

Viking Journal

Vikingen

*Forska som om du skulle leva evigt!
Search as if you would live forever!
Lev som om du skulle dö i morgon!
Live as if you would die tomorrow!*

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Viking of the Year

**2019 VIKING OF THE YEAR
William Jandt, Linne' Lodge #57**

Bill Jandt became a member of Linne' Lodge #57 on August 19, 1985. He has held several offices and positions within the Lodge. Bill has served as a trustee; Chairman of Trustee; Vice Chief and Chief (1992-93); Bingo Chairman; Vice President and President of Staff Association; and Drill Team member and Captain. Bill has also contributed to the lodge community as a volunteer bartender; decorating the lodge for Christmas; singing in the Invandrana choir; being a leader for Summer Celebration; and a helper with Air Fair parking. He currently serves as Herald of Linne' Lodge #57.

Not only has Bill shown his volunteerism within Linne' Lodge and the IOV, but he has also shown it within his community. Bill has been an Old Newsie for 25 years; has been a helper distributing toys for Toys for Tots of Muskegon for 21 years; has been on the security staff for Muskegon High School's Big Red football games for 22 years; and has also served as a Red Cross driver, assisting people with disabilities.

Bill was born January 5, 1945 in Muskegon, MI. He has been married to Margaret for 51 years. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. He retired from GTE after 31 years; worked for Muskegon Public Schools for 5 year and Strong Industrial Supply for 4 years; and is currently working for MAP (Mission for Area People) as a custodian. A number of Bill's family members are, or were, members of Linne' Lodge #57 including his wife, children, grandchildren, siblings (including Tom, currently serving as lodge Chief), niece and nephew.

Congratulations, Bill and thank you for being such an active and engaged member of the Order!

84th IOV CONVENTION SCHEDULE

INGJALD #65 JAMESTOWN, NY – JUNE 13-15, 2019

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| June 12: | Evening Meet and Greet at Lake Park |
| June 13: | 9:00 am Grand Lodge meeting at Chautauqua Suites followed by Chicken BBQ at Lake Park |
| June 14: | 9:00 am Grand Lodge meeting at Chautauqua Suites followed by Steak Fry at Lake Park |
| June 15: | 9:00 am Grand Lodge meeting at Chautauqua Suites; afternoon - Executive Council Orientation, delegate photos; evening - Grand Chief's reception and Grand Banquet at Lake Park |

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so you must request to
join.)

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!!

NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Ingjald Lodge #65			
Barbara L Anderson	John E. Anderson	Ramona (Mona) Pace	Edward J Pace
Colleen Denise Anderson	Lori Renee' Hause	Rick Sandberg	Steven A Sandberg
Jane Walkerman Anderson	Victor L Anderson	Kathleen Ann Smith	Craig H. Smith
Norma Sharlene Anderson	Larrie R Anderson	Patricia Sue Smith	Loren Bruce Smith
Edward Bradford	Bryan Conklin	Michael Charles Stone	Frederick J Bell
James Robert Bradford	Constance Sherman	Kim Marie Sutter	Brent Michael Sutter
Mary Elliott Bradford	Constance Sherman	Allison Ruth Tilburg	Valerie Marie Tilburg
Henry Thomas Bucklin	Catherine Bucklin	Diane Taylor Wellman	Barclay Wellman
Jeremy William Bucklin	Constance Sherman	Phillip Owen Wright	Shannon K Wright
Martin William Bucklin	Catherine Bucklin		
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Jane E Conroe	Douglas Connor	Ellery Gail Coburn	Sharron Gail Matthes
Gary D. Counts	Jeffrey Newman	Asher James Fox	Douglas J. Fox
John P Creager	Kevin T Seiberg	Sebastian Loren Fox	Douglas J. Fox
Jared Michael Hallberg	Cary D. Hallberg	Gavin David Kuhn	Erin Lee Kuhn
Jennifer Dawn Hetric	Jennifer Newman	Ryan Richard Kuhn	Erin Lee Kuhn
Gayle A Jackson	Robert Jackson	Beckett Lee Mathes	Sharron Gail Matthes
Douglas C Johnson	Karen L Johnson	Emma Dee Mathes	Sharron Gail Matthes
Jay Harold Johnson	Carol Wayne		
Kaitlyn E Johnson	Karen L Johnson	Ring Lodge #18	
Michael Gerald Keene	Lorraine Grzybowski	Elias Carlson	Jenny Carlson
Dorothy C Larson	Jame M. Larson	Margaret R Gosselin	Thomas W. Gosselin
Patricia A. Leburg	Steven P. Leburg	Bryan David Peterson	Matthew Michael Carey
Marsha Sue Martin	Jordan W. Hull		
Toni S. McManus	Jay G McManus	Stenkil Lodge #92	
Pamela Jean Olson	James Olson	Susan Grassey	Elaine E. Audette
Christine Joy Oste	Jennifer Newman	Nancy Evelyn Shapiro	Evelyn Erickson



