



Viking Journal

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*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

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Rod Ottum
Grand Chief

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Hi all,

I hope everyone is enjoying this summer. I know here in Southeast Wisconsin it has been warmer than normal and above normal rainfall. Oh well... soon we will be complaining about the cold and snow, but we're Vikings and we can handle it.

On Labor Day I went to Ring Lodge's Fried Herring Breakfast in Batavia, IL. It was very good and if you don't care for Fried Herring, they also had fried eggs, bacon, boiled potatoes, pancakes and other goodies. They had a great crew of members doing this. It was nice seeing Past Grand Chief Ralph Beck as well as former Grand Lodge Council member Larry Anderson, and a few of the old-time members and new ones. They have this breakfast three times a year: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day.



We on the Executive Council have been having our zoom meetings but, due to travel costs, have not had an in-person meeting for a while.

If you have not made your reservations or other arrangements for the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention, October 3rd thru 6th in Muskegon, please take care of this soon. You will find more information in this Journal.

Until next time. "Ask not what your lodge can do for you, but what you can do for your lodge."

Fraternally,

Rodney Ottum

Rod Ottum, Grand Chief



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Welcome Aboard

<i>New Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>New Member</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Ingjald Lodge #65			
Michael J. Andres	Ronald Andres	Kerry Renee Pizzulo	Tera Darts
Sandra Bishop	A'Lynn Conlan	Krista L. Ritacco	JoAnn M. Borg
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James M. Coffin	Tera Darts	Erika L. Stormer	Jon Hagberg
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Terry E. Eckman	Jason Higbee	Thomas R. Whittaker	Kimberly Touhey
Todd D. Fagerstrom	Carl Olson	Karen E. Winterburn	Scott R. Winterburn
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Douglas S. Gustafson	Kimberly Touhey	Cheryl B. Grekowicz	Janet Winner
Alexis D. Hallberg	Greg Hallberg	Steven J. Grekowicz	Janet Winner
Christine S. Hawkins	Rick Paulson	Christopher L. Haan	Bob Hegbloom
Andrew S. Henry	Elisabeth Lynch	Leslie Ray Harper	Vicki Bowman
Jeffrey T. Hinderschied	Martha Swarts	Ryder Ross Hunter	Janet Hunter
Nick Kompare	Jeannie Dobinski	Brenda K. Jacobs	Kelly Jensen
Martha Labarbera	Elisabeth Lynch	Daniel T. Jacobs	Dylan Darga
Priscilla L. Landrigan	Tom Landrigan	James A. Jacobs	Kelly Jensen
Dawn M. Larson	Richard W. Larson	Helen Anna Kaley	Janice Trebilcock
Robert H. Lindberg	Linda Lindberg	Jeremy Kaley	Janice Trebilcock
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Joshua L. Pike	Amy Pike		

Scholarship Thank Yous!



Dear Mr. Ottum,

Thank you so much for considering me for the Independent Order of Vikings Grand Lodge Scholarship. This fall, I will be heading to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to study business at LSU. This scholarship will help me tremendously. I really appreciate your generosity. Thanks again!

Sincerely, Frannie Gosselin



Dear Independent Order of Vikings,

I would like to thank you for awarding me one of five 2024 IOV Grand Lodge Scholarships in the amount of \$1,750.00.

Using awards like this one, I hope to fulfill my education at the University of Pittsburgh, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I would study Political Science with a focus on International Relations and continue learning about many countries, including those of the Nordic region.

Once again, thank you so much for this award.

Sincerely, Gavin Joseph Cuoco



IOV,

This is Allie Jensen and I just wanted to share my gratitude and say thank you for granting me with the 2024 Grand Lodge Scholarship! I plan to attend Muskegon Community College in the fall, majoring in general studies for the next two years. After, I plan to attend a four-year university to further my education. Thank you so much again for this scholarship, it will be very helpful in aiding me with my future schooling.

Sincerely, Allie



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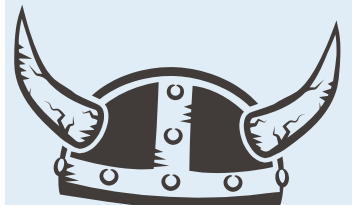
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MILESTONES

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

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Theodore Okerlund

Toby L. Rohlin

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Donald C. Freeman

Judith Ordish

Robert Harry Page



HÖGSATTA KÄMPAR

IOV is Looking for Qualified, Dedicated and Enthusiastic Leaders to Join the 2025-2026 Executive Council

Have you ever wondered how to get more involved in IOV?

Interested in taking your leadership up a notch by serving at the national level? Now is your chance! We'd love to see a greater mix of lodges represented on the Council and to see some of our newer/younger members get involved.

