



NOVEMBER 2015

VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Fra Presidenten,

I want to take the opportunity to do a recap of the Board of Director's last meeting and update you on the great things happening in our Lodge. I want to extend a warm velkommen to Ole and Betty Kolberg, who have transferred their membership to our lodge. You may have already had the opportunity to meet them at the Syttende Mai celebration or the Taste of Scandinavia!

Our November event is the always popular Torsk & Meatball dinner! This is the 7th year we have organized this event and it continues to grow. Space is limited for the event, so please contact Darla Berdal at darla@myers-bros.com to make your your reservation today. The dinner will be held on Sunday, November 15 at Season's Cafe in Turkey Creek. . Tickets are \$20 each for adults, while kids 12 and under eat FREE!! We are pleased to have members from the our sister lodge in Nashville joining joining us as well.

We will also be electing our new officers this month - but we still vacancies for Sports, Youth, and Foundation directors, as well as a vacancy for one Trustee. Please consider being nominated from the floor for one of these positions!

Lodge Vice President Wendell Liemohn, who also serves as "Hikemaster", organized a hike on October 17th in the Smokies. All attendees were experienced hikers, but the area chosen for the hike was ideal also for less experience hikers. It has been suggested that a future hike ill also include a picnic - for those lodge members who would like to participate "less strenuously". For information, contact Wendell at wliemohn@gmail.com

Remember to mark your calendar for our final event of 2015 - the annual Juletefest, which will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 13th. Good things keep happenin' at your Lodge, so join in the activities - Tusen Takk,

Clark Brekke

Join Vikings of the Smokies for the 7th Annual Meatball & Torsk Dinner

Sunday, November 15th

4pm

Seasons Café - Turkey Creek

11605 Parkside Drive, Farragut, TN

\$20 adults

Children under 12 are Free!

There is limited seating for this event - to ensure a reservation, please respond to darla@myers-bros.com no later than Tuesday, Nov. 10th



You may send your payment to:

Darla Berdal

12748 Kingston Pike

Suite 206

Farragut, TN 37934

Along with meatballs & torsk (Norwegian Cod), this all-inclusive buffet (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.

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Share Your Heritage
This Christmas



The 2015 commemorative ornament is a limited edition and will only be available for a short time, so order yours today!

This special keepsake is only \$14.99 plus tax and shipping & handling, and can be [ordered online](#) or by calling (800) 945-8851

DON'T FORGET THOSE STAMPS FOR TUBFRIM!

The holidays will soon be upon us with lots of stamps for Tubfrim. Tear or clip canceled stamps from envelopes and drop them in the "stamp jar" on the sign-in table at any event.

PLEASE LEAVE AT LEAST 1/4" BORDER AROUND STAMP.
Any questions- contact Clark Brekke at cjbrekke@gmail.com

Hiking with the Vikings!

VOTS Vice President Wendell Liemohn is looking to schedule several more hikes throughout the late fall and early spring. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Great Smoky Mountain Park with an experienced hiker!



The hikes will be tailored to match the needs, experience and fitness levels of the participants. If you are interested, please e-mail Wendell with your hike interest & date(s) to wliemohn@gmail.com.

Lodge Member Spotlight

Rolf Rosengvinge

Rolf Rosengvinge was born in Chicago, Illinois of Norwegian immigrant parents, granting him the opportunity for dual citizenship. Rolf's father hailed from Oslo, while his mother was from Honefoss, Norway.

While Rolf was still a toddler, he returned to Norway with his mother to live for several years, and as a result Norwegian was his first language. He returned to Chicago, graduating from Steinmetz High School and then the Illinois Institute of Technology, with a degree in civil engineering. During that time he was also involved with three fraternities, Tau Beta Pi (Eng), Chi Epsilon (CE) and Theta Xi.

In 1953 he started his career at K-25 in Oak Ridge, and two years later, Rolf joined the Navy Civil Engineering Corps, where he was stationed Cubi Point in the Philippines and New York City while serving three years. During his time in New York, he married his wife Julia (Judy) at the "Little Church around the Corner".

Rolf and his family returned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he worked at K-25. IN 1961 he transferred to Y-12, where he did work for both the United States Air Force and Navy, as well as NASA where he designed the "Rock Box".

Rolf is an active member of Vikings of the Smokies along with his children and grandchildren. He has two daughters, Karin and Susan and one son Rolf Eric. His wife Judy passed away in 2004.

From the Treasurer

October's income exceeded expenses by \$23. Income was minus \$57 from a late reimbursement for the Taste of Scandinavia and \$68 for our share of membership dues. Expenses were \$42 for our annual SON liability insurance and minus \$55 for cancellation of the joint event with the Nashville lodge.

For the fiscal-year-to-date, total expenses exceed income by only \$65.

Respectfully submitted,

Trygve Myhre

We need your help!

Sons of Norway is required by American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) to collect the number of events, hours and funds that lodges and districts devote to membership and community activities. This information is used to lobby on the behalf of fraternal benefit societies.

Fraternal benefit societies, such as SON, are not-for-profit, mutual aid organizations that help members secure their families' financial security through a variety of life insurance and retirement products. Fraternalists unite members who share a common ethnic, religious, philosophical or professional bond. Operating through local networks, referred to as a chapter or lodge system, fraternalists enable their members to carry out charitable, educational, social and other volunteer community initiatives.

As a result, VOTS is encouraging all Lodge members to complete the form below each month and give to our Lodge Secretary, Jeannette Lively. Providing this information should only take a few minutes each month and will be very helpful.

If you are not a lodge officer, any community service you perform on behalf of the Sons of Norway, such as participating in the quarterly "Adopt a Mile" clean up, the International Festival or various public outreach activities, such as annual local parades, may be counted.



Individual Activity Tracking Sheet

Name _____ Month _____

Fill out a separate sheet for each category of individual Sons of Norway volunteer work you do during the month. Turn the sheet or sheets in to your lodge secretary at your next monthly lodge meeting.

Sons of Norway Volunteer Activity

Name of Program - Check One:

- Tubfrim
- Adopt A School / Framtid
- Newsletter/Website
- Officer Duties
- Other: _____

Track your hours during the month:

Hours: _____ Hours: _____ Hours: _____

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Total Hours: _____

Further Description: