



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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Chief's

Corner



*Melinda Worden
Grand Chief*

Happy Holidays, All Brother and Sister Vikings!

The IOV Executive Council met at Linne' Lodge #57, in Muskegon, Michigan for our October 12, 2019 meeting. It just so happens that Linne' was celebrating their 100th Anniversary that same weekend and Council members were happy to join in the celebration. Members and volunteers did an amazing job. A delicious dinner and dessert, entertainment, and fun for all was had. Every time I visit Linne' Lodge #57 I always enjoy it! An amazing accomplishment for them to be in existence for 100 years, and still going strong. We hope that all of us can see 100 years!

The Executive Council's main agenda is still working towards surrenders. Everyone on Council is now involved in this process. We recently sent updated lists of active policy holders to all active lodges, with the blank forms to share. Between putting names in the Journal of "missing" policy holders and sharing these updated lists, we hope to have some progress again. We are hoping to receive about 80 surrenders a month to accomplish this task. We will now be having a monthly conference call to monitor our progress, and keep things going.

We have had many people say that they have surrendered, although their name remains on our lists.

We have spoken with UTG about these questions; you may have surrendered one policy but you might still have another. It might be worth checking with UTG. On the upside of the surrenders, we had three individuals donate the cash value of their policy to Burn Camp, and seven individuals who donated their money to our Scholarship program. There may be others willing to donate as well.

The Great Lakes Burn Camp opening was August 4, 2019 and four Linne' Lodge reps attended. Since 2005, almost \$120,000 has been raised for their camp, along with the Firefighters Local 370. What else can you say, except "SUPER!"

Our 2020 Scholarship program is well under way. Scholarship raffle tickets have been distributed to all active Lodges. This is another of the great things that I.O.V. does. Please encourage your members to purchase a ticket and support our Junior Vikings as they pursue their education!

Language Camp is always a great hit! In this issue are Thank You notes and photos from the Jr. Vikings who attended. Everyone had a fantastic time and want to return next year! Jane Fosberg, a new Executive Council member, actually went up to Bimidji when her granddaughter Natalie attended (Ingjald #65). Jane shared what a wonderful place it is!

Well, now that all the ghosts and ghouling has subsided, we are looking towards the holidays. Surely all of us will be busy baking, shopping, and decorating. This is the most wonderful time of the year! Hoping that you, your family, and friends have a safe and happy holiday season. Ring in 2020 with good health, and happiness!

God Jul,
Mindy

Melinda R. Worden
Melinda R. Worden, Grand Chief



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of Vikings!**
(This is a closed group, 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
Harald #13			
Barbara M. Bialek	Judy A. Boldin	Kathleen Leigh Simons	Sharon Paulson
Kelly Lynne Kirby	Lawrence M. Nichols	Amy Snyder	Stephen Snyder
Benjamin James Koch	Lawrence M. Nichols	Sheryl Sodd	Jane Fasburg?
Lennart Lundh	Judy A. Boldin	Carole Stevens	Dave Bernhardt
Lin M. Lundh	Judy A. Boldin	Barbra Jane Taber	Robert C. Taber
Daneen Marie Malloy	Joanne R. Moore	Robert L Tedquist	Steven B. Tedquist
Robert Emmett Malloy	Joanne R. Moore	Cynthia VanRensselaer	Robert Van Ronsselaer
Erik Patrick Massey	Lawrence M. Nichols	Carla Weaver	Sammie S Sliwker
Marnie L Massey	Lawrence M. Nichols	Aiden C Williams	Randy Samuelson
Patricia A Parks	Judy A. Boldin	Gabriella J Williams	Randy Samuelson
Katie Lynn Wofford	Judy A. Boldin	Lance A Wood	Ronald V Strom
		Jeffrey Allen Woodring	Charles E Jackson
		Michael R Yuchnitz	Gladys Yuchnitz
		Julie Zahm	Julie Passai
		Ryan Zahm	Gerald Possai
		Daniel Zika	Paul J Zika
		Paul E Zika	Paul J Zika
Ingjald #65		Linne #57	
Shawn Anderson	Marsha Anderson	Evan Stuart Aamodt	Mark Edward Aamodt
Jean Ballerstein	Connie Sherman	Lucille A Aley	Mark F. Aley
Nancy Anne Barkstrom	Richard U Barkstrom	Nikolas Ray Aley	Mark Franklin Aley
Jack Brinkley	John Patrick Brinkley	Timothy Kevin Batchelor	Jeannine Hoerle
Mary Beth Coon	Pam Shay	Leann Renae Broughton	Ruth Ellen Schappert
Stacey Crandall	Jane Fosberg	Timothy Eric Chick	James E Chick
Kevin Ronald Dennison	Lexia Ann Dennison	John Robert Colella	Maureen Guthrie
James Donohue	Richard Hartman	Jennifer G Copley	Peggy Kapliscinski
Kaleigh Marie Dwyer	Susan Marie Bailey	Charles Richard Copley Jr.	Peggy Kapliscinski
David W Eaker	Steven A. Sandberg	Lawrence John DeWeerd	Joanne DeWeerd
Ronald J Eisensmith	Mark A Powers	Terri Lee DeWeerd	Joanne DeWeerd
Bret Emick	Helen Emick	Bradley Scott Doriot	Vicki Lee Broge
Robert Warren Ericsson	Tore V Arvidson	Lori Louise Doriot	Vicki Lee Broge
Kevin Frantz	Randy Fosberg	Peter James Duff	Brian P Duff
Michele Frantz	Randy Fosberg	Camden Reid Eigenauer	Kristi Lee Eigenauer
Janice A Gilmore	Heidi Michelle Brooke	John Jeffrey Gerencer	Patrick John Galaris
Nina P Gustafson	Alan P. Gustafson	James Allen Higginson	Mary Caswell
Daniel Heberle	Becky Liddell	Janice R Higginson	Mary Caswell
Joseph R Hiruman Jr	Terri L Hirliman	Julie Ann Jensen	Randi S. Buris
Anthony S Jagoda	Shelley Adams	Wayne Carl Jensen	Randi S. Buris
Aaron Robert Johnson	Jane Fosberg	Tyler Stephen Johnson	Megan E Fox
Joseph C Johnson	Janice Johnson	H Benjamin Loseth	Ronald Charles Fuller
Eric Klingersmith	Kris Piers	Bill O'Brien Jr	Valerie Sue O'Brien
Wayne Lacross	Marlene Sanders	Erin O'Brien Jr	Valerie Sue O'Brien
Lyndon H Landon	Mary Brant Landon	Carter Thomas O'Neil	Scott James O'Neil
Patricia Ericson Leake	Dudley R Ericson	David J Posson	Michael Swanson
Sandra Ross Mallare	Linda D Anderson	Kim Bernard Priebe	Kip Arnold
Kevin McClellan	Jaret Strickland	Vanna Jane Priebe	Debra Arnold
Daisy Meyer	Martha S Karapantso	Jamie Donald Seifert	John Klimsza
Ruby Meyer	Martha S. Karapantso	Mark Wylie Solomon	Kimberli Nicole Hernandez
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Ila Samuelson	Bradley Samuelson		
Nola Samuelson	Bradley Samuelson		
Daniel William Sandberg	Kevin T Seiberg		
Gary S Schauman	David F Schauman		