Elections for two-year positions (serving January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026) will be held at the IOV Convention in October.

IOV's Executive Council is made up of fourteen people: thirteen elected members plus the Past Grand Chief, who automatically assumes this position upon completion of his/her term as Grand Chief. IOV Executive Council is a working board, jointly responsible for the leadership and administration of IOV's membership programs and processes.

- Any member in good financial standing (dues paid in full for the current calendar year) may be nominated and run for any elected Executive Council position.
- Members wishing to run for Executive Council positions are encouraged to attend the Convention, but are not required to do so. (You may designate a proxy to accept a nomination on your behalf.)
- The Executive Council meets quarterly each year: one meeting in person at the Convention and the rest via Zoom.
- Committees meet separately, typically by phone or video meeting.
- *NOTE: As referenced below, the Grand Lodge is comprised of all current Executive Council Members, all living Past Grand Chiefs, and all delegates elected to represent subordinate lodges.*

POSITIONS:

When reporting to GBU, IOV officers have secondary titles (indicated in parentheses). The general responsibilities for each position are listed below.

Elected to Position:

Grand Chief (President): Presides over and conducts Council meetings; works with Grand Secretary and other officers to develop agenda for Council meetings; presides over Convention and special meetings of the Grand Lodge; appoints committees; works with Grand Treasurer to review and approve payments. *We encourage candidates for this position to have significant leadership experience at a subordinate lodge.*

Vice Grand Chief (Vice President): Presides in the absence of the Grand Chief and assists with committees as directed by the Grand Chief. *We encourage candidates for this position to have significant leadership experience at a subordinate lodge.*

Grand Treasurer (Treasurer): Receives all monies, furnishes receipts, makes deposits, keeps accounting for General Fund (fraternal expenses), provides quarterly financial reports to the Executive Council and completes financial reports to GBU.

- *We encourage candidates for this position to have experience with accounting and financial management.*
- *Honorarium: \$1,200 per year, paid in quarterly installments.*

Grand Secretary (Recording Secretary): Records minutes of all executive council and Grand Lodge meetings; works with Grand Chief to develop agendas and packets for all meetings and Convention; oversees the process of establishing and dissolving subordinate lodges. *We encourage candidates for this position to have experience serving as a lodge or other organization's secretary and have a clear understanding of subordinate lodge operations.*

Fraternal Secretary: Serves as primary contact with GBU; manages IOV member database; processes member applications; assists GBU with IOV member communication; manages the IOV Journal (WordPress); submits articles to GBU magazine.

- *Expected service is 10-20 hours per month.*
- *Candidates running for this position should have a working knowledge of IOV programs, must have strong communication skills, should be proficient in Microsoft Office products, and must be sure that they have the time to fulfill their duties.*
- *Robin will be exiting this position in December but will be available to assist with the transition. To request a full position description, email Admin@iovikings.org.*
- *Honorarium: Calculated at \$1.25 per active IOV member, per year (according to GBU guidelines), which equates to roughly \$4,500 per year at current membership level, paid in quarterly installments.*

Eight Elected Council Members will be appointed to the following positions:

- **Auditors**
- **Grand Herald and Assistant Grand Herald (Sentinels)**
- **Inner Guard and Outer Guards (Marshalls)**
- **Committee chairs and members**

The Grand Chief will appoint all elected Council Members to each serve on up to three of the following committees. Other committees may be established at Executive Council/Grand Chief discretion.

- Audit Committee
- Committee on Laws
- Credential Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Viking of the Year Committee

We rely on a strong Executive Council to maintain a strong IOV!

2025 Grand Lodge Scholarships BIG NEWS!



As part of our partnership with GBU, IOV is moving their Grand Lodge Scholarship process online! We will maintain our historical scholarship rules, but the process will be much smoother for all involved. Look for details in our December Journal!

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF VIKINGS 2025 GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP RULES

Electronic Application submission information will be available in December 2024 Journal

- 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 fundraising events, donations or bequeaths from members, IOV lodges, friends of Vikings and accumulated interest on investments.
- 4) Eligible Applicants:
 - 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 applicant's name, lodge, member 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.
- 5) Timeline
 - a) Scholarship applications will be available online in December 2025 (Information will be provided in IOV Journal.)
 - b) Scholarship applications are due March 1, 2025
- 6) A panel of independent adjudicators will review all applications and determine the qualifications of the applicants.
 - a) Incomplete applications will not be judged by the adjudicators.
 - b) Applications will be judged on their merits.
- 7) The Viking Scholarship Committee shall determine the number of recipients that will be awarded a Viking Scholarship, after receiving recommendations from adjudicators.
- 8) The Viking Scholarship Committee shall have the power to make any additional rules to help in the selection of recipients.
- 9) 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.
- 10) These rules apply for the application year 2025. Scholarship rules and amount of the awards will be reviewed and updated yearly by the Executive Council of the Independent Order of Vikings.

IOV CONVENTION 2024

What Actually Happens at an IOV Convention?

Every two years, IOV brings together delegates from local IOV lodges to discuss business related to the Order. Delegates join the IOV Executive Council and Past Grand Chiefs to receive committee and program updates, to vote on official actions, and to elect Executive Council members for the next two-year term. One of the main items on this year's agenda is to review our updated Constitution, consider proposed amendments, and ratify as our official governing document. Our GBU partners will provide an update on fraternal benefits and opportunities available to us. Before leaving town, the new Council members will participate in a short orientation session as we prepare to "pass the torch" at the end of the year.

The convention is typically hosted by the Vice Grand Chief at their lodge. We are grateful to Vice Grand Chief Britt Hichue and Linne' Lodge members for all their work to support this year's event! The business of the convention happens with a structured agenda during the day, with social activities scheduled for the evening. These activities allow us to visit the host lodge, get to know members from other lodges, and continue to build fraternal connections. Saturday Night's Grand banquet will allow us to say "thank you" to Grand Chief Rod Ottum for his years of service, and to welcome our newly-elected Grand Chief.

Non-delegate members do not vote on the official business of the order, but they are welcome to attend business meetings and get a better sense of how the organization is run. Feel free to reach out to Executive Council members or past grand chiefs if you'd like to know more. We hope to see you there!



Delegates at the 1965 Convention in Omaha, Nebraska



Grand Chief Felix Johnson and members of the 1926 Executive Council.

86th Grand Lodge Convention

October 3-6, 2024

Linne' Lodge #57 - Muskegon, MI

Plans are well underway for the 86th Grand Lodge Convention. A block of rooms at the Delta Hotel in downtown Muskegon has been set up and they are ready to accept reservations now (information at the end of this section).

In order to save expenses to each lodge, we will NOT be having a program booklet (where you bought ads).

Lodges have voted for delegates, but you don't have to be a delegate to attend the Convention: ALL Vikings are welcome. You will find the evening event Registration Form in this edition of the Journal. So, mark your calendars, make your reservations, and plan on visiting with old and new friends from the other lodges.

We at Linne' #57 look forward to seeing you!

E. Britt-Louise Hichue
Vice Grand Chief

- Delta Hotels Muskegon Convention Center, \$149 USD per night
- <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1689886732546&key=GRP&app=resvlink>
- Call In Reservations: 1-833-999-0181 - You will need ask specifically for the Group Block under Vikings Convention (code VIK).

IMPORTANT DATES:

2024

- September 10** IOV Convention Registration Deadline
- October 3-6** IOV's 86th Convention - Muskegon, MI
- October 15** Lodge Quarterly Reports Due
- November 1** Articles for December 2024 Journal Due (email to admin@IOVikings.org)

2025

- January 1** New Executive Council Terms Begin
- January 15** Lodge Quarterly Reports Due
- February 1** Articles for March 2025 Journal Due (email to admin@IOVikings.org)

86th IOV GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
Linne' Lodge #57 – Muskegon, Michigan
October 3 – 5, 2024

RESERVATION FORM - DUE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

PLEASE PRINT

Lodge Name & Number

Delegate

Guest

Name _____ # _____

Name _____ # _____

Name _____ # _____

Name _____ # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: Daytime () _____ Evening () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

ALL EVENING EVENTS WILL BE AT LINNE' LODGE

DATE	ACTIVITY	NUMBER	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Thursday, Oct. 3 rd	Registration / Welcome (Chili & Sliders)	_____	\$ <u>FREE</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Friday, Oct. 4 th	French Dips (Beef ____ or Chicken ____)	_____	\$ <u>15.00 ea</u>	\$ _____
Saturday, Oct. 5 th	Grand Banquet (Steak ____ or Chicken ____)	_____	\$ <u>30.00 ea</u>	\$ _____

Make checks payable to: **LINNE' LODGE #57 IOV, Inc.**

Mail THIS FORM and PAYMENT by SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 to:

LINNE' LODGE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

3132 LAKESHORE DRIVE

MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN 49441

You must make your own Hotel Reservations by Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Delta Hotels Marriott Muskegon Convention Center - 939 3rd St Muskegon, MI 49440
1-833-999-0181

Group Block under **VIKINGS CONVENTION (code VIK)**

SIGURD LODGE #30

Kenosha, WI

Hi all,

I hope this finds everyone doing well. I know my wife Dee is not doing the best with her Parkinson's, neuropathy and a few other things that ail her... Oh, to be young again. George Massey had carpal tunnel surgery a while back but is doing fine, other than that everyone else is doing fine as of this writing.

Recently we initiated four new members: Lisa Johnson, George Johnson, John McQuestion and Thomas McQuestion. Velkommen to the Order and Lodge!

We will be having our annual picnic September 14th at the Swedish American Club and our fall breakfast will be November 3rd.

I know some of the members have been talking of going to the Grand Lodge Convention in Muskegon, MI, October 3rd through the 6th. If you've never been to a convention I'm pretty sure you would love it. They have a beautiful club there. It's

only a 4-hour drive from Sigurd, and at the halfway point there is a beautiful Casino... so think about it. We would love to see members from MANY lodges at Convention! More information is in this Viking Journal.

Until next time,
Rod Ottum, correspondent



EDMUND LODGE #91

Woburn, MA

Greetings from New England!

Well, summer has arrived with a vengeance! Temperatures were in the 90's with dripping humidity. But that didn't stop Edmund Lodge from hosting our annual steak and lobster cookout!

We met at the home of Chief Jennifer Thissell and her husband Steven. This year was a little more subdued than last year. There were only 6 people present, plus 2 people (Henry Stenquist, Jr. and Dana Dahl) attending via Zoom. We even had Jim and Elaine Goodwin attending the meeting in person, up for a visit from North Carolina – if felt like we hadn't even left North Carolina!

We started with our business meeting. Conversation was lively and we managed to complete the business of the lodge. One of the highlights of the meeting was the report on the Council of Social Concern Food Pantry support. In the first six months of this year our small lodge donated over \$600 to support the Food Pantry. And all of that money was matched by GBU's Give Back Group program to make the total contribution over \$1,200! This GBU program has really made a difference in what we do for the

Food Pantry. They have matched almost \$1,400 since we merged with GBU and we are grateful for their support. I encourage all lodges to take advantage of this program.

After the meeting we enjoyed our annual Lobster and Steak cookout. The fellowship was great! Steaks and lobsters, were cooked to perfection by Chef Steve! The food was delicious and the group was all smiles! After the meal, Chief Jennifer and Carla Horton ran the Aged and Needy raffle, which was very successful. We had 25 prizes donated and we managed to raise \$235. A big THANKS to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets.

It was truly an enjoyable day with all our Brother and Sister Vikings gathered around the Lodge Hall, celebrating our heritage together!

Happiness is - Being A Viking!

Jim Goodwin
Edmund Lodge #91 Correspondent



Swedish Candy Gift Basket



Gift Basket for Raffle



Edmund Business Meeting

SKANDIA LODGE #68

Portland, OR

Now that it is August and we're complaining about the warm weather, it's easy to forget the cold winter and spring we have endured. Not much snow like just about everyone else gets, but our gardens are slow to produce. That said, we did enjoy a beautiful Midsommar celebration at Oaks Park on the Willamette River in Portland. There were several vocal and dance groups performing, and the Majstang was lifted after it was paraded through the area with fanfare. Games for fun and entertainment included the tug of war (dragkamp), and corn hole. We served Swedish style hot dog wraps, pastries and various drinks. Unlike several other Nordic events produced in the Portland area, we are proud to present this event with no admission charge so families can enjoy an outing without the usual expense.

Right after the IOV convention several Skandia members will be traveling together for a visit to Norwegian fjords via cruise ship, the scenic train ride to Oslo, then to Stockholm and finally, by ferry to Helsinki. It has been a long time planning but surely will be worth the effort. We hope to learn a lot about the countries and the culture there. Best of health to all and have a beautiful fall season.



LINNE' LODGE #57

Muskegon, MI

A Night at the Races: Fundraiser and Fellowship!

Greetings from your Vice Grand Chief,

Back on May 11, 2024, **Linne' Lodge #57**, **Harald Lodge #113** and **GBU District #707** (Grand Rapids, MI) collaborated on a fundraiser for The Hope Project, a support system for victims of sex trafficking/abuse. The group is located here in Muskegon, MI.

We held a "Night at the Races" derby party, complete with dinner and the ever-popular Viking Salad Bar, followed by a fun-filled night of televised (DVD) horse races (betting included), 50/50 raffles and silent auction items. We served about 150 people dinner and another 25 or so came in just for the races. Everyone was dressed to the T's which made the evening even more fun. We even had a best outfit contest.