MILESTONES

To let you know that our many thoughts are with the members and families in this time of sorrow.

Member Name	Passed Away	Member Name	Passed Away
Linne' Lodge #57		Harald Lodge #13	
Barbara St. Dennis	2/27/2019	Mavis Carlberg	
Beverly June Babcock	3/14/2019		
Mary Kay Hoeker		Ingjald Lodge #65	
Sigurd Lodge #30		Clifford W. Carlson	
James E. Hansen	3/2/2019	Daniel J. Caruso	
Edmund Lodge #91		Gordon J. Norstrom	
Kevin Lundin		Robert A. Swartz, Sr.	
Grand Lodge		Robert Graham	
Burtis D. Hallberg		Robert S. Finley	
Joan Ceci		Roger F. Bigney	
		Wayne R. Oste	
		William W. Davies	

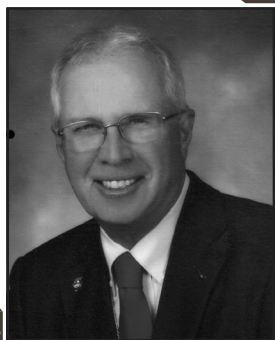


HÖGSATTA KÄMPAR

*All Lodges are asked to submit membership reports that include the passing of our Viking brothers and sisters.
Submit to the Fraternal Administrator for inclusion in the Vikings Journal.*

Chief's

Corner



William Schaefer
Grand Chief

Beginning my last article for the IOV Journal, I would like to correct the date for the 100th Anniversary of Linne' Lodge #57: it will be celebrated on October 12, 2019. Hoping to see many of you there to celebrate our centennial and share some memories that you may have of our Lodge! There will be a reminder along with more information in the September Journal. Mark your calendar!

I am very honored to have held this position for the last two years! It has been VERY rewarding and stressful

at times, trying to lead you, the members, down the road to survival. We, the council, know that some of you are not too pleased about surrendering your insurance, but again, it is the only way for us to become a Social Fraternal Organization. As a Social Fraternal Organization we will continue to bring in new members without insurance! The catch-22 in the next two years is, if you would like to run as a delegate or run for a position on the council, you must have insurance. We have to follow our Constitution and the requirements of the State of Illinois.

Within the last year we have been audited by Brown, Smith & Wallace and by the State of Illinois Insurance Commissioners. They found us still to be financially strong! This is good: we know we have resources to move ahead. Looking to the future, I know the new Chief, Mindy Worden, will be very good in leading IOV forward! Mindy is very accurate and precise in what she does. She will run a tight ship and direct the Council members down the right path, with your help!

I would like to "Thank" the Council and our Fraternal Administrator along with many members for working together on the new processes that are taking place, as well as UTG. Thank you!

Finally, I would like to give a very big "Thank You!" to my wife and family, for helping me so much and supporting me! I don't think I could have gotten through all of this without their help & support!

"Envisioning a dream is easy. Following one is not!"

Chief Bill Schaefer

LANGUAGE LESSON

Say: Egen härd är guld värd!

Pronounce the "ä" like aa not ah..

Translation: Having your own home is worth gold!

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Administrator's Corner

Hello, Vikings!

