Greetings Fellow Vikings!

Well summer finally arrived at Ingjald Lodge Lake Park. The weather has been great this past week. We had a few summer rains (and some summer downpours!), but overall it’s nice to be able to enjoy the sunshine.

Since the last issue of the Viking Journal, the Executive Council met at the Grand Lodge office in Springfield, IL. We were greeted by several of the great people that work for us taking care of the everyday business of the IOV. We had an enjoyable evening Friday at a little tavern close to the motel. On Saturday morning before our meeting we were given a tour of the offices of United Trust Group. I would like to thank Ted Miller and all the staff members that came in on Saturday to answer any questions we had. During the meeting, the Executive Council signed a new contract extension with UTG. This will insure that the IOV and UTG will be working together for the future well being of the IOV.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be in Braintree, Massachusetts at Stenkil Lodge on October 25th. We invite any interested in our meeting to come and join us. This is your organization, we welcome your input.

A lot has been happening at Ingjald this summer. We have had steak fries and chicken BBQ’s. Also we had our Sportsman’s Raffle on June 1st. Several other great events are on tap for this summer too. Please check out our schedule of events at our new web site: www.iov65.com. If you are in the area we would be honored if you would stop by and see us!

On Thursday July 17th, Ingjald Lodge had the honor of presenting our national and local scholarships. We were honored by the presence of New York State Senator Kathy Young to speak on the importance of higher education. Also we honored Ingjald Lodge’s 25 and 50-year members by presenting them with their pins for years of membership. All present were treated to cake and refreshments donated by Ingjald Lodge’s Past Chief’s Club.

I would like to ask anyone that has any news about their lodges to send in an article to be put in the IOV Journal.

I guess I’ve taken up enough space this time, so until next time remember to support all the worthy causes sponsored by the IOV... Burn Camp, Language Camp and the Scholarship Fund. Also, support your local lodges by participating in their events and festivities.

Grand Chief Bill
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!!

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Do We Know Your Correct Address?

Undelivered “Viking Journals” cost us money and you are left without news about the IOV! If you are a snowbird, let us know your winter address and make sure you give us an updated address when you return north! Please, help us control costs and deliver the IOV News and Information to you each quarter.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO US!

Did you know?

How many Viking Members know about the Sweden-America Newspaper, NORDSTJERNAN? This has been published in NYC since 1872. I will be submitting an abbreviated history about the IOV to the newspaper in October (hopefully). The newspaper is published by-monthly at a cost of $41/year. I hope some of you will subscribe to it. Lodges could submit events to the paper that would reach people other then Vikings. The phone number is 1-800-827-9333, ext. 10, if you wish to advertise, ext 12. This is very enjoyable reading.

Toots Porter, Membership Committee Chair
Carla Horton, Ray Kuntson, Paul Pitts - Members
**BURN CAMP COMMITTEE**

On July 19, 2008, Committee Member Jim McRae accompanied by his wife Nancy, daughter Amy and Thor Jeffrey all of Stenkil Lodge #92 visited the Arthur C. Luf Burn Camp in Connecticut. While there Jim McRae made a donation to the camp on behalf of the Independent Order of Vikings East Lodges in the amount of $8,000.00. They were very thankful and extended an invitation for us to join in their Awards night in November.

Linne Lodge #57 will be having a Golf outing on August 8th and the ladies are still having lunches. Committee Member Dewey Bringedahl along with Chief William Schaefer and the Fire Fighters of Muskegon will be presenting a check at opening day of the camp for approximately $5,000.00.

Things are still moving along in the Midwest. Ellida Lodge #25 will be having Steak fry on September 20th. Thor Lodge #9 has had their Birdies for Charity and other events and has raised at least $1,500.00 for the Burn Camp. The Midwest was unable to send a delegate to the camp this year as they were all at the Executive Council Meeting.

I would like to thank everyone this year for their hard work and as a group we have been very successful with the National Charity Burn Camps for Children. We can all be proud of the work we do.

