



VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Fra Presidenten,

The 9th annual Torsk & Meatball Supper was a huge success, and I want to thank Darla Berdal for her hard work in coordinating the evening. As usual, Season's Cafe did an outstanding job with the meal, and we had 41 Lodge members and guests attend.

Tusen takk also to Dee Bumpers who provided the delicious krumkake and lefse for the meal, to Elizabeth Myhre for donating the almond cakes to serve as our door prizes and to Bonnie Pederson for her decorating assistance.

In addition to the wonderful meal, a bit of Lodge business was conducted as the members in attendance formally approved the 2018 slate of Lodge officers. We still have some unfilled positions, so please consider volunteering. The 2018 Board members include:

Joleen Dewald - President	Darla Berdal - Vice President
Trygve Myhre - Treasurer	Linda Turmo - Membership Chair
Dee Bumpers - Cultural Chair	Clark Brekke - Sports Director

December is here - and the 2018 Juletefest is quickly approaching! It will be Sunday, December 10th, at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please rsvp and let us know the name, age and gender of any children or grandchildren that will be attending. We will again have a silent auction to raise money to send a Lodge rep to the SON convention - so bring in any "treasures" (which do not have to be Scandinavian or holiday themed) that you would be willing to donate! Contact Linda Turmo for details.

As in the past, the lodge will be providing the main entree, but we hope that lodge members will bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. (Maybe a traditional holiday family favorite?). See you on the 10th!

Joleen

Please join Lodge members and guests for the
Vikings of the Smokies

Annual Julefest

Sunday, December 10th beginning at 4pm
Messiah Lutheran Church, 6900 Kingston Pike



Lodge members and their families are invited to join St. Lucia and other guests to celebrate the holidays!

While the Lodge will provide the main entree for the smorgasbord, attendees are asked to share a side dish, dessert or salad. Please RSVP to Linda Turmo at turmolat@charter.net or call (865) 233-7411.

If you plan to bringing any children or grandchildren with you -

PLEASE RSVP & PROVIDE

their names, gender and age, so we can make sure the appropriate gift bag is provided.

Remember to bring any white elephant items to donate towards our annual Silent Auction to which will raise funds to send Lodge representatives to the District 5 Convention!

KRANSKAKE & FLATBROD CLASS



Under the direction of Dee Bumpers and Darla Berdal, a dozen Lodge members learned to make flatbrod and Kransekake as a step towards earning their culinary skills pin.



This was the second lodge sponsored baking class, and if interest continues, we will try to schedule more in 2018.





Just a friendly reminder...

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.