



# VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

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Fra Presidenten,

First off - I want to say Tusen Takk to everyone who helped make the 2018 Taste of Scandinavia such a success! And a special thanks to Meg Mabbs, Bill Gooch and the Trollkretsen Dancers for their wonderful performance.

As part of the 10th Anniversary celebration, membership pins were presented to those in attendance, along with several cultural skills pins awarded to Clark Brekke, Jeannette Lively, and Francis Turmo, with Trygve Myhre and Olaf Storaasli receiving Sports Medals.

Next up on the VOTS schedule is the October 21st lodge event featuring guest speaker Steve Dean who will discuss the role of Norwegian immigrants in the Civil War. The Lodge will provide BBQ and beverages for this event; however lodge members are asked to provide either a side dish or a dessert.

In November, the Lodge will host the annual Torsk & Meatball Supper on Sunday, November 11th. This event is held at Seasons Cafe in Farragut (Turkey Creek). Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$22 per person. While Darla Berdal has coordinated the logistics with the restaurant, she is looking for some assistance with decorating and set-up.

The Lodge year 2018 will close out with the annual Jultrefest at Messiah Lutheran on Sunday, December 9th. Check out the website above for updated details on all these events and more.

Finally, a gentle reminder that volunteers are needed to serve as Board members for the 2019 calendar year.

As I have previously mentioned, I will be stepping down as President but hope to continue serving on the board in a different capacity and will be happy to mentor anyone interested in serving.

Please consider stepping forward - we have grown quite a bit in our first decade, and we need some new faces, new ideas for the next ten years! You don't need any previous experience or any special Scandinavian skills - just a willingness to help out! The time commitment is normally one board meeting per month and then assisting with monthly Lodge events.

Hope to see everyone - Sunday, October 21st.

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## **Congratulations to Lodge Members Receiving Sons of Norway Anniversary Membership Pins**

### **25 Years**

Kari McCluer  
Francis Turmo

### **20 Years**

Robert W. Lively  
Emilie Collins

### **15 Years**

Linda Turmo

### **10 Years**

Solvi H Andersen  
Alan Berdal  
Darla Berdal  
David J. Bjornstad  
Clark Brekke  
Dee Bumpers  
Tom Collins  
Ron Edlund  
Karl Ekstrom  
Ev Engstrom  
John Foss  
Bill Gooch  
Forrest Hoffman  
Mike Leuze  
Wendell Liemohn  
Shari Lillestolen

Tom Lillestolen

Meg Mabbs  
Elizabeth Myhre  
Trygve Myhre  
Dean Oen  
Rolf Rosenvinge  
Joan Shrader  
Audrey Stelson  
Barbara Storaasli  
Olaf Storaasli  
Caryl Thompson  
Linda Thompson  
Trude Wilson

### **5 Years**

Emily Berdal  
John Gunning  
Bonnie Pederson

# **“Norwegians in the Civil War”**

**Sunday, October 21st**

**4pm Faith Lutheran Church**

**Guest speaker Steve Dean**

A native of East Tennessee, Steve Dean began his 30-year career with Knoxville’s WBIR, Channel 10, in 1974 after graduating from the University of Tennessee. He is the creative genius behind the TV station’s over-arching theme of “Straight From The Heart.”

Dean also created, wrote and produced the Emmy award-winning “The Heartland Series” for WBIR in 1984 to help commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Through nearly 2,000 episodes and 150 specials, “The Heartland Series” elevated the region and its people by transporting viewers into the world of craftsmen, musicians, historians, farmers and scientists.

In addition to five regional Emmy awards, “The Heartland Series” has won three Iris awards from the National Association of Television and Program Executives as well as three medals from the International Film and Television Festival of New York.

In addition to his work on “The Heartland Series” Dean has produced a number of documentary films about the Civil War and its impact on Appalachia. One of his films, “It’s Memory Alone Remains” was produced for the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture in Knoxville and is regularly broadcast on East Tennessee Public Television. Dean also produced the critically acclaimed documentary “Holding the High Ground” which traced the history of the extant earthwork forts along Knoxville’s waterfront.

