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President's Column

"We're movin' on out!" is the theme song from 'The Jeffersons', a TV sitcom many years ago. No, we have not chosen "a new deluxe apartment in the sky" as the Jeffersons sing -- we are back and staying at Faith Lutheran Church! But, rather, we are on our way to developing a new direction for Lodge operations and activities.

Last month, I told you in this column of our Lodge SWOT analysis as part of the Creative Leadership class leading to a Board Strategic Planning retreat for April 2.

I am pleased to report that our recent Lodge meeting consisted of discussing the SWOT analysis results and discussing ideas for the Lodge's future programming. It was a good information session and discussion that will lead to more opportunities for sharing "what's happening" reports to keep Lodge members "in the know".

In that regard, of knowing "what's happening", I offer the following Board actions/plans to look out for in this and future Newsletters. As examples of future plans for the Lodge, some of these are described in more detail on the following pages:

- We are back to holding Board and Lodge meetings at Faith Lutheran, rather than on Zoom;
- We are planning on offering activities outside of our more formal Lodge meetings, such as the Smokey Mountain Wildflower Stroll set for mid-April.
- Committee chairs will be reporting on their committee's responsibilities and upcoming programs in the Newsletter;
- The Lodge's Bylaws/Standing Rules are being reviewed and revised by a committee chaired by Darla Berdal and including Paul Abelquist and Ev Engstrom;
- Finalizing plans to attend the play 'Murder on the Orient Express' at the Cumberland County Playhouse;

- Electing Ev Engstrom, Paul Abelquist and Clark Brekke as Delegates to the June District 5 Convention with Karl Ekstrom as Alternate;
- “Shadowing” volunteers to work with Committee chairs in leading their committees’ efforts;
- And several other developments we will get into in future Newsletters!

Finally, tusen takk for your support and participation in the Lodge and our events! We couldn’t be here without YOU!

Clark Brekke, Lodge President

From the Treasurer:

Our net gain for January and February 2022 was \$62. This compares to a net gain of \$68 for January and February 2021. In January and February 2022 there was \$126 profit from the Children’s International Festival and \$44 income for membership dues.

The \$108 expenses included \$83 towards the District 5 Convention, and a \$25 donation to Ski for Light. This compares to \$42 expenses last January for the District 5 Convention.

Our current assets are \$5,306 including \$5,245 in the Regions checking account, \$375 for prepaid Cumberland County Playhouse tickets, and \$15 for playing cards resale or awards. This compares to \$5,346 for February 2021, and our only liability is a \$1,806 accrual for the next SON District 5 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](#)



March is Movie Month!
Please join us on Sunday, March 20th
for Pizza and a Movie!
Showtime is 4pm at Faith Lutheran Church

The Lodge will provide the pizza and popcorn as we enjoy the comedy "The Lutefisk Wars!"



Coffee and Ice tea will be available, or you may bring the beverage of your choice.

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

APRIL DATE CHANGE

Due to the Easter Holiday, The April Lodge meeting will be on Sunday, April 10th.

The April program will include hands on opportunity to learn how to bake such traditional nordic treats as lefse, krumkake and vafflers. Recipes will be available - and sampling will be encouraged!

This is a great opportunity to work on your cultural skills requirements!



Join the Vikings at the Cumberland County Playhouse on Sunday April 24th.

Show time is 2:30

Tickets to the show are \$30 per person

All aboard the Orient Express for a suspenseful, thrilling ride! Add humor to the mix, and you have an all-out murder mystery adventure! Just after midnight, the luxurious train comes to a screeching halt after a snowdrift stops it dead in its tracks.

The train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside.

Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again!

Performed by a host of Playhouse favorites, this classic whodunit will keep you guessing right up until its rousing conclusion.



Contact [Trygve Myhre](#) to make a reservation!