Arthur Harlow, Chairman  
Dewey Bringedahl  
Ray Knutson  
Roy James (Jim) McRae, Committee Members

**LANGUAGE CAMP**

The article of the experience of the two juniors, Kaitlyn Lindgren and Christine Watson, who attended Language Camp this year will appear in the 4th Quarter Journal. Watch for it and learn of their experience!

Now is the time to start thinking of the summer of 2009 - the time will be upon us before we know it!

We are very pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge will again be supporting this program - it is very important that our youth learn about their Scandinavian heritage, please help us support this by nominating the youth in your lodge.

Bill Schaefer, Chair  
Toots Porter, Steve Lingle, Jim McRae  

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VIKING OF THE YEAR 2009

Do you know someone in your Lodge who deserves to have their name added to the following list?

VIKING OF THE YEAR WINNERS

1987 Ray Knutson  Elida  #25
1988 C. Henry Widegren  Drake  # 3
1989 Agnes Trillcott  Stenkil  #92
1990 Hjalmar T. Lindskoog  Brage  # 2
1991 Ruth Ann Matthews  Linne’  #57
1992 Carl A. Larson  Stenkil  #92
1993 Rey I. Carlberg  Harald  #13
1994 Raymond Carlson  Linne’  #57
1995 Henry Stenquist, Jr  Edmund  #91
1996 Mauritz Erickson  Linne’  #57
1997 Norma Sundberg  Ovar Odd  #24
1998 Alfred Majors  Linne’  #57
1999 Charles Niarhos  Harald  #13
2000 Allen E. Johnson  Ingjald  #65
2001 Alex J. Arvia  Harald  #13
2002 Juanita “Toots” Porter  Ingjald  #65
2003 NO ONE NOMINATED
2004 Esther Irene Sundberg  Clara  #118
2005 Wayne H. Bailey  Linne’  #57
2007 Gordon Lindgren  Neptune  #35

That deserving person will be recognized at the Convention, Muskegon, MI in June 2009, with expenses paid by the Grand Lodge.

VIKING OF THE YEAR 2009 - 2010

Please submit nominations to the Grand Lodge Office post marked prior to November 30, 2008. We have included an application form in this issue of the Viking Journal for your convenience. If you need more forms please contact the Grand Lodge Office by phone, letter, fax, e-mail or visit our web site www.iovikings.org. We all know Viking Members who are worthy of the award. Please take the time to nominate one.

The Viking of the Year Committee is searching for one outstanding candidate from all our Sister and Brother Vikings who have not received recognition for outstanding service, accomplishments and dedication to a Subordinate Lodge in the Viking Order.

THE RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 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 Award will be administered by the Viking of the Year Committee appointed by the Grand Chief.
- The award will be a plaque, medallion and expenses paid to the Convention.
- Nomination forms are in the Viking Journal; additional forms will be available, by request, from the Grand Lodge.
- An individual may win the Viking of the Year only once.
- Grand Lodge Officers and Executive Council Members are not eligible to receive the award.
- Nominations must be received at the Grand Lodge Office.
- Previous nominees are eligible to be renominated in succeeding years.

PLEASE DON’T LET A DESERVING VIKING GET MISSED!

Bill Schaefer, Chair
Toots Porter, Steve Lingle, Jim McRae, Members
2009 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. **Deadline is**

1. Nominee’s Name:________________________________________________________________________________
   Nominee’s Address: ______________________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________________________

2. Nominee’s Lodge Name & Number_______________________________

3. Nominee’s Effective Membership Date____________________________

4. IOV Offices or Positions held or volunteerism within Lodge/IOV_________
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5. Describe what the individual has accomplished / contributed to Lodge or National IOV _______________
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6. List other special qualities, achievements, or awards of the nominee that promote the Lodge/IOV________
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7. Biographical Information: Please provide family history, Viking background and other matters of interest for publicity purposes, including family members who are IOV members _____________________________________________
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8. Nominators Name:__________________________________________________________________________________
   Nominators Address: ______________________________________________________________________________
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   Nominator’s Lodge Name and Number_________________________________________________________________

Dated this ______Day of (Month) ____________ (Year)_________
Date Received_______/_______/_______ (by Grand Lodge)
Postmarked_________/_______/________
It is time to start planning to attend the 79th I.O.V. Convention to be held at Linne’ Lodge #57 in Muskegon, MI. Our committees have been hard at work since the last Convention putting together what we hope will be a wonderful experience for you, especially if you have never been to Linne’ or Muskegon.

