Greetings Fellow Vikings!

Sit back, take a breather from your holiday preparations and enjoy this fine publication. I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and are well prepared for the upcoming Holiday Season.

Jamestown had the honor of hosting the National Meeting of the Swedish Council of America from September 30 through October 3, 2004. Ingjald hosted a Smorgasbord on Thursday, September 30 at our beautiful lake park. It turned out to be a great evening; a great social hour and an even greater dinner prepared by Chef Mark and his crack crew. I was asked to say a few words (really, it was just a few, I had left my teleprompter at home) to the group as did Ingjald Chief Jim Chipman. It turned out to be a great evening and I was very proud of the job everyone did to pull it off.

On Saturday the Grand Banquet was held at the stately Athenemum Hotel in historic Chautauqua Institution. What a gala affair that was!! The featured speaker was His Excellency Jan Eliasson, the Swedish Ambassador to the United States. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of “Awards of Merit” to six local individuals who have given so much to the preservation of Scandinavian Heritage in the Jamestown area. I am very proud to announce that four of our own (Ingjald or Diana members) were recipients of the Swedish Council of America’s “Award of Merit”; Juanita ‘Toots’ Porter, Allen E Johnson, Donna Johnson and Don Sandy. Congratulations to all of you.

If you did not submit a nomination for the Viking of the Year, you’ve missed the deadline. Shame on you! There are many very deserving individuals out there that should be recognized. At this very moment, I hope the Viking of the Year committee is pouring over numerous applications for the award. Please remember, this distinction is now awarded every 2 years, with the individual selected this time out being honored at our convention in Braintree, MA in June 2005.

Our annual Scholarship Fundraiser will be wrapping up after the holidays. Be sure to purchase your $1 Scholarship Ticket; all proceeds supporting our Scholarship Fund and insuring tuition assistance for our young Viking’s higher education. Our youth are the future of our Order. Buy yours today! Hey, wouldn’t a pack of 5 tickets be a great stocking stuffer??

Convention 2005 Notes/Reminders – Any Subordinate Lodge wishing to submit proposed Constitutional changes/amendments must do so by February 1, 2005. Also, all Subordinate Lodges must be up to date with their financial reports and assessments to the Grand Lodge to remain eligible for our Free Delegate program. Contact the Grand Lodge Office if you require assistance. Please do not miss out on this opportunity for your Lodge to be represented at the convention.

The weekend of October 8-10 brought your Executive Council to Linné for their October meeting; and also to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of Linné. The Linné Juniors hosted a Pizza Night on Friday; followed by our Executive Council meeting on Saturday. Saturday evening a gala 85th Anniversary dinner was held. A great dinner was served. Happy Anniversary Linné and thank you Juniors and their fine leaders for a great time Friday night. Also many thanks specifically to Charlie & Debbie Muskovin and their crew for the superb meal Saturday evening; and in general to Linné Lodge for their warm hospitality.

Your Executive council continues to work for you, the member. We are following a policy of “Tradition & Transition”; moving into the 21st Century with our Operations and Administration but at the same time maintaining the Traditions of our Order founded in the 19th Century. We’re closing in on 115 years of existence and MEMBERSHIP has been, is and will be the key to our future. Sign up a member today!!

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Welcome Aboard

The following are new members who were admitted to the Viking Order since the previous Viking Journal was published. We welcome you one and all to the Viking Order and sincerely urge you to attend your respective lodges and join in all of the activities planned for you. Remember... It's great to be a VIKING!!

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COMMITTEE ON LAWS

To: All Chiefs of Subordinate Lodges

From: Ralph S. Beck, Chairman, Committee on Laws

According to Article 5 of our Constitution any proposed amendments to our by-laws must be submitted in triplicate to the Grand Lodge on or before February 1, 2005. This is a statutory date and timelines will be observed.

I must also remind you that in order to be represented by a delegate to the IOV Convention in June 2005, each lodge must have its national dues and assessments paid through the end of March 2005. Once again this date will be honored.
Chief’s Corner - continued from Cover

Also at the meeting both Thor Lodge and Mimer Lodge were presented with the Grand Chief’s 2004 “Pace Setter” award for their Lodge’s 100% participation in our “Triad of Need”. We thank the Lodges and their members for their leadership in our fundraising effort and we hope other Lodges will follow their lead and attain 100% participation in 2004. We also received a check from Harald Lodge #13 representing their 100% membership participation of MORE THAN $3 PER PERSON. Ring #18 and Neptune #35 also presented checks representing their Lodge’s 100% participation. I was also told that Edmund #91 and Gripsholm #83 have both completed their 100% participation for 2003 AND 2004! We thank everyone of you who have made funds available through the TRIAD for our Scholarship, Language Camp and Burn Camp Funds.

During this Holiday season let us think of others not as fortunate as us. Pray for those who are ill or in nursing homes. Perform a Holiday good deed; donate blood, volunteer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, visit the infirmed, donate to your local food bank or agencies that assist those in need. Have a great Holiday Season!

Until next time, GOD JUL AND GOTT NYTT AR!

Tim

PS: Please remember, Boost, Build, and Believe in the IOV, your Lodge and your Community!

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FRATERNAL REQUIREMENTS REVIEW UPDATE

Since the last Viking Journal, two of the forms that are used by the Financial Secretaries have been re-worded and an instruction line has been added to the new audit form. They will be available from the Grand Lodge.

The Viking History will be ready to present to the Executive Council for approval at the March Executive Council meeting. Hopefully, it will be a tool that can be used in conjunction with the brochures that were printed a few years ago so that prospective members, new members and members that have been initiated in the last few years can have an idea as to where the Independent Order of Vikings originated, where they have been and what is available to members.

Fraternally,
Arlene Bulow, Co-Chair
Nancy Lindgren, Co-Chair

VIKING OF THE YEAR 2005

By the time you are reading this edition of the VIKING JOURNAL the deadline for nominations for VIKING OF THE YEAR will be over. WE HOPE THAT YOU NOMINATED THAT SPECIAL PERSON!!

