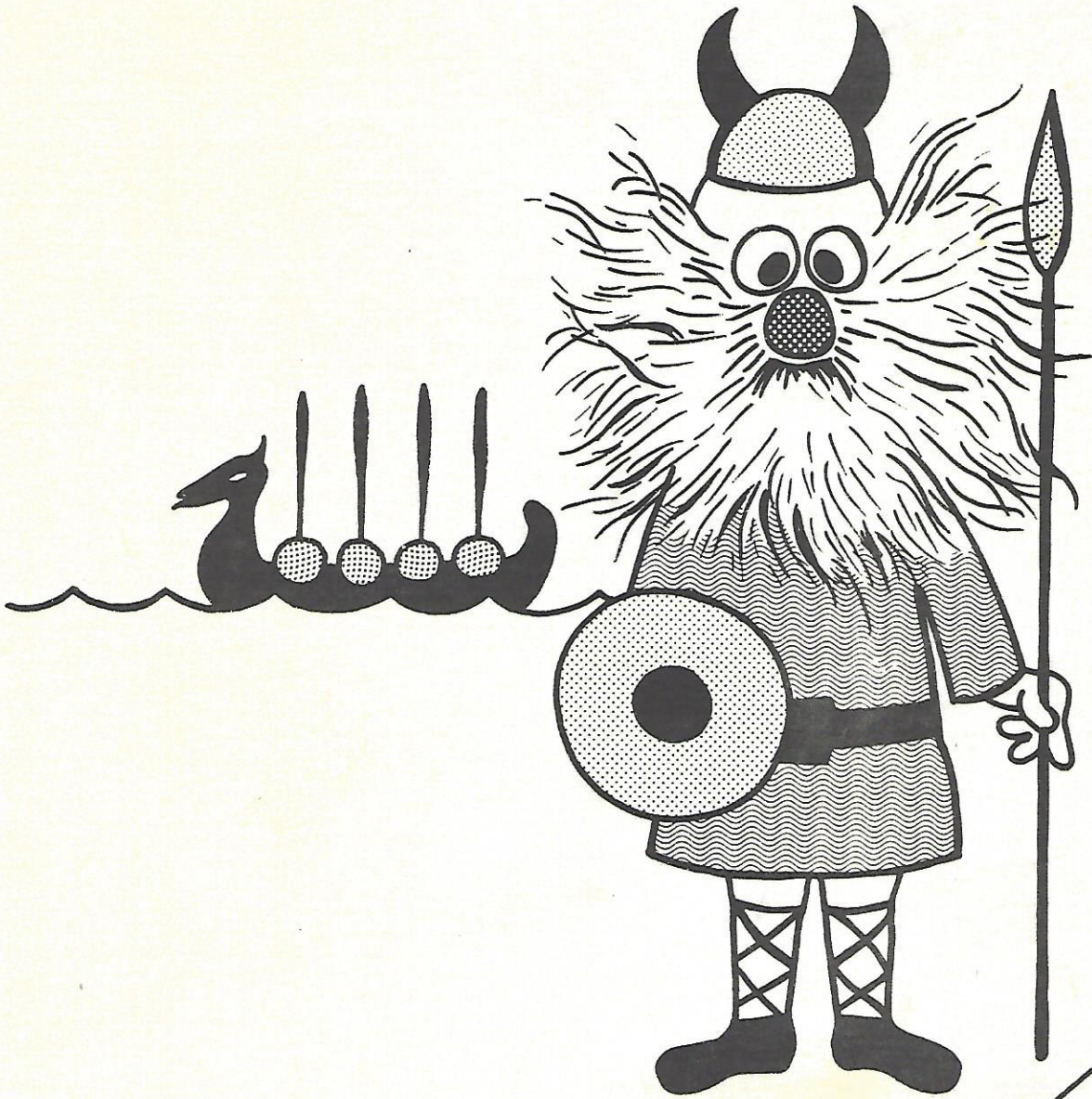
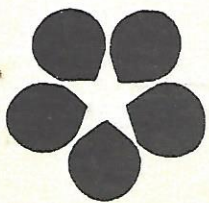


