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President's Report — A Change in the Weather

Have you noticed? In East Tennessee, change is in the air! The hot days of Indian Summer have become the cool (today, COLD) days of Fall, and frost on the pumpkin is soon to arrive!

And although some things about the political scene stay the same, we are seeing some possible changing of the guard, as election day keeps getting nearer, and, with that, potential changes in leadership at the local, state and national level may be coming.

Changes in our Lodge leadership are also in the wind, and some of that change is already occurring. Because of some progressing health issues, I have decided to step down early from my one-year term as your Lodge President, effective after last Monday's Board meeting.

However, the Vikings of the Smokies will continue to be in excellent hands by the retention of our current Board members and Paul Abelquist graciously being willing, ready and able to step in and step up to continue my term through January 2023.

Paul has been attending all Board meetings this year, has been shadowing me as I have performed my presidential responsibilities, has experience in providing leadership to various member groups, and is interested and willing to run for Lodge President for 2023 leadership. I am confident that Paul will do an excellent job

providing the leadership the Lodge needs in moving it forward. Welcome and Best Wishes to Paul !

The Lodge will be meeting on Sunday, October 16th, with an interesting presentation by Dr. Eric Abelquist, who will discuss the History of Y-12 and Oak Ridge. I hope that you will be able to join us at Faith Lutheran for what should prove to be a very interesting and educational program - Invite your friends and neighbors!

Lastly, it is my parting wish -- that one of you (or co-persons) volunteer for the "need to-be-filled" 2023 Board seats of Culture Director and Board Secretary. The current Board has updated position descriptions for these positions and these will be available at the upcoming Lodge meeting on October 16 or you can visit with Bonnie Pederson/Dee Bumpers and Linda Turmo , current respective holders of these two Board positions.

I look forward to continuing in the Lodge and in working on projects and sharing Lodge activities with you in the coming year!

Munge takk,

Clark Brekke

WANNA GET SOCIAL?

The Lodge is looking for a few individuals who are interested and willing to help plan our monthly social events for the Lodge. This position can be held by one or more people and is a great way to meet Lodge members, contribute to supporting the Lodge and have fun!

Please see Dee Bumpers for more details!



**Join Lodge Members on
Sunday, October 16th at 4pm
Faith Lutheran Church**

Oak Ridge: Still a Secret?

presented by

Dr. Eric Abelquist

Chief Technology Officer at United Cleanup Oak Ridge (UCOR)

The smorgasbord is back!

Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share with the group!

Homemade or store bought welcome - please provide enough for 4-6 guests

Coffee, water and iced tea will be available courtesy of the Lodge

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



From the Treasurer:

Our net gain for January through September 2022 was \$278, compared to a net loss of \$34 for the same time period in 2021, with \$126 profit from the Children's International Festival and \$723 income for membership dues.

The \$571 expenses included \$375 towards the District 5 convention, \$78 for pizza & movie, \$44 for refreshments, \$49 for Syttende Mai, and \$25 for Ski for Light. This compares to \$735 expenses last January through September, including \$375 for the District 5 Conference, \$241 for July 4th picnic, \$34 for service pins, and \$25 for bereavement.

Our current assets are \$5,122 including \$5,02 in the Regions checking account, \$105 for the remaining prepaid Cumberland County Playhouse tickets, and \$15 for playing cards resale or awards. This compares to \$5,535 for September 2021. The only liability is a \$1,098 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](#)

Frank and Ernest



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