

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

Hello, Vikings!

I can't believe that September is here! We did have a nice summer, with many get-togethers with friends and family. It was very nice to be able to get together after all this time with COVID, and I hope that all Vikings enjoyed the same.

Executive Council has been very busy, and we have been having our meetings via Zoom. Happy to say that Council will be getting together in October for a meeting. FINALLY! Council has been making progress and getting things in order for our great IOV.

I thought I would do my message a little differently this time. I would like to answer some questions that were asked about being a Viking. You will see that other Council members added their thoughts throughout the Journal.

What I value most about being a Viking is first: that I am proud to be Grand Chief. I have been a Viking since I was a young child, and I have been fortunate that I have worked my way up the chain, making my family, Viking friends, and hopefully others proud that I made it to where I am today. I couldn't have done it without all the support, and I appreciate being a Viking.

I think the IOV is important for keeping all of our Scandinavian values and traditions alive, and all that our individual Lodges do for their members and their communities. Our IOV offers scholarships to graduating Vikings. This has been going for many years. Our Viking of the Year has been a great success, recognizing the Vikings who go above and beyond in many ways. The IOV supports Burn Camps, and we also send young Viking members to Language Camp; both of these have been important for all. Not to forget all the volunteering that many members do for our IOV, like ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas!

The biggest difference the IOV makes is we are a large organization that has done many wonderful things for our communities and members. We keep camaraderie going in all of our Lodges – we are a community and a family.

My best Viking memory is when we were younger, our whole family would be up to the Lake every weekend. On Sunday, Dad and Mom would have us up early to get our favorite picnic site. We had a blast every weekend on beautiful Chautauqua Lake. I will always remember the day I was nominated to be Grand Chief, also. That was quite an amazing moment, and glad that I am able to serve you in this role.

In the future, I hope that our great IOV will continue to keep growing and holding strong. We have had a few people ask about starting up new Lodges and, as all of you might guess, "yes" they are wanting a Vikings Club in Florida! My hope is that many years from now I can still see my family and friends at our Club, and all of the Clubs.

I hope you all enjoy the beautiful colors of the Fall season, my favorite time of the year! I can't say that I am looking forward to what comes next, but this past year is flying by. Must be I have been having a lot of fun!

Til next time,
Mindy

Melinda R. Worden

Melinda R. Worden, Grand Chief

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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!!

NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Ingjald Lodge #65			
Michelle Alford	Mindy Worden	Justin Litzinger	Lori Kooken
Barbara Boutelle	William Roehm	John M Lobb	Christina Olson
Julie A Breene	Diane C Rush	Andrew I Lusk	Kim Touhey
Kathleen A Briggs	Jane Fosberg	Carrie Lyon	Toni Ann Lyon
Kristine Brombacher	Julie Possai	Mary M Marshall	Frances Lee Carlson
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Charles Bush	Gary Sorenson	Andrew Napierala	Tom Muldowney
William Daniel Caballero	Jon R Stahley	Brian S Nelson	Mary Beth Coon
Darrell Card	Sean O'boyle	Amy L Peterson	Connie Sherman
Mark R Carlson	Cynthia Clark	Jon J Peterson	Jerry A Peterson
William Carlson	Cynthia Clark	Robert I Peterson	Connie Sherman
Lawrence H Carter	James Fincher	Mary Prince	Lee R Anderson
Meg Chambers	Wendy Lewellen	Andrew Purpura	Suzanne Purpura
Dana R Cindrich	Richard A Hernan Jr	Sarah Ramirez	Dorene Hess
Scott Clark	Dawn Gilbert	Patrick Noel Reagan	Robert Reagan
Nancy K Curry	Carol Samuelson	Cindy Ribaudo	Kevin Demarco
Rebecca Demarco	Kevin Demarco	David Rinaldo	Robert Nordwall
Janet Dominico	Debra Pavlock	Matthew Sample	Kim Becker Sample
John Dominico	Debra Pavlock	Tim Sample	Kim Becker Sample
Suzanne Dunham	Thomas Anderson	Susann K Samuelson-Delbalso	Greg Hallberg
Cecelia Eklum	Dawn Eklum	Maya Singer	Courtney Singer
Michael Emiliani	William L Ferguson	Megan Smith	Susan M Ryan
Nancy Ericsson	Robert W Ericsson	Todd Smith	Matthew Ryan
Beverly J Farrell	Janice Schauman	Chad Spaulding	Mj Spalding
Karen Magnuson Galbato	Timothy Magnuson	Patrick V Stephens	Jeff Stephens
Craig Glatz	Thomas Glate	Scott Streed	Rebecca
Vern Gray	Karen Carlson	Bloomquist	
Frank C Gugino	Tara Gugino	Liane Suhey	Lisa Kilway
Zachary Jay Hallberg	Greg Hallberg	Grace M Sunday	Lisa Sunday
Stacey Hannon	Charles Telford	Noelle Swanson	Heather Kyser
Raylene Hinley-Schroeck	Paul Schroeck	Anne Tirbaso	William Tirbaso
Dina Holmberg	Rory Holmberg	William Tirbaso	John Kleinfelder
David Johnson	Thomas D Johnson	Bridget Valone	Robert Tedquist
Les Johnson	Victor Anderson	Dennis Wells	Timothy P Wells
Lorinda Kay Johnson	John Alton Johnson	Pauline E Wells	Timothy P Wells
Michael L Johnson	Thomas D Johnson	Kelly White	Ronald R Willey
Steven Robert Jones	Tim Wells	Katie Wolff	Jim Mergenhagen
Tara Jungquist	Calvin Jungquist	Kevin Wolff	Jim Mergenhagen
Jake Kane	Jane Fosberg	Noah Wright	Shannon Wright
Laurene "Beckie" Kane	Jane Fosberg	Susan Zayas	Sandra M Kozlow
Susan Karpinski	Lennart R Carlson	Lynn Zika	Paul J Zika
Robert M Kent Jr	Charles W Kent		
Matthew Kindberg	Tricia Conklin	Linne' Lodge #57	
Lynnette Klingensmith	Eric Klingensmith	Catalina Guajardo	Stacy Guajardo
Jennifer Ellen Knorr	Elizabeth Lingenfelter	Joslynn Guajardo	Stacy Guajardo
Vicki Kosthorst	Steve Kosthorst	Darcy Parker	Amanda Parker
Donna J Landers	Kevin Demarco		
Terry Leonard	Randy Rhinehart	Ring Lodge #18	
Erik Lindemann	James M Larson	Bill Hills	Tom Gosselin
		David J Peterson	Bryan Peterson



MILESTONES

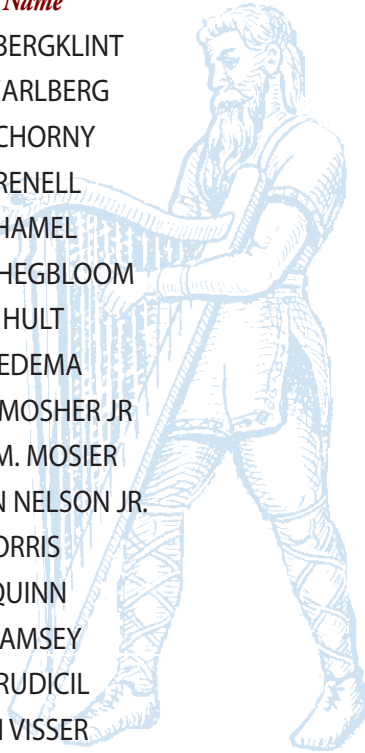
To let you know that our many thoughts are with the members and families in this time of sorrow.

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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.



We Need Your Email!

IOV plans to communicate with members more frequently via email or our website, to save postage and time. We realize that not all members attend monthly Lodge meetings, and we want to make sure you have the information you need. If you are not currently receiving email notice of when the Journal is ready on the website, that means we are missing your email address. PLEASE send your email to admin@iovikings.org NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, and include the name and member number (if you have it) for the person or people that should be updated with that address. Thank you!

