



VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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It's hard to believe that summer is half way over... which means the Board is already working hard on our upcoming fall and winter events. Next up for the Lodge will be our "Lodge Listen & Learn" event on Sunday, August 18th, beginning at 4pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

This event will allow new and current Lodge members the chance to learn more about the history of the Sons of Norway and the operations of our local lodge. We will also have some surprises!

This will also be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the direction of the Lodge, and to learn how you can help with our upcoming events, including the "Taste of Scandinavia" and the Torsk Dinner. Remember that - even if you choose not to serve in an elected position - there are many ways to contribute to the success of the Vikings of the Smokies!

The Taste of Scandinavia is open to the public, and we will need **all hands on deck to make it a success!!** If you can make it, buy it, demonstrate it, or clean it, we need your help! There is a detailed list on how you can help elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Farragut Independence Day Parade was a great success - thanks to our Lodge members who who refreshed and assembled the Viking Float for the parade and Alan Berdal for towing the trailer. And a big tusan takk to Dan & Deb Peterson who welcomed more than two dozen Lodge members to their beautiful home and hosted the post parade cookout!

I hope to see everyone on the 18th of August !

Joleen

Learn more about the Lodge . . .

**DID YOU KNOW THAT
MANY OF THE POSITIONS
MAY BE SHARED
BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE
AND NO PRIOR LODGE
EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED?**

Join us for an informational session on Sunday, August 18th, to learn more about what the various duties of the Lodge officers are and how you can help support the lodge - without serving on the Lodge Board.

This is a great “no pressure” opportunity to learn more about the various support positions that allow the Lodge to function smoothly.

From President to Auditor, from Marshals to Cultural Skills, Musicians to Social Chairs and Greeters- this will give you a better idea of the time commitment and responsibilities of the elected and appointed positions in the Lodge.

Sunday, August 18th
Faith Lutheran Church from 4-6pm
Beverages and snacks will be provided

**THANK YOU TO THE VIKINGS OF THE
SMOKIES LODGE MEMBERS WHO
PARTICIPATED IN MAKING THE ANNUAL
FARRAGUT INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
A SUCCESS!
A SUCCESS!**



Tusen takk to Linda & Francis Turmo, Dee Bumpers, Alan & Darla Berdal, Clark Brekke, Olaf Storaasli, Deb & Dan Peterson, John and Linda McCarthy for your hard work!



TASTE OF SCANDINAVIA 2019

The “Taste of Scandinavia” is Sunday, September 15th, at Messiah Lutheran Church, and we need EVERY LODGE MEMBER to participate in order to make it a success!

This is the biggest Lodge fundraiser of the year - so invite your friends and neighbors to attend!

This is a great opportunity to introduce Vikings of the Smokies to potential new Lodge members!

Please let the Lodge know how you plan to help by

Viking Volunteers are needed! Please sign up for one of the following committees:

Set Up/Decorating Crew (3-5 people): You will be setting up and arranging the tables & chairs, and decorating. Need to arrive at Messiah no later than 1:30pm.

Clean up (3-5 people): You will be breaking down and putting away tables & chairs and assisting with kitchen cleanup. Need to stay until job is complete (approximately one hour after event ends).

Servers and Kitchen Prep (3-5 people): Serve food items and refill platters as necessary.

Sales (1-2 people): Sell Scandinavian foods including lingonberry jam, baked goods and lefse.

Food Purchasers (3-5 people): Provide cold plates featuring Scandinavian cheeses, smoked salmon pickled/creamed herring, rye crackers, etc.

Food Preparers: Need individuals to prepare the following smorgasbord items at home:

Meatballs
Roasted Potatoes
Farikal

Open Face
Sandwiches
Romegrot

Risgrot
Kringla
Krumkake

Kranskake
Waffles
Frutsuppe

Recipes and assistance will be provided.

Share Your Viking Pride with a Vikings of the Smokies Lodge Shirt!