Now, the selection process will begin and will be completed by the end of January 2005. Watch for the announcement in the next Viking Journal and see who the special person is who will be honored with a trip to the convention in Braintree, MA to receive their award. Will it be someone from your Lodge? or YOU?

Bill Schaefer, Chair
Tom Hansen and Bruce Hasenbank, Members

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HAVE YOU MOVED?

Do we know your correct address? Undelivered Viking Journals cost us money and you are left without news about the IOV!

If you are a snowbird, let us know your winter address and make sure you give us an updated address when you return North!

Please help us control our costs and deliver the IOV news and information to you each quarter. You are important to us!
BURN CAMP COMMITTEE

We have just finished a very successful year. We have raised over $15,000.00 and been able to make donations to the burn camps in Connecticut, Illinois and Michigan. It is very satisfying to know that the members of the IOV have brought some pleasure to these children. We are hoping for bigger and better things to happen and look forward to another successful year. Many of our lodges are already gearing up for their fund-raisers with the donations to be made in June or July. Please let us know when yours is. For some of the smaller lodges if there is a larger one in your area planning a fund-raiser give your support. We want member participation to grow this year along with an increase in our donations.

On October 30th Committee Chairman Arthur Harlow and his wife Carol along with committee member Carla Horton and Stenkil members Jim and Nancy McRae went to the 25th Annual Benefit Dance for the Connecticut Burn Camp Foundation. Mr. Arthur Luf, President of the foundation along with the board of Directors expressed their sincere gratitude to the Independent Order of Vikings for the support that is being given across the United States.

The Committee wishes each and every one of you a God Jul and a very Healthy and Happy New Year.

Arthur Harlow, Chairman
Raymond Knutson, William Nelson,
Carla Horton, Dewey Bringedahl, Members

Many individuals have submitted their $3 (or more) contributions to the 2004 edition of the Triad of Need. Thank you so much for your donation. It will be put to good use.

Thank you so much again!!

Grand Chief Tim

SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGE CAMP

VIKINGS 7-18 YEARS OF AGE

We are pleased to announce the Executive Council once more has voted to support sending two (2) Junior Viking members to attend Concordia Language Camp for summer 2005!

The Grand Lodge pays for one (1) or two (2) weeks tuition plus $100 for travel. Any extra time or expense is the responsibility of the attendee. Preference will be given to first time attendees. But, previous attendees may also apply again!

Now is the time to start thinking about going to a camp that you can learn all about your Scandinavian heritage and cultures. Students may attend either the Danish, Norwegian, Finnish or Swedish camp.

All interested Juniors, their parents or grandparents should send their notification of interest to Bill Schaefer, Language Camp Chairman, 2291 Harrison Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441. Please be sure to include your phone number.

February 28, 2005 is the deadline to apply for the grant. Persons selected will be notified as soon as possible. Need more information? Contact your lodge officers or go to the internet at www.concordialanguagevillages.org. You may also contact Bill at 231-755-2513.

LANGUAGE CAMP COMMITTEE
Bill Schaefer, Chair
Tom Hansen and Bruce Hasenbank, Members
Dear Viking Grand Lodge,

Thank You for the scholarship to go to the Concordia Swedish Language Village for two weeks. I enjoyed being given the opportunity to learn to speak a different language. The whole time we were there at the village we spoke Swedish. All the activities and food were as if we were really in Sweden. We learned all about the customs and holidays of Sweden which will help me understand a little more about my heritage and the many parties that are held here at home at my own Viking Lodge. I enjoyed eating the food and playing the games like Kube, a Viking game of lawn bowling. While I was there my favorite activity was the Viking funeral. We got to have a ceremonial Viking funeral which we made a Viking man out of different things and set him on fire and sent him out in the water. I got to meet some very interesting people too, like Maya, she is from Sweden, Emil (Email), Magnus and a whole bunch of friends that I can keep in touch with. If I had the chance, I would go again to have another great experience. Thank you again for the wonderful adventure.

Sincerely,
Jamie Cook
Linné Lodge 57

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NOTICE

There are instances where we receive donations sent as memorials. We make every attempt to Thank the Individual or Group making the donation but do not know the name of the next of kin to whom we should also send an acknowledgement.

When making a memorial donation, please include the name and address of the individual where we can mail an acknowledgement.

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY

Leslie Ingelson from Thor Lodge #9 pocketed $10.00 for correctly identifying the subject of last issues photo:  Hans Christian Anderson was born on April 2, 1805, and his early life was full of great sadness. His family was very poor. His father was a sad shoemaker. His father would read him a story every day at 2:00. His father died when he was 11 years old. When Hans Anderson was the age of 14 he ran away to Copenhagen.

Anderson was Denmark’s most famous author. Anderson wrote as many as 350 stories. His books are read all over the world. Here are 5 of the many stories he wrote: THE UGLY DUCKLING, THE EMPEROR’S NEW CLOTHES, THE LITTLE MERMAID, THUMBELINA, THE RED SHOES. One of his most interesting book’s is THE EMPEROR’S NEW CLOTHES. It is about a king who is very vain, and two people teach him a lesson. Anderson always wanted new things, but he could not buy them. This story is a reflection of his life.

All of the stories Anderson wrote were with a great desire to make people laugh. He also wrote because he didn’t want children to have a sad childhood as he did. He also wanted to fill little girls and little boys hearts full of joy and laughter. He always wrote with a sly humor. Through his writings, Anderson felt more self fulfilled.

Even after his death Hans Christian Anderson is still remembered today. Hans Anderson died on August 4, 1875. Denmark’s people always celebrate his birthday with a party called “Odin Story Day”. The Anderson home in Odense is now a museum, and thousands of people visit it every year. After he died people read his stories and loved them just like when he was alive.

