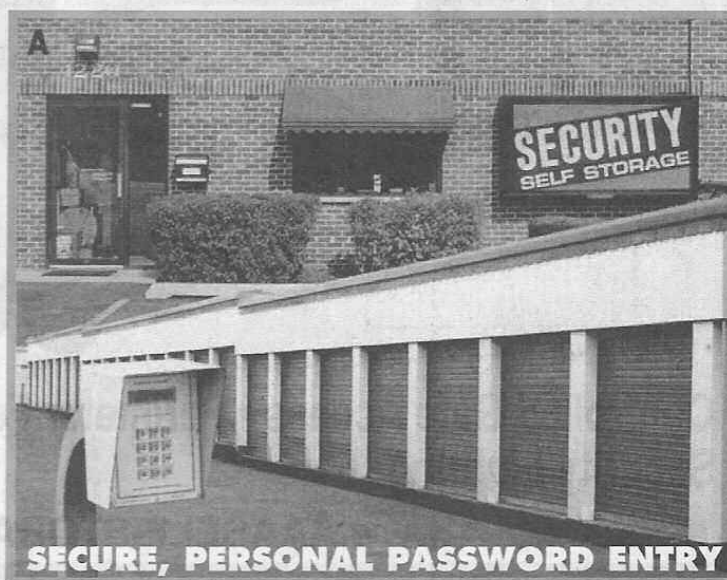
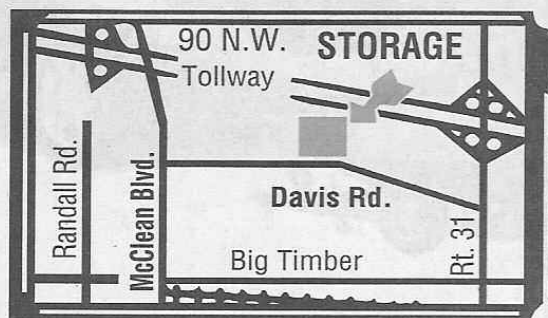
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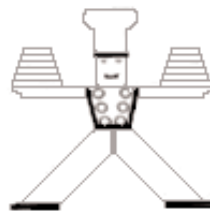


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Bruna Bönor (Brown Beans) from Eleonor Holmberg

2 cups beans
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4 tablespoons light molasses
1/2 cup crisply fried bacon diced (optional)
1-tablespoon flour
4 tablespoons vinegar
salt to taste

Wash beans well, drain and cover with five cups cold water. Simmer until tender. (About 3 1/2 hours.) Add more hot water if needed. Stir the flour in a little water, add the vinegar, molasses and salt. Just before serving, stir in bacon.

Pickled Beets from Eleonor Holmberg

2 No. 2 cans or jar of beets
1 tablespoon sugar
1 good sized onion
5 whole allspice
1/2 Cup vinegar
1/2 Cup beef juice (about)
1 bay leaf
salt and pepper to taste

Slice beets into bowl alternately with onion, making several layers. Mix vinegar, beet juice and spices and pour over beets. Let stand several hours or overnight before serving. Amount about one pint.

Aunt Edna's Swedish Spice Cake from Eleonor Holmberg

2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
4 Tablespoons butter or Shortening
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 scant Cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon mace or nutmeg
2 Tablespoon molasses
1-teaspoon soda

Add sugar to flour, then add shortening/butter and crumb as for pie crust. Add molasses to milk to make it 1 cup, then add soda and mix well. Add to

first mixture. Add well beaten eggs. Bake in tube pan in 375°F oven for 45 minutes.

Risgrynskaka (Rice Pudding) from Marguerite Karl

1/2 cup rice
1 1/4 Cup water, boiling
2 eggs
2 cups milk
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup raisins
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Add rice to boiling water, cover and cook gently until all water is absorbed about 20 minute. Beat eggs slightly; add sugar, salt and nutmeg. Stir in milk, add cooked rice and raisins. Turn into 1 quart casserole. Bake uncovered 325°F for 1 1/4 hours. Then turn up to 330°F for 15 more minutes. Serve with lingonberries. Yields 6 servings.

FOR FUN CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITIONS: put an almond in the pudding mixture prior to baking. Whoever receives the almond is the next one to get married.

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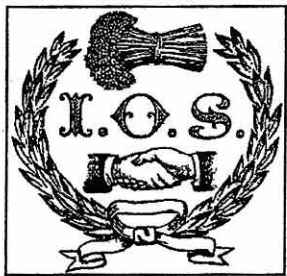


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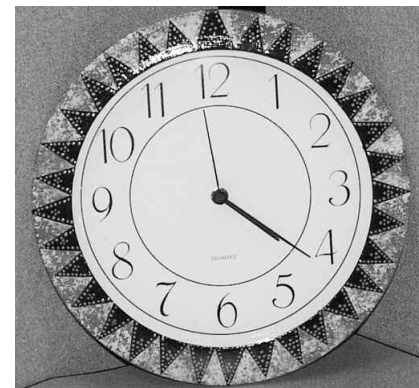
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