Your choice of colors (red or blue)
100% cotton preshrunk shirts

VOTS Lodge Shirt Order Blank

Item	Price	Sizes Available										Total Number	Amount Due
		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL		YM	YL			
Navy Blue Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$20							/					
Red Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$20							/					
Navy Blue Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$25							/					
Red Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$25							/					
Navy Blue Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$25							/					
Red Long Crewneck T-Shirt	\$25							/					
Navy Blue Hoodie Sweatshirt	\$30							/					
Red Hoodie Sweatshirt	\$30							/					
Add \$2 for each 2XL and 3XL													
Total Amount Paid													
CHECKS ONLY – Make checks out to The Vikings of the Smokies													
Name													
Address													
Phone													

TASTE OF SCANDINAVIA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET

HOT ITEMS NEEDED

Meatballs
Fish Suppe
Farikal
Lapskaus
Cauliflower
Broccoli

DESSERT & BAKED ITEMS

Lefse
Krumkake
Kranskake
Almond Cake
Spritz Cookies
Kringla
Rice Pudding
Frutsuppe
Rommegrot
Swedish Gingersnaps
Flatbrod
Waffles

COLD ITEMS NEEDED

Pickled Herring*
Creamed Herring*
Cucumber Salad
Smoked Salmon*
Red Cabbage
Rye/Wasa Crackers*
Open Faced Sandwiches
Fruit Bowl
Jarlsberg Cheese*
Havarti Cheese*
Gjetost Cheese*

These are the tentative menu items for the Taste of Scandinavia - however, if you would like to include an item that is not listed, please let us know!

All food items should be prepared ahead of time - if at all possible - and should be accompanied by all of the necessary serving items including utensils.

Items with the * may be purchased at a variety of local supermarkets including Kroger, Costco, Sam's Club and more.

All "Taste of Scandinavia" reservations must be made (and paid) in advance to assist with planning purposes. The reservation deadline is September 10th.

We will also have exhibit tables set up and encourage Lodge members who may have any items that you would like to display, such as hardanger, rosemaling, books, woodcarving, etc.; to bring them to the event.

Lodge members will be demonstrating how to make vaffler, krumkake and lefse, and there will be a limited amount of baked goods for sale.



Recruiting new Sons of Norway members is vital to the health of our Vikings of the Smokies Lodge!

The Vikings of the Smokies met our recruiting goals for 2018 - and we hope to do it again for 2019!

While Vikings of the Smokies is always happy to include guests in all our activities, **if you are currently not a member of Sons of Norway, please consider joining us!** This is important because the annual dues paid by our members supports our lodge programming activities - including facility rentals, special events and sending delegates to the Sons of Norway District and International conventions.

Each of you are an ambassador for the Vikings of the Smokies!

Tell a non-member about a lodge cultural skills program they might enjoy.

Our most popular topics include genealogy, traditional Norwegian cooking, literature and music. Invite a friend, neighbor or coworker to the Taste of Scandinavia or Torsk Dinner...

You just never know who may be a Viking in disguise!

From the Treasurer

Our net gain for 12 months ending June 2019 was \$230, compared to a net loss of \$679 for the previous 12 months. Membership dues income (\$710) was \$334 more than the previous 12 months.

Lodge Community events (International Festival & Taste of Scandinavia), had an income of \$597, compared to \$22 the previous 12 months - due to the fact there was no TOS event last year. Lodge events had a net loss of \$348 (chili cook off, lefse sale, Syttende Mai, Torsk dinner, and Juletreffest) which compares to \$276 net loss for the previous year's lodge events (chili cook off, lefse sale, July 4 picnic, refreshments, Syttende Mai, Torsk dinner, baking badge and, Juletreffest).

We have allocated \$710 for the 2020 District 5 Conference. Additional expenses for facility rental, office expense, point of sale fees, Regions error correction, and insurance totaled \$187.

Our current assets are \$4509 in the Regions checking account and a \$100 SON gift card compared to \$5087 for June 2018, with an accrual liability in the amount \$473 for the 2020 District 5 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Trygve Myhre

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

AUGUST 18

LEARN ABOUT THE LODGE
FAITH LUTHERAN

SEPTEMBER 15

TASTE OF SCANDINAVIA
MESSIAH LUTHERAN

OCTOBER 20

CULINARY SKILLS COOKING
FAITH LUTHERAN

*Condolences to
the family of Rolf
Rosenvinge, who
passed away on
July 17th.*



*Rolf was a charter
member of the Vikings of
the Smokies Lodge and
served the Lodge in
several capacities over
the years.*