



Viking Journal

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*Förskä 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



Rod Ottum
Grand Chief

Hi everyone,

I'm hoping this finds everyone in good health! I hope you all survived the holidays by not eating too much or drinking too much glogg! Speaking of glogg... Years ago, a group of us from Sigurd Lodge would venture down to Lake Forest, Illinois for Lodbrok Lodge's Christmas dinner. They had a gentleman by the name of Oke Clausen who made the glogg, and he told me he always made the glogg a little bit stronger for the Vikings because then they would get a little bit jolly. They held their meetings in the American Legion Hall, and in the center of the hall they would have a large canner full of glogg. They would turn off the lights and say something in Swedish and then light it! It would go puff, they would put the cover on it to extinguish it, and then they would say, "now we drink." They had a soup ladle and you would fill up your cup and have a drink with these ancient Vikings, and probably get jolly with them. I also remember they had a 90-year-old Viking with a cigar hanging out of his mouth making the lutefisk. When you got your plate of food, they had a bottle of Brandy and a bottle of aquavit at the end of the table, and of course you had to have a shot of each. What an experience! Eventually Lodbrok lodge merged with Sigurd. I also remember they had a member by the name of Evert Winters who was a Past Grand Chief. I was very impressed by that and meeting a Past Grand Chief and, many years later, here I am the Grand Chief. Over the years I've met many of the Grand Chiefs who have gone to the heavenly Valhalla.

Another bit of history... years ago the Executive Council meetings were held every month in downtown Chicago. I attended a few of them with the late Jim Hansen who was from Sigurd and on the council. These meetings would last into the late afternoons - of course we had over ten thousand members then and many more lodges. Technology now allows us to have our council meetings on Zoom, but we do need to have at least one in person meeting each year. Maybe now with our merger with GBU we can get somewhat close to those old member numbers.

I sure would like to see more lodges submit articles and pictures for the Journal. Remember: **I**nvolve. **O**rganize. **V**olunteer.

I would like to wish you a very Blessed Easter.

Fraternally,

Rod Ottum, Grand Chief

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SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 3-6, 2024

*Linne' Lodge #57 will host our next convention!
We'll be meeting at their club in their event hall, Hagar's Hideaway, and
staying at the Shoreline Inn/Delta Hotel.*



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you must request to join.)

Welcome Aboard

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Harald Lodge #13		Ingjald Lodge #65	
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MILESTONES

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

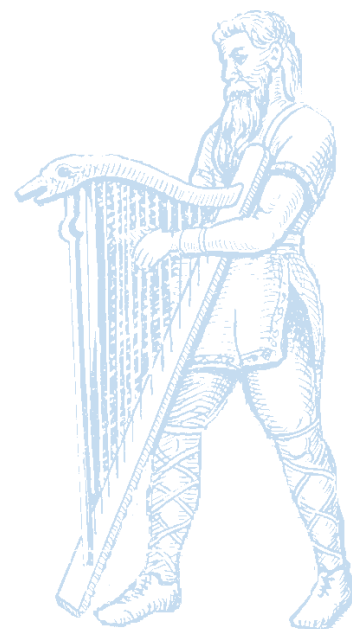
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Dorothy Stout
Claire Jackson
Stanley Sandgren
Edward A. Johnson
John S. Erickson

HÖGSATTA KÄMPAR



Scholarship Raffle Winners



Hello from Muskegon and Winterfest. Wow, what a great weekend at Linne'! Great Bands, food, and people, including visitors from Tinley Park and Kenosha.

I want to thank all the Lodges and People that contributed to the Independent Order of Vikings Scholarship Raffle. The drawing was held at the Steak Fry Saturday night of Winterfest.

- 1st Place for \$500.00 was Linne' Lodge in Muskegon
- 2nd Place for \$200.00 was Joan Stenquist from Edmond 91
- 3rd Place for \$150.00 was Carol Bedore from Tinley Park
- 4th Place for \$75.00 was Ingjald Lodge, Jamestown
- 5th Place for \$75.00 was Sigurd Lodge, Kenosha

Thanks again for your support!

Thomas Jandt, Scholarship Chairman

GRIPSHOLM # 83

Lynn, Massachusetts

Hello Vikings I am writing a quick article to say hello from Gripsholm Lodge # 83 in Lynn, Ma. We are still going but are small, but keep meeting the third Wednesday at 12:30pm every month to keep our lodge going. A different member provides lunch each month then we have our meeting. We send our Senior Members 75 and older a Christmas gift and we support as many charities as we can. We always take Grand Lodge Scholarship tickets along with individual members. Recently we have taken on 2 new members and a potential on hopefully soon. We went out to lunch in December and here is a picture minus one who attended, Chief Barbara Davis, Doris MacDonald, Donna Pitta and Carla Horton. Arlene Rawding unfortunately had to leave before our picture was taken.