Recognize this issue’s photo? Don’t forget – all correct guesses are eligible for the drawing to receive one $10 award, and you will be recognized in the following Journal for your awesome Viking knowledge! Send your guess on a POSTCARD to the Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge employees, officers, and Executive Council members are not eligible.
NFCA CONVENTION REPORT

Thursday, September 23, 2004
Arrived just in time to assist in filling baskets for Basket of Hope, a St. Louis based charity that focuses on bringing cheer to seriously ill children. Andy Benes, former St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, shared his personal experiences.

Golfers enjoyed the afternoon on the links and collecting financial contributions to the Basket of Hope. This was the 4th annual NFCA golf outing. Highlight of the outing was Mike Belz's hole-in-one. Jim Rousey of United Trust Group carried his golf team to a third place finish.

Thursday evening delegates had the opportunity to view the vendor exhibits and talk with the various representatives and attend the opening welcome reception sponsored by the vendors. Jim Rousey introduced me to the representatives of Fiserv. Fiserv Insurance solutions provide software technology that is utilized by United Trust in the administrative operations of the Independent Order of Vikings.

Friday, September 24, 2004
NFCA Chair, Fred Ohlde, opened the Main Platform with a very inspiring welcoming address focusing on continuity, change and character of the fraternal system. Keynoter Howard Putnam emphasized fraternals need to have a “vision of our destination” and then “benchmark our progress”. Mark Enema addressed challenges that are critical for fraternals to know. Long term strategy, assumptions, monitoring and embedded values each are part “of the expected value of past, current and future activities.

Friday afternoon work shops included: Revitalizing Your Society, Choosing the Right Techniques and Strategies for Charitable Giving, Technology Upgrades – Are They Worth the Millions Invested? and Government Affairs Update.

Saturday, September 25, 2004
Saturday’s Main Platform opened with a memorial to the many fraternalists that have passed on to their Great Reward. Bill Cochran’s presentation, The Best Job in Town, dealt with producers who come and grow instead of come and go. Gene Stanaland, the Will Rogers of Town, dealt with producers who come and grow instead of come and go. Gene Stanaland, the Will Rogers of Town, dealt with producers who come and grow instead of come and go.

The Profile of the 21st Century Volunteer.
Highlight of the NFCA annual meeting was W Mitchell’s presentation on challenge, change and courage. Burned over 65% of his body in a motorcycle accident and then an airplane crash that took away his ability to walk; his presentation with grace, humor and gumption garnered a lengthy standing ovation.

The John J Upchurch noon luncheon featured Jeanne Robertson. This funny lady kept the audience in stitches as she shared the importance to maintain our sense of humor through life's hills and valleys.

Afternoon workshops were Solvency – Are we at Risk and Current Trends, and The Current Economy. All section meeting were scheduled after the completion of the workshops

A CELEBRATION OF FRATERNALISM:
Fraternal Awards were presented after a delicious dinner. The Fraternalist of the Year Award recipient was Marcella Strand of Modern Woodman of America. I was fortunate to be seated with Marcella Strand and discuss with her, her volunteer experiences.

I was delighted as President of The Illinois Fraternal Congress to receive one of 15 “Go For The Gold” Achievement Awards, thanks to the efforts of our Illinois member societies.

The evening concluded entertainment by Phil Dirt and the Dozers with vintage rock and roll music

Sunday, September 26, 2004 - Closing Main Platform
The final credentials report indicated 378 attendees, 26 first timers, 204 delegates, 55 societies, 19 State Fraternal Congresses, 31 exhibitors, 37 golfers and 55 charity basket makers. All final committee reports were adopted.

Newly elected chair of NFCA’s Board of Directors, Michael Stivoric of Catholic Knights, acceptance speech on Recommitting to Fraternalism was very rousing. Stivoric emphasized the importance of bringing the spirit of fraternalism to the public so that it clearly defines the opportunities fraternal benefit societies provide.

Jack Gibson, Larry Friedman and Richard Hemmings lead a panel discussion on Monitoring and Enhancing Fraternal Solvency.

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Grand Banquet: After a fabulous meal the 2004-2005 NFCA Officers were installed. All enjoyed the entertainment by Sons of the Masses.

The 2005 NFCA annual meeting will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Three goals need to be set by all subordinate IOV lodges: Strong leadership, develop a fraternal mission and community involvement. Large or small, all fraternals have the same problems and working together through the National Fraternal Congress solutions will be found.

Raymond P Knutson, Junior Past Grand Chief
The above picture is of Albin and Mary Anderson who were written about in the September issue of the Viking Journal, who left a share of their estate to the Viking Scholarship Fund. The picture was found by the family, who inherited their home after the estate was settled.

An interesting item of history was the discovery in the basement of the Anderson home, of an antique loom used to weave rugs, believed to be handmade during the 1800’s. As was reported, when Mary and her sister were young, they often did not get to go out and play like everyone else, instead they had to stay inside and weave with their mother. The family sold the rugs during the Depression years. A newspaper article found by the inheritors described Mary's Mother as the “Loom Lady”. At this time the inheritors are trying to find a museum for the loom which has historical value.

Gordon Lindgren

Scholarship Winner Sends Thanks

Thank you very much for the scholarship money. It will be very helpful in paying for my books. I now attend SUWY at Geneseo where I am majoring in elementary school education.

Elizabeth Petersen

INGJALD LODGE SPONSORS
TEEN DANCES

This past summer the House Committee and the Playground Committee of Ingjalld Lodge sponsored two “teen dances”. One was held in July - Mid-Summer Dance, and another was held just before school resumed - Back to School Dance. A professional disc jockey was hired and a variety of music was played. All attending the dances were treated to refreshments. The dances were deemed so successful and well received that they will be planned in next year’s program of events. Programs designed to include people of all ages is consistent with our emphasis on encouraging and focusing on the “Viking Family”.

Albin & Mary Anderson
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES
~ submitted by Arlene Bulow

Angels
Christmas
December
Elves
Frosty
Gifts
Grinch
Holly
Lights
Mistletoe
North Pole
Ornaments
Presents
Rudolph
Santa Claus
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Snow
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Tinsel
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Christmas

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Solve these Christmas Riddles using the code below

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Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?

What does a cat on a beach have in common with Christmas?

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

What does Santa clean his Sleigh with?
**Holiday Ham Balls** from Sweden

3 cups buttermilk baking mix
10 1/2 cups smoked ham
4 cups sharp cheddar cheese
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
2 teaspoons parsley flakes
2 teaspoons spicy brown mustard
2/3 teaspoon milk

1. Heat oven to 350 farenheit.
2. Lightly grease jelly roll pan, 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 inch.
3. Mix thoroughly the Bisquick, finely chopped, fully cooked ham, and remaining ingredients.
4. Shape mixture into 1 inch balls.
5. Place about 2 inches apart in pan.
6. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until brown. Immediately remove from pan. Serve warm.

Makes: 16

**Julegroed (Christmas Porridge) from Denmark**

This is served as the first course of a Danish Christmas feast.

4 cups of milk
good teaspoon of butter
cup of washed white rice
1/2 cup of thick cream
an almond
1/4 cup of sugar
a pinch of cinnamon powder

Using a large saucepan, heat milk until boiling.
Add butter, then rice and turn down the heat.
Cover lid and let rice simmer slowly and gently for an hour, or until all the milk is absorbed and swollen up.
When cooked, place in bowl and fold the cream and the almond. Serve in small bowls sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon.

**Make Your Own Snow Globe**

Make your very own snow globes, to give to somebody really special (think, Mom, best friend)

**What you need:** Baby food jar • Small plastic toys, figurines • Silver or white glitter (or small beads) • Corn Syrup/or Mineral Oil (it’s not as messy) • Super Glue

**What to do:**
Glue the plastic figurines (and any other water-proof stuff you want in there) to the inside of the jar lid. Wait for the glue to dry.

Fill the jar almost to the top (leave a little space) with corn syrup. Then add the glitter or beads!

Put the lid on the jar and glue it around the edges (to make sure it’s sealed!). Then, let it sit until it’s dry.

Flip it over, and your snow scene is right-side up! Shake it to see the blizzard!
THOR LODGE NO. 9
Moline, Illinois

Greetings from Moline. Thor Lodge Veteran’s Night was celebrated October 15. Members were honored with pin awards. The 50 year members were Peter Hogberg and Harold Youngren. For 25 years, Larry D. Anderson, Wallace B. Aukland, William G. Cook, Kenneth A. Enstrom, J. Wallace Erickson, Robert J. Hafner, Richard C. Hanson, Robert W. Hellberg, Charles M. Holmgren, Olof E. Johnson, Robert J. Johnson, Joseph F. Kipp, Robert O. Magnuson, Michael W. Onell, Victor E. Pearson, Ladd A. Poell, Robert W. Seaholm, and Dale Torquist. Although not all were able to attend this night, many continue to be active in our lodge. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Charities are nothing new for Thor Lodge. Recently our lodge was awarded a Plaque from Grand Lodge for participation in the TRIAD OF NEED fund. Thor donated $3.00 for every member in our lodge. These funds are divided between the IOV Scholarship, Language Camp and Burn Camp. We do hope that other lodges follow Thor Lodge with 100% member participation.

Each year Thor Lodge participates in a charity program in the PGA John Deere Golf Classic played in the Moline area. It is known as “Birdies for Charity.” The way it works is to guess the total amount of birdies made during the 4 day tournament. Our members can pledge, say one cent per birdie, and if you guessed correct, you could win many prizes, including a new car. This year the total birdies made was 1879 or $18.79. Those members participating will all pay $18.79 and the money goes to the Illinois Burn Camp.

This fall season, especially October, has been very busy. Dinners, dances and steak frys, Champagne breakfasts, a Wiener roast and great music, we got it all. We have that big Turkey dinner coming up next.

Bill Nyquist, Correspondent

HARALD LODGE NO. 13
Tinley Park, Illinois

The past couple months brought some very happy moments and some very sad at our lodge. Many members celebrated a special birthday with our friend Marilyn Pitts, even Elvis was in the building that evening. Many a memory were created that evening! On a somber note, we lost one of our dear Brothers, Bernie Cotter. Many of you knew Bernie as one of our favorite bartenders who often shared bar space with his daughter, Monica. Bernie lost a valiant fight with leukemia, but we will long remember his love of life and his wonderful family.

Here at Harald Viking Lodge #13, our Chief is focusing our attention on new membership and participation in lodge activities. We are trying to keep our folks busy with card games and darts at the lodge on weekend evenings, Bingo every week, fish fry and seasonal events like our Turkey Shoot and the Odin’s Cove Christmas Party! Our children and grandchildren love the Kid’s Christmas party, singing and playing games while they await the visit from Jolly Old St. Nick.

During this Holiday Season, let us all remain thankful for the joys of our families and friends and for the freedoms we continue to enjoy. Peace and Joy to all ……From your Brothers and Sisters at Harald Lodge #13, God Jul and Gott Nytt Ar!

Karen Lingle, Correspondent

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I Jesus’ Navn
I Jesus’ Navn går vi til bords,
Spiser, drikker på dit ord.
Dig til aere, os til gavn,
Så får vi mat i Jesus’ Navn.

In Jesus’ Name
In Jesus’ name we take our place
To eat and drink upon Thy grace.
To Thy honor and our gain,
We take our food in Jesus’ Name

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Chief Bill Nelson with group of Veterans receiving their 25 year pins. Two of the fifty year members were absent.
FOX VALLEY
Ring Lodge No. 18–Batavia, Illinois
Mimer Lodge No. 33–Geneva, Illinois
Neptun Lodge No. 35–St. Charles, Illinois

After a successful summer season of Herring Breakfasts and other outdoor activities, it is fall and winter again. Seems like it was a short summer.

