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VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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We had a great turnout for our first lodge event of 2020. Thanks to all who have stepped forward to lead the lodge into the next decade. We look forward to some great events this year!

Tusen takk to our Past Lodge Presidents Dee Bumpers and Clark Brekke for supervising the installation of our new Lodge officers.

We conducted a "little business," and, after some discussion, the Lodge members present voted to institute a guest fee for all future lodge events (with the exceptions being the Taste of Scandinavia, the Torsk Supper and other events that have a separate participation fee).

The new guest fee policy states: "After an individual or family has attended three lodge events, they will be asked to join the Vikings of the Smokies Lodge as dues paying members, or be subject to a \$5 adult guest fee per event. This policy does not apply to such events that are open to the public and have a separate participation fee."

While the Vikings of the Smokies encourages and welcomes guests to attend our events, because our activities are primarily funded by annual membership dues, the policy was adopted.

2020 has been designated by the board as the "The Year of Cultural Skills," and we encourage everyone to work on earning at least one cultural skills pin or sports medal!

There will be plenty of help along the way, and resources are available - just ask! Darla Berdal & Kari Kinney, who are the Lodge Cultural co-chairs or Sports Director, Olaf Storaasli, have all the information you need to get

started. Sign up sheets were available at the last meeting, but it's not too late to get involved!

Our February Lodge event will concentrate on genealogy - along with our annual Chili cook off competition.

CHILI ENTRIES WILL BE
JUDGED BY THE CONSENSUS
OF THE LODGE MEMBERS IN
A SECRET BALLOT.

THERE ARE NO GUIDELINES -
RED BEAN, WHITE BEAN, NO
BEAN, TURKEY, BEEF, VEGGIE
OR CHICKEN...JUST MAKE
YOUR FAVORITE!

This will be a blind tasting, so everyone remember to bring your crockpot of chili directly in to the kitchen upon arrival to Faith Lutheran. The winner will get 2020 bragging rights and a \$25 gift card.

Do you have the "right stuff" to beat our past Lodge chili champs Linda Turmo, Meredith Liehmon and Mike Luetze... or will one of them again reign supreme?

Please help us plan for this event by replying to Linda Turmo at (865) 233-7411 or email turmolat@charter.net. The Lodge will provide the chili toppings, beverages and desserts, so having an accurate headcount is VERY important!

A big tusen takk to those who have agreed to serve on the float committee to refurbish our viking ship for the Independence Day Parade.

Remember, the Sons of Norway will again have a booth at the International Festival in Oak Ridge on Saturday, February 29th. We will be baking lefse and providing information about Sons of Norway to the festival attendees. Please contact Dee Bumpers if you would be able to work a 2- hour shift.

Finally, we are always looking for new programming ideas for our events, so don't hesitate to suggest a topic in which you may be interested in learning more.

See you then!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 16

FAITH LUTHERAN

CHILI COMPETITION & GENEALOGY PROGRAM

Lodge members are invited to bring a crockpot of chili to compete to become the 2020 chili champ!

Winner will receive bragging rights and a \$20 gift card to Chilis restaurant. The Lodge will provide chili toppings, dessert and beverages.

We will also have a hands-on genealogy workshop, so dig out your family history and bring it to the meeting!

MARCH 15TH

CULTURAL SKILLS COOKING

FAITH LUTHERAN

The cultural skills cooking team will prepare and serve a traditional Norwegian meal for Lodge members as a requirement of the cultural skills program.

The meal will include appetizers, a choice of entree, sides and dessert and beverages.

The cost will be \$10 per adult, children under age 10 are free.

If you do not see your name listed below & you would like to sign up for one of the cultural skills activities below - please email tnvikings.org to have your name added.

**2020 VOTS Lodge Volunteer
Schedule**

February Set up & Greeter(s)

Bonnie Pederson

Clean up

Linda McCarthy

March Set up & Greeter(s)

Linda McCarthy

Elizabeth & Trygve Myhre

March Clean Up

Deb Peterson

Elizabeth & Trygve Myhre

Norwegian Baking

Dee Bumpers

Charlotte Chrimes

Hampton Chrimes

Svea Chrimes

Kari Kinney

Linda Thompson

Linda McCarthy

Deb Peterson

Norwegian Cooking

Dee Bumpers

Charlotte Chrimes

Svea Chrimes

Betty Kolberg

Linda McCarthy

Deb Peterson

Kari Kinney

Viking Boat Float Committee

Paul Abelquist

Dee Bumpers

The Chrimes Family

John McCarthy

Deb & Dan Peterson

Olaf Storassli

Genealogy

Dee Bumpers

Linda McCarthy

Deb & Dan Peterson

Olaf Storassli

Norwegian Hardanger

Betty Kolberg

Linda Thompson

Deb Peterson



Make plans to join the Music City Vikings Lodge for a joint event in June - either the 13th or the 20th, depending on Lodge preference.