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GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS

It's that time of year again! IOV awarded 2021 Grand Lodge Scholarships of \$1,750.00 to six Junior Vikings. Applications for the 2022 scholarship awards open on November 1.

The application materials will be available on the IOV website, <https://.iovikings.org>.

The scholarship rules are shared in this Journal, and the application and checklist will be printed in the December Journal.

Every year we get contacted by students or parents who missed the deadline. **Please make sure to add the scholarship dates to your calendar and promote through your club!** We hope all our Junior Vikings have a great school year!

2022 VIKING SCHOLARSHIP RULES

All applications must be submitted and postmarked between November 1, 2021 and March 1, 2022

- 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 an 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 IOV Fraternal Administrator.
 - g) Current application forms shall be available from the Fraternal Administrator or the IOV website on November 1, 2021.
 - h) Applications for scholarships shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge office from November 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022.
 - 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, 2022 DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!

- 5) A panel of independent adjudicators 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 scholarship recipients 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 **2022**. 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, Bill Peterson and Mary Beth Liskey

2022 SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

November 1, 2021
Scholarship Application Available
from Fraternal Administrator or
IOV website

March 1, 2022
Scholarship Applications DUE



Scholarship Thank Yous!

2021 Scholarship Recipients:

- Olivia Abraham, Linne' Lodge #57
- Corinne Covert, Ingjald Lodge #65
- Natalie Fosbert, Ingjald Lodge #65
- Jami Mikesell, Linne' Lodge #57
- Callan Ottum, Sigurd Lodge #30
- Allison Tilburg, Ingjald Lodge #65



Thank you for selecting me as a scholarship winner. The scholarship is going towards my tuition at University of Rochester where I plan to study in the biology field. I hope to engage in research, internships, and even study abroad while at UR. I cannot wait to start this new chapter in my life!

*Thank you,
Allison Tilburg*



I would like to thank you for awarding me with one of the IOV Grand Lodge scholarships. I am attending West Virginia University in the fall, and majoring in Animal and Nutritional Science on the pre-veterinary track. I look forward on college breaks being able to visit the Ingjald Lodge Lake park, and enjoying the beautiful lake views.

Corinne Covert

*Dear Vikings,
I am honored to receive the scholarship award from the Independent Order of Vikings. I'm astonished to see my academic excellence being awarded outside of my high school. I will always have great memories of being with the Vikings, especially with my grandfather. I am going to film school and the money will help tremendously for my future career.*

*Sincerely,
Callan Ottum*



Thank you so much for helping me in my dream to attend the University of Michigan. I am so appreciative of the Vikings Club for this scholarship and helping me achieve my goals.

*Go Blue!
Jami Mikesell*



Dear Vikings:

I am beyond grateful to have been named a recipient of the 2021 IOV Grand Lodge Scholarship. I am writing to thank you all for this generous gift.

For the next four years, I will be studying both Neuroscience and Spanish at the University of Michigan. I then intend to pursue a medical degree. It is my hope that I can remain involved in the IOV activities and events as well.

Again, thank you for your contributions. Because of this scholarship award, I will be able to focus on my studies rather than my debts.

*Sincerely,
Olivia Abraham*



Dear Viking Lodge members,

I just wanted to reach out and give my personal thanks for the scholarship I received. It really means a lot to me, and I am putting this scholarship money towards my education and love for languages. I will be majoring in a language at college.

I wanted you all to know that when I went to Sjolunden at the Concordia Language Village that it really helped me decide what I wanted to do with my future. While I was there, I learned all about Swedish culture and the language, as well as how to help our planet. It was a life altering experience that I will never forget.

I'm happy to tell you all that I will be using this scholarship to better my education and to give the same experience I felt, while at Sjolunden, to many others. I'm not exactly sure what I want to be yet, but I know whatever I may be, it will be a great one, because the Swedish community has really helped me find myself in this vast world.

