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# VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Fra Presidenten,

I want to thank everyone who has stepped forward to serve the Lodge this year in some type of official capacity, and also to our outgoing Board members Wendell, Clark and Bonnie for their enthusiasm over the past year.

Without the steadfast support of dedicated individuals, we could not continue to provide Lodge programming and although Sons of Norway continues to reinvent itself to stay relevant in the 21st century - we must do so without losing sight of our past.

Our January Lodge event featured a short installment ceremony followed by an educational presentation by Trygve Myhre on "Norwegian Homes". Thanks to those who completed the 2017 Lodge Activity Survey, from the responses, it looks like the top activities requested are cooking, baking...and eating! So, with that in mind, we will be incorporating those activities into upcoming lodge activities, and under the guidance of Joan Shrader, hope to use the opportunity to work on earning some culinary cultural skills pins!

Vikings of the Smokies has set several goals this year with membership and community visibility being the two most important. Continuing to increase Lodge membership is the important part of lodge viability, so please consider inviting friends and neighbors to attend one of our events.

A band of Vikings took to the ice on Sunday, January 8th, to learn the fundamentals of curling, and a great time was had by all attending. I am pleased to report everyone left the building with cold feet but no broken bones!

February is a busy month for the Lodge, and most of it revolves around food!! The Lodge is participating in the International Festival in Oak Ridge on Saturday February 18th, demonstrating lefse and krumkake, followed by the chili competition at our Lodge monthly event on Sunday, February 19th. We also be bowling (with pizza!) on February 26th! See you in February!

Joleen



## Viking Volunteers needed for Oak Ridge International Festival - Saturday, February 18th

The Lodge is again participating in the annual International Festival with an information booth and demonstration of Scandinavian foods again this year.



This is a great opportunity for the public to learn more about the Sons of Norway and the Vikings of the Smokies. Volunteers are needed- especially those who have bunads or Norwegian sweaters! Contact [Dee Bumpers](#) if you would like to help.

We need 4-6 volunteers to commit to a minimum three hour shift (either am or pm). Volunteers may also help with set 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.

### START EARNING THOSE CULTURAL SKILLS PINS!!!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, District 5 is holding a Cultural Skills Participation Contest, and the the Lodge with the largest number of members receiving cultural skills within a a six month period will be declared the winner!

And, Vikings of the Smokies will be awarding a special prize to the Lodge member who receives the most pins in 2017. For more information on the cultural skills program, contact [Joan Shrader](#) o visit the SON website.

# ...A Curling We Will Go!



A small band of Vikings descended on the Ice Chalet in Bearden to learn the fundamentals of ice curling.

The two-hour class included a short video and presentation on basic skills, including scoring, rules of the game, and equipment. An important part of the class also was how to avoid falling and...and how to get back up off the ice!).

While there was lots of good natured teasing, it was agreed by all, that curling is harder that it looks on TV.



# **Join Lodge Members on Sunday, February 19th, when one Viking will be named Lodge Chili Champion!**

**Members are invited to enter their special chili for Lodge members to enjoy and some friendly competition and earn bragging rights!**

**If you would like to participate in the cook off, please contact Joleen at [info@tnvikings.org](mailto:info@tnvikings.org) before February 18th.**

**In addition to the crockpot of chili, the participants are**

**asked to bring a written copy of the recipe.**



**Chili entries will be judged by the consensus of the Lodge members in a secret ballot.**

**The Lodge members who are not participating in the chili competition are asked to provide an either a dessert, appetizer or accompanying side topping for the chili such as cornbread, tortilla chips, grated cheese, sour cream etc.**

**There are no guidelines - red bean, white bean, no bean, turkey, beef or veggie or chicken...just make your favorite!**



Congratulations to VOTS secretary Jeannette Lively, who was presented with her sports medal for Gangmerke (walking).



2107 Lodge Board members Darla Berdal, Linda Turmo, Trygve Myhre and Jeannette Lively being installed by Past President Dee Bumpers



**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

The VOTS Sports Committee is organizing another sports activity -- that is, bowling! This event will be VOTS' contribution to the SoN District 5's lodge bowling competition.

**The event will take place at the Family Bowl, which is located at 213 Hayfield Rd (between Kingston Pike and Parkside Drive in Knoxville. (865- 690-5211) on Sunday afternoon, February 26th, from 3:30pm to 6pm.**

The Lodge has negotiated a package deal, each lane is \$85 per lane (\$15 per person). This includes bowling for 2.5 hours and shoe rental for up to 6 people per lane, along with cheese pizza and soft drinks for each lane. Additional food and drink can be purchased at the snack bar. In order to reserve the appropriate number of lanes, we need to provide a head count by Sunday, February 19th.

**Please contact Clark Brekke, to sign up at 865-966-0608 or via email [cjbrekke@gmail.com](mailto:cjbrekke@gmail.com)**

**Children and guests are welcome to participate!**

## From the Treasurer

- Our net income for January 2017 was \$88. This compares to a loss of \$22 for last January.
- Our current assets (all cash) are \$4966, which was the same last January 2016. Our only liability is \$222 accrual for the 2018 SON District 5 Convention. Last year we had a liability of \$722 accrual for the 2016 District 5 Convention. The \$500 difference is a result of the biennial convention.
- Our financial status is quite good, mainly due to the Taste of Scandinavia profit and keeping the District 5 Convention costs at no more than \$1000 bi-annually. Our net income for the fiscal year-to-date is \$995. This compares to \$778 for the same period last year. The next largest source (31%) was from our share of membership dues. Total expenses to date are \$528. The major expense, \$458, was for the biannual District 5 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trygve Myhre



# VIKINGS TO INVADE KNOXVILLE COLISEUM

Saturday, February 25 beginning at 7:30pm



Hockey. What could be more Nordic ...other than, perhaps, Nordic skiing? Remember the Birkebeins on skis, escorting the two-year old Haakon Haakonsson, the heir to the Norwegian throne, to safety from Lillehammer to Osterdalen to Trondheim through treacherous mountains and forests?

Well, the Vikings of the Smokies are going to a battle -- an ice hockey battle between the Knoxville Ice Bears and the Macon (GA) Mayhem at the Knoxville Coliseum (500 Howard Baker, Jr Blvd) on Saturday evening, February 25, beginning at 7:30 pm.

In order to receive the group rates, we need a minimum of 10 attendees (lodge members and welcome guests). Group rate tickets are \$15 each, and will include an Ice Bear hat for each ticket holder, and the group's attendance will be acknowledged by the public address announcer.

**Please send a personal check for your tickets to Clark Brekke, 708 Pryse Farm Blvd, Farragut, TN 37934, for receipt by Clark by Tuesday, February 21.**

If less than 10 people sign-up by the 21st, the group outing will be cancelled, and your check will be returned. If you have any questions, please contact Clark via email at [cjbrekke@gmail.com](mailto:cjbrekke@gmail.com) or call 865-966-0608.

Tusen takk and see ya's there!

## Want to learn to make lefse & krumkake?

The lodge will be hosting a lefse class on Saturday, March 19th.

Participants will learn the basics of lefse, including recipes, equipment, ingredients, and techniques on how to roll and bake lefse. You will also learn how to make and roll krumkake on both an electric iron and a traditional stove top iron. This is a great way to work on your culinary cultural skills pin!

There is a \$10 class fee and space is limited to 5.  
Please contact [info@tnvikings](mailto:info@tnvikings) for more information.

Upcoming cooking classes will include kransekake, open faced sandwiches and a classic Scandinavian entrees.