Welcome Aboard

Linne #57 Continued...

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Theresa Kay Harger
Kristopher James Hoffman
Brian Keith Johnson
Eric Paul Johnson
Karen Ann Johnson
Bonnie Jane Kelly
Peter Damian Koryzno
Sherry Lee Koryzno
Gail Ann Merill
Leigh Carlson Merrill II

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MILESTONES

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

Lodge	Member Name	Passed Away
Ingjald Lodge #65 IOV	JAMES H BUCK	6/30/2019
Grand Lodge	DONNA BALDWIN	
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	SHARON KAY BRAMER	9/16/2019
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	MAYME MALMQUIST	9/7/2019
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	RENE MARIE SUNDQUIST	8/15/2019
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	GARY J. SANDBERG	7/31/2019
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	JAMES OSCAR OLSEN	7/20/2019
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	MARY JANE KRUSE	7/6/2019
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	ANNE C. SAYLES	7/2/2019
Linne Lodge #57 IOV	BARBARA JOHN RECKELL	6/11/2019
Ingjald Lodge #65 IOV	ROBERT M CLASSON	3/7/2018



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.

LANGUAGE LESSON

Fika [fee-ka], Swedish verb and noun: a moment to slow down and appreciate the good things in life, usually used in reference to drinking coffee accompanied by something sweet.

"Ska vi ta en fika?" translates to "Do you want to take fika?"

Want more? Check out <http://ordoftheday.com/>

Administrator's Corner

Hello, Vikings!

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely autumn season.... It's my favorite time of year and lasted about 5 minutes here in Michigan!

Finally... The new IOV website is up and running! You can still access the site through iovikings.org. You should find all the IOV forms and contact information that you need. If something is missing, let me know and we'll figure out how to add it. Please take a few minutes to check it out and let us know what you think!

COMMUNICATION NOTES:

1. Please do NOT use any of the old email addresses that were connected to the website (EX: journal_editor@iovikings.org). They no longer work. If you need to contact me, you can use my personal email rlgrinnell@yahoo.com or use the contact form in the website.
2. Please send ALL IOV member- and lodge-related communication to my attention moving forward, at the fraternal administration mailing address.
UTG should only be contacted regarding individual insurance policies.
3. Address changes: if you submit an address change, please make sure to include the name and member numbers of all people who are affected by the address change. We don't make assumptions on this end, and don't want to miss anyone!

INSURANCE SURRENDER NOTES: *(Yes, we're tired of talking about it, too, but we have to...)*

1. We continue to hear from and about policy holders who are frustrated because they think they've already surrendered and don't know why they are still on the list. In almost all cases, those people have an existing policy that they didn't know about or have forgotten about. We've had quite a few former Juniors contact us, then realize that a relative had purchased a policy on their behalf. Again we ask, if you or someone you know is on "the list," please just submit a new Surrender Form. Worst case scenario, we find a mistake we can correct and quit bugging you; best case scenario, you get some money you weren't expecting!
2. CASH VALUE of policies changes on a monthly basis. We do not keep that information in the Fraternal Administration office. If you want to check the cash value of your insurance policy, call UTG at 877-241-6006. Please note that UTG is closed on national holidays and their message system will not allow you to leave a message.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions I can help with! Wishing you all a peaceful holiday season filled with love and laughter...



Robin Lynn Grinnell, IOV Fraternal Administrator
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Burn Camp News



This quarter we want to highlight the Great Lakes Burn Camp winter camp, which is located in Onaway, Michigan (that's in cold country up near the Mackinaw Bridge).

Winter Camp will be held at the UAW conference center on February 14, 15, 16 and 17. There will be 65 to 70 campers and 80 staff. I have never seen this camp but I'm sure it's great just like the summer location.