Members from both Lodges will meet for lunch at the Homestead Harvest Restaurant at the Cumberland Mountain State Park and then attend the matinee performance at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville.



This spectacular tribute musical tells the true story of the friendship that developed between country music superstar Patsy Cline and Louise Segar, her most devoted fan.

Louise narrates the story of the day in 1961 when she met Patsy at Houston's Esquire Ballroom. Afterward, Patsy kept in touch with her number one fan by writing her long hand-written letters that she signed "(Love) Always, Patsy Cline."

Featuring all of Cline's chart topping hits including "Walkin' After Midnight", "Crazy", "I Fall to Pieces" and "Sweet Dreams", *Always...Patsy Cline* is an evening of nostalgic song and heartfelt humor starring Tennessee's Miss America .Kellye Cash, as Patsy Cline and Playhouse royalty Patty Payne as her biggest fan!

Advance ticket purchases will be required.

The playhouse ticket will be approx. \$28.00 per person (depending on group size)

You may send a check to Trygve Myhre at 804 Shannondale Way, Apt. 417, Maryville, TN 37803

The cost of the buffet is \$9.25 +tax & tip (self pay at restaurant)



OAK RIDGE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

**2 Viking Volunteers are
are needed for each shift:**

**Friday Afternoon
4pm-5pm**

**Saturday Volunteer Shifts
9am -11 am**

11am-1pm

12pm-2pm

2pm-4pm

Vikings of the Smokies will again have an information booth at the annual International Festival hosted by the Oak Ridge Children's Museum. As in the past, we will be baking and selling lefse to the public.

This is a great opportunity to educate about the Sons of Norway and the Vikings of the Smokies, and you will also have the chance see the Trollkretsen Nordic Dancers perform.

4-6 Volunteers are needed to commit to a minimum 2 hour shifts - especially those who have bunads or other nordic wear to greet the public and help with the lefse.

Several volunteers are also needed to help with setting up on Friday afternoon. All volunteers will receive free admission to the Festival, which runs from 10-4 at the Oak Ridge Children's Museum.

Contact [Dee Bumpers](#) if you are able to assist!

From the Treasurer:

Lodge net income for the past 12 months ending January 2020 was \$189. This compares to a net gain of \$84 for the previous 12 months. Membership dues income of \$726 was \$119 (20%) more than the previous 12 months.

The community events had an income of \$695, compared to \$612 for the previous 12 months. Lodge events had a net loss of \$326, which compares to \$481 net loss for the previous year's lodge events.

The VOTS T-shirts are showing a loss of \$176 as of January 31. Additional expenses for facility rentals, bereavement, insurance, and Go Daddy website subscription totaled \$616.

Our current assets are \$4,937 in the Regions checking account and a \$100 SON gift card. This compares to \$4,378 for January 2019. Our only liability is \$764 accrual for the 2020 SON district 5 biannual conference.

Our total equity is \$4,273 compared to \$4,084 for last year – an increase of \$189 (4.6%).

Respectfully submitted,

Trygve Myhre

TUBFRIM REMINDER - SAVE YOUR STAMPS!



Our Lodge participates in the Sons of Norway's Tubfrim Program, a Norwegian organization that raises funds for charitable causes by collecting and selling used stamps.

Help the Lodge by saving your postage stamps. Stamps from any country are accepted and any type of postage will do as long as it is an actual stamp and not the metered mail - including those pesky junk mail stamps!

Ask your friends and family to save them - or your office or church. Simply clip them from the envelope, leaving at least 1/4 inch margin of paper around the stamp. Save them in a zip lock and when you have collected approximately a pound - bring them to a lodge meeting and put in the Tubfrim bucket .

For each pound of stamps donated, your name will be sent to Sons of Norway International and you will be entered into a drawing at the end of the year for the chance to win a roundtrip plane ticket to Norway.

Norwegian Postmaster Ditlef Frantzen in Nesbyen established TUBFRIM in 1928. The aim was to collect and sell used stamps and use the proceeds to aid the eradication of tuberculosis among Norwegian children. The first profit was made in 1929 and amounted to NOK 1.500 - growing to NOK 650.000,- in 2018 and has donated over 23 million NOK to charity

TUBFRIM now is owned by the Norwegian Health Association (Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen). Today the profits are used to help children and youth with disabilities, and children and youth with handicaps in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

Meet the Abelquists!

Originally from New York City, Paul Abelquist is from Brooklyn, while Milly is from The Bronx. Paul is a first generation Norwegian whose father settled in Brooklyn, NY after sailing from Oslo, Norway, in April 1940 as a deckhand.

Paul and Milly called Long Beach, CA, home for almost two decades before choosing to relocate to be nearer to family in Tennessee in 2019. They settled in the the West Hills area of Knoxville and have strived to become active in the local community.