We have secured the Shoreline Inn & Suites located on Muskegon Lake. The rooms are blocked under: “VIKING”. You must make your own reservations by May 15th to secure the special rates they have set for us.

You may call the Shoreline Inn at 1-866-727-8483. If you would like to preview the hotel you can visit their website at (www.shorelineinn.com).

The Rates are:
- $59.00 - Single Queen Bed room
- $79.00 - Two Queen Beds room
- $99.00 - Parlor or Corner King rooms
- $129.00 - Deluxe King w/fireplace & Jacuzzi
- $199.00 - 10th Floor Suites

All rooms have a full size refrigerator/freezer & microwave, also Continental Breakfast is included in the room rate. The hotel also has indoor pool, whirlpools, fireplace and exercise room for guest use.

Evening activities are planned as follows:

Wed. June 10th - Registration at Shoreline Inn 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Continuing at the Historic Frauenthal Center 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. June 11th - Midsommar Fest at Linne’ Lodge - $15.00 each

Fri. June 12th - Lake Perch Dinner at Linne’ Lodge - $15.00 each

Sat. June 13th - Grand Banquet at Linne’ Lodge - $30.00 each

Daytime activities are in the final planning stages and will be announced in the next Journal along with more details.

Looking forward to seeing you here at Linne’ Lodge.

Britt-Louise Hichue and Laura Korndorfer
Co-Chairpersons - Convention #79 in ’09
Artwork for ads will be accepted in black and white camera-ready form OR electronically. Electronic files must be sent as high-resolution jpg OR high-resolution pdf with fonts embedded. Files may be either e-mailed to fbp@verizon.net AND cngrinnell@cs.com OR be burned to a disk and mailed to the address below. These specs do not apply to the single-line signature page text.

Please fill out the following form and return it with your artwork and payment by March 2, 2009 to:

Christine Grinnell
1630 Evanston Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49442
231-557-3373
cngrinnell@cs.com

BONUS: For $50 more, your ad on the cover pages can be in COLOR! Please contact us ASAP to reserve.

Contact Name ____________________________________________________________
Lodge Number or Business Name ____________________________________________
Contact's Address ________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip Code ______________________________________________________
Phone Number_________________________E-Mail Address _______________________
Authorized by (Signature) __________________________________________________

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New York State Senator Catharine Young attended the annual Viking Scholarship and recognition of 25 and 50 year Viking member ceremony at the Viking Lake Park.

Seven college bound high school graduates from the Jamestown area received a total of $7,400 in scholarship awards. The funds came from the International Order of Vikings and the local Ingjald Lodge #65, and the Viking Boat Club. The award ceremony took place at the Viking Lake Park. I.O.V. Grand Lodge members: I.O.V. Grand Chief Bill Peterson and Board members John Pavlock and Juanita “Toots” Porter offered their congratulations to the scholarship recipients. Lindsay Carlson, Katie Ives, Ashley Johnson, and Kristy Woodfield received the I.O.V. Grand Lodge Scholarships; Brittany White and Matt Davis received the local Ingjald Lodge Scholarships. Matt Davis also received the local Harold Oquist Scholarship given in his honor by the Viking Boat Club in memory of Harold Oquist to any young person entering a trade school. Viking Chief, Dave Watson and Vice-Chief Bob Greenwald assisted in handing out the scholarships and expressed their best wishes to the scholars and their families. Also honor and presented with special Viking pins were nine 50 year members and twenty-eight 50 year members.

Senator Young offered congratulations to each of the scholarship recipients and to the 25/50 year members. Since 1964, a total of 268 scholarships have been given totaling $165,250.00!

Following the ceremony the scholarship recipients and their families were treated to a special reception sponsored by the Viking Past Chiefs Club.