It was so great seeing everyone at the convention in October, it seems like such a long time since we have gotten together. Hoping with the merger done everything will continue to go smoothly with the changing of hands. Well done Grand Council.

Fraternally Yours, Carla Horton, Correspondent and Treasurer, Recording Secretary.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 1, 2023 Submission deadline for June 2023 Journal

October 3-6, 2024 IOV Convention - Linne' Lodge #57

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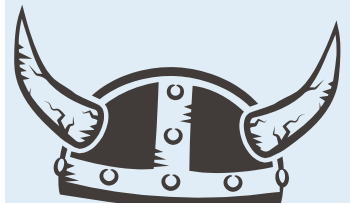
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LINNE' LODGE #57

Muskegon, MI

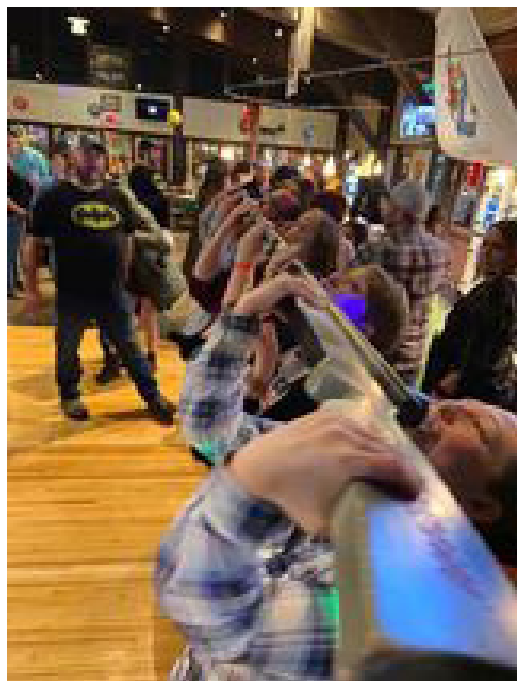
The Linne' Lodge #57 just completed the 51st WINTERFEST, Superhero theme, January 27th, 28th and 29th. This annual event is chaired by the Majors Family. Friday, we had French Dip sandwiches and the Steeple Hill band. Saturday started off with a kickball game, cornhole then a wonderful lunch of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches followed by a glorious Steak Fry and the band Rick DeeZ. Sunday we were served up a fantastic brunch, a rather competitive cornhole tournament, a taco bar and we finished off the weekend with the sounds from Kindred. We even had visitors make the trip from Tinley Park and Kenosha. With the

help of a ton of volunteers we were able to pull off an amazing weekend.

This event gives our entire lodge a sense of pride. You could see it on everyone's face. Even the volunteers that were there early in the morning and stayed late at night working incredibly hard so others could enjoy our lodge with them.

We would love for you to join us in 2024. January 26, 27 & 28.

Chris Wilks
Linne' Lodge #57, Chief





Tee Off Against Burns

GOLF SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

9am Shotgun Start

Vikings Linné Lodge #57 is hosting the **Tee Off Against Burns Golf Scramble** on Friday, June 2 at Lincoln Golf Course. Shotgun start at 9am. **Sign up NOW or become a sponsor for this great event.**

All funds raised will be donated to the Great Lakes Burn Camp.

GOLF SIGN UP & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Golf Sign Up \$320/Team:

Player 1: _____ Player 3: _____

Player 2: _____ Player 4: _____

☐ **Gold Sponsor \$500**

Includes registration fees for one (1) team, two (2) sponsorship signs and sponsorship information on outing handout and outing banner.

☐ **Silver Sponsor \$400**

Includes registration fees for one (1) team, and one (1) sponsorship sign.

☐ **Tee or Green Sponsor \$150**

Includes your name or logo on our custom signs placed at a tee box or green.

☐ **I would like to donate an item for the silent auction or raffle:**

We will have a silent auction and/or raffle and will need donated items to raffle off. If you'd like to donate for the silent auction or raffle, we can arrange for pick up.

Make checks payable to Vikings Linné Lodge #57

Company: _____

Contact: _____

Street: _____

City/Zip: _____

Contact phone: _____

Financial donation amount: \$ _____ Prize donation value: \$ _____

Description: _____

Thank you for your time and consideration!

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Wilks 231-638-0045, Faisal Abdelkader 231-557-8259 or burncampgolf@comcast.net. Donations can be sent to Tee Off Against Burns, 1894 Crozier Ave., Muskegon 49441 or call the number above to have donations picked up.

Luncheon to follow at Vikings Linné Lodge #57

3132 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon



INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, New York

Vikings Elect 2023 Officers

Ingjald Lodge 65 of the International Order of Vikings elected their officers for 2023. IOV Grand Lodge officers assisted with the induction of the new officers.



L to R: Past Chiefs Tim Fagerstrom and Bill Peterson, newly elected Vice Chief Eric Eckberg, newly elected Chief Tera Darts, outgoing Chief Dawn Stuart, Past Chief Bryan Nelson.

Vikings Make Yuletide Donation

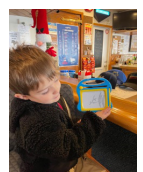
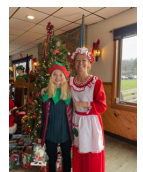
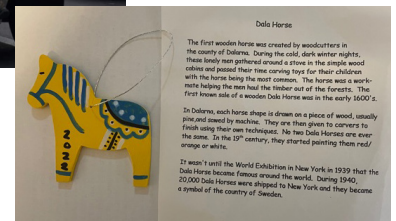


Head Trustee Bryan Nelson, representing Jamestown's Ingjald Lodge, is pictured presenting \$400 donation checks to Major John Merchant of the Salvation Army, Billy Witherspoon of Uncan Ministry, and Shawn Whitmer of St. Susan's/Community Helping Hands. Making donations to these community organizations has been a longstanding tradition of Ingjald Lodge.

Children's Christmas Party

On December 4th we had a wonderful Christmas Party, **"Breakfast with Santa,"** for 100 of our Viking youth. Sadly, Santa's sleigh was in maintenance mode. The good news is, once again, the Maple Springs Fire Department came to the rescue. Santa (Charlie Kent) arrived aboard a beautiful bright red fire truck! Each Viking youth, 10 and under, received a bag containing a cookie with decorating ingredients, coloring book and crayons, a magic writing tablet, candy, and a beautifully handmade **"Svenska Darla Hast"** (Swedish Darla Horse) memento with 2022 printed on it. Special thanks to House Committee member, Bonnie Magers, who used her talent and donated these traditional Swedish mementos.

Several of Santa's helpers and elves were present helping the young Vikings enjoy the day. All the children enjoyed a free hearty breakfast. Parents and relatives were invited to purchase breakfast if they wanted to. The House Committee and all their helpers deserve a big thank you giving our youth (and their parents) such an awesome Christmas Party!



INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, New York

INGJALD LODGE HAPPENINGS

Back to normal! Happy Swedes would say: **"HURRA, HURRA, HURRA" (hurrah)!**

In early November a group of dedicated volunteers conducted the annual Lake Park Clean-up. Mountains of leaves were raked, tables and lawn furniture put away, and equipment readied for winter. Following these much-needed activities, a well-deserved breakfast was served for all workers. Our Lodge was decorated beautifully for the Christmas season. The first Saturday in December saw the "back to normal" awesome "Breakfast With Santa" Christmas Party.

New Lodge officers were elected Dec. 1st with Tera Darts being elected Ingjald Chief, and Eric Eckberg as Vice-Chief. Other Lodge and Temple Corporation officers were also elected.

Our end of the year Lodge activity was the return to the traditional Doppa I Gryta Party. All the traditional Scandinavian foods were served to 200 attendees. Of course, there were the traditional libations of "glogg" and "Tom & Jerry" drinks available.

Our retiring Lodge manager, Connie Sherman, was recognized for her 33 years of service. Chief Dawn Stuart presented her with a large beautiful cake and a gift in appreciation and thanks for her many years of devoted service.

Our Lake Park was closed from Dec. 19-2022 to January 20, 2023. It has been a good year for Ingjald Lodge and we are looking forward to 2023!





In Remembrance

Members of Ingjald Lodge were saddened this past Fall with the passing of two dedicated members. Past Chief Edward A. Johnson (Ed) entered into rest November 2, 2022. Ed was Chief of Ingjald Lodge in 1984. Before becoming Chief, during his tenure as Chief, and after serving as Ingjald Chief, Ed was the consummate volunteer. He always worked for the betterment of Ingjald Lodge. Under his leadership, our waterfront break-wall was completed, as well as numerous other construction projects. During the summers at the Lake Park, Ed was constantly doing things to improve the grounds and helping where he saw a need. In 2020 Ed received his 50-year Viking membership precognition pin.

