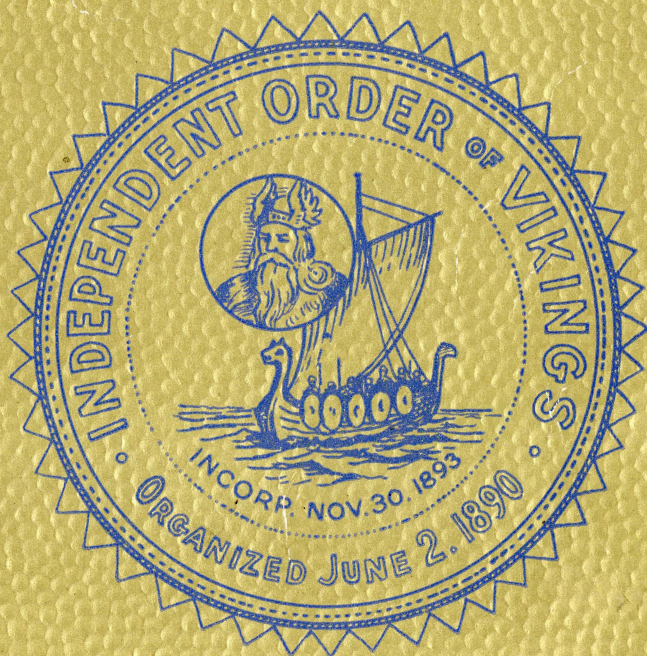


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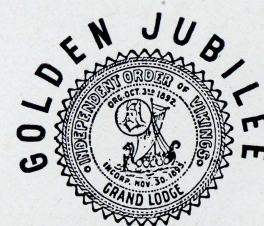
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THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF VIKINGS

1890-1940

In the early spring of 1890, a few young men who had recently arrived to this country from Sweden, agreed to form a society. The first meeting was held in Charles and Gustaf Carlson's bed room, 86 Sedgwick Street, Chicago, and eleven men were present at the meeting. Then and there Society Vikingarne was formed which later became the Independent Order of Vikings.

In the year 1895 four new links had been added to the first one. A central body or Grand Lodge had been formed by representatives of the local lodges, and they applied for and were granted a charter by the State of Illinois, to operate as a fraternal benefit society. The Viking Order was thereby granted the right to issue whole life certificates in the amounts of \$100.00 and \$500.00. The charter

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