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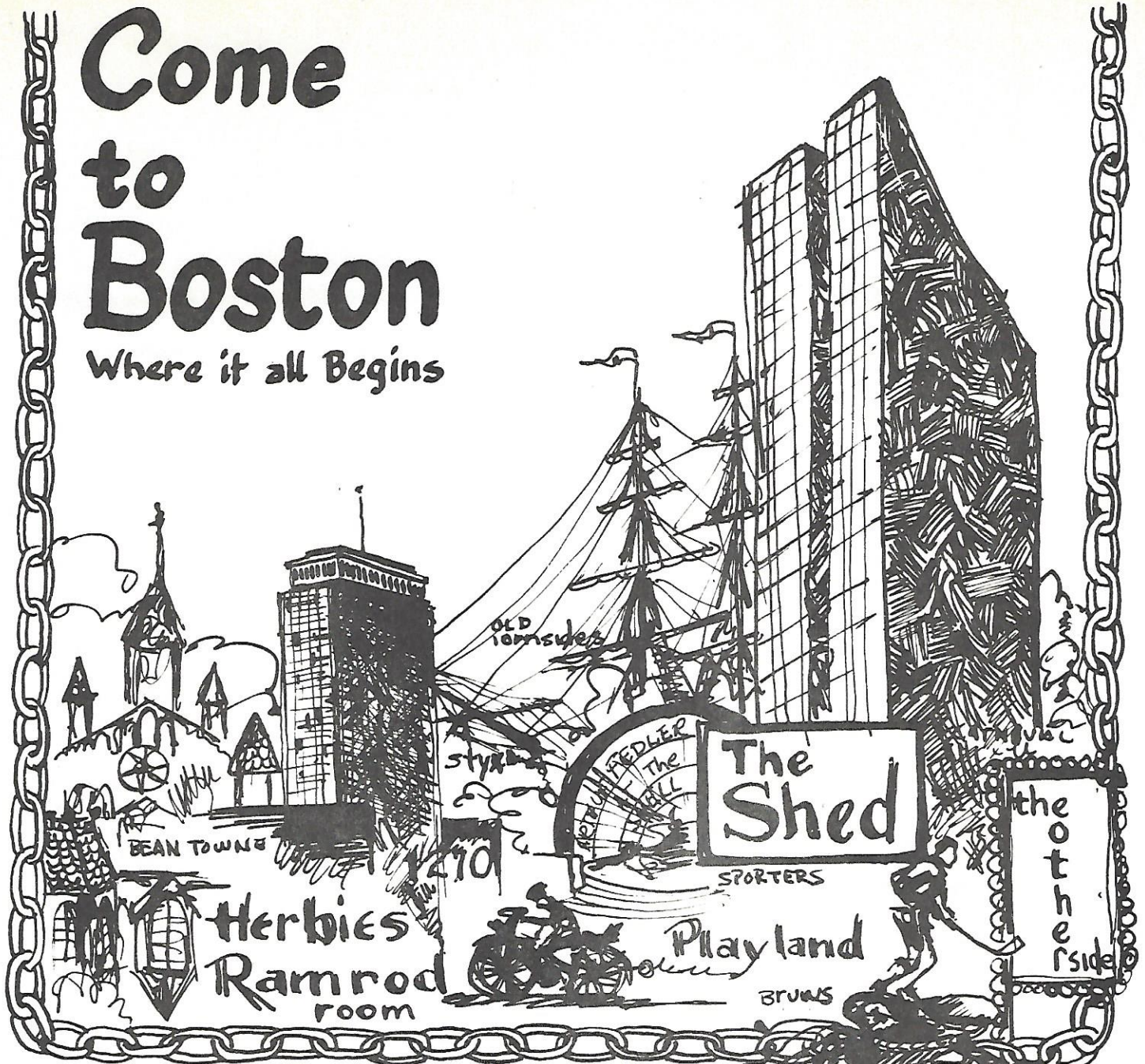