Things are moving along as we transition member management and lodge support out of UTG. There are the (expected) "speed-bumps" along the way, but our goal is to build consistent systems that allow us to most effectively manage this national organization! I will continue to address common questions from members, until we have everything in-house and new systems tightened up.

Lodge Officers: you should have received a packet of UPDATED Lodge report forms and guidelines. Please discard old membership applications and reporting forms and use the new forms, effective immediately. If you have not seen this packet, please let me know!

"But I quit paying my premiums..."

As we work through the surrender process, we've run into a couple of misunderstandings. One is that people will lose their membership in the Vikings if they surrender their insurance. Not true! The other is that, if a member quits paying their insurance premiums, their policy will be automatically "terminated" (surrendered). Also, not true! **For an insurance policy to be surrendered, the policy owner must submit a signed, dated, and witnessed surrender form.** If you quit paying your premiums you end up with a lapsed policy, but it is NOT surrendered. Remember – delegates and executive council members MUST keep their insurance; they will be the last to surrender when the insurance program closes and the Constitution can be changed.

"Where do I send my check?" Due to the requirements for administering the insurance program, UTG still manages

IOV's finances. HOWEVER, they do not keep track of membership payments or any changes to member information. To make sure IOV's database and lodge files are correct, financial secretaries should choose **ONE** of the following:

1. Send your check made payable to IOV (and report/description of what the payment is for) to the Fraternal Administration office. I will keep copies of the information we need here and forward the check on to UTG for deposit into IOV's account. **OR**
2. If you prefer to send the check directly to UTG, make sure to send a copy of the check and report to the Fraternal Administration Office. UTG does not send me reports on lodge payments. If YOU (the Lodge) do not notify me of payment, I will not know.

NOTE: If you are an individual member of the GRAND LODGE, your membership dues should also be sent to the Fraternal Administration office.

"Can I get a member card?" IOV does not issue member cards. If you are travelling to another lodge to visit, you can use the membership dues receipt from your Lodge to verify membership. Local lodges also have the option to provide a letter, verifying current membership. NEW members to the IOV now receive a letter from the Fraternal Administration office that includes their member number, which can also be shown when visiting a lodge.

"How do we handle seasonal addresses?" The main purpose of the national IOV Member Database is to make sure members receive the Journal, electronically or by USPS. Some of our Vikings travel a lot (and in different seasons), and **we rely on the financial**

secretaries from each lodge to keep us up to date on address changes. IOV is spending nearly \$1,000 per year in "address service fees" (returned mail and forward notices) from the USPS. Sometimes we change addresses in the database based on USPS notices, only to find that "we were only gone a month and we're back home now!" With nearly 5,000 members to serve, we spend a lot of time trying to track people down. **Moving forward, IOV will NOT be mailing the Journal "address service requested."** We will keep track of **PERMANENT** addresses (provided by financial secretaries) and will rely on the members to ensure they file the appropriate forwarding or "hold mail" notice with their local post office. Of course, you can always find the IOV Journal on the website as well. **If you believe that the national office does not have your correct address, please notify the financial secretary at your lodge.** Their records feed into our records, so we want to make sure we are consistent!

If you have other questions or items that need clarification, just let me know.

I look forward to attending the IOV Convention in June and meeting Lodge Delegates!

Have a great summer!
Robin



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Burn Camp News

The March 2019 Journal contained a great letter from Mike Longnecker who is the President of the Great Lakes Burn Camp. It details the activities that are planned for the campers in 2019. Also in the article, are the details of "Tee Off Against Burns." This golf outing is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Get all the details about how to get involved from that article. If you haven't read these articles, please be sure to do so. I get the same information from both the Illinois and Connecticut Burn Camps: all of their activities are on their websites.

Illinois is: www.IFSA.org

Connecticut is: www.CTburnsfoundation.org

The Burn Camp Committee: Bob Grinnell, Barb Hendry, Bill Peterson

Concordia Language Camp Winners

This year we had 4 Junior members apply for the 2 week Swedish sessions at Concordia Language Villages. The drawing was held on March 1st with the winners being:

#1 – Elias Carlson age 10 from Ring Lodge #18

#2 – Natalie Fosberg age 15 from Ingjald Lodge #65

These two will be sent by the Grand Lodge along with a stipend for expenses.