John Steven Eckstrom "Steve" passed away December 4, 2022 in Port Charlotte, FL; where for the last few years he and his wife of 37 years, Charlene, spent the winter months. Steve participated in all of our Viking Lake Park playground construction projects dating back to the very first Viking playground. Steve and Charlene were very active members of the Viking South annual picnics. After each annual picnic, Steve made sure that any extra funds were donated to our Lake Park Playground Fund. While spending summers at the Lake Park, he continued to assist in playground construction projects. Steve was also a very active and longtime member of the Viking Boat Club. Steve received his 50-year membership pin in 2012.



Ingjald Lodge has benefited greatly from the dedicated service of Ed Johnson and Steve Eckstrom. WE SAY A BIG THANK YOU FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE AND OFFER SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES.

SIGURD LODGE #30

Kenosha, Wisconsin

Greetings from frigid Wisconsin! At least it is today, as I write this.

Here it is, a New Year. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a wonderful new year. I know things have been very calm at the Ottums' as my wife, Dee, has been dealing with an infection since December 1. Previously she had minor surgery so we were not able to celebrate Thanksgiving with family; and then, along with her infection, she had a virus during Christmas and New Year. Hopefully, by the time you read this she will be doing fine. Also, Bev Reichel had knee surgery in February.

November 13th we had our annual fall Swedish Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast. We had a fairly good turnout. In fact, when we opened the doors we had quite a few people waiting to get in, and I thought maybe we would have a huge crowd. After that early rush it really slowed down. I would like to thank everyone who helped out and donated to the bake sale, also to those who helped set up on Saturday. Our next SWEDISH PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is March 26th from 8 am to 12 noon. Once again, we can use help and baked goods. Try and stop by at the club on Friday night for the Lighten up with Lenny show as he gives away quite a few prizes and will really be advertising our breakfast.

January 13, we had our annual Christmas party along with the installation of officers, I had the honor as Grand Chief, along

with my son Jason, of installing the officers elected and appointed for the following year. Those installed were Jack Yule, Chief; James Lawson, Vice Chief; John Roberts, Financial Secretary; Joyce Jacob, Treasurer; Jennifer Yule, Recording Secretary; Pat Bishop, Herald; Jeff Gullo, Assistant Herald; Beverly Reichel, Inner Guard; Wendy Gold, Outer Guard; and Sala Musatief, Membership Chairman. We didn't have our normal Christmas feast as it was decided to just have pizza to give the ones who normally work on this a break. After lunch we had our white elephant gift exchange. Hopefully everyone had a great time.

Back in December we had the passing of two former members, Ron Carlson, whose dad was Fred. Fred was one of the old time members who was on the investigative committee that came to my house and investigated me for membership. I remember, when I was Lodge Chief, I would ask him if he had anything to say. He would say "I only have a few words to say," and around a half hour later I would have to cut him off. Also Roman Schlitz, who was Char's brother-in-law, passed away in Michigan. Dee and I had lots of good times with him and his wife Barb. Our sympathies are extended to all.

Until next time, stay warm.
Rod Ottum, correspondent

EDMUND LODGE #91

Woburn, Massachusetts

Greetings from New England!

Well, it is a pretty mild winter up here in the Northeast – so far! Everyone is keeping busy and hoping that it stays snow-free. We could all use a break from the big heating bills and the bad road conditions.

We are still coping with the fallout from COVID. It has been difficult to have in-person meetings, but Zoom has been our life-line to the lodge. It is great to see everyone smiling and looking good on camera, but in person for hugs and laughs would be so much better. I think this Spring and beyond will be our breakout year!

We are all excited about the GBU merger and are looking forward to learning more about all the benefits that GBU will be offering, both to us as members and to the IOV as a whole. And we were very excited to have our very own Chief, Jennifer Thissell, elected to the Executive Council at the convention in Kenosha back in October. Jen is a hard worker and will be a great asset to the Grand Lodge plans in the next 2 years. She follows in the footsteps of Carl Segelstrom, Henry Stenquist, Jr. and Leo Stygles who all honorably represented Edmund Lodge on the Executive Council. We are very proud of Jennifer!!