**2008 VIKING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

**CAN YOU IDENTIFY?**

No one correctly identified last issue’s photo. *Princess Charlotte of Wales* (1796-1817). Born: 7th January 1796 at Carlton House, Westminster, Middlesex. Heir Presumptive of Great Britain. Died: 6th November 1817 at Claremont House, Esher, Surrey. *Princess Charlotte Augusta*, the only child of King George IV of Great Britain and Caroline of Brunswick, was born at Carlton House during the brief union of her parents, who had quarrelled before her birth and were never reconciled. After their separation, she was allowed, occasionally, to see her mother, but resided at Carlton House till 1805, when she was taken to Windsor Castle, Lady Elgin being her first governess. Her grandfather, George III, was devoted to her. "Tis very odd," he said, "she always knows me on horseback." “Yes,” said the Queen, “when the King comes to her on horseback, she clasps her little hands, and endeavours to say ‘Gan-pa’ immediately” (1797). Madame d’Arblay, in 1814, thought her quite beautiful. She was certainly a very hot-tempered, high-spirited child, with occasional lapses into the hoydenish bad-manners of her mother; and it may have been his hatred of that mother which made her father so unwilling, both before and after he became Prince Regent, to recognize her as heiress to the throne. But she learned her position early, and her father’s attitude towards herself naturally prompted her to take her mother’s side in their quarrels. Princess Charlotte was betrothed, in 1813, to the Prince of Orange, heir to the throne of Holland, but broke off the match of her own accord the next year after hearing of his drunken escapades at Ascot Races. She transferred her affections to Crown Prince Augustus of Prussia, a man thought by most to be beneath her rank. Her father was very angry at this and even her mother refused to sympathise much with her. She was sent to Cranbourne Lodge in Windsor Great Park in disgrace, and kept in a kind of durance throughout 1814. In May 1816, she was married to Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, afterwards King of the Belgians. The Regent hated the marriage, for he had always wanted the Prince of Orange for a son-in-law. Charlotte and Leopold spent a year and a half of great happiness at Claremont, but the Princess died in giving birth to a stillborn child in November 1817 and was buried in St. George’s Chapel, Windsor. Madame d’Arblay speaks of the passionate love of the young couple for each other. The grief of the nation for her death was a thing long remembered; but that death led to the immediate marriage of the Duke of Kent, which was followed by the birth, in 1819, of the Princess Victoria. *Edited from CRL Fletcher’s ‘Historical Portraits’ (1919).*
Scholarship Congratulations

Our Congratulations go out to these young people and best wishes for their continuing quest for higher education. We are also sincerely grateful for our members, lodges and many friends for their generous support and donations, which have made these scholarships possible.

William F Nelson, Chairman
Juanita L. Porter and William Schaefer

2008 VIKING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Elizabeth Sundin - Alpena, MI

I would like to thank you for the scholarship. It is a great honor to receive it and will be very useful to put towards my education at the University of Michigan.

Lindsay N. Carlson
Jameston, NY

I am extremely honored to be a recipient of a Viking Scholarship. Thank you so much. I will be attending Grove City College in September and this scholarship will be very helpful.

Kristy Woodfield
Lakewood, NY

I am absolutely delighted to be awarded one of the Viking Scholarships for 2008. Living in the Jamestown area, which has a significant Swedish community, being a Junior Viking is a great honor. I will use the scholarship towards my education, as I aspire to be a lawyer. Through the next few years, I will know my family, church and community organizations, like the Vikings, have helped me develop to be the person I will become. Thank you for promoting education and the betterment of our community.

Kathryn Ives - Jamestown, NY

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. Growing up at the Vikings Lake Park has greatly influenced my decision to continue my education to benefit the world in which we live. The Vikings has always been a part of my past, my present and now my future. This Fall 2008 semester, I will be attending the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, I plan on obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Studies and after graduating SUNY-ESF, I would like to attend Law School to pursue a career in environmental law. As a child of the Vikings, I’ve danced around the May Pole, scared the daylights out of the people in the Haunted House and have made many memorable memories throughout the years. Forever, there will be a piece of the Vikings in my spirit and I will carry it with me always. With this scholarship, I am one step closer to achieving my dreams and changing the world. These simple words cannot express the gratitude I feel. Thank you once again.