The next two were to be sent from Linne' Lodge #57 Language Camp funds.

#3 – Travis Wasen age 11 from Linne' Lodge #57

#4 – Ava Crago age 16 from Linne' Lodge #57 (last years' winner)

Ava was going to go, unfortunately her last opportunity to attend a "Fiddler's Camp" came up at the same time. Ava will be able to apply again next year.

It was so nice to have Juniors from the other lodges apply. We are looking forward to hear about their experiences at the Language Camp.

It's not too late/early to start thinking about sending your juniors next summer. Spread the word, it's a GREAT opportunity to experience life as a Scandinavian. Language is not the only thing they learn. Customs, food, music and culture are also taught and making new friends is a wonderful benefit.

If you have any questions, contact any one of us on the Committee or visit the Concordia Language Villages website: www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org

E. Britt-Louise Hichue – Linne' Lodge #57 – Chairperson

Melinda Worden – Ingjald Lodge #65

Barb Hendry – Harald Lodge #13

2019 Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Committee, as well as all the Lodges, congratulate the five Grand Lodge Scholarship winners for 2019.

From Linne': Liam Lindstrom
Whitney Meinders
Jillian Gripton

From Ingjald: Karianne Yuchnitz

From Ring: Wilson Gosselin

They each will receive \$1,750. Their certificates and checks have been sent to the Chiefs of their Lodge for presentation at their monthly meeting. We will provide more information and photos of the scholarship winners in our September Journal.

The Scholarship Committee:

Bob Grinnell

Rodney Ottum

Bob Greenwald

LINNE' LODGE NO. 57

Muskegon, MI

Hello from Linne' Lodge #57 in Muskegon. What a winter we had - it went from bad to worse! I hope you all had an easy winter.

The Lodge has been very busy. February started out with the officer's dinner put on by my wife and me. We honored the new and retiring officers. We have the BEST CLUB in this area and have a great group of officers to lead us forward. The next day was the Super Bowl Party, organized by Bill Musgrave and his committee. I can't believe the Rams missed that field goal with 30 seconds left!!! I hope you did well on your football pools.

The Valentines Dinner was the following weekend. It was a great party hosted by Jill and Shaun Howell and committee. The pool tournament was the next weekend, hosted by Chris Jandt and family. Dan Morrison and Mike Medendorf were our winners!

Vikings are special for sure. We had some winter storms and a lot of people lost power for a few days. Trustee Val O'Brien and other trustees opened the club so people could get warm and get some hot food. We had some major things come up at the Lodge and Dave Jensen, Tim Kraft, Larry Young and a bunch of others stepped up and took care of the construction problems.

March started with the Euchre Tournament, which ran for three Sundays. Thanks to Jeff Burr and his committee for running this fun event! The Drill Team put on a Swedish Pancake Breakfast on March 10th. A special thanks to Britt Hichue (Gesundheit) and the Drill Team. On March 16th, the St. Patrick's Day Dinner was put on by Co-Chairpersons Jen Reckell, Shawn Perry and their committee. A special thanks to the Krafts and the Youngs for their help in the kitchen. On the 23rd was the Burger, Brats, and Blues Dinner put on by Vicki Bowman and her committee.

The Executive Council held a meeting at the Vikings on April 6th. All were invited to come and see what is going on in the Society and learn about some of the issues we are having as we work through insurance surrenders. The Lions Organization came and worked with the Vikings and put on a Goulash Dinner for the benefit of the Great Lakes Burn Camp. Thanks to Ernie Stacy and committee for their hard work. On April 13th there was a Craft Show at the Lodge. A great job of organizing was done by Christine Grinnell. Next came the Good Friday Fish Fry put on April 19th by Scott Carvey and his crew. The next day was the 20 Week Dinner, chaired by Mike Swanson and Britt Hichue (Gesundheit) and the 20/20 Committee. On April 27th was the Luau chaired by Chris and Tracy Wilks and committee.

