January/February 2016



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Thor Lodge No. 9, I.O.V., 1450 41st Street, Moline, IL 61265 Phone 309-764-3753

Hello Vikings

"Ring Out, Wild Bells" forms part of In Memoriam, Tennyson's eulogy to his sister's fiancé, Arthur Henry Hallam, who died at the age of 22. On the last day of every year in Sweden, the poem is recited — in a loose translation — to commemorate the year's end. It's a tradition that dates back to 1897 when the young Swedish actor Anders de Wahl was invited to read the poem at Sweden's annual New Year's Eve celebration at Skansen in Stockholm. De Wahl recited the poem each year until his death in 1956, and the tradition continues to this day.

Ring out, wild bells

Ring out ,wild bells, to the sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light. The year is dying in the night; ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more, Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in. Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease, Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

---by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850

From the Chief

A special thanks goes out to Matt Hines and all the folks at Doug's Heating for changing over our heating and air conditioning system this past year. This will help us reduce our operating cost in upcoming years.

Thanks to all our lodge members who help keep our events running smoothly. We can always use more!

Make our club your favorite lunch stop or just come in for a warm glass of Glogg this Holiday Season.

Remember to travel safely and to drink responsibly.

Wishing all a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Dave & Becky

Annual Dues

Lodge members. Pay your assessment and dues ASAP. Pay at the Club or mail your payment with an SASE to Ken Reamy, 4716 11th Street, E. Moline, IL 61244. Questions? Call Ken at 563-650-7928. If you are not paid by March 31st, you will be dropped from membership.

Club members: Mail your check to Moline Vikings Club, 1450 41st Street, Moline, IL 61265 for **\$30.00** or pay at the Club before January 30 or incur a **\$5.00** late charge.

New door cards are effective January 1. If you renew by mail be sure to include a SASE to ensure prompt return with a new door card.

Lodge Election

Lodge officers for 2016 will be nominated and elected at the meeting on February 4.

Installation will follow at the March lodge meeting.

Annual Meeting

Lodge members! Attend the Annual Business Meeting and election of board members on Friday, January 15 at 6 PM sharp. Dinner follows the meeting. 2016 dues must be paid and you must also have a \$10.00 reservation card to attend. Cards are available in the Club Room and at all Club functions until January 5 and by mail. (Remember an SASE envelope) The card is our way of determining how much food to order.

Dinner reservations

Remember to **call in reservations** for all food functions on the Monday before the event. This will help us in food planning.

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JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship seniors are now available Lyn Duke at social the Sponsors (parents or grandparents of applicant) must have been a member of the Moline Club Viking for minimum of two years. All applicationss must be submitted no later than March 31, 2016.

The Committee | Glögg Scholarship would like to thank all Viking members for their support of the scholarship fundraising projects this past year.

Internet

Visit us at www.molinevikings.org the current Thor Thunder and the calendar of events are listed there together with additional information about the Viking Club.

For reservation and booking information contact Lyn Duke at 309-764-8758 or office@molinevikings.org

Email

If you have email, applications for graduating please send an email to room. office@molinevikings.o rg Note Thor Thunder in the subject line.

> Your email address will be used for future electronic distribution of Thor Thunder.

For each newsletter sent electronically we save about 50 cents.

We have hot glögg in the Club Room every day during cold weather. Stop by and enjoy a glass.

Glögg gets its unique taste from spices and fruit infused into the wine and spirits as it is heated

Paper Dumpsters

Thanks for your continuing support. The money from the sale of the papers goes to our Building Fund.

Cans and Tabs

Continue to bring your empty pop and beer cans to the Club. Leave them by the back door. The

proceeds from the cans go to our Building Fund.

Please remove the tabs from the cans and bring these to the Club Room or leave them when you attend a function. The tabs go to the Shriners. They use the proceeds for transporting local children to the Shriners Hospital in Chicago.

Tell your friends and neighbors to leave us their cans and tabs.

Also mention the conveniently located dumpster for their newspapers

HOME ASSOCIATION

We need you help in 2016. Please volunteer your help for 1 hour, that's all for the coming vear. We have an assortment of needs, such

Cutting vegetables Steak Fry mornings

Wiping and stacking dishes after meals

Setting up tables and chairs mornings.

Selling 50/50 tickets at some events.

Carving Turkeys for our tukey dinners.

GIVE US ONE HOUR AND WE WILL PUT YOUR TIME TO GOOD **USE**

Just call the office @ 309-764-8758 and leave your name and number or send us an email @ office@molinevikings.org and we will get back to you.

Steak Fry

Fish, Shrimp, Steak, Chops

\$12.00

January 22nd

Pay by Monday before

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!