Again, I just wanted to thank you all so much for helping me with my journey so far. This lodge, this group has really left a mark on me, and I will carry it wherever I may go. Thank you.

*Best,
Natalie Fosberg*

SIGURD LODGE #30

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Greetings from SE Wisconsin!

Things have been pretty quiet here, due to people on vacations or other things. We haven't had very many meetings during the summer, hopefully we start getting more people at the meetings.

Back in May I had the honor of presenting my grandson, Callan Ottum with a check for \$1,750.00 as he was one of six juniors to be awarded a Grand Lodge scholarship this year. He is only the third junior member from Sigurd to be awarded one. Congratulations to the other five juniors who received a scholarship this year, too.

Linda Roberts has been in the hospital and also in a rehab for her knee which has been a problem for her some time, hopefully she is doing much better as of now. Jerry Jacobs has also been having some issues and hopefully he, too, is doing much better.

Our annual picnic will be September 11th.

Remember, HAPPINESS IS BEING A VIKING!

Rod Ottum, correspondent



Vice Grand Chief Rod Ottum and Grandson, Callan

Reflections

IOV Helped Make a Dream Come True!

Bill Schaefer, Immediate Past Grand Chief, and Peggy Schaefer

Without the IOV, this NEVER would have happened! It was first an opportunity for our daughter to go to Language Camp at Concordia Language Camp in Bemidji, MN. She was thrilled when her name had been drawn! We took her and Jay Wallace up to the camp and the plan was for them to fly, together, back home. There she learned many Swedish or Scandinavian cultural activities, learned some of the language and explored the foods.

We, then had a new priority in our life! She declared when arriving home that she would like to go back to the Camp for TWO weeks. Through Linne' Lodge, she had the opportunity to once again go back to Language Camp. She had met many new friends, but the desire to go back was very great.

After picking her up from the two-week experience, she had a desire to go back for a month! Once again we were able to help her carry out her dream. After her month Language Camp we heard the same line, but with a new twist..."this time I would like to go to Sweden!"

We looked at more opportunities and decided on the organization "Youth For Understanding." The next summer, off she went to Sweden with this group. She stayed with a wonderful family - 2 girls, one boy and both parents that lived in the North of Sweden, Umea, and luckily she fit right into the family and loved it!

The next summer, one of the Swedish daughters that she had bonded with came to stay with us. We loved her! Since then, we have been in Sweden three different times and stayed with the family. The family (parents) have been to the United States and stayed with us and, another time, we ALL have vacationed together in Florida. 14 of us - in one house - the parents; the daughter who had come to stay with us along with her and her husband's children; our daughter, who also was married with her three children; and us. We had a fabulous time!

Our Swedish "family" was such a blessing! They taught us many Swedish ways and introduced us to many new foods as well as their way of living. While visiting in Sweden, we drove back to the airport in Stockholm and had an opportunity to see the town where my Swedish heritage all began.

To this day we still call and write each other, and it all started with the IOV.

LINNE' LODGE #57

Muskegon, MI

This past year has been very trying. Our Lodge was forced to open with restrictions, close, reopen again with restrictions, and finally open completely. In this year and a half, our Vikings family felt the loss of our Chief Greg Liskey and past chiefs Ray Cook and Merritt Bergklint, and many other cherished friends. We have come out of the storm strong and determined to keep our lodge thriving.

This summer we began "Sunday Funday, music on the lawn." Local artists entertained while various members served a late lunch.

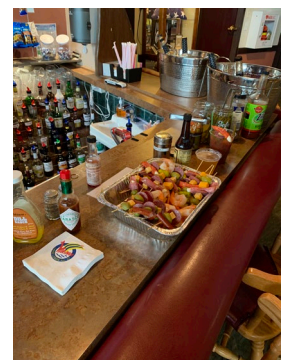
Our Viking of the Year Alf Majors and his family hosted the July 4th celebration. Young and old enjoyed hot dogs, watermelon, and lawn games before the city's fireworks lit up the sky. The Majors family put on a wonderful family party. Thank you!