SUNY ESF

Kathryn Ives - Jamestown, NY
Find the Halloween words from the bottom in the Halloween word search grid. The words can be forwards or backwards, vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately, but keep in mind that letters may be used in more than one word. When the Halloween word search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting Halloween fact.

**Halloween Word Search**

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**Halloween and Costumes**

- CANDY MONSTER
- CARVE OCTOBER
- COSTUME PRINCESS
- DOOR TO DOOR SCARY
- DRACULA SKELETON
- FRANKENSTEIN THIRTY-FIRST
- GHOST TRICK OR TREAT
- JACK-O-LANTERN VAMPIRE
- KNIGHT WITCH
- MAKEUP ZOMBIE

**English to Swedish**

- Calendar - almanacka, kaender
- camel - kemel
- camera - kamera
- camper - kampare
- can - burk
- cave - grotta
- cartoon - ecknadSerie, serie
- castle - slott, borg
- canyon - kanjon
- cactus - kaktus
**Home Sweet Home**
Circle the items below that were definitely NOT found in a Pilgrim house.

- Book
- Pitcher
- Chair
- Blender
- Wheel
- Basket
- Camera

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**Sudoku for Kids**
Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the numbers 1 through 6.
Don’t guess - use logic!

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Greetings from a “wind ravaged Quad Cities”

Monday morning, July 21, came in with 94 mile per hour wind gusts that put down hundreds and hundreds of trees. Power poles, lines and of course electricity for most of the Illinois side of the Quad Cities. I’m writing this on Thursday afternoon, just after our power was restored here at home. The power was restored just after the noon hour on Wednesday at our Thor Lodge No. 9. Fortunately there was no damage to our building or trees on the property. The regular Wednesday night Bingo went on as usual. (Personally, I was not there as I was still tending to the tangle of trees in my yard and cutting a neighbor’s tree from the side of my house). Now that the power has been restored, it’s nice not to hear the generators in the neighborhood, but the whine of chain saws is still present.

But, to a lighter and better note, our 2008 Viking Open was held a few weeks ago at Hidden Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf, Iowa, and all had a great time. The weather was threatening at first, but turned out just fine. Pictured is a partial group enjoying rolls, coffee and juice before boarding the golf carts all lined up for the shotgun start. Also pictured are Bill Morris in the driver seat (proudly displaying his Iowa “Hawkeye” and Chicago Cubs logos) while his playing partner, Jim Smith suffers the indignity as he is a staunch fighting Illini and St. Louis Cardinals fan.

As usual, after the 18 holes of golf, we all headed back to the loge for cold beverages and a delicious steak dinner. After the meal, the winning teams and individual prizes were awarded. Once again our thanks to the volunteers who set up the dinner, prepared the food (while we played golf) and then stayed after to clean up. Great Job!

Jon Melin, Correspondent

Remember When?

Middle Row:
left - Bobbie Munson
4th from left - Irving Olson
5th from left - Jean Lougren Porter

Seated Row:
Left - Vivian Johnson
2nd from left - Carla (Lofgren) Drije
4th from left - Gloria Johnson
ELLIDA LODGE NO. 25

Sorry I missed the last newsletter. The months seem to go by too fast and so did the deadline. I will fill you in with what happened between the publications. The Ellida hosted Midwest District meeting in March and the Annual Drill Team exhibition in May. It is so much fun to get together with the great Vikings from other clubs. Come on back!!!

There were some Saturday and Sunday breakfasts, along with Wednesday and Saturday night suppers. We slowed down for the Summer, but recently I was asked, why not have them all year long. People still eat no matter what the season is!! Maybe next Summer.

We had Camp Hillcrest opening and clean up day on May 10th. There was a lot of work to do. A lot of tree branches to cut up and haul away. It took a lot of days and weeks to get the park back to the way it used to be. There was a lot of help, new and old members, and even non-members showed up to help. What a great group of people. Thank You!!!