Unfortunately, all we have to report on the other camp is their websites:

Illinois is Camp I am me
Illinois Fire Safety Alliance at
www.IFSA.org

Connecticut is
Arthur C. Luf Burn Camp
Connecticut Burns Care Foundation
at www.CTburnsfoundation.org

We would like to thank Ingjald Lodge for donating a beautiful afghan for a fundraiser for the Great Lakes Burn Camp. We're sure it will be a great money maker!

The Burn Camp Committee
Bob Greenwald, Tom Jandt, and
Bob Grinnell

My Language Camp Experience

When I first stepped into Sjolunden, not knowing any Swedish, I was terrified and thought to myself "this is going to be a long two weeks". I was nervous leaving my family and had never been away from them for that long before. As we got up the check in desk the man was already speaking Swedish and I just looked at him as though he had 3 heads, but with the extra help of hand gestures I figured out he just needed to see my "pass" (passport). (We had passports because these camps want you to feel like you've entered a new country.)

Each camper and counselor got to pick a name to use during their stay, so I picked the closest one to my original name, Natalia. We also got last names as well and other campers can have the same last name, which means they're in your Familia. My family name happened to be Vasa, which was the first King of Sweden (well a United Sweden). I know I'm giving you all these extra details before I've even passed "customs," but they really make you feel like you're in a whole new world there right from the get-go! We all stayed in cabins and this year our cabins were named after Swedish desserts. My cabin was called Semian after the dough and cream stuffed dessert (which is delicious by the way!). I was the first one to arrive at my cabin and was greeted by this tall blonde Swedish girl named Astrid. She was kind and realized I didn't speak any Swedish whatsoever, so she helped me with telling me what to do and where to go as well as showing me around the cabin.

On this journey to Sjolunden I met so many wonderful people and I wasn't the only one who didn't know Swedish! It was so nice that there were other people like me there and by the end of camp we could at least hold a conversation in the language. Sjolunden wasn't just a place to learn, it's also a place to have fun and to be around people who make you laugh and who I'd consider family! The campers and the counselors all were one big family because we all had something in common and that's Sweden. I loved every experience at Sjolunden, and I learned so much about the world around me as well as their culture that I didn't know. I loved learning the language: I went from knowing none, to knowing a little here and there! I would love to go back and keep learning. I actually plan on doing so! I miss my Swedish family - they taught me so much!

Thank you all for this wonderful experience!
Natalie Fosberg
Ingjald Lodge



My Language Camp Experience

Thank you so much for the camp scholarship! I enjoyed learning Swedish and really just my whole stay. Concordia was an astonishing place with many activities. I learned how to sail; swam in the lake; played ping pong and Svenska innebandy games; enjoyed camp fires and many other things. Everyone I talked to enjoyed their stay there, too, and wanted to come again in 2020. I enjoyed myself there and loved meeting new people and learning the language.

My counselors were great at helping me understand the language better. My comprehension of Swedish grew an incredible amount in those two short weeks. I can speak much better than I ever could from doing language apps. I had a lot of fun there and enjoyed the variety of things to do and choose from. I quickly became attached to Sjölundén and all of the wonderful sights and people. I hope I will be able to go back next year and see my friends from this year as well. Thank you so so so so much for the scholarship and great times!

Sincerely,
Elias Carlson
Ring Lodge



Scandinavian Language Camp Application

Junior Member's Name: _____ Age: _____

Lodge Name: _____ Lodge #: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

First Time Camper: **YES** or **NO** (1st time campers are given priority)

Please circle which camp would you like to attend:

SWEDISH – NORWEGIAN – FINNISH – DANISH

Please circle which session: **One (1) week** or **Two (2) weeks**

Send Completed application **POSTMARKED** by **February 15, 2020** to:

E. Britt-Louise Hichue, Chairperson
1030 W. Grand Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49441

Scandinavian Language Camps Rules and Guidelines:

- This program is open to all paid-to-date Juniors (ages 8 – 18) who have been members of the I.O.V., for at least 6 months prior to application.
- The Grand Lodge will grant a 1-week or 2-week campership for up to 2 eligible juniors along with a stipend towards travel expenses.
- First time applicants are given first priority, however; previous campers may apply again year after year.
- Applications must be post marked by February 15, 2020.
- A lottery drawing will be held on March 1, 2020 to determine the winners.

After The Junior Has Attended Camp:

1. A THANK-YOU letter should sent to the Executive Council thanking them for their experience.
2. An article needs to be submitted for the JOURNAL about their experiences. Photos are also welcomed and encouraged.

If you have any questions you may contact anyone of us on the committee.

Language Camps Committee

E. Britt-Louise Hichue – Chairperson,
Robert Greenwald member

2020 GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP AND RAFFLE

The Scholarship Raffle is in full swing! Some of the raffle tickets went home with the council members who were at the October 12 meeting, and the rest were in the mail the next day. The only thing that changed this year is the return mailing address. **The person to mail the checks and stubs to this year is Faisal Abdelkader 3292 Rockland Muskegon, MI 49441.** Please mail your checks, ticket stubs, and unsold tickets **by January 20** so that they reach the lodge for the Winterfest drawing.

The prizes are the same as last year: first prize is \$500, second prize is \$200, third prize is \$150, and fourth and fifth prizes are \$75 each. The drawing will be held in Muskegon on the Saturday of Winterfest, January 25, 2020. The reason for the change is so Bob and Christine can get out of Dodge a few weeks sooner this year. We included a flyer in each package of tickets explaining the change.