Ring Lodge held a Steak Dinner for the Herring Breakfast workers and their wives or significant others, on Saturday Night, Nov. 6th at their lodge hall, in appreciation for their good work at the breakfasts. An important source of income to the lodge. This was a fun filled evening, filled with lots good cheer and fellowship.

Neptun Lodge will hold their annual Christmas Supper in December at American Legion's Foxhole Hall located in the lower level of the building. This will be for members their spouse or guest. The details will be announced shortly.

We were saddened by the death of John Zaranka a few months back. Big John served as Treasurer of Mimer Lodge for many years. John and Ron Kohorst, who was Chief during those years, were the cornerstones of the lodge. John joined the lodge in 1971.

John also served as Treasurer of the District for many years. His work was much appreciated. He will be missed.

Ring Lodge recently showed their support for their community, with their donations to Batavia charities. RSVP, which is a program to help low income Seniors in Batavia pay for their prescriptions. Also, Batavia Food Pantry, American Legion gifts for military veterans in hospitals, and The Batavia Fireworks Fund. These and other charities appreciate the help by Ring Lodge’s generosity and support.

The lodges of our District are also pleased to support The Viking Triad Fund. Members may donate to the Triad Fund when they pay their dues, by enclosing $3.00 extra. $1.00 each for Scholarship, Scandinavian Language Camp, and The Burn Camp.

God Jul and Gott Nytt Ar. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gordon Lindgren

ELLIDA LODGE NO. 25
Rockford, Illinois

Oops! I missed the last newsletter but I was with the Drill Team on a little R & R in Branson, Missouri. It’s a long bus trip, but it’s a lot of fun when you’re with great Viking friends. We stopped a lot and saw some great shows.

Since the last writing we had our annual Viking Day picnic. We were happy to have Linda & Jerry, Linda’s sister Marilyn, Bill and Donna, Gordon and Nancy and Ray and Jane at our picnic. Thank you for brightening our day!

The Club and Lodge have been busy. We started up the fish fries in September. They are usually on the 4th Friday. The Saturday night potlucks have started up again with “theme” nights once a month. We have a breakfast the 3rd Sunday of the month and also some on Saturday mornings.

Family Day Picnic was in August with a free steak fry. Who would want to miss that?! The Fall Festival was in November – three days of good food, good friends and a lot of fun. I hope everyone got their letter so they didn’t miss out.

The Lodge Officers also had a fundraiser for Camp Hillcrest in September.

We had a great Halloween party with lots of food, great music and Halloween cheer. Thanks Pete and Vicki for a great job! We had great steaks and a good crowd. Thanks for the support. As you can see, we have eaten a lot these past few months and it hasn’t stopped yet.

Election of Officers was held December 5th. Please come down and show your support for these new officers.

Family Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11th. More information in the newsletter.

Installation of Lodge Officers will be held on Saturday, January 15th. Come on down and meet some of the Grand Lodge officers.

Remember the Saturday night potlucks – we also have a drawing for cash. Your name could be the next one drawn. We would like to see all of our members down here and would especially like to meet our new Viking members.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Peggy Stegall
Greetings from the beautiful Fox River Valley!

It’s odd to think of Christmas time, when we’ll be reading these notes, as I write this in late October. Right now summer doesn’t seem as distant as it will in December. Football and yard work still compete for our outdoor hours.

Congrats to Grand Vice Chief Arthur Harlow and all the Red Sox fans at Gripsholm #83, Edmund #91 and Stenkil #92. He predicted that his favorite baseball team would surprise some people. It’s quite a special year when Arthur can enjoy the Super Bowl champs, the World Series champs AND an I.O.V. Grand Council convention!

It’s been a good year here for the Mimer #33 Geneva Vikings yet there is always room for improvement. We refined our herring skills and presented more meals than ever before. Still, we haven’t found that next new member to join our Lodge. In a small Lodge such as ours, even one new member is a big addition for us.

Our plans for 2005 include herring, of course, but also some travel. There’s talk of a group of us making the trip to Winterfest at Linné #57 Lodge in Muskegon. We’d like to learn how Vicki and Wayne do their herring. It sure was good in October! It’s a convention year, of course, and we intend to send a Delegate to Stenkil #92. Sigurd #30, in nearby Kenosha might get visitors some weekend. It’s right along the way as we head towards Lakeside Brewing in Milwaukee, a favorite trip of both Financial Secretary and Green Bay Packer fan Scott Williams and Recording Secretary and Chicago Bear fan Carl Tornberg.

It’s the time, now, to wish all the Vikings of the I.O.V. the very best Season’s Greetings, of health and happiness for the New Year ahead of us.

Best Wishes,
Tom Hansen
Linné Lodge No. 57  
Muskegon, Michigan

Greetings and Happy Holidays to all of our brothers and sisters in the order from Linné. With Martha Stewart locked up (something that should have been done long before the insider trading scandal), I thought you might need some tips and secrets to make your holiday more enjoyable. Glogg is not only an extremely potent holiday drink – it can also be used to melt ice off the roof, free rusted bolts and increase your gas mileage by 2 to 3 MPG. To keep your tree green and lively looking all through the holiday season buy a good artificial one. Eat whatever you like and don’t worry about those few extra holiday pounds. They will be easy to take right off when you start that new exercise program after the 1st. Finally, a holiday public service announcement: Lutefisk – Just say NO and perhaps we can eliminate it in our lifetime.

