

Chicago Dec 15th 1894
106 N. Clark St.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find Constitution. In my last communication to you I requested you to have taken a Photograph for League Album. You will greatly favor us if you will do so at once. We want a Photo that shows all of the individualities and character lines and not touched up by Photographer very much. We are having cuts made column size for those who want us to. Upon receipt of Photo and \$1⁵⁰/₁₀₀ we will have one such made of your likeness to be the property of The League. 25¢ additional for each additional electrottype. Blomgren Bros do the work and preserve the drawing so that you could have a larger Cut made at some future time. The Photograph to be preserved in a League Album and the Cut only used with your consent.

Will you assist in organizing countries not as yet organized? Will you visit and help organize towns or countries adjacent to your own.

I hope you will write and suggest and advise me as often as you can. There is a great deal of work to be done this next six weeks. Executive Committee meets at Chicago February 9th 1895. Get the facts and data pertaining to your county and forward them to me so that the Executive Committee can determine how many delegates your county is entitled to.

Hoping you will keep this matter in mind from day to day and do all in your power for The League, and that I shall hear from you soon I remain

Your Obedient Servant
Will S. Hassander
Sec.

The Temporary Organization resolved to publish the first issue of The Monitor News February 1st 1895. The paper will contain The Constitution of The League. The number of Delegates from each County and a great deal of interesting facts, and editorials Political and otherwise.

Each Vice President is expected to send in the number of copies his county will want and they will be sent direct to him in bulk. Price 3¢ per copy, or \$2 per hundred. \$18 per thousand.

Address all communications to the Secretary
Will. S. Kossander #106 North Clark St., Chicago.

Constitution Sw. Am. State League of Illinois

1. This League, is incorporated for the propagation of the principles of The Republican Party, and for the political advancement of Swedish Americans; and its corporate name shall be The Swedish American Republican League of Illinois.

Qualification of Delegates.

2. This State League shall consist of delegates from all districts throughout the State of Illinois, where one hundred or more Swedish American Republican citizens are located. The basis of representation shall be for the first delegate 100 voters, and one additional delegate for every 300 additional Swedish American voters.

3. Representation shall be by Counties and wherever there shall be a County Swedish American Republican Organization, that organization shall determine how delegates shall be selected to represent the County. Where there is no County Organization the various town or local organizations shall be empowered to select and send delegates. Credentials must be signed by the President and Secretary of the organization from which the delegates are accredited. Townships or counties not otherwise represented in the Convention of the League, having more than one hundred Swedish American Citizens, may also be represented in this League by petition. Said petition must state the number of Swedish American citizens who reside in the district to be represented and have at least 25 signatures of Sw. Am. voters of that district attached thereto, to entitle such delegate to a seat. No more than one delegate for the same one-hundred voters. In case of two contesting delegates for the same district, the Convention should decide, and be governed largely by the number of signatures.

Delegates so elected shall constitute the Convention and be entitled to sit as such delegates at all special meetings of the League until the next Annual Convention when delegates shall again be elected. Delegates shall be elected in February of each year and the Convention shall be held on the 9th Day of March of each year unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

4. The Officers of the ^{Officers} League shall consist of a President a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two Sergeants-at Arms and a Vice President for each County represented in the League

5. The duties of the Pres, V. President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms shall be the usual ones of those officers.

6. The duties of the County Vice Presidents shall be to organize local clubs and county central club in the county he represents as vice president and he shall have power to call upon all the delegates of said County to assist him. He shall notify the Secretary of the League of anything of interest to the League.

7. The President, Secretary Treasurer, Sergeants at Arms and Vice Presidents shall constitute the Executive Committee and upon a two-thirds shall execute all commands of the Convention to the best of their ability, and upon a two thirds vote shall determine all questions not acted upon by the convention of the League. They shall hold two regular meetings each year, one sixty days before the Fall Election, and the other 30 days before the Annual Convention, and at such other times as the President shall order. Notice of meetings shall be published to delegates, or transmitted to officers at least 10 days prior to such meeting. Upon call of 5 members of the Executive Committee the Secretary shall also call a meeting of Ex. Com.

8. Special sitting of the convention can be had upon call of two thirds of the Vice Presidents in writing transmitted to the Secretary

9. At every sitting of the Convention or Executive Committee meeting the Vice Presidents should see to it that their Counties are properly represented.

10. Officers shall hold office for two years and shall be entitled to ~~sit~~^{act} as such officers until his successor is duly elected and qualified, and cannot be withdrawn as a delegate and another delegate sent in his stead until he has served his full term to which he was elected.

11. ^{The} President and Secretary and one Sergt at Arms and one half of the Vice Presidents to be elected to serve a full term and the other officers to serve a half term. After the first year all officers shall be elected for a full term of two years. Upon resignation or death of any officer the Ex. Com. shall have power by majority vote to fill such vacancy until the meeting of the League. All elections shall be by ballott and a majority shall be necessary to elect.

12. Three of the Vice Presidents shall be selected as an Auditing Committee. All financial reports of Treasurer or other officer shall be passed upon by this committee and published to all delegates annually.

13. Each delegate before being entitled to a seat in the convention shall pay to the treasurer an annual fee of \$3.00.

14. Three delegates shall be selected as the railroad Committee, whose duty it shall be to secure reduced rates for the Convention, and publish the same in ample time prior to each convention and shall discharge the usual duties of the Railroad Committee.

15. The executive com. shall have power by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to suspend any member or remove any officer of The League which in its opinion is likely to endanger the welfare interests or character of the League, subject to appeal to the Convention. If an officer be removed he shall turn over all that may pertain to such office to such person as Ex Com designate.

16. Order of business.

1. Roll called to order by President
2. Roll call of delegates
3. Contests if any
4. Reading of Minutes
5. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
6. Reports of Special Committees
7. Elections
8. Unfinished business
9. Communications
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

17. Amendments.

Upon written request of 10 delegates and thirty days notice in official publication of the League, this Constitution and By-Laws can be amended.

18. Any five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of this Com.

19. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern where not otherwise superseded by the Constitution.

20. The Official Publication of this League shall be called The Monitor News.

The First Convention.

The first annual Convention of the Sw. Am. Rep. League of Illinois will be held at Chicago on the 9th day of March 1895, commemorating the glorious victory of The Monitor over the Merrimac on that eventful day, more than thirty years ago. The Merrimac was preparing and was able to destroy the entire Navy of the Union and

would then have undoubtedly have destroyed
the proud and beautiful cities of New York
Boston, Philadelphia and even the Capitol
itself, Washington, and closing the entire At-
lantic Coast, weakening and perhaps defeating
the cause of Union, of Freedom and the right.
But then in the darkest hour came the Monitor
the great and timely invention of John Ericsson
that great Swedish American who saved
the Country. We will celebrate the day in
our patriotic love of liberty, the right, and
the beloved institutions of this Country, and
at the same time claim kinship with this
our great and good Swedish American.

"We love and respect the Flag of Sweden
as we love and respect our mothers. We love
and respect The Star and Stripes as we love
and cherish the wife, the bride of our souls
best love"

**THE SWEDISH AMERICAN
CENTRAL REPUBLICAN CLUB
OF COOK COUNTY.**

Head Quarter: 27 N. Clark St., Room 18.
CHICAGO, ILL.

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Hon L. M. Nolting
Rockford,
Illinois.