Mary Suarez, from The Hope Project, gave a short talk about the effect that sex trafficking has caused on our society

and the need for education to help STOP this from happening to our friends and family. She gave us some very eye-opening information. Once all the bills were paid and monies tallied, we presented Mary with a check for \$6,817.74 for which she was very grateful.

I want to give a shout-out to all the amazing people that helped put on this event, and YES - we are planning to do it again next year right on Derby Day, May 3, 2025! So, mark your calendars and plan to join us. It's so much fun!

Thank you!

E. Britt-Louise Hichue

Vice Grand Chief, IOV District 5000



INGJALD LODGE #65

Jamestown, NY

VIKINGS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Ingjald Lodge Chief Tera Darts welcomed the scholarship recipients, their families, guests and Lodge members to the annual Viking Recognition Night held at the Viking Lake Park.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, she introduced I.O.V. Past Grand Chief Bill Peterson who then recognized and offered words of congratulations to I.O.V. award recipient: Gavin Cuoco. Past Ingjald Chief Tim Miller presented the Past Chiefs Club Scholarship award to Kamryn Harper and offered his congratulations. This was a very special and proud presentation for Past Chief Miller since Kamryn is his Granddaughter. Ingjald Lodge Scholarship recipient Lilly Sorenson was attending the Olympics in France and could not be in attendance. Lilly's award was accepted on her behalf by her Grandmother Carla Sorenson.

Each recipient was asked to introduce family members present, tell where they were going to college and their career ambitions. Past Ingjald Chief Al Johnson explained the Scholarship Award application process and selection process by I.O.V. He further stated that there are three other scholarships available for Ingjald high school seniors: Ingjald Lodge Scholarship, Past Chiefs Club Scholarship, Viking Boat Club Scholarship. In addition to the monetary awards, each received a blue or yellow carnation and award certificate, and they will be sent several pictures recording the award ceremony.

Chief Tera stated that she was personally very proud of all the scholarship recipients and extended congratulations on behalf of all Vikings. She also applauded the I.O.V. and Ingjald Lodge for their commitment to education. It is obvious that Vikings have been and continue to be dedicated to helping and encouraging our young adults become all they are capable of as they begin the next exciting chapter in their lives!

The evening was truly memorable and made all Vikings in attendance proud. A congratulatory reception, sponsored by the Past Chiefs Club of Ingjald Lodge and the Viking House Committee, was held following the ceremony.



Pictured Above:

- Past Grand Chief Bill Peterson awarding I.O.V. recipient Gavin Cuoco
- Past Ingjald Chief Tim Miller awarding Past Chiefs Club Scholarship to Kamryn Harper
- Past Grand Chief Bill Peterson awarding Ingjald Lodge Scholarship to Lilly Sorenson (accepted by Carla Sorenson)

Ingjald Lodge Receives Gifts from Inner Clubs

Our Lodge has several inner clubs that have made and continue to make significant gifts for the well-being of all members of Ingjald Lodge. Recently the Viking Marina Association and the Viking Boat Club made significant donations to our restaurant facilities. Pictured (L to R) are staff members Linda Milks and Katie Southwick standing beside the new salad table given by the Viking Marina Association. Our members have welcomed with great enthusiasm this addition to our food service offering. Also pictured is Joe Hirleman, representing the Viking Boat Club, standing by their donation of a much-needed new refrigerator. Ingjald Lodge Chief Tera Darts is pictured giving thanks to the Boat Club and Viking Marina Association donations. Ingjald Lodge is truly very fortunate to have the support of all of our inner clubs.



Ingjald Lodge Honors 25/50 Year Members

A reception for 25-year and 50-year Viking members was held at our Lake Park facility. Each recipient was called upon by Chief Tera Darts and was presented appropriate pins denoting years of membership. Assisting in the ceremony were Past Grand Lodge Chief Bill Peterson and Past Ingjald Chief Steve Kosthorst. Pictured are a few of the 25-year members and two of the six 50-year members. The two 50-year members receiving pins were (L-R) Lee Johnson and Past Ingjald Chief George Lynch. Refreshments sponsored by the Past Chiefs Club and Viking House Committee were available following the ceremony.



Patriotic Donation Continues

Our Ingjald Lodge Past Chiefs Club continues a longstanding tradition of donating flags for our Lake Park facility. Pictured are Past Chiefs holding up a new massive 12 ft. by 18 ft. American flag that they donated. Regular flag replacement is necessary every 2-3 years because of the strong winds coming off Chautauqua Lake which batter the flag atop of our large flagpole. Past Chief Orrissa Greenwald and Past Chief Doug Sanders can be seen in the other picture after raising the newly donated flag. Thank you Past Chiefs for your continued help.