Now to bring you up to date on what's been going on through the holiday season. The first thing that pops up in my head is the “Yooper” Party, mainly because it was just last night and my head is still popping. I should explain that “Yoopers” are the people that live in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, abbreviated “UP” and hence “Yooper”. A large percentage of “Yoopers” are of Scandinavian descent, have a very distinct accent and love the simpler things in life. Think of a cross between a lumberjack, a hillbilly and the kid with the banjo from Deliverance. Everyone was costumed in union suits, overalls and hunters orange except for Kent Buckwheat Eistedt. He wasn’t costumed – he always dresses like that on Saturday night. Karaoke Bob and his sidekick Flo were the hit of the night and everyone had a blast. On Leif Erickson day, October 9th, we had a banquet celebrating Linné's 85th anniversary and were honored to have the Grand Lodge officers and Executive Council in attendance. Grand Chief Tim Fagerstrom presented the Lodge with a proclamation congratulating us on our 85th. Bill and Donna Nelson, on behalf of Thor and Clara Lodges, presented us with a beautiful plaque. Finally, Muskegon Mayor and Linné Lodge member Steve Warmington presented us with a resolution from the City of Muskegon recognizing our anniversary and everything our Lodge has done for the community. It was quite an impressive evening. So impressive, I tried to leave out the humor to give the event the respect it deserved. Sure, I could have mentioned the Grand Chief’s haircut, an anonymous council member from Boston who missed HER flight or the council member from Illinois that was halfway to Detroit before he realized he missed his exit but that would have been too easy.

Finally, once again I close with a heavy heart. This past week, D’Anne Bramer, daughter of Lee and Dave Jensen, succumbed to breast cancer. It was a 4 ½ year battle that Dee fought with unbelievable strength and courage. Dee thought you might need some tips and secrets to make your holiday more enjoyable. Glogg is not only an extremely potent holiday drink – it can also be used to melt ice off the roof, free rusted bolts and increase your gas mileage by 2 to 3 MPG. To keep your tree green and lively looking all through the holiday season buy a good artificial one. Eat whatever you like and don’t worry about those few extra holiday pounds. They will be easy to take right off when you start that new exercise program after the 1st. Finally, a holiday public service announcement: Lutefisk – Just say NO and perhaps we can eliminate it in our lifetime.

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INGJALD LODGE  
NO. 65  
Jamestown, New York

Greetings from the beautiful Chautauqua Lake Region. We’ve had a very good summer and since my last update to you, we have moved back downtown to our beautiful, newly refurbished exterior Lodge temple. Through the efforts of our Temple Corporation, the Lodge and the City of Jamestown, we have completely refurbished the exterior of the downtown Temple. What a difference! The interior has always been a beautiful place and now we have a beautiful exterior to greet our returning members.

We had a great year at the lake this year. Three Fundraisers, a final World Famous Herring Breakfast, our Annual Halloween Haunted House and Party, and finally the Lake Park Cleanup completed the Summer Season.

We’re geared up for our “Winter Session” and the Holidays. Chief Jim hosted a “Return to Town” party in early November to get everyone used to not seeing water when they come to the Vikings. In November we solicited members to run for office for 2005. Elections will be held in early December.

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Jamestown hosted the national meeting of the Swedish Council of America in late September, early October. The Vikings hosted a very nice smorgasbord on Thursday Sept 30th. The Aquavit flowed freely that night! At least that was what I was told. On Saturday October 2nd a gala Reception and Banquet was held at the Athenaeum Hotel in Chautauqua where the Swedish Council presented “Awards of Merit” to six individuals from our area. Four of the 6 awards went to Ingjald/Diana members.

Two of the recipients have been very active in our local lodges: Juanita ‘TOOTS’ Porter and Allen E Johnson. Both just happen to be Past Chiefs of Ingjald and Toots is also a Past Chief of Diana Lodge. And both just happen to be previous recipients of the Viking of the Year Award.

The two remaining Ingjald/Diana members are Donna Johnson and Don Sandy. We congratulate all 4 of them on their awards and hope they will continue with their efforts and enthusiasm.

THAT’S ABOUT IT FROM HERE FOR NOW, SO ’TIL NEXT TIME, GOD JUL AND GOTT NYTT AR!

TIM FAGERSTROM
STENKIL LODGE NO. 92 /VIKING CLUB
Braintree, Massachusetts

It doesn’t seem possible that this is the December, Holiday issue already. As I write this at the end of October, it is difficult to imagine that the big holidays are just around the corner.

But days are getting shorter and the fall wardrobe has now replaced the summer digs. That also means that our Lodge and Club are back to full operation, with several annual events having taken place or in the planning stages.

We held our annual Finn night a few weeks ago with a good crowd enjoying Finnish music as well as genuine Finnish pannukakku – a deep dish egg pancake. Many of our members and guests provided these pancakes, cooking them at their homes. As has been the custom at these Finn nights, one of our guests was voted by those in attendance to receive a Finnish flag as a thank you for supporting and promoting Scandinavian and Nordic traditions and customs. This year’s worthy recipient was Taisto Maki. Taisto, along with wife Mary, have been members for many years and active in our Club’s activities. Taisto also provided us with a brief history of Finland as part of the evening’s program. Coming up in November we will have our annual Danish night, with Hans and Jennie Christensen in charge.

Next weekend will be Halloween which means there will be our popular kid’s Halloween Party the day before. We are also looking forward to the Ladies’ Annual two-day Christmas Bazaar in November, and the Lucia Celebration in December. Several fundraisers for the 2005 Braintree Convention have taken place recently, including a gambling boat trip as well as a roast beef dinner.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank former Viking Journal Editor Kim Haller from our Springfield, Illinois United Trust Group Headquarters for her superb work over the last several years in putting together our quarterly publication. I wish her well in her new position within UTG. During my years as Grand Chief from 1997 – 1999 as well as since that time, I have had the good fortune to work with Kim. She was always very helpful to me in getting things into print, providing suggestions and advice. I think that all of you will agree with me that the Journal’s redesign has resulted in a more interesting and informative newsletter. And when was the last time you saw a misprint or major error in our Journal? That means a good editorial staff. My best wishes I now extend to our new Editor, Sherri Harlan, who takes over the reins. Sherri has also been very helpful to me over the years, especially with regards to layout and graphics. Thank you, Sherri, and I wish you well as our new Editor.