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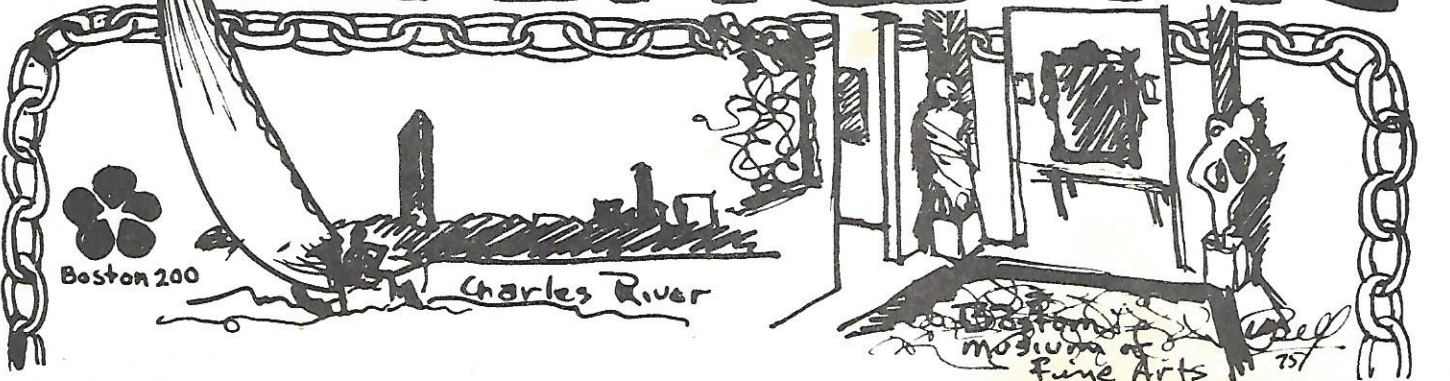


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# VOICES OF THE VIKINGS

## AN OFFICER

You really want to be an officer? There are certain responsibilities of an officer, whether one likes them or not. As an officer, fortunately or not, you are always watched, judged, or chastised for your actions, no matter what you do.

What you do reflects on not only yourself, but, also, the club members as well. There are times when you would like time for yourself, but, there is none. When you become an officer, particularly president, you become a brother, father, mother, and father confessor as well. You will be given a trust, one that must be kept at all times. You are not suppose to have any problems--only members have problems. You will try to please everyone, but, you will not always be able to.

There will be times you will not agree with the Executive Board, however, when the Executive Board comes to a decision, you will have to stand together as one. That is the only way an Executive Board can function effectively.

I would like to thank the present Executive Board for their support during the past year. As you have seen, with what few real problems there have been, the Executive Board pulled through, even when the going got rough. This is what I mean by pulling together. When you are on the Executive Board, do not be in a rush to condemn another person or club. Find out all of the facts before reaching a decision.

As to the upcoming elections, give a good and honest fight, and may the best man win. I am proud to see so many members actively seeking a responsible position in the VIKINGS M.C., as well as the Executive Board. Best of luck to all.

MIMIR

Joe. L. Smith

President

# Points Of View

I think most of us know that the majority of the clubs are made up of vast numbers of caring people, who hold an equally number of vast opinions and different points of view.

We all seem to agree upon the need and the right to express these points of view, and, to keep the lines of communications open to all facets of this broad and beautiful community, which is dedicated to the cause and purpose of Brotherhood.

With these thought in mind, I would like to take a minute to bare my thoughts and soul in the following passage:

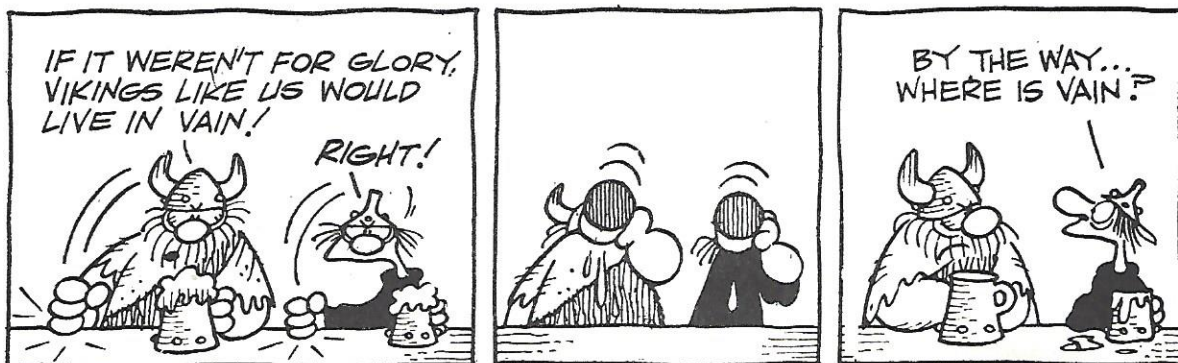
Pity them that have not understood,  
The wonderfullmeaning of Brotherhood,  
The meaning that comes from God above,  
That all men should learn to live and love.