On August 1, members enjoyed the Annual family picnic. The club provided hot dogs, brats, burgers and refreshments while the members provided delicious sides and deserts. The

children enjoyed carnival games and a bounce house while the adults played bingo, socialized, and tried their luck at a chance to win numerous prizes. This year the picnic featured our first corn hole tournament with 40 teams participating. It was a great turn out of young and old. Bill O'Brien and David O'Brien won. It was great to have so many members present. The Linne' 57 Lodge members who helped put on the fun and successful event are greatly appreciated.

We may have been challenged in this last year. We may have been tested. However, together we have helped console our families who have lost loved ones and been supportive of those in need. There is newfound appreciation for the camaraderie of our membership and a strengthening of our will to continue our traditions.

Shawn Perry, Vice Chief



ORVAR ODD #24

Omaha, Nebraska

Hej fellow Vikings,

Greetings from Omaha Lodge, Orvar Odd # 24. We held a Midsommar Picnic on June 25 in one of our tree- shaded parks. We had a great turnout. We served Köttbullar, sill, potatis med dill, sallad, risgrynpudding, lingon, torta med jordgubber, kaffebröd, rödbetor, rödkol, mandelkaka, pepperkakor, knäckebröd, laxspridning, kryddade ägg, rågbröd, gurksallad, and paj. Of course we had some coffee for the brave in our warm July weather. We also had games for children and flowers to make crowns.

We held a few picnic area meetings in 2020 in Sept-Nov and May 2021, then Midsommar. We will now begin meeting again at restaurants since we sold our building in 2013. Nebraska has headed back to normal so we are able to meet.

We hope all are well and soon able to return to their Lodge meetings as we are.

Submitted by Rec. Sec. Beth Rosenquist



Reflections

What I Love About Being a Viking

Rodney Ottum, Vice Grand Chief

I have lots of memories as a Viking, being I've been a member since 1969 (wow I'm getting old). The thing that stands out are the friends I have met over the past 50+ years.

In the early years I traveled with Jim Hansen to council meetings in Chicago, which lasted most of the day. I recall the first convention I attended; I believe in 1971. I was on a Vikings bowling team so we went to Rockford, which started our friendship with the Vikings there.

We had many camping trips to Camp Hillcrest, in the early 70's we had our installation of officers and Grand Chief Paul Swanson installed me along with Past Grand Chief Arvid Soderberg. In fact, Arvid stayed overnight with Dee and me. Then there were the trips to Lodbrok Lodge in Lake Forest for their annual Christmas party, lots of lutefisk and way too much Glogg. We used to go to the fried herring breakfast in Crystal Lake, IL and also Batavia.

I have traveled to conventions in Omaha, Rockford, Tinley Park, Muskegon, Jamestown, and Braintree. One the most memorable trips was in 1989, when Dee and I were celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary, so we traveled to Niagara Falls and then went to the convention in Jamestown, NY. I remember staying up until 4:30 in the morning. I remember that Debbie and Bill, also some of our Vikings members, built a scarecrow dressed in blue with a Sigurd lodge t-shirt and, as you entered the park it was surrounded by aluminum cans (I'm sure you know what kind of beverage that was). Lots of laughs! We had around eight of us from Sigurd at that convention and I recall that we were the last ones in the bar; the bartender said, "Will you people from Kenosha please leave – I have to get up early!" In those days, the individuals who were running for various office had their own hospitality room. Of course you had to make the rounds and have a refreshment, or maybe even a shot of Aquavit. In 2007 I was elected to the council and was elected Vice Grand Chief in 2019. I am still waiting to be installed as the Grand Chief (damn COVID). In 2021 I was honored as Vice Grand Chief to present my grandson Callan Ottum with one of 6 scholarships awarded to Viking Juniors.

All in all I have had a great experience as a member of the Independent Order of Vikings. I hope many of you get to enjoy being a Viking as much as I have.

INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, New York

GOOD POSITIVE NEWS

There is good news to write about and to be joyous concerning Ingjald Lodge. Lake Park activities are slowly gaining momentum with COVID-19 protocols being followed. This picture taken by Kim Nowell on this year's beautiful Memorial Day says it all: "Vikings enjoying food and fellowship on a beautiful day along the shores of Lake Chautauqua with the Swedish flag fluttering in the Lake breeze and America's "Old Glory" flying high above!" It doesn't get much better!

Meals are being served every Friday and Saturday as well as special menus available other days of the week. Families, with a sense of relief, can be seen enjoying picnicking and many others just sitting around the fire pit and other parts of our beautiful grounds. Delicious chicken barbecues were held on Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.

Our expansive playground facility, after 24 years of providing entertainment and thrilling youngsters, is in the process been updated and improved---always with safety in mind. Large gatherings such as Children's Easter Party, Family Picnic, and Past Chiefs' Picnic were cancelled in the interest of COVID-19 safety. Two ever popular "Herring & Ham and Eggs Breakfasts" were held.

Our Ingjald Lodge Officers, Manager, Staff, and Volunteers deserve a "BIG THANK YOU" for doing such an admirable job in a most difficult time! ETTUSEN TACK!!



It's Been a Great 18-Year "Ride"

Many Jamestown and other Chautauqua County Vikings spend the winter months in Florida or move to warmer climates when they retire. In 2003 Past Ingjald Chief Keith Spaulding, who was living in Florida, had a wonderful idea of hosting a picnic inviting Vikings and friends previously living in Chautauqua County. He thought that this would be an excellent way to renew old friendships, share Viking memories, and of course enjoy some good Viking food. A committee of dedicated volunteers was assembled and the 18 year journey began. Each year in the spring well over 100 people gathered at Sarasota County's Lemon Park to enjoy this much looked forward reunion of Vikings and their friends. After eating a delicious chicken barbecue, the Viking stories and memories were heard in abundance---some of course exaggerated! Extra money from the reunion picnics and profits from 50/50 drawings has been given to help fund Viking projects. Our Lake Park playground facility has been the recipient of thousands of dollars over the last 18 years through the generosity of this group. Additional donations have been given to purchase new flags, to improve Lake Park entrance, Midway Carrousel Project and many other worthy projects. Chief Spaulding died in 2015 and since then Steve and Charlene Eckstrom have been

guiding and organizing the picnic reunions. Following the Viking South picnic in 2020, the organizing committee decided it was time to retire and turn the responsibility over to others. As a parting gesture of generosity, a donation of \$1200 was given to the Ingjald Lodge Playground Fund to help pay for the resurfacing of the basketball court and purchase of a large new commercial swing set. There may or may not be another Viking South picnic in the future, BUT THIS GROUP has affected all of us in Ingjald Lodge in a most positive way---especially the young Vikings who are thrilled playing on our Lake Park wonderful playground facilities.

Tack sa mycket VIKINGS SOUTH!!!



Vikings South Make Playground Donation
Darla Nelson and Dawn Stuart, members of Lake Park Playground Committee, are shown receiving \$1,200 donation check from members of South Vikings Steve Eckstrom, Charlene Eckstrom, and Mary Jane Spaulding.



INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, New York

VIKINGS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Ingjald Lodge Vice-Chief Dawn Stuart welcomed the scholarship recipients, their families, guests and Lodge members. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, she introduced members of the I.O.V. Grand Lodge Executive Council. Grand Chief Mindy Worden was then recognized who offered words of congratulations to I.O.V. award recipients: Allison Tilburg, Natalie Fosberg, and Corinne Covert. Vice-Chief Stuart called each recipient up individually; then Grand Chief Worden presented each their award and again offered congratulations. The same procedure was followed for the two Ingjald Lodge award recipients: Madison Johnson and Rachael Harper. Each of the award winners was asked to introduce family members present, tell where they were going to college and their career ambitions.