Now on behalf of everyone here in Braintree, may each of you experience a wonderful Holiday season, and may you be looking forward to a healthy and happy 2005.

Kristen Johnson
Past Chief, Stenkil Lodge
Past Grand Chief, I.O.V.

In Honor of Rodney Dangerfield: One of his twenty-one best lines

I’m so ugly . . . My father carries around a picture of the kid who came with his wallet!

BALTIC STAR LODGE NO. 112
Rockford, ILLinois

Happy Holidays to all my brother and sister Vikings,

My mom (Sherry Kay Lester) just made her first batch of Swedish Nuts so I know the holidays are approaching. My sisters and I fought over the last handful of nuts, which seems to happen every year. The first batch of nuts never make it more than 24 hours in our house. I found a great website with many traditional Swedish recipes if anyone is looking for some new Swedish dishes to try for the holidays. I know its always fun to try new Swedish dishes at club potlucks. www.recipezaar.com/r/15/188/ls=p Some of my family’s personal favorites potluck dishes during the holidays are Swedish meatballs, Swedish cabbage rolls (kaldolmar), pickled herring and Glogg - which is a must have drink for any true Swede and much better tasting than that vile stuff Alex Arvia and Bill Nelson keep trying to make me drink.

The Baltic Star ladies are also gearing up for the holidays. Our Halloween party was a howling success. Everyone has a spooktacular time!

We will be having a joint Thanksgiving Day dinner with the Baltic 56 again this year. Check your club Newsletter for dates and times.

We will be having a Christmas party on December 16th at 6.30. Please bring a grab bag gift and don’t forget your secret pal. So if you are wondering what we have been up to it’s PARTY, PARTY AND MORE PARTIES for the Baltic Star 112.

The Junior Vikings made over 100 funnel cakes at the Viking Day picnic so once again the kids are going to an indoor water themed park in Wisconsin Dells with their hard earned money the first week in November.

I will go ahead and announce the big news since you won’t see this newsletter till December—Marisa Simpson will be our 2004 Lucia Queen. She has been a member since birth, is a very active junior Viking. She also is involved with Girl Scouts, SM&SF juniors and her church. Parents are Scott and MaryAnn Simpson. Grandparents are Jim and Annie Winger. Aunt Janet Winger who was our 1980 Lucia Queen, boy does time fly by! Michael Simpson, her brother, will escort her.

March 20th Sunday, the Juniors will be having a Dr Seuss Breakfast! There will be Dr Seuss movies, decorations, and green eggs and ham, for the brave people who want to try it.

Wishing you all the best Holiday Cheer –

Julie Howard & Dawn Crawford-Reints
MINNESOTA FIRE TRUCK

One dark night outside a small town in Minnesota, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye it exploded into massive flames.

The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around. When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said, “All of our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give $50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact.” But the roaring flames held the firefighters off.

Soon more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now $100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company’s secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the nearby Norwegian rural township volunteer fire company composed mainly of Norwegians over the age of 65. To everyone’s amazement, the little run-down fire engine, operated by these Norwegians, passed all the newer sleek engines parked outside the plant…and drove straight to the middle of the inferno.

Outside, the other firemen watched as the Norwegian old timers jumped off and began to fight the fire with a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the Norske old timers had extinguished the fire and saved the secret formulas.

The grateful chemical company president joyfully announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to $200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave, though elderly, Norske firefighters.

The local TV reporters rushed in after capturing the event on film asking, “What are you going to do with all that money?”

“Vell, said Ole Larsen, the 70-year old fire chief, “da furst thing vedo is fix da brakes on dat truck!”

Submitted by Ms. Beverly A Clark, Clara Lodge #118

A Note from the Editor:

A publishing company sent me a mini-edition of the book on the right. I thought I’d share some of the contents with all of you as it has many recipes and general tidbits of information pertaining to Norway and its people.

Also, please note the Norwegian prayer on page 10 of this issue, as it also came from this little book.

Christmas Bread (Julekake)

1 cup butter
3/4 cup sugar (reserve 2 tsps. for later use)
2 eggs
2 egg yolks
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp ground cardamom

In a bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and lemon colored. Beat the two eggs and egg yolks; add to the butter mixture and stir well. Add salt and cardamom. Heat milk to lukewarm. Pour into a large bowl and sprinkle yeast on it. Add the reserved 2 teaspoons of sugar and stir. When the yeast has bubbled up, add alternately the flour and the butter mixture, beating with a wooden spoon until smooth. Cover and let stand in a warm place until double in bulk. Turn onto a floured board and knead until smooth and elastic. Lastly, knead in the raisins and citron.

If this is going to be one big cake, place the dough into a greased 9-inch tube pan; if two, put into greased loaf pans. Let the dough rise again, covered with waxed paper and a cloth, until double in bulk. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Just before placing in oven, brush dough carefully with egg whites to make a glaze. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes.

Norway: Notable Facts

- Norway ranks high in quantities of fish taken from the sea.
- Norway’s coast is 15,000 miles long.
- By 1900, a total of 900,000 Norwegians had immigrated to America, a number greater than the population of Norway at the time.
- In Tromsø, from May 20 to July 23, the sun never sets.
- Norway is as far north as Alaska, but is warmer because of the Gulf Stream.
- Since 1905, when Norway gained freedom from Sweden, the King’s right to veto legislation has never been used.
- Norway has 150,000 lakes and 50,000 islands.
- The map of Norway has been likened to a giant fish, its tail in the north, its mouth in the south (Oslo).
EXPLORING SCANDINAVIA: HELSINKI, FINLAND

Welcome to another installment of EXPLORING SCANDINAVIA. We know many of you have traveled to Scandinavia and have wonderful stories and pictures that we would all enjoy. PLEASE SHARE! We would love to publish your travel stories and photographs, which will be returned unharmed. Send to Viking Journal Editorial Staff, 5250 S Sixth St, PO Box 5147, Springfield, IL 62705-5147, or via e-mail at Sherri.Harlan@unitedtrustgroup.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Helsinki and its culture have been shaped by influences from both West and East. Its very existence is due to a Swedish king, Gustavus Vasa, who in 1550 commanded that a trading center be established on the northern shore of the Gulf of Finland in order to strengthen his influence in the eastern Baltic. The Helsinki region has a strong reputation as a center of advanced technology. It is also the country’s leading business and industrial center, a place where many new jobs are being created, especially in the information technology sector. The mother tongue of nearly ninety percent of the city’s inhabitants is Finnish. Seven percent are native speakers of the country’s other official language, Swedish.