We have been doing a good job supporting the Council

of Social Concern Food Pantry located in Woburn. We take up donations at every meeting and, in addition, we provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. There is still a lot of need in the communities surrounding Woburn and we are trying to do our part to help out as best we can.

We are also taking up a collection to support The Dwelling Place, which is a soup kitchen run out of the Methodist Church on Main Street in Woburn. They serve dinner 3 days a week to those who need a hot meal. The food is prepared by local congregations and organizations and everyone is welcomed, no questions asked. We are very happy to do our part to help out this worthwhile organization.

We are looking forward to an active 2023 at Edmund Lodge. If the weather holds out and COVID is kept at bay, it should be very productive – and a lot of fun!!

Happiness is ... Being A Viking!

Jim Goodwin
Edmund Lodge #91 Correspondent

GBU Districts in Action

GBU Life®

Double Your Donations to Our Designated Charities!

There are many benefits to IOV's new association with GBU. The first we would like to highlight is **Districts in Action**!

Districts in Action is a fundraising effort for GBU and its member districts. (Remember – IOV is District 5000!) IOV nominated four charities, listed below, for this opportunity. These four charities all receive a kick-off donation of \$1,000 from GBU, on behalf of IOV. Here's where you come in...GBU will match, dollar for dollar, donations that are made by a member by MARCH 31, 2023! Each nominated charity can receive match donations up to \$2,500. If we play out the math: \$1,000 initial donation, plus \$2,500 in member donations, plus \$2,500 in GBU match = \$6,000 possible for each of our charities!

Want to participate? Make a contribution to a charity on this list, and then go the GBU CARES Districts in Action page to notify GBU of your contribution. (Click the "SUBMIT" button on the page.) <https://www.gbucares.org/DIA> You can see all the charities that have been nominated by GBU Districts on this page. (Please note - you must provide details of your donation to GBU to secure the match funds.)

THANK YOU in advance for helping support these worthwhile causes!

Great Lakes Burn Camp

<https://glbcforkids.org/donate-now>

Donate via check: Attn: Mike Longnecker
PO Box 6189
Jackson, MI 49204

Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp

Connecticut Burns Care Foundation

<https://www.ctburnsfoundation.org/how-to-help/online-donations>

Donate via check: 601 Boston Post Road
Milford, CT 06460

Illinois Fire Safety Alliance - Camp I Am Me

www.ifsa.org/ways-to-give

Donate via check: 426 W. Northwest Highway
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Concordia Language Villages

<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org>

Donate via check: ATTN: Development Dept.
901 8th St. S.
Moorhead, MN 56562



Viking of the Year 2024

Nominations are open for the 2024 Viking of the Year award!

- Nominees must be members of the Independent Order of Vikings in good financial standing.
- One award will be presented every two years at the convention.
- The Viking of the Year Committee appointed by the Grand Chief will administer the award.
- The award will be a plaque, medallion and expenses paid to the 2024 Convention.
- An individual may win the Viking of the Year only once.
- Previous nominees are eligible to be re-nominated in succeeding years.
- Grand Lodge Officers and Executive Council Members are not eligible to receive the award.
- Nominations must be sent to the IOV Fraternal Administrator, PO Box 27186, Lansing, MI 48909 and must be postmarked prior to midnight January 15, 2024.

HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND FOR VIKING OF THE YEAR 2024?

Please submit your nomination to the Fraternal Administrator postmarked before MIDNIGHT JANUARY 15, 2024. The Nomination Form is available on the IOV Website (www.iovikings.org). Nominations may be submitted any time before the deadline.



2024 Viking of the Year

Nomination Form

Please use a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed to properly explain or describe the attributes of the nominee. Clearly identify the question being answered. All nominations must be POSTMARKED no later than January 15, 2024.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Lodge & Number: _____

Nominee's Effective Membership Date: _____

Please list IOV offices, positions held, and other volunteerism within Lodge/IOV:

Describe what the individual has accomplished or contributed to Lodge or National IOV:

MAIL completed nomination form and supplemental information to:

VOTY Committee – c/o IOV Fraternal Administration – PO Box 27186, Lansing, MI 48909

List other special qualities, achievements, or awards of the nominee that promote the Lodge and IOV within the community:

Biographical Information: Please provide family history, Viking background and other matters of interest for publicity purposes, including family members who are IOV members:

Nominators Name: _____

Nominators Address: _____

Nominator's Lodge & Number: _____

Date Submitted by Nominator: _____

Date Received by IOV:

Postmarked:

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