PARENTS OF ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Be sure to remind your students to apply for an IOV scholarship. *Students must be Viking members to be eligible for a Grand Lodge scholarship.* The rules and all application forms can be downloaded from the IOV website (iovikings.org) beginning November 1, 2019. Applications must be returned by the March 1, 2020 deadline to be considered. The awards are valued at \$1,750. If you don't apply, well, you know the rest...

The Scholarship Committee

Rod Ottum, Bill Peterson, Barb Hendry, and Bob Grinnell

2020 SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

November 1, 2019 – Scholarship Application Available from Fraternal Administrator or IOV website

March 1, 2020 – Scholarship Applications DUE

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year, IOV provides scholarships for Junior Members to attend Language Camp at Concordia Language Villages. But Concordia isn't just for kids! If you're interested in their adult programs, check out their website:

<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/adult-programs>



2020 VIKING SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS CHECK OFF LIST

- ☐ 1. Do not disassemble application packet. All materials must be submitted together.
- ☐ 2. Read through all pages of the application.
- ☐ 3. Complete both pages of the application.
- ☐ 4. Have your lodge's Financial Secretary complete the Lodge Certification page.
- ☐ 5. Complete your 200-word essay on "Why I would like to be considered for this Viking Scholarship".
- ☐ 6. Forward to your high school Principal, Counselor, or Registrar the two-page application, the Financial Secretary's certification, your essay, and the form addressed to your high school. Please include a stamped addressed envelope as indicated on page two (2) of the application form.
- ☐ 7. Your high school will mail all the forms to the Grand Lodge Viking Scholarship Committee.

**ALL SCHOLARSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE IOV WEBSITE: iovikings.org**

**Grand Lodge Viking Scholarship Committee
IOV Fraternal Administration
PO Box 27186
Lansing, MI 48909**



2020 VIKING SCHOLARSHIP RULES

Very soon it will be time for our Junior Viking High School Seniors to be applying for scholarships to help continue their education. Don't forget to apply to the IOV!

All Applications Must Be Submitted And Postmarked Between November 1, 2019 and March 1, 2020

- 1) The Viking Scholarship Fund was established on June 14, 1963 at the Grand Lodge Meeting held in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2) A Scholarship Committee of at least three (3) members shall be appointed by the Grand Chief and Vice Grand Chief to manage the Viking Scholarship Fund and to award yearly scholarships of not less than \$250.00.
- 3) The Viking Scholarship Fund shall consist of monies received from fund raising events, donations or bequeaths from members, IOV lodges, friends of Vikings and accumulated interest on investments.
- 4) Scholarship Applications:
 - a) The applicant must hold either a Junior or Senior Membership in the Independent Order of the Vikings for at least six (6) months prior to the date of application.
 - b) The applicant must have dues/assessments paid up through December 31st of the year the scholarship is awarded.
 - c) The Financial Secretary of the subordinate lodge must certify the applicants name, lodge, certificate number and paid to date.
 - d) The applicant must be a high school senior who has received confirmation of acceptance from the institute of higher learning. If the recipient does not attend an institute of higher learning, the dollar amount of the scholarship check shall be returned to the Independent Order of Vikings
 - e) The applicant shall send the completed application form and lodge certification form to their high school.
 - f) The high school will submit a certified copy of high school grades (transcript) with the application forms and student evaluation to the Grand Lodge office.
 - g) Current application forms shall be available from the Grand Lodge office or the IOV website on November 1, 2019.
 - h) Applications for scholarships shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge office from November 1, 2019 to March 1, 2020.
 - i) Incomplete applications will not be judged by the adjudicators.
 - j) Applications will be judged on their merits.

ALL APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THE MARCH 1, 2020 DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!

- 5) A panel of adjudicators designated by the Viking Scholarship Committee will judge all applications and determine the qualifications of the applicants.
- 6) The Viking Scholarship Committee shall determine the number of recipients that will be awarded a Viking Scholarship.
- 7) The Viking Scholarship Committee shall have the power to make any additional rules to help in the selection of recipients.
- 8) The recipients of scholarships shall be announced at the first Executive Council Meeting after judging is complete. The scholarship check will be made payable to the recipient and paid in time for the fall semester.
- 9) These rules apply for the application year 2020. Scholarship rules and amount of the awards will be reviewed and updated yearly by the Executive Council of the Independent Order of Vikings.

The IOV Scholarship Committee
Bob Grinnell, Rodney Ottum and Bob Greenwald



APPLICATION FOR VIKING SCHOLARSHIP

Applications postmarked after March 1, 2020 will not be considered.

- 1) Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
- 2) Address: _____
(Number/Street) (City, State & Zip Code)
- 3) Home Phone: ____/____/____ Cell Phone: ____/____/____
- 4) Email: _____
- 5) Member of Viking Lodge (Name) _____ (Lodge Number) _____
- 6) My Viking Insurance Certificate Number _____
- 7) Names of schools attended: Grade School _____
Junior High _____
Senior High _____
- 8) Name of college accepted by: _____
Located at: _____
- 9) List extra-curricular activities: (sports, clubs, publications, etc.)

- 10) List honors won: (National Honor Society, clubs, sports, music, etc.)

Applicant: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

11) Community service (civic, church, clubs, etc.):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

12) Work Experience:

_____	_____
_____	_____

13) **Include with this application** an essay of not more than 200 words on “Why I would like to be considered for a Viking Scholarship”.