On May 4th and 5th, the Lodge rented a bus and the Drill Team and a bunch of members went to Staff Association at Harald Lodge #13 in Tinley Park, IL. It was good to see our fellow Vikings and a great time was had by all.

We hope to see a lot of you in Jamestown at the Convention!

Thomas (Tom) Jandt
Chief, Linne' Lodge #57

EDMUND LODGE NO. 91

Woburn, Massachusetts

Greetings from New England!

After a long, cold winter Edmund Lodge is still doing well and enjoying life. We just celebrated our 90th anniversary with the Independent Order Of Vikings. The Edmund Lodge #91 charter was established on March 29th, 1929 with 52 members, including Henry W. Stenquist, Sr. The Stenquists have been a constant presence in our lodge ever since and we are grateful for their dedication and service.

We decided to celebrate this momentous occasion with a luncheon. We met on Saturday, April 27th, at the Century House Restaurant in Peabody, MA. It was a grand time! We had 11 members in attendance which may not seem like many people, but 11 members represent nearly 40% of our membership! That was great! We were also joined by the chief of Gripsholm Lodge #83, Barbara Davis. Jim and Elaine Goodwin even drove up from North Carolina to attend the event.

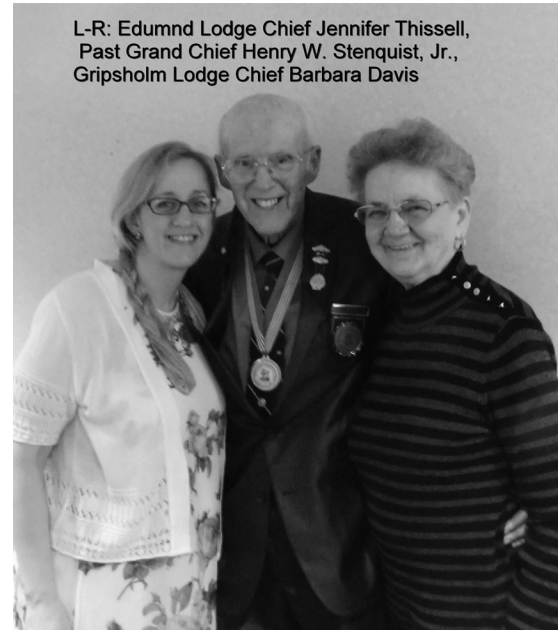
Past Grand Chief Henry W. Stenquist, Jr. read a brief history of the IOV and presented us with a list of every person who has ever been a member of Edmund Lodge – a total of 432 people! That's a lot of people for a small lodge like us!

We took over the restaurant for more than three and a half hours! Our waitress was wonderful and took good care of us. The conversations were lively and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Our next big event will be the June lodge meeting and cookout at the home of Chief Jennifer Thissell and her husband Steve. That is always a fun time with plenty of food and drink. Steve's famous smoker ribs and seafood are sure to be a big hit and the lobsters will be freshly steamed. We are a small lodge but we remain active and relevant, supporting local organizations and charities as much as possible and always enjoying our time together.

Happiness is - Being A Viking!

Jim Goodwin
Edmund Lodge #91 Correspondent



L-R: Edmund Lodge Chief Jennifer Thissell,
Past Grand Chief Henry W. Stenquist, Jr.,
Gripsholm Lodge Chief Barbara Davis



SIGURD LODGE #30

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Hi all,

It's supposed to be spring here in SE Wisconsin but as I write this article it's snowing (April 27th). Oh well by the time you read this it should be warm, hopefully.

Jim Hansen passed away on March 2nd. He had been in ICU at the hospital for a month. He was a member for 50 some years and was also the member that signed me up as a member 50 years ago, June 19, 1969. Many years ago, Jim served on the IOV executive council. In fact, I went to some council meetings with him when they were held in downtown Chicago. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Sue and son Eric.

We've had a few of our members who have been on the ill and distressed list. In March, Alice Turner was in the hospital for a while. Also in March, Joyce Jacob slipped on the ice and broke her wrist; then just recently in April, my wife Dee stepped on some uneven ground and fell and landed on concrete and fractured a bone in her lower arm. Hopefully all these young ladies are doing well.

