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Welcome to 2022 and Gott Nytt År!

Since this is my first column as Lodge president and 2022 is still young, I can still wish you a Happy New Year and a welcome to a year of new ideas and new planning.

In that regard, four of our VOTS members, including three Board officers, are taking the SoN District 5 Creative Leadership course. A major purpose of this course is to offer suggestions and techniques for providing and improving Lodge leadership, something of utmost importance to members of the Board, our Lodge's leaders and governing body.

As of this writing, we have held two classes. The first dealt with a technique/exercise whereby members of an organization undergo a self-assessment of the group, its programs and activities in preparation of the group undergoing strategic planning to map out where the organization should be heading (mission and goals) and how best to get there (the strategy).

The Board will be taking the lead in having Lodge membership undergo this process for the improvement, success and, yes, survival of the Lodge in today's environment and demands on our time and resources.

The four VOTS Lodge members who are taking the course initiated discussion on a SWOT Analysis of and for our Lodge, which is simply a draft document to have something for the Board to respond to as we

initiate determination of who and where we are as a Lodge, where we want to be, and how best to get there.

The process is referred to as a SWOT Analysis, the acronym representing an organization's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to it. The ones we came up with for further discussion, addition or deletion will be shared at this Sunday's VOTS Lodge meeting. Your contribution to that draft analysis is most welcome and needed. Together we will be working for a better lodge for you, its members.

Please be sure to read in this newsletter some of the great things about to happen for the Lodge's members!

Taak,

Clark

Please join us for the first in person Lodge event of 2022 on Sunday, February 20th!
4pm
Faith Lutheran Church

Light refreshments will be served as we kick off a new year of activities and events.

Masks are not required, but recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated.

To ensure an accurate headcount for the refreshments, please rsvp to Linda Turmo (865) 233-7411 or turmolat@charter.net

Last CHANGE to
donate stamps to
Tubfrim!

Please bring any
stamps you may
have collected to
the February
meeting or make
arrangements to
get them to Clark
Brekke for a final
shipment from our
Lodge.

The Sons of Norway will no longer
participate in the Tubfrim stamp
program, so the February meeting
will be the last chance provide any
stamps your have been saving.

Tusen Takk!

From the Treasurer:

Our net loss for January 2022 was \$67, compared to a net loss of \$211 for January 2021. This was due to receiving \$30 income for membership dues in Jan 2021, while membership dues from SON for 2022 where not received until February.

The \$67 expenses were \$42 to the District 5 Conference, and a \$25 annual donation to Ski for Light. This compares to \$42 expenses last January just for the District 5 Conference.

Current assets are \$5444, including \$4,994 in checking, \$375 for prepaid Cumberland County Playhouse tickets, and \$75 for playing cards resale or awards. This compares to \$5,224 for January 2021. The only liability is a \$1,764 accrual for the next District 5 biannual convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trygve Myhre

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to renew your SON Membership, please do so by either going to the [SON Website](#) or contacting Membership Secretary [Linda Turmo](#)