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Please complete this application entirely. Attach this 2-page application to your essay and the completed Lodge Certification Form from your Lodge’s Financial Secretary. Turn all materials over to your Principal, Counselor or Registrar along with the form the high school is to complete. Provide a stamped envelope addressed as below for the high school to forward all the required forms to the IOV office.

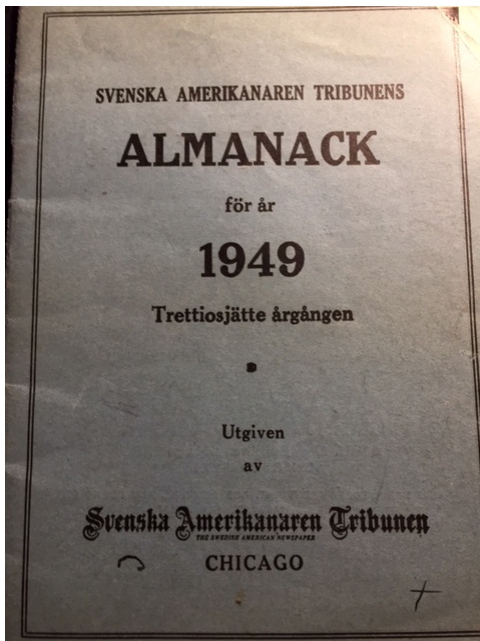
**Independent Order of Vikings
Fraternal Administration
PO Box 27186
Lansing, MI 48909**

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: _____

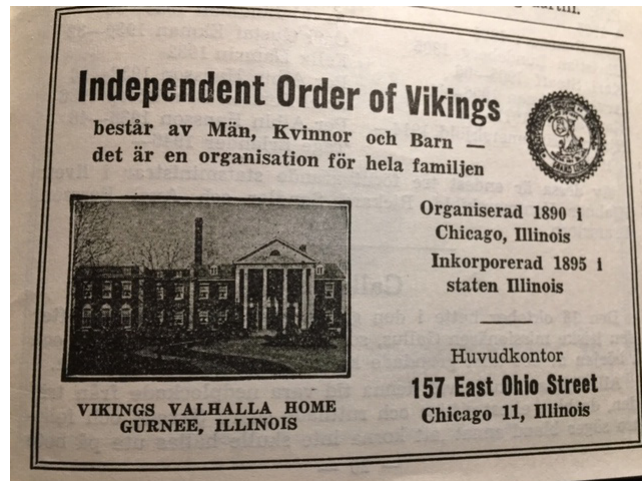
Date Application Completed: _____

RING LODGE #18

Rockford, IL



Sometimes our members come across little treasures that remind us of our history. Thanks to Larry Anderson for sharing these images from 1949: an ad from the 1949 Svenska Amerikanaren Tribunens and 1949 Almanack.



What was the Valhalla Home?

In 1912 The Independent Order of Vikings purchased an old home and about 80 acres in Gurnee, Illinois. It became known as Valhalla and was converted into a clubhouse and hotel. A summer dining hall, a dance hall and a large red brick building were erected. The red brick building was used as a nursing home for elderly people of Swedish descent.

In 1963 the Viking Valhalla Home was sold due to a decline in use and the expanded Social Legislation in most states. Proceeds of the home were to be invested and the interest to be distributed annually to subordinate lodges to be used as an aged and needy fund for its members. The Aged & Needy Fund was ended several years ago, due to the changing needs of IOV members, with the funds redirected to other IOV programs.



LINNE' LODGE #57

Muskegon, MI

Hello from Muskegon!

What a summer and fall we have had. The water is so high that our dock is under water at times. Hopefully, next year won't be as rainy.

The Lodge's 100th Anniversary Party was awesome! The dinner and program were excellent, with a full four-course dinner. Well done to the Committee and the Chairpersons Marsha Abdelkader, Chris Grinnell, Peggy Schafer and Britt Hichue. (I hoped I didn't miss anyone!) A lot of other dinners and get-togethers have also happened, including our Halloween Party, the Veteran's Dinner, and a lot of Steak Fries.

Our Vice Chief, Greg Liskey, put on the Family Picnic in August. There were about 200 plus at the party. Thanks to all who helped out.

It is wonderful to be a part of such a great organization, not only for the parties but also for the things we do for our community. The Linne' Grants Committee has donated thousands of dollars to local efforts as does our community foundation. It is great to have so many caring people volunteer their time to these causes.

On a lighter note we have a lot of geese that poop on our dock. In June I bought an Owl decoy and put him on the dock.

He watched as the geese pooped every day. I think I should have explained myself better to him.

Blessings in the upcoming Holiday season. GOD JUL!

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



Presentation of Past-Grand Chief Jacket to Bill Schaefer



*100th Anniversary
Historical Re-enactment*



*Halloween Winners - Shawn Perry and
Jeanette Reckell*



*Halloween Winners - MaryBeth Liskey,
Lisa Wright and Audrey DeYoung*

Join us in Muskegon for Winterfest 2020!

Come join your fellow Vikings January 24-26 at Linne' Lodge, for Winterfest 2020! Friday activities include golf, bowling and shot ski with a French Dip and Baked Potato Bar, plus music for dancing! Saturday includes softball, football and a Steak Fry. Sunday includes Brunch, Music, Bowling and Golf.

Advance Tickets are only necessary for:

- Saturday Steak Fry - \$15 per person
- Sunday Brunch - \$6.00 per person ages 12 and up; \$3.00 for ages 5-11; ages 4 and under are free.