Now, for some good news! We had a very well-attended Swedish Pancake and Sausage Breakfast in March. Once again, we had to turn people away as we couldn't keep up! I guess that goes to show how great our pancakes are. We even had guests from Yugoslavia and Sweden (they were both exchange students going to Indian Trail and Academy). It was nice to see Past Grand Chief Ralph Beck and his wife Ruth from Batavia, and also Sally Knutson, Peggy Stegall, and Scott and Jane Erbe from Rockford. We had a record profit on the bake sale, so thank you to everyone who made bake goods as well as to all the great help - we wouldn't be able to do it without you. We donated a portion of the profits to a worthy cause, the SUDC foundation which stands for Sudden Unexpected Death in Childhood. One of our members, Christine Schneider lost her four year-old granddaughter, Olivia Schneider, suddenly a year ago. Our donation went to SUDC in honor of Livy's Legacy.

Recently we initiated two more members: Wendy Gold and Jeana Peters joined our ranks as Vikings. Velkomenn girls!

April 6th Dee and I traveled to Muskegon for the Executive Council meeting at Linne' Lodge. On Friday night all the council and spouses went to a very nice meal in downtown Muskegon. Saturday morning at 9:00 am was the start of a quite lengthy, but very productive, meeting. A lot of the meeting pertained to the surrender of the insurance policies. I can't stress enough if you have not surrendered yet (except council members and delegates) PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE would you surrender that policy? I'm sure you know that by surrendering your policy you still will be a member of the IOV. Please do not disregard the letter you get from someone from the surrender committee, it would make our job so much easier. On Saturday night we all met at Linne' Lodge for the Grand Chief's swan song. We had a very good cook your own steak dinner with all the trimmings you wanted. Thanks to all of you that helped arrange all the great food, and thanks to you Bill for doing a great job as a great Grand Chief and the gift that you gave to all of the Executive Council members.

Finally just a friendly reminder that Sigurd Lodge will only be meeting the first Friday during the summer months (June, July, August); in September we only have one meeting but you can still stop by the club and say hi!

So, until next time, enjoy your summer and stay healthy.

Fraternally,
Rod Ottum



INGJALD LODGE NO. 65

Jamestown, New York

Ingjald Lodge Winter-Spring Activities

Winter snows and unpredictable weather doesn't slow our Viking Club down. Dinners are served every Friday and Saturday night and have limited menus on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights. Early in January new officers were installed for 2019 and committee planning began for 2019. We had a "Corn Hole Tournament" in January followed by a "Super Bowl Tailgate Party" early in February. The 12th Annual Crazy Swede Polar Bear Swim took place in the middle of February. Four "fearless brave" Vikings were up to the task of entering the icy waters of Chautauqua Lake. There wasn't much snow on the ground at that time and some of the snow activities had to be cancelled, but the Lake was frozen solid. A hole was cut in the ice on Saturday in anticipation of the icy plunge Sunday but had to be recut because it had been frozen over. The Maple Springs Fire Department was in attendance to handle any emergencies. The valiant efforts of our four hearty Vikings raised \$510.00 to help pay for our Lodge's many youth activities throughout the year. A good time was had by all for a worthy cause!

We didn't turn our beautiful Chautauqua Lake green but we DID celebrate St. Patrick's Day in true neighborly Viking style! DJ's Unlimited provided a wide variety of Irish music and "Corn Beef and Cabbage" was served all weekend. In April our Lodge hosted a true Swedish pancake breakfast complete with "Lingonberries" and sausages. The annual kids' Easter party was held later in April followed up with the ever popular Annual Mothers Day Brunch in May. The "Lake Park Spring Clean-up" was done in anticipation of summer increase in Lake Park activities.

In the last issue of the Viking Journal it was mentioned that Ingjald Lodge IOV Convention committees were working hard to provide all Vikings with an outstanding program for the upcoming Convention hosted by Ingjald Lodge June 13th-15th. The U.S. Congress recently recognized the National Comedy Center and considers it one of the top destinations in the country!

You will not want to miss the IOV Convention!