Upcoming September events. A lot to mark on your calendar. On Wednesday, September 10th another slow roasted pork supper is planned with the cooking done by Gary G. Start serving at 4:30 so come early as last time we sold out. Saturday, September 13th a French toast, scrambled eggs and sausage breakfast will be served at the bar. The cost is only $3.00 per plate. A nice way to start the day before running your errands.

The Ellida will host a Steak Dinner on Saturday, September 20th. All profits will go to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. Tickets available at the club. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon, out to beautiful Camp Hillcrest with family and friends, supporting a worthwhile charity, while enjoying a nice tender steak cooked to perfection by you. Hope to see you there.

Swedish Pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 21st at the club with our regular games to follow. Something to look forward too, on Thursday, September 25, there will be only 3 months till Christmas. So start that Christmas shopping early. Beat the rush!!!

October events are planned so watch the newsletter for dates and menus. Or stop down to the club for a calendar of events to post on your refrigerator.

The Drill Team is packing to go on a trip. We are going to Branson, Missouri. No cooking or Bingo for 4 days.

Don't forget the annual Turkey Supper. It is planned for Saturday, November 8th. After supper you can dance all the calories away. So mark that date down and be sure to tell your friends about it.

Talk to you in the fall

Peggy Stegall

HARALD LODGE NO. 13

Hard to believe that another summer is ready to take its leave with plans for “Octoberfest” and “Halloween Parties” going strong. As “Frank” would say it has been a very good year and Harald Lodge has been busy with many projects. Our members raised the money and provided all the man power for construction of a new deck that will provide a great space for our “Bears” tailgate season and many nights of light conversation.

Lodge happenings? This year we joined with the Danish Brotherhood for our summer picnic and hope that this will become an annual affair. Many of our members are receiving the Lodge Newsletter via e-mail in the hopes of reducing the cost and also giving the lodge a means of sending information quickly to all the members.

That’s about it…til Fall.

Fraternally, Karen Lingle
Hearty greetings from Geneva, Illinois, my fellow Vikings!

Have you, each and every one of you, had a wonderful summer? It’s been wonderful here along the Fox River. The White Sox are in first place. The Bears open tonight. Brett Favre is a New York Jet! Brother Scott Williams and I need to discuss this! We Mimer #33 Vikings hope your summer has approached the fine time we’ve enjoyed since our last visit here in the Viking Journal. (Oh, yeah, that Northside ball club is also in first place.)

Our Geneva Chamber of Commerce membership resulted in the largest herring breakfast in recent memory. Since the halcyon days of yore down along the banks of the Fox before dram shop insurance, liability insurance, we entertained hundreds of diners. Besides our signature sil, there’s no denying that Scott’s Swedish Pancakes brought the hungry hordes to the American Legion’s beer tent from 6:30 until past 11:00 that sunny Sunday morning. All of our stoves were busy and each of the Mimer #33 Vikings were able to visit with the steady line of diners waiting for their freshly cooked bacon, herring, eggs and pancakes. It was, far and away, the most successful herring breakfast in decades.

Past Grand Chief Gordon Lindgren and Nancy were smiling in the crowd. Our own beloved Aged Past Chief, Ron Kohorst and Donna were there as diners, supporting the Lodge, as always. Our revered Trustee, Everett Johnson was also there, keeping his eye on us. It was Brother Everett who kick started our new stoves, coolers and trailer upgrade a couple years ago and he was pleased to see how smoothly everything ran. Of course, there were guests who thought the herring was a tad too salty. Three guests. Three out of almost 500. Everett and Ron were two of them! We’ll keep working on that rinsing, guys!

Our brewing activities have continued. Inner Guard Matt Reed has built a new house for his bride, Billie Holiday, and will soon be brewing along with Brother Williams and Brother Justin Rodenbostel. They are both much better brewers than your humble correspondent although my hop vines are weighty with Cascade hops. Brother Justin has a Harvest Ale fermenting right now that was brewed last week, wet hopped with fresh hops from my vines.