Please send all food reservations to:

Linne' Lodge #57, 3132 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon MI 49441. ATTN: Lisen Kerbuski

Include a check for payment and indicate how many and what type of tickets you are purchasing.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS for out-of-town guests can be made by calling Shoreline Inn – 1-800-809-0210 or Comfort Inn – 1-855-973-7215. Linne' Lodge #57 is no longer making hotel reservations for guests.

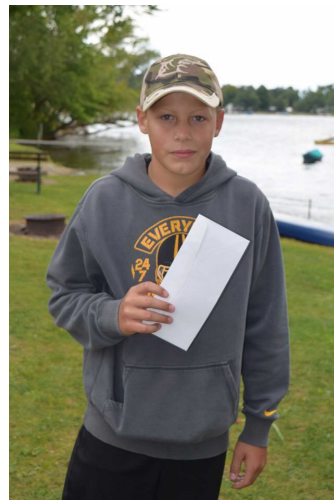
INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, New York

Ingjald Lodge Youth Activities

Throughout the year many youth- oriented activities are conducted at our Lake Park Lodge. As has been the custom for many years, our Family Picnic was held at the end of July. Viking families gather to participate in a variety of games and activities for all ages---youth and adult. Free popcorn, ice cream, \$.25 hotdogs, and prizes are the fare of the day. Activities include a waterslide, age-group money scrambles, races for all ages, games for all ages, and of course music provided by the ever-popular Brad Zimmer's "DJ's Unlimited." It was a great day for Vikings of all ages. Both Lynn Linberg who served as chairperson, and a host of dedicated volunteers deserve a BIG THANK YOU for their hard work providing such a wonderful family activity day!

enthusiasm exhibited by the young anglers. He stated that there were many "Kodak moments" as the young Vikings reeled in their fish!

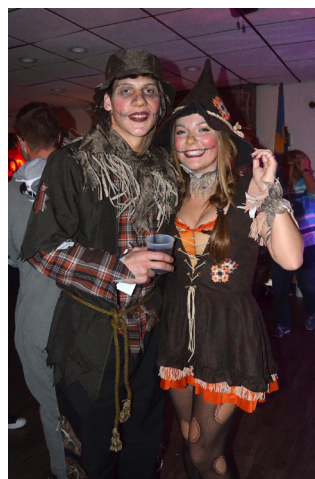


Another Viking youth event held this September was a fishing contest for young people under the age of having to get licenses. This was sponsored by the Viking Boat Club which awarded cash prizes to all participants. Boat Club member Gary Sorenson stated he was pleased with the turn out and

On the last weekend in October Ingjald Lodge held its youth and adult Halloween parties. This year we had 22 cars participate in the "Trunk and Treat"; each giving out an abundance of candy. There was a costume parade and prizes awarded to winners in different age group categories. Activities included decorating pumpkins and cookies, and many others. Music and other timely fun Halloween activities were provided by DJ's Unlimited. Special "Halloween" dinners for kids were available for families staying for dinner. Many people commented on the beautiful and tasteful Halloween decorations. Darla Nelson and Dawn Stuart, co-chairpersons, deserve a hearty "THANK YOU" for planning this very fun and well-organized Halloween Party that a large group of enthusiastic young people enjoyed. The adult Halloween party was held the day before the youth party. Vikings shed

their blue and yellow colors in exchange for myriad creative costumes. They also enjoyed the music and antics of DJ's Unlimited.

Our Ingjald Lodge Chief, Jane Forsberg, expressed appreciation to all the individuals and groups that made these events possible by donating their time, talent and financial aid. She has stated on numerous occasions that our Viking Club's strength depends upon volunteers and the support of inner Viking clubs. She encourages all Vikings to "step up to the plate" and volunteer for some activity throughout the year. She further stated that when you volunteer you are not only helping by sharing the load, but you are also being rewarded with a sense of satisfaction. Just think how strong our Ingjald Lodge would be if every member volunteered once a year (AND HOW PROUD YOU WOULD FEEL!)



INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, New York

Extending a Helping Hand

Our Ingjald Lodge #65 has followed the guidelines of making donations to worthy organizations that affect the most people in our area. In keeping with this philosophy, a \$500 donation was given to the Maple Springs Fire Department. This dedicated group of fire fighters and emergency volunteers has always been willing to help in any way possible, handling all kinds of emergencies. They have been ready to help when called upon during our annual Viking Polar Bear Swim, annually assist the arrival of Santa Claus by fire truck, and are available whenever needed. It is truly comforting and reassuring to have such a wonderful relationship. Doug Conroe of the Maple Springs Fire Dept. is pictured receiving a \$500 check from Head Trustee Bryan Nelson.

Two other organizations, entrusted with the care of our beautiful Chautauqua Lake were also given donations of \$250 each: the Chautauqua Lake Association and the Chautauqua Lake Partnership. Ingjald Lodge #65 is committed to continue giving back to the community through such donations.



Ingjald Lodge "CRAYFISH PARTY"

Sometimes our memories transport us to remember wonderful parties and celebrations. On August 31, 1996 Ingjald Lodge hosted a marvelous Kraftkalas Gala Jubilee and Crayfish Party. This event was co-sponsored by the Jamestown Community College Scandinavian Studies Program. Keith Spaulding was Ingjald Chief in 1996 and played a major role, along with many volunteers, in planning and carrying out this memorable celebration. Our kitchen staff did an wonderful job of cooking the crayfish and a large assortment of typical Scandinavian foods provided a truly outstanding meal (see menu pictured). Vice Chief John Scroxtton served as emcee, making the program flow seamlessly. It was truly a party to remember and cherish for all in attendance.