Past Ingjald Chief Jane Fosberg, who is also a member of the I.O.V. Executive Council, explained the Scholarship Award application process and selection process by independent judicators. In addition to the monetary awards, each scholarship winner received a blue and yellow carnation corsage and will be sent a number of pictures recording the award ceremony. Viking Vice-Chief Stuart stated that she was personally very proud of the graduates and extended congratulations on behalf of all Vikings. She also applauded the IOV and Ingjald Lodge for their commitment to education. Since 1964 there have been 331 I.O.V. and Ingjald Lodge Viking Scholarships awarded totaling \$240,150!!! Jane Fosberg presented Connie Sherman, longtime Ingjald Lodge Manager, with a corsage in appreciation of guiding our Lodge through this difficult COVID-19 time.

The evening was truly memorable and made all Vikings in attendance proud to a member of the I.O.V. A congratulatory reception, sponsored by the Past Chiefs Club of Ingjald Lodge and the Viking House Committee, was held following the ceremony. It is obvious that Vikings have been and are dedicated to helping and encouraging our young adults become all they are capable of as they begin the next exciting chapter in their lives!



Scholarship Recipients and Viking Officers: IOV Chief Melinda Worden, Allison Tilburg, Maddie Johnson, Corinne Covert, Natalie Fosberg, Rachael Harper, Ingjald Vice-Chief Dawn Stuart



IOV Executive Council /Past Ingjald Chiefs attending Scholarship Ceremony: Jane Fosberg, Bill Peterson, Mindy Worden, Steve Kosthorst, Al Johnson, Tim Miller

Reflections

My best Viking memory is...

- Going to many area high schools to present both Linne' #57 and Grand Lodge Scholarships to Juniors. On these occasions, you could hear a pin drop. – Bob Grinnell
- Family picnics. Summer weekends, my family would get together at Ingjald Lodge's Lake Park on Chautauqua Lake for an all-day picnic. My sister and I would swim in the lake until it was time to eat, hot dogs and hamburgers cooking on the grill. Walking over to Midway Park to play all the games in the arcade and sitting around the picnic table with my parents and grandparents. Good memories. – Bryan Nelson

I think IOV is important because of our fundraising events for a variety of causes. They are always a success. Burn Camp, Scholarships, local events like Pub Pedal and Float the Boat, and many more. – Bob Grinnell

In the future, I hope IOV will be able to continue on for our next generations, growing in new lodges and members to carry on our Scandinavian heritage and culture. – Bill Peterson

INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, New York

July 4th Tradition

This year a parade of gaily decorated golf carts could be seen traversing the Viking Lake Park grounds celebrating the 4th of July. Twenty-nine carts in this year's parade were decorated in festive red, white, and blue colors celebrating our country's birthday. The number of golf carts participating this year was up from 19 participating in the first year of the parade in 2014. The parade began at 6:30 P.M. at our main Viking Lodge building and then proceeded to the playground area and camp sites.

Traditionally the parade is led by a member of the Viking Temple Corporation which oversees the buildings and grounds. The organizer for this fun-filled and enjoyable family event has been and continues to be Beth Ecklund.

This tradition continues to be a way Vikings can show their patriotism and thankfulness for our wonderful country-----and of course have FUN!



Reflections

What I value most about being a Viking is...

- The friendships I have made throughout the whole order. It doesn't matter if you are a doctor, lawyer, mechanic, business owner or a stay-at-home mom/dad. Everyone is the same, "A Viking," sharing our heritage, and working together at a lodge function or to meet a community need. Some of my Viking friends are more like family, sharing in our joys and sorrows, being there for each other when needed. – Britt Hichue
- They are truly a family. Always helpful in good times and bad. Members supporting Members with respect, compassion, and love. Supporting each other and embracing our Scandinavian heritage. – Mary Beth Liskey
- Simply put, I value the fellowship and lifelong friendships I have found by being a Viking. – Jane Fosberg

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IMPORTANT DATES:

October 30, 2021

3rd Quarter (Jul – Sept) membership reports due to Fraternal Administrator

November 1, 2021

Submissions due for December 2021 Journal

November 1, 2021

2022 Grand Lodge Scholarship Applications Available on Website

November 30, 2021

All Viking Email Addresses Due to admin@iovikings.org