Why am I yammering about brewing? It’s because we Mimer #33 Vikings have a hunch that we can continue to grow our membership by attracting Scandinavians with an affinity for good, fresh, home brew beer. (You think?!) Our fellow Chamber members are intrigued and there’s Lodge talk about investing in another trailer dedicated to brewing equipment. It’s our thinking that besides our own use and pleasure, applicant Vikings will be attracted to our Lodge with this feature and its benefits. Are there other Lodges with active brewers as members? We’d like to hook up and discuss this as a Lodge activity that would appeal to existing and prospective Vikings. There’s more brewing information at our (fancy, new) website: [www.mimer33vikings.org](http://www.mimer33vikings.org)

Vasa Park, along the Fox River north of us, will have their annual Scandinavian Day Festival on Sunday, 7 September. We’ll be serving herring and Swedish sausage again. We hope for good weather and a good crowd. There will be music and costumes and plenty of hearty Viking fellowship. I’ll send pictures and a report in the next Viking Journal.

Well, Brother and Sister Vikings, we hope you all enjoy autumn as it arrives. We all must search as if we’ll live forever. And, we must live as though we might die tomorrow. But, let’s not!

We Mimer #33 Vikings pray that each one of you has a wonderful tomorrow! Be kind to each other.

Fraternally,
Tom Hansen - Chief, Mimer #33, I.O.V.
“Sil”

Hordes of Hungry, Happy Herring Heroes

Chaplain Bud Meisner, “How would you like your eggs?”

Recording Secretary Carl Tornberg and Conductor Charlie Geske keeping up with the bacon.

Swedish Days Parade float

Brothers Erik Hansen, Bud Meisner, Roger Rock

Chief Tom Hansen and “Big Red Swede”, Roy Lovkvist (our first website visitor!)

Herring Chef (note burned fingertips!) Cary Zaras and daughter Faith

Swedish Days Parade, ’08 at Third and State Streets, Geneva, Illinois

Dueling Vikings at Swedish Days Parade ’08
Hi to all you VIKINGS

Where has the summer gone? Before you know it the snow will be flying. May 14th we lost our oldest Viking, Dick Lindgren who was just 3 days shy of his 100th birthday passed on. Dick had been a member since the early forties. In an excerpt from his obituary it stated “One of Dick’s most amazing qualities was the ability to read the phonebook without glasses at the age of 99”. God bless you Dick. June 28th Dee and I traveled to Springfield Ill. for the Grand Lodge meeting. We arrived Friday afternoon and met up with the other Council Members and their spouses as well as some of the Officers from the United Trust office at a local establishment. That evening was just a little good fun and some entertainment by our attorney. Saturday morning before our meeting we received a tour of the United Trust office. I was very impressed with their facilities. Our meeting was very interesting. One of the big discussions was transferring the money from the Aged and Needy fund into the general fund. All the council members were urged to bring this up at their Lodge meetings and see how the members feel. This will be discussed again at our next meeting in Braintree in October as well as Jamestown in March of ’09. It will be voted on at the Grand Lodge Convention in Muskegon in June 2009. A delicious lunch was served by the United Trust group. Saturday afternoon some of us Council members along with our spouses toured the Lincoln Museum and then most of us went out for dinner. All in all it was a very good time and I would like to thank the United Trust group for their hospitality. Nell Christopherson has been in the hospital as well as the nursing home lately. Dorothy Fredrickson had arthroscopic surgery recently. Our fall picnic will be Sept. 20th at the club. It will start at noon. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. No charge for members. Non members will pay $15.00 with a dish to pass. The club will furnish the pork and sweet corn [hopefully] with liquid refreshments. As of this writing we will be initiating a large group of new members on August 20th. Please try to make it to our functions as well as our meetings.

Remember I O V [Involve- Organize-Volunteer].
Rod Ottum; Chief
Hello to All.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer months! It was a hot and stormy summer here in Boston. Our Midsummer was a lovely event with members from all ages participating.

In July, 4 members visited the Connecticut Children’s Burn Camp and had a great time touring the site and meeting many campers. Chief Jim McRae presented the camp with a generous check from all our hard work fund-raising.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy back to school season!