Kraftkalas Party Menu



Ingjald Lodge servers lined up with large plates of crayfish ready to eat.



Past Ingjald Chief Keith Spaulding, Barbara and John Scroxtton, Toots and Stub Porter enjoying the food and festivities

SIGURD LODGE #30

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Hi all!

First of all, I would like to apologize for not submitting an article in the last journal! I started writing one but never finished it, thinking I had sent it... so hopefully I will not get fired! I guess that's one of the great things about getting old: "forgetting."

I would like to thank Ingjald Lodge for holding a great convention! The food was great, the rooms at the hotel were great, the entertainment was great, the hospitality room was great and -most of all - the camaraderie was great! Also thanks to all the volunteers who put in many hours working on the convention.

I would also like to thank the delegates for electing me as Vice Grand Chief! Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Chief, Mindy Worden and also to all the re-elected and newly elected council members. A special thanks to Past Grand Chief Ralph Beck for serving on the council for 20+ years and Larry Anderson for numerous years. You both will be missed.

The next convention will be hosted by Sigurd Lodge #30 in Kenosha: the tentative dates are June 16-19, 2021. One thing I'm looking for is volunteers as there will be a lot of work involved. With many good volunteers I'm sure we will be able to put on a great convention; we need to get going in 2020.

Back in August we had a very nice picnic at the club. Thanks to Joyce Jacob for purchasing the food as well as organizing it. Thanks to those that brought a dish to pass, as well as those cooking outside and helping with set up and take down.

Jerry Jacob has been on the sick list recently but as of now is doing great. James Lawson recently had surgery but he, too, is doing great. Dee Ottum contacted the Norwegian flu but is doing much better. For those not knowing what the Norwegian flu is: she got sick on our last few days when we were in Norway in September. Just to let everyone know we had

a wonderful trip. We started out with our son and daughter-in-law in Poland for six days and visited Dee's relatives there, and then boarded a cruise ship in Stockholm. We stopped in Finland, Russia, Estonia, Germany, Denmark and Norway on a two-week cruise. In Norway we stayed at a bed and breakfast on my Great Grandfather's farm. All I can say is, "what a trip!"

October 12 I was at Linne' Lodge in Muskegon for a Council meeting as well as their 100th anniversary. Our meeting was very busy with a lot of discussions on the surrender of policies as well as the struggles of some lodges, which I hate to see. The Council and lodges need to try to keep our lodges and membership strong. Please try retain your current membership as well as signing up new ones.

One thing brought up at our meeting at Sigurd recently was a Grand Lodge scholarship rule that some of our newer members were not aware of: in order for a student to receive a scholarship, he or she must be a member for six months prior to submitting an application. Sigurd Members: if you haven't purchased a scholarship raffle ticket yet check with the bartender or contact me.

Our fall breakfast is November 10th which will be past by the time you read this. Our spring breakfast will be April 25, and the Grand Lodge Executive Council meeting will be held here on Saturday morning April 24. Election of lodge officers is December 5 and our Christmas party at the club will be on Friday December 13.

I would like to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Rod Ottum, Chief

SKANDIA LODGE #68

Portland, OR

Greetings from the western edge of the sprawling IOV domain. Portland is known for great beers, restaurants and outdoor activities. The beach and mountains are both close. There are a lot of northern Europeans here. Skandia Lodge is one of six Swedish organizations. We all have our own activities, as well as joining together within the League of Swedish Societies to produce some large events.

In June, a few thousand folks celebrated Midsommer at Oaks Park. We enjoyed numerous musical performances, dance groups, food vendors and a beer garden. Of course, the Maypole was decorated with birch and flowers until it was almost too heavy to erect. That done, dancing continued

along with games for all ages and craft activities for younger ones. We're looking forward to teaming with Nordic Northwest in early December for Scanfair. All the usual Nordic foods and sounds will be there along with a Viking ship display.

Skandia hosted a field trip to the new Scandinavian Museum in Seattle last spring. Other lodges in Portland were included. The trip was so successful (Thank you Wayne Barker for organizing it.), we are planning another trip next spring.