In 2010, Dean was the recipient of the Robert Ragland Award from the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Alliance for his outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Civil War sites in Tennessee.

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## 10TH ANNUAL

# MEATBALL & TORSK DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018  
5PM

SEASONS CAFE - TURKEY CREEK

11605 PARKSIDE DRIVE, FARRAGUT, TN

\$22 ADULTS - CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE!

THERE IS LIMITED SEATING FOR THIS EVENT - SO TO ENSURE A RESERVATION, PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT BY  
CASH OR CHECK AT THE  
LODGE MEETING OR MAIL  
CHECK PAYABLE TO

“VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES”

C/O TRYGVE MYHRE

804 SHANNONDALE WAY, #417

MARYVILLE, TN 37803



LEFSE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THIS EVENT

ALONG WITH MEATBALLS & TORSK (NORWEGIAN COD) WITH YOUR CHOICE OF BUTTER OR WHITE SAUCE, THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE BUFFET DINNER (TAX & TIP INCLUDED!) WILL FEATURE BUTTERED POTATOES, LEFSE, GREEN BEANS, ALONG WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF TRADITIONAL SCANDINAVIAN DESSERTS, AND YOUR CHOICE OF SODA, ICED TEA OR COFFEE.

IN ADDITION, A SELECTION OF BEER, WINES AND OTHER ADULT BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.



# Taste of Scandinavia 2018

The 2018 Taste of Scandinavia was held on Sunday, September 23rd at Messiah Lutheran Church. With a wide variety of traditional Scandinavian specialties available, guests were able to enjoy a bountiful smorgasbord of nordic specialties.



Special thanks go to Anne Marie Ottosen who provided two beautifully decorated kranskakes and Elizabeth Myhre who made the wonderful almond cakes that served both as part of the dessert table, and as door prize gift.



As part of the afternoon's activities, Laura Larson, JT Parker and Dee Bumpers demonstrated how to make lefse and offered guests the opportunity to try their hand at lefse making, while Darla Berdal made fresh waffles for the attendees to enjoy.



Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Vikings of the Smokies, Lodge Membership Secretary Linda Turmo presented all Lodge Charter members in attendance with their 10 year anniversary membership pins.

In addition, Francis Turmo was recognized for 25 years of SON membership, while Karen Glasgow and Jeannette Lively both were recognized for having been members of the Sons of Norway for 45 years!



Congratulations to everyone who has made the Lodge a success. Members who were unable to attend the Taste of Scandinavia will have their pins mailed to their home address.

The 2018 Taste of Scandinavia was capped off by a wonderful performance by the Trollkretsen Dancers. Our lodge is very lucky to have such a great resource in the community.

The Trollkretsen dancers meet Tuesdays evenings beginning at 7:30pm at the Laurel Theatre in Knoxville. Individuals interested in



Scandinavian dancing are always welcome - no dance experience is needed and no partner is necessary.

For more information on the Trollkretsen Dancers [click here](#) or contact Bill Gooch or Meg Mabbs.



**Tusen Takk**  
to all the Lodge members who helped organize this event, assisted with the set up and clean up duties, provided food items for the smorgasbord and attended!



# UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

Norwegians in the Civil War  
Special guest speaker Steve Dean  
Sunday, October 21 - Faith Lutheran Church  
4pm

Torsk & Meatball Supper  
Sunday, November 11th - Seasons Cafe  
Tickets are \$22 per person

Juletrefest  
Sunday, December 9th - Messiah Lutheran Church  
4pm

**Please consider stepping forward to help the Lodge  
as we move into our 2nd decade in Tennessee.**

**We currently have several board openings, and will have additional positions to fill in 2019. If you are unsure about the time commitment, or want to learn more about the various responsibilities - you are invited to attend a board meeting and see firsthand what we do (and we always have cookies!). The Board normally meets the first Monday of each month at 2:30 pm at Faith Lutheran church .**

**This Lodge cannot function without the support and involvement of ALL our members - and that includes fresh faces and new ideas from the membership!**