To pray and worship as we please,  
In this great land of opportunities,  
To work and play as one great group,  
And not to fall for someones dupe.

To grow and flourish in harmony,  
Without a veil of tyranny,  
To leave our minds an open path,  
So we may travel free of wrath.

They say that nothing good comes easily,  
And, on this point I do agree.  
Yet, with our faith and hope and trust,  
Brotherhood will win. It must!

Don G  
Vice - President



When I joined the VIKINGS M.C. team six years ago, I met and am still meeting some wonderful guys. Guys that have fantastic personalities, and, lots of love to offer, regardless of there physical or mental attitudes or attributes. If I were to look for butch individuals, I would have joined the Hell's Angels or the like. But then...not only have I met some great guys with VMC, to say that would sound as if I were predjudice, but, also, on the various events throughout this beautiful country, I have met the same caliber of people -- GREAT!

When I took the position of the VMC Secretary some twenty-two months ago, I had no idea of what I was getting into. Well, I learn fast, and, at times, hard. I have had my ups and downs, but, somehow, I have managed to pull through. And, not always smelling like roses either. Both of the Executive Boards I have worked with have been a pleasure to work for, and, being the masochist that I am, I am hopeful of working with a third. I have tried my damndest to help them, and, can only hope that I have provided them with the help they needed.

In closing, I would like to say to everyone---please enjoy Leif Erikson to the fullest, and I trust that all your needs shall be met, not only by the VIKINGS, but, by everyone on the run. Also, the more people I meet, whether club or independent, the more I have to ponder the question, "Where did God have all the time to produce such fantastic people?" The angels on His committees must be working over-time.

Again, Thank you one and all, and, enjoy yourselves. Peace and Love.

Chris M.  
Secretary

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"Here the Voices of the Vikings,  
Hailing friends beyond the sea:  
Welcome all, aboard the Longship ,  
Love abounds, eternally!"

ODIN, 1970

Gentlemen, welcome to Leif Erikson 1975. This is the proudest moment for the VIKINGS M.C. - to be able to entertain you, as you have us at your runs. As Road Captain, please do not hesitate to call on me for anything that will make your stay in Viking country more enjoyable. Love abounds, eternally!

Ken C  
Road Captain



Being an officer of the VIKINGS, and, to carry out its responsibilities is an honor indeed. One can enhance his horizons, better relate to others within his own club, and, with all honesty, try to be a good will ambassador to all of whom he may come in contact with. Politics, I have no time for. If there is anything that I want to accomplish, it is to maintain a goal of relating our club to be one of the finest in the country.

With the above tasks before us, we need each and every one of us to pull his own weight. Our ventures cannot be successful if we do not pull together. Sure, there are unpleasant tasks, but, we all can not have the gravy. So, let us once again show what a team really is.

To our newer members, and, the "P"-members, do not be afraid of getting your feet wet. You may even get burned a little. So what? If you do not try, you can not gain. Remember, you have guys on your team who are experienced, and, will be more than glad to show you the ropes. Hoping we have a banner year.

Jay Jay S  
Treasurer

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Welcome to Leif Efikson 1975. I personally would like to take this opportunity to say to the guests on Leif Erikson, that I, as an individual, would like to thank all of you for giving the VIKINGS this opportunity to entertain you. I have been on many runs, and, luckily, have enjoyed them all. I have always been treated with the respect that one should receive on a run.

Now it is time for the VIKINGS, in their own special way, to say Thank You for all the enjoyment that you, our fellow clubs, have shown us in the past, by presenting to you our Leif Erikson 1975 run.

If in any way we may be able to make your stay with us more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to call upon any one of us. Again, thank you for what you have given us in the past, and, may it continue in the future.