Fraternaly yours,
Bruce K. Tolonen, Chief

Santa Lucia featured on an antique holiday card



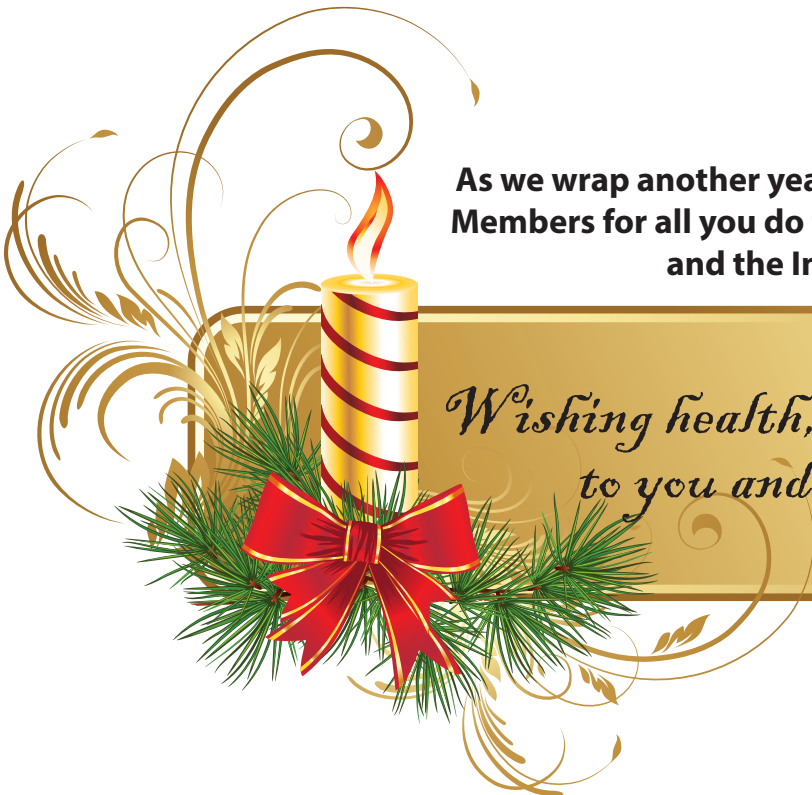
Feast of Saint Lucy – December 13

Saint Lucy's Day, also called the Feast of Saint Lucy, is a Christian feast day celebrated on December 13 in Advent to commemorate Saint Lucy, a 3rd-century martyr under the Diocletianic Persecution. According to legend, Saint Lucy brought food and aid to Christians hiding in the catacombs using a candle-lit wreath to light her way and leave her hands free to carry as much food as possible. Her feast once coincided with the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year before calendar reforms, so her feast day has become a Christian festival of light. Falling within the Advent season, Saint Lucy's Day is viewed as an event signaling the arrival of Christmastide, pointing to the arrival of the Light of Christ in the calendar, on Christmas Day.

Saint Lucy's Day is celebrated most commonly in Scandinavia, with their long dark winters, where it is a major feast day, and in Italy, with each emphasizing a different aspect of the story. In Scandinavia, where Saint Lucy is called Santa Lucia in Norwegian and Danish, and Sankta Lucia in Swedish, she is represented as a lady in a white dress (a symbol of a Christian's white baptismal robe) and red sash (symbolizing the blood of her martyrdom) with a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Norway, Sweden and Swedish-speaking regions of Finland, as songs are sung, girls dressed as Saint Lucy carry cookies and saffron buns in procession, which symbolizes bringing the light of Christianity throughout world darkness. In both Protestant and Catholic churches, boys participate in the procession as well, playing different roles associated with Christmas, such as that of Saint Stephen. It is said that to vividly celebrate Saint Lucy's Day will help one live the long winter days with enough light.

As we wrap another year, we want to say "thank you" to our Viking Members for all you do to strengthen your lodge, your community, and the Independent Order of Vikings!

*Wishing health, happiness, and good fortune
to you and yours in the new year!*



Can You Help Us Find These Vikings?

We currently have about 1,200 active policy holders in the IOV Insurance Program. Below are the names of 186 current and past members who we need to contact about the status of their policy but, unfortunately, we do not have a current mailing address or phone number for them.

We are hoping that YOU, as family and friends of these individuals, can help us find them! We are aware that many people may believe they have already surrendered their policy but, for one of several possible reasons, the policy has not yet been closed. The quicker we can communicate with these folks regarding their policy status and plans, the sooner we can move on to other conversations!

IF YOU KNOW ANY OF THESE PEOPLE, please....

1. Have them complete the Surrender Form in this Journal and return it to the Fraternal Administrator, or
2. Contact the fraternal administrator with up to date information (phone, mailing address or email) so a surrender committee member can follow up.

THANK YOU for your help!
The IOV Surrender Committee

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INSURANCE SURRENDER FORM – please provide address and phone number

Name of Insured:

Policy Owner:

Policy Number:

Address:

Phone:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE RETURNING

In consideration of and exchange for the Cash Value of Policy Number listed above issued on the life of the Insured listed above, I (we) hereby surrender said policy for cancellation. In accordance with the terms of the policy, it is hereby agreed that any indebtedness thereon to the Company will be deducted from the Cash Value. Said Cash Value is accepted in full settlement and complete satisfaction of all rights, claims and demands under said Policy. It is expressly represented and warranted that no other person, firm or corporation has any interest in said policy except the undersigned and that no proceedings in insolvency or bankruptcy have been instituted or are pending against the undersigned.

Unless attached, I certify that the policy contract has been misplaced, lost, or destroyed.

Executed this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

Signature of Owner

Signature of Witness (non-related adult)

Check any that apply and provide date/documentation if available:

___ Policy holder is deceased. _____

___ Policy has already been surrendered on date: _____

___ I would like to donate the cash value of my policy to the Independent Order of Vikings:
 ___ scholarship fund ___ language camp scholarships ___ burn camp fund

___ I do not plan to surrender my insurance policy (*please explain*).

___ *Please add me to the Do Not Contact list.*

Independent Order of Vikings

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IMPORTANT DATES:

December 13, 2019	St. Lucia Day
December 31, 2019	Lodge Quarterly Reports due to Fraternal Administrator
January 20, 2020	Mailing deadline for Scholarship Raffle Tickets
January 25, 2020	Scholarship Raffle Drawing
January 31, 2020	Lodge's Annual Reports due to Fraternal Administrator
February 1, 2020	Journal Article submissions due (March Journal)
February 15, 2020	Language Camp Applications Due
March 1, 2020	Scholarship Applications Due
March 30, 2020	Lodge Quarterly Reports due to Fraternal Administrator

PLEASE HELP US CLOSE THE IOV INSURANCE PROGRAM!

If you haven't yet done so, surrender your policy today! You can maintain your Vikings membership by paying dues through your home lodge. The form can be found on page 19 of this newsletter.

RETURN surrender forms to:

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THANK YOU!