Amy McRae, - Correspondent, Stenkil Lodge #92

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**Roasted Pumpkin Seeds**

**What You Need**

- 2 tablespoons Butter
- 2 cups washed, cleaned pumpkin seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt
- Use of oven, Large saucepan, Large cookie sheet or jelly-roll pan

**How To Make It**

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Add seeds and spices; toss to coat. Spread seeds on a large cookie sheet or jelly-roll pan. Bake 40 minutes, stirring often, until they’re browned and crisp. Yield: 2 cups

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**CLARA LODGE NO. 118**

Moline, IL

Summer months are pretty quiet for Clara Lodge except for the Wednesday bingo kitchen cooks and servers. Even the bad storm and extensive power outage didn’t damper bingo for July 23rd. Power at the Viking Club came on at 1 p.m.; the kitchen was open at 5 p.m. and was a “sell out;” and bingo continued as usual. Volunteers are a wonderful commodity.

Together with Thor Lodge we made available coffee and rolls for breakfast and limited sandwiches for lunch at the first Illinois Senior Mid-Summer Exposition on June 26th held here at the Viking Club. There were 47 vendors displaying product information and services available to area seniors including banking, legal, medical and many other subjects. It was very well attended and the sponsors were optimistic that this could be an annual affair. Many thanks to all the kitchen, set-up and clean-up volunteers.

Due to conflicts in scheduling our 60th anniversary celebration has been cancelled. The committee will be focusing on preparations for a 65th celebration in 2012. They would still appreciate bringing to a meeting any photos you would care to share as they prepare a past history of Clara Lodge.

On veterans’ night, October 9th, we will be honoring our newest 25- and 50-year members. Receiving 25 year pins are: Ruth Ann Baughn, Charlotte Findley, Doris Hovey, Shirley Manning, Mary Gang and Violet Peterson. We have no 50-year members this year.

We wish all you grandparents a wonderful day as you celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 7th. Remember the only thing so simple that a child can operate is a grandparent.

As autumn is approaching with craft shows, bazaars and bus trips for Christmas shopping, here is a thought for the serious shopper: it’s not how much the item costs; it’s how much you save that counts.

Bev Clark, Journal correspondent
Vikings Plan Family Picnic

Over 84 Viking volunteers were enlisted to help with the annual Viking Family Picnic at the Viking Lake Park on Sunday, July 27th. It is estimated that between 350-400 young people and their families attended this popular Ingjald Lodge family event.

There was a wide host of activities for people of all ages including: age group money scrambles, balloon darts, fish ponds for little children, watermelon seed spitting, golf games, ring the antlers on the deer head, water balloon and egg tosses, age group running races, hula hoop contests, and bubble gum blowing contests for all ages. Again this year Harvey “The Balloon Man” thrilled and entertained the youngsters with his fabulous balloon creations. There was the ever popular special appearance of the traditional Viking Clown and his two young clown assistants. The “Pocket Lady” could be seen making her way among the children. Helium balloons were given to the young children. Back by popular demand this year was a large 30 foot air slide sponsored by the Sportsman Fund-raiser. The Viking “Dunk Tank” will again be featured. This the only activity that involved money. Participants donated a dollar to try and “dunk” various Viking Officers; including Chief Dave Watson, House Committee member Chris Sorenson, Club Manager Connie Sherman, and others. Funds received from the “Dunk Tank” were divided between the American Cancer Society and sponsorship of Viking youth activities.

A new attraction this year was the “Viking Zoo” consisting of 15 different kinds of animals and pony rides! All in attendance were treated to free popcorn, pop, and ice cream. Following the regular activities, music for the whole family was furnished by the well-known “DJ’s Unlimited”. The Family Picnic was open to all Viking members and their families.

Thanks for your help.

Submitted by: Allen Johnson—Com. Chairman

Pictured at right:
Top photo: The Dunk Tank
Second from top: Giant 30 ft. slide
Third photo from top: Three generations of clowns
MILESTONES

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

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