In addition to becoming members of the Vikings of the Smokies Lodge, they have joined the local chapters of the Vietnam Veterans of American (VVA), the American Legion and the Navy League, as they are life members of all three organizations. The Abelquist's attend Faith Bible Fellowship in Oak Ridge.

Paul was previously a member of the Sons of Norway at the Hampton Roads Lodge in the 70s, and practices his Norwegian culture by keeping and teaching his children the values and traditions he learned as a child growing up in New York, where Eighth Avenue in Brooklyn was known as Lapskaus Boulevard and home to many Norwegians. He cooks and bakes traditional Norwegian foods and pastries and celebrates Syttende Mai.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Paul served for twenty-one years, retiring as a senior chief electrician in 1983. He retired from Union Pacific Railroad in 2016 after eleven years repairing locomotives. He also worked as an executive in the defense industry for many years in the New York City area.

Milly is an educator with a masters degree and worked in the Long Beach School system until her retirement in 2009. She enjoys bible study, crocheting, collecting vintage items online, decorating, letter writing, stamp collecting, and listening to classical, country and rock 'n roll music. She is into British drama and comedy, reading and Puerto Rican cooking.

This past December, Paul & Milly welcomed the newest member of their family when they adopted Flash, a 10 year-old Basset Hound - who has quickly become the surrogate master of the house. Adorable and fun loving, always wanting to be around people, he is a great companion.

Velkommen!

CULTURAL SKILLS 2020

Make a New Year's resolution to earn a Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Pin!

Baking and cooking, music, dancing, reading, genealogy or handiwork are all ways to get involved. There will be information available at the January meeting. Or go to the [Sons of Norway website](#) for detailed information on the various options.

Traditional Norwegian Cooking

[Get the unit PDF](#) | Go to the [YouTube playlist](#)

Part 1: Your Favorites

[Download Level 1 report form](#)

Part 2: Baked Goods and Desserts

[Download Level 2 report form](#)

Part 3: Meat or Fish Dishes

[Download Level 3 report form](#)

Many lodge members participated in the baking sessions held last year, and if there is interest, we will be hosting them again in 2020.

Genealogy – Family History

[Get the unit PDF](#)

Part 1: Getting Started

[Download Level 1 report form](#)

Part 2: Expanding Your Ancestor Chart [Download Level 2 report form](#)

Part 3: Finishing Your Ancestor Chart and Family Group Sheets

[Download Level 3 report form](#)

[Ancestor Chart](#)

[Family Groups Chart](#)

[Sources Citation Sheet](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

Literature

[Get the unit PDF](#) | [Go to the YouTube playlist](#)

Part 1: A Survey of Norwegian Literature [Download Level 1 Report Form](#)

Part 2: Fiction, Poetry and Drama [Download Level 2 report form](#)

Part 3: Nonfiction [Download Level 3 report form](#)

Knitting

[Get the unit PDF](#) | [Go to the YouTube playlist](#)
[Knitting Links and Resources](#)

Part 1: The Basics [Download Level 1 report form](#)

Part 2:Knitting in the Round with Two Colors [Download Level 2 report form](#)

Part 3: Knitting in the Norwegian Way [Download Level 3 report form](#)

Norwegian Rosemaling

[Get the unit PDF](#) | [Go to the YouTube playlist](#)

Part 1: Basic Strokes, Flower Form, and Scroll

Part 2: Completed Design

Part 3: Create an Original Design

Norwegian Language and Culture

[Get the unit PDF](#) | [Go to the YouTube playlist](#)

Part 1: The Basics of Norwegian Language

Part 2: A Sampling of Norwegian Culture

Part 3: A Topic from Norwegian Language or Norwegian Culture

Collecting Norwegian and North American Stamps

[Get the unit PDF](#) | [Go to the YouTube playlist](#)

Part 1: Commemorative Stamps [Download Level 1 report form](#)

Part 2: Definitive Stamps [Download Level 2 report form](#)

Part 3: Special Stamps [Download Level 3 report form](#)

Hardanger Embroidery

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Part 1: The Basics [Download Level 1 report form](#)

Part 2: Increasing Your Skills [Download Level 2 report form](#)

Part 3: Creating an Heirloom [Download Level 3 report form](#)

Folk Dancing

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Part 1: Easy Dances [Download Part 1 report form](#)

Part 2: Intermediate Dances [Download Part 2 report form](#)

Part 3: Advanced Dances [Download Part 3 report form](#)

Music and Musicians of Norway

[Go to the YouTube playlists](#)

Part 1: Folk Music: Roots of Norwegian Music

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Part 2: The Nineteenth Century: Edvard Grieg & Contemporaries

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Part 3: The Twentieth Century: Composers, Performers, Conductors

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