The original Helsinki site was at the mouth of the River Vantaanjoki. The place is nowadays a nature reserve famous for its rich bird life called, aptly, Vanhankaupunginlahti, which means “Old Town Bay.” It was decided in 1640 to move the settlement further south to a peninsula called Vironniemi, now the district of Kruununhaka, quite close to the present inner city. Kruununhaka became the center of the whole of Finland in 1812 when Helsinki became the new Finnish capital. Soon after that the monumental Senate Square was built in the area. The square eventually became the center of so many government, municipal, church, and academic institutions that it represented not only Helsinki but all of Finland too.

The busy Market Square, where food and other wares have been changing hands since the 18th century, located between the sea and the impressive row of historical buildings is the first view to catch the eye of the visitor arriving by sea. On one side of the bay is the South Harbour, on the other the Katajanokka headland. Facing out to sea are Helsinki City Hall, the Swedish Embassy, and the Presidential Palace. Rising out of the fountain near the Esplanade Park at the western end of Market Square is the statue of Havis Amanda, the mermaid symbol of Helsinki.

The Presidential Palace is used for official state receptions, and is particularly famous for the one held on Independence Day (December 6). The main entrance is on the North Esplanade overlooking the Market Square and the sea. The Palace was originally built in 1820 as the home of the merchant and ship-owner JH Heidenstrauch, during the time when Finland had an autonomous grand duchy of the Russian Empire. It was soon bought as the official residence of the Grand Duke on his visits to Helsinki. In 1921, by which time Finland had become an independent republic, it was refurbished as the official residence of the Finnish President, who now lives at Mäntyniemi, a modernistic residence in the Meilahti district of the city.

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The ferry to the Suomenlinna sea fortress departs from Market Square. Built in the second half of the 18th century by Sweden on six islands located at the entrance of Helsinki’s harbor, the now uninhabited fortress is popular with both tourists and locals, who enjoy it as a picturesque picnic site. The permanent exhibition at the Suomenlinna Museum covers the construction of the fortress, the dry dock and the archipelago steamers built there, and the daily life of the garrison town on the islands.

Summer 2003 marked the 30th anniversary of the docking of the Vesikko submarine at Suomenlinna. A veteran of the World War II, the submarine is one of Suomenlinna’s most popular sights. Launched in 1933, it was originally commissioned by the German Navy. The Finnish Navy purchased the submarine in 1936 and named it Vesikko. During the Winter War and Continuation War, Vesikko saw action in convoys and on protection and patrol duty in the Gulf of Finland. The submarine base was located in the shipyard section of Suomenlinna. The Treaty of Paris (1947) forbade Finland from having military submarines, and the fleet was decommissioned and sold for scrap with the exception of Vesikko, which was put in dry dock.

Of course we have barely touched on all the wonderful must-see’s in Finland’s capital city. For more information on Helsinki and Finland, visit the following websites:  www.hel.fi/english/  •  www.aktivist.fi/inenglish/  •  www.explore-helsinki.com/www.virtualhelsinki.net/english/  •  rtual.finland.fi/
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2005 IOV Convention

The 2005 I.O.V. Convention Committee hopes that the 2005 Convention in Braintree will be a great time for all. We have had lively discussions at our monthly meetings. The committee is composed of a group of diversified members with lots of ideas, positive attitudes and willingness to listen and discuss new ideas. We hope to have some surprises and will let you in on them once they become a reality. Listed below is the general information of the planned activities so far.

2005 Convention Information.
June 22-26 2005

Accommodations:
Hotel: Sheraton Tara 37 Forbes Rd. Braintree MA 02184 Please contact the hotel directly for reservations. at (781) 848-0600. Please specify that you are with the Viking Group. Rates are $94.00 plus tax = $101.00/room.

Transportation:
From Logan Airport take the “Logan Express” bus to Braintree. Call the hotel from the bus station and they will pick you up. (The Sheraton is practically next door to the Logan Express Bus Station).
Shuttle service will be provided between the hotel and The Viking Club. Schedules to be announced at a later date.

Evening Activities:
Wednesday June 22: Delegate registration at The Viking Club.
“Yankee Fare” is our theme of the evening for delegates, guests and visitors. Free event

Thursday June 23
Scandinavian night at the Viking Club. Smorgasbord, music and dancing with special entertainment. Swedish dancers (and we mean SWEDISH dancers, directly from Sweden to the Viking Club!). Cost will be $15 per person

Friday June 24
New England Lobster Bake (or steak if you prefer) at the Viking Club. Dancing to follow. $30 per person

Saturday June 25
Grand Banquet at the Viking Club. Choice of prime rib, chicken or fish. Dancing after dinner and program. $35 per person.

Day Trips:
Thursday June 22. Duck Tour of downtown Boston and Boston Harbor, drop off at Faneuil Hall and a boat trip back to Braintree on the commuter boat where you can see more of the harbor and islands. Cost $35 per person

Friday June 23. Trip to visit historic Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox. Guided tour to the famed “Green Monster”. $20 per person

The committee is working hard in preparation of a memorable convention. There will be more information and reservation form in the next Viking Journal. In the meantime you may contact us with questions and remember to place your ad in the Convention Program Booklet

Elaine Audette, Stenkil #92, Carla Horton, Gripsholm #83 & Henry Stenquist Jr., Edmund #91, co-chairpersons 2005 Convention Committee
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