



VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Fra Presidenten,

Although the the weather is beginning to cool off, the Lodge activities are heating up! Make plans to join us on Sunday, September 17th at Faith Lutheran church, beginning at 4pm.

There is a myriad of activities scheduled for the upcoming months, including the Torsk & Meatball dinner, the Juletreffest and cultural skills workshops that will include holiday baking.

We are also looking to bolster our leadership with some new faces! October is when we present the slate of nominees for the upcoming year to serve in a variety of capacities, including lodge social and cultural chairs. These positions may be shared, and its a great way to support the ongoing activities! The Lodge cannot function without our outstanding volunteers - so if you are asked by a member of the nominating committee - please consider serving.

The September Lodge event will feature Jeannette Lively continuing our reviews of ³³ Between Rocks and Hard Places, by author Ann Urness Gesme. with a short presentation on Chapter 4. We will also be working on learning the words to the Norwegian National anthem,

Sunday Sandwich Supper⁹⁹ will be the theme for the September meal. The Lodge will provide a variety of cheeses, meats and breads, along with condiments, side salads, and of course, deserts. Iced tea, lemonade and coffee will be served. A donation of \$5 per person is appreciated to help cover costs.

Hope to see everyone in September!

Joleen

Sunday Sandwich & Salad Supper on September 17th

As the summer comes to a close, the Lodge is gearing up for an exciting slate of activities.

Please make plans to join fellow Lodge members on Sunday, September 17th beginning at 4pm at Faith Lutheran Church. The Lodge will be providing all the fixings for sandwiches, as well as salads, desert, lemonade, coffee and ice tea, however a \$5 per person donation would be greatly appreciated!

In order to better plan for this event, please rsvp via email to [Linda Turmo](mailto:LindaTurmo) or call (865) 233-7411

From the Treasurer

Our net loss for 12 months ending July 2017 is \$355, which compares to a net gain of \$696 the previous 12 months. Membership dues income was \$358, compared to \$378 for the previous 12 months.

Involvement in community events (Children's Museum International Festival and the July 4 parade) had a net income of \$6.

Our current assets are \$5033, all cash. This compares to \$4889 for July 2016. Our only liability is \$472 accrual for the 2018 SON District 5 Conference. Last year we had \$28 net overage for the 2016 District 5 Conference.

Our financial status is within 10% of last year, and the decrease is mainly due to loss of income from canceling the 2017 Taste of Scandinavia. There are no major expenses or income expected in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Trygve Myhre

Ja, vi elsker

Do you know the words to "Ja, vi elsker dette landet"? One of the Lodge goals this fall is for all members to learn the words to the Ja, vi elsker.

This patriotic anthem has been commonly regarded as the de facto national anthem of Norway since early the 20th century, after being used alongside *Sønner av Norge* since the 1860s. However, Ja, vi elsker has never actually received formal status as the official National Anthem - *Sønner av Norge* is still the official one, but very few Norwegians are aware of this (as it is hardly ever used). Nonetheless, Ja, vi elsker has established itself firmly as the true Anthem in the hearts of Norwegians since it was first presented more than 140 years ago.

The lyrics were written by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson between 1859 and 1868, and the melody was written by his cousin, Rikard Nordraak sometime during the winter of 1863-1864. It was first performed publicly on 17 May 1864 in connection with the 50th anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution and, some time later, informally replaced the previous national anthem *Sønner av Norge* (Sons of Norway).

Although Ja, vi elsker has a total of eight verses, only verses one, seven and eight are normally sung. The lyrics speak of the wars, struggles and significant historical events that formed the country from the Viking age until the 19th century. We will concentrate on the first verse only.

*Ja, vi elsker dette landet,
som det stiger frem,
furet, værbitt over vannet,
med de tusen hjem.
Elsker, elsker det og tenker
på vår far og mor.
Og den saganatt som senker
drømme på vår jord.
Og den saganatt som senker,
senker drømme på vår jord.*

[Click here for an audio version of Sissel performing Ja, vi elsker dette landet](#)

Culinary Skills and Holiday Baking Classes

Beginning in October, the Lodge will resume hosting demonstration classes to help members work towards their culinary cultural skills pins.



Along with flatbrod, there will also be an opportunity to learn how to make kranskake and Almond Cake.



Other traditional baked items such as kringla, rosettes and fattigmann cookies may be offered if there is an interest.

The class fee is \$10 per person, which will help offset the costs of the ingredients. For more information, please contact Dee Bumpers or Joleen Dewald.



Mark your calendars now for these upcoming Lodge events!

Sunday, November 12

The 9th Annual Torsk & Meatball Supper at Seasons Cafe.

Sunday, December 10th

Juletefest at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Reservations required for both events

JOIN THE VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL MEATBALL & TORSK DINNER



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

5PM

SEASONS CAFÉ - TURKEY CREEK

11605 PARKSIDE DRIVE, FARRAGUT, TN

\$22 ADULTS

CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE!

THERE IS LIMITED SEATING FOR THIS EVENT - SO TO ENSURE A RESERVATION,
PLEASE EMAIL NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT BY
CASH OR CHECK AT THE
LODGE MEETING OR MAIL
CHECK PAYABLE TO
"VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES"
C/O TRYGVE MYHRE
804 SHANNONDALE WAY, #417
MARYVILLE, TN 37803

ALONG WITH MEATBALLS & TORSK
(NORWEGIAN COD) WITH YOUR CHOICE
OF BUTTER OR WHITE SAUCE, THIS ALL-
INCLUSIVE BUFFET DINNER (TAX & TIP
INCLUDED!) WILL FEATURE BUTTERED
POTATOES, LEFSE, GREEN BEANS, ALONG
WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF TRADITIONAL
SCANDINAVIAN DESSERTS, AND YOUR
CHOICE OF SODA, ICED TEA OR COFFEE.

IN ADDITION, A SELECTION OF BEER,
WINES AND OTHER ADULT BEVERAGES
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LEFSE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THIS EVENT

NEWS ON DUES!

The Sons of Norway Simplified Dues Structure will take effect on Jan 1, 2018.

The individual SON membership dues will increase to \$60 per year, while the newly created Family Membership category will allow all individuals who share the same address to be members of Sons of Norway \$95 per year. All members age 16+ in a household are included in the official membership count for the lodge.

In a number of households, the Primary and Spouse members have different billing dates for their membership. Under the new structure they will be assigned a billing date as a family, using the “paid to date” of the member (primary or spouse) that is the latest in the year. This will delay payment of dues for these members by up to six months, but will still be paid in 2018.

An added feature of the Simplified Dues Structure is that members will now have the option to pay dues either annually by check or credit/debit card or monthly by an automatic withdrawal from a bank account.

For example, \$8/month will allow an entire family (those residing at the same address) to be members. (As a note, young adults who are away at college can qualify if they use the family address as their permanent address in the Sons of Norway database).

If you have questions or need more clarification on the new dues structure or membership, please contact Lodge Membership Director Linda Turmo at [Linda Turmo](#) or call (865) 233-7411.