



OCTOBER 2020

VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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All - The Lodge officers met last week and, sadly, have made the decision to suspend all Vikings of the Smokies Lodge activities through the end of 2020.

It was agreed that, given the continuing constraints on group gatherings and food sanitation restrictions, combined with the general unease of many of our Lodge members to attend in-person activities, this was the best course of action.

As a result, our annual Torsk Dinner scheduled for November and the annual Juletrefest have been cancelled. These two events are our most popular Lodge activities, and, while the Board is disappointed, the safety and health of our Lodge members is our highest priority.

Regardless, one item of business for the remainder of 2020 is the nomination of Lodge officers for 2021. The time commitment is minimal, and the rewards are the satisfaction of being involved in preserving and celebrating your Scandinavian heritage...and cookies!!

No special ³¹ Sons of Norway Experience ⁶⁸ is needed, simply a willingness to pitch in and help. Many of our current board members have served for a decade or more, and we need some new ideas and support. So when you are approached to serve the lodge in 2021, - please say ⁸³ **yah sure, you betcha!!** ⁹²

Tusen takk!!

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THE VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES LODGE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS MEMBERS.

From President to Auditor, from Marshals to Cultural Chairs, Musicians to Social Chairs and Greeters, there is a place for everyone to contribute!

In order to run meetings smoothly and share the work of the Lodge, we encourage everyone to help.

Many of these roles can be shared by more than one person, and most take no more than 2-5 hours per month with the bulk of the time spent participating in the monthly Lodge or Board meetings.

Perfect attendance is not expected, and it is understood that other activities may arise from time to time prevent you from attending.

Normally the Board meetings are held the first week of each month and last approximately 90 minutes.

Business typically discussed includes approval of the minutes of the last meeting, the treasurer's report, finance and membership updates, review of the calendar of upcoming Lodge events, community service opportunities, cultural activities and International and

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

District Sons of Norway business.

ANY LODGE MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETINGS....AND WE HAVE COOKIES!

The Elected Board Officers and their duties:

President is the highest ranking Lodge officer, responsible for ensuring lodge compliance with the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitution while overseeing and guiding all Lodge activities

Vice President leads Lodge recruitment efforts and strategies while helping develop programming that encourages member retention.

Secretary takes minutes at Board meetings and keeps attendance records and completes yearly required SON forms.

Membership Secretary handles membership records and other business matters for the Lodge.

Treasurer oversees all Lodge finances.

Social Directors plan social activities for the Lodge.

Cultural Directors work with Social Director to plan activities to encourage Lodge member's appreciation for the culture of Norway through the Cultural Skills Program.

Lodge Support Officers and their duties:

Auditors review and approve the annual D-17 Financial Statement that is prepared by the Lodge Treasurer.

Lodge Counselors provide advice and guidance to the Lodge Board of Directors.

Marshals help with the set up of flags, charter and regalia and other items as needed at monthly Lodge events.

Greeters provide name tags and provide a friendly face for new and returning members at the monthly events.

Trustees maintain records of Lodge assets.

Historian keeps a written history of the Lodge and its activities.

Sunshine Director sends cards to mark celebrations, for encouragement to ailing Lodge members and sympathy cards to bereaved family members.

Musicians provide the musical accompaniment as needed at the monthly Lodge meeting.

Youth Directors engage the young people in Lodge activities.

Sports and Recreation Director plans activities that interest members and encourages the completion of SON Sports medals.

Publicity Director publicizes interesting Lodge events and promotes Lodge activities within the community.

Editor keeps Lodge members informed of Lodge news and events via the monthly newsletter.

Webmaster and Social Media Director keeps the Lodge website current and updates social media.

If you have any additional questions or want more information about the responsibilities of the above elected or appointed positions - please contact Zone 5 Director Dee Bumpers at (865) 385-9657 or Joleen Dewald at (571) 332-3100.

From the Treasurer

Our net gain for the nine months fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) was \$4.19 compared to \$1,026 last year.

This year's Children's Museum International Festival, our only community event, had a net profit of \$57, while last year's community events (International Festival and Taste of Scandinavia) had a net profit of \$729. Membership dues income of \$547 was \$78 (15%) more than the last year's FYTD September income. In addition to membership income, there was \$226 income (a \$75 gift, \$100 SON gift card, and \$51 for t-shirts).

This year's lodge events had a net loss of \$245, compared to a net gain last year of \$177. Last year's murder program and Torsk dinner lodge events had a net gain of \$290, which offset the chili cook off and Syttende Mai losses of \$113. Additional expenses for office supplies and District 5 Convention were \$402.

Our current assets are \$4,849 in the Regions checking account, a \$100 SON gift card, and \$375 for prepaid Cumberland County Playhouse tickets for a total of \$5,324. This compares to \$5,691 for September 2019. Our only liability is \$1,098 accrual for the next SON District 5 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Trygve Myhre

Velkommen to the Vikings of the Smokies Lodge

Kara Birdwell
Lon L. Eilders, Sr.
Lynn Ray Hawkins
Bergen Lancaster
Kari Novilla
Karoline Novilla

OCTOBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

The Sons of Norway Foundation needs your support today!

Since 1966, the Sons of Norway Foundation has provided assistance to lodges, members, organizations and students to promote and preserve Norwegian culture and heritage and provide higher education and humanitarian aid across the country and the world.



We are excited to announce a membership-wide fundraising campaign called “Together We Are The Future,” a part of celebrating Sons of Norway’s 125th anniversary.

Now through the end of the year, the Foundation aims to raise \$100,000 or more to support its programs. Through the generosity of Sons of Norway’s leadership, the first \$50,000 in donations between now and the end of the year will be matched. [**DONATE NOW**](#)