Vikings Provide Purple Martin Habitat

The Viking Lodge is striking a win-win environmental balance at its Lake Park facility. About eight years ago Ed Pace initiated the idea of providing Purple Martin houses. He was encouraged and assisted by former Lodge Caretaker Gary Sorenson and Past Ingjald Lodge Chief Tim Miller. Together they erected Purple Martin houses providing 60 nesting cavities. This year they are replacing the original houses with upgraded new houses, providing 78 nesting cavities. With Purple Martin numbers declining because of attacks from Starlings, it was exciting to learn that 152 youngsters were born last year. Purple Martins are the largest North American swallow with a length of 7-8 inches and a wingspan of 15 recorded inches. They have an insectivorous diet of eating gnats, lake flies and other insects. They are known for their speed and agility in flight. They will dive with great speed with their wings tucked. Purple Martins begin their long journey

in Brazil and Argentina and arrive in our area early in April; they leave for their trip back to South America in August. Purple Martins are geographically loyal and will return to the same nesting site year after year, often with the same mates. The houses have to be regularly maintained and cared for. Randy and Debbie Jacobs have assisted Ed Pace in the ongoing care of the nesting houses. Pace stated that the Purple Martins make a wonderful difference when they are on the Viking Lake grounds, by keeping the bug, insect, and lake fly population down; and Vikings help by providing safe nesting homes. A win-win situation! The new Purple Martin houses were financed through generous donations from: Viking Trailer Association, V. Boat Club, V. Marina, V. Sportsmen, Viking Past Chiefs Club, and individuals.



Pictured above: Ed Pace erecting upgraded purple martin nesting houses.

INGJALD LODGE NO. 65

Jamestown, New York

Ingjald Lodge Hosts Children's Easter Party

The 2019 Ingjald Lodge Easter Egg Hunt welcomed over 60 children and their families at the Lake Lodge for this annual event. Darla Nelson and Dawn Stuart, along with House committee members and their family and friends, hid over 1,000 eggs and helped with cookie decorating and Easter crafts. New this year: children were also able to get one-on-one time with baby sheep and goats provided by local 4-H'ers. The animals were an exciting addition to the Easter celebration! Grand Prize Egg finders were Eli Apperson in the 3-5 year-old group and Lian Klice in the 6-10 year-old group. Despite the soggy weather, it was a wonderful turnout. Everyone found eggs and all had a great time! Chief Jane Fosberg thanked all the volunteers who made this event so successful and was quick to state that outstanding volunteerism is the hallmark of Ingjald Lodge.



Ingjald Lodge Memories



This picture was taken in 1943 when Alvar Fernberg was Chief of our Lodge during an initiation meeting. It is especially interesting to see the large numbers of candidates and clothes they are wearing. Times have changed but Viking fellowship continues.

INGJALD LODGE NO. 65

Jamestown, New York

Southern Vikings Hold Annual Picnic

Once again Viking members, former members and friends gathered at Lemon Park in Sarasota, Florida for their annual picnic held the 2nd Saturday in March. As in past years, there was plenty of delicious food to accompany the traditional chicken barbecue. Pictured on the pavilion roof are a Swedish flag and a flag proudly stating Vikings Ingjald Lodge #65 from Jamestown, New York.

Over 100 people attended this much-anticipated event. Name tags were worn to increase fellowship with all guests. Per usual---many stories abounded ---some larger than life! The

committee members hosting this event were: Steve and Charlene Eckstrom, Dan and Linda Anderson, Clem and Vivian Rossi, Dick and Joanne Johnson, George and Carol Clinger, Allan Johnson, Nate Barron, and Mary Jane Spaulding (wife of Past Ingjald Chief Keith Spaulding who first had the idea of holding the Southern Viking Picnic.) Linnea Barron volunteered to help with the picnic as part of a Junior National Honor Society requirement.

Times and locations may change----but the "VIKING BEAT GOES ON!"



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June 13-15.....84th IOV Convention, Ingjald #65, Jamestown, NY
June 30.....2019 National Dues due for ALL members (financial secretaries have notice)
June 30.....Quarterly Lodge Reports Due (financial secretaries have notice)
August 1.....Journal Article Submissions Due (September edition)

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