Ken B  
Master-at-Arms

# In Retrospect

Having been a member of the VIKINGS for nearly five years now, looking back over these years has always been a great pleasure for me. Many members have come into or gone out of the VMC over the past six years, but, a few of us still remain. Although I am not a charter member, I do have the privilege of remembering and reminiscing some of the earlier years. And, along with the charter members, share the fond memories of BO2-22-69. All of the remaining charter members, and, nearly all of the present membership have been in the club for over three years, and, have held elective office. All of these members have been dedicated, and, have worked hard to preserve and continue the future goals of the club. Many of the newer members, however, may feel that the elder club members should sit back and let them take up the reins, or, run things in the executive offices. Remember, however, that the elder members still have a lot to offer for the future of the VMC. Some of these members may also feel that all new blood is healthier at the top of the Executive Board. Personally, I feel that a combination of both elements, elder and newer, is the best solution. The newer members can offer new ideas, vitality, and promise to the VMC, while the elder members can offer guidance, strength, and character. All of us together, can, and will, continue to strengthen the reputation and future of that which makes up the VIKINGS M.C.

Skip C  
Past President

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My first impression on being a past president was one of relief. The burden of decision making was suddenly lifted, and, with the roles of arbitrator, marriage counselor, and club psychiatrist transferred to the new president, left, at last, time to attend to social and business duties long neglected. In the passing of time, I have welcomed my gradual re-involvement and activity at club functions. The strong feeling of the club as a family prevails. To be sure, there are a lot of family arguments, but, in the long run, they are usually solved amicably.(you can't win em all)

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as president. It was an experience in human relations that enriched my life with at least an understanding, if not necessarily agreement, for the 'other side's' point of view. My continued involvement with the club in the future is, naturally, contingent on the whims of fate. My current plans are to continue to be a very loyal and, very vocal, VIKINGS member.

Sam J  
Past President





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## **THE EAGLE**



## BROTHERHOOD: Another Look

Since becoming a brother six months ago, I have noticed varying degrees of unity among clubs. What I do not understand is why mature men allow personality clashes petty grievance, and rumors to come between friendship and understanding. After all, we are all in this together, and should not allow minor misunderstandings to grow into impossible mountains.

It is my opinion that we should strive to communicate better and understand individual club preferences, likes or dislikes. I also feel that the overall governing body of our club system could be more flexible in applying some of its regulations with regard to the length of club anniversary runs. Really, who cares whether a one day event runs 24 or 36 hours? I think it would have been a better idea if all concerned clubs in a dispute could come together on an equal footing, and, allow individual clubs to handle their own programs. Again, our system should remain flexible, and try to function with understanding and conciliation in regard to individual club preferences.

We all could go along way in making the other individual feel welcome as a member of a meaningful brotherhood. Let us minimize our differences, and maximize our love and friendship. Most, if not all, of our problems would dissipate. Clasp your comrade's hand when you greet him, and, call him "Brother". This will go a long way in building a strong club foundation. One that is based on understanding and purpose.

Steve F

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When asked to write an article for this issue of the Longship, I was sure I could whip something off in no time at all. For the past half hour, I have sat here with pen and paper, ready to roll. I started to think about the choice of a subject, wanting it to somehow relate to my experiences with the club, since the VIKINGS became a part of my life....A member since

A member since last February, such a short time, but, oh, so many memories. Nothing in sequence, of course, but, vivid recollections of hours, and, even days, spent in comradie with brother members. The new people met, the new places visited, are now my old friends, my familiar corners of the world. The new love of one another, a true love. The love that is the knowledge that we need and depend on one another. the new realization of an old idea-that the freedoms Americans have are a beautiful thing, especially, when they can be seen working in a group of similiarly minded men. the new concept that a man can cry, be it from happiness of sadness; that a man can laugh, a hearty laugh, a laugh of life. Yes, so many memories. So many pictures. Each worth the proverbial thousand words.

Words, that echo, as I remember. Once again, that rush of love, of life. And these mental pictures, changing, as time does change them. Making them seem even better as the days pass. The days pass, on into the future. Memories of yet to be? I hope so.

Dick S



The Vikings M.C. are proud to host the first in a series of AMCC'76 Bicentennial Run Registration Drives. The AMCC'76 Committee has worked hard to bring the run to its present stage of planning. There are many more hours of work facing them in the future. I certainly hope that the club members will support the committee by offering their assistance whenever, and however, they are able. The most important aspect at this point is to make plans to attend AMCC'76, and, to be an active participant in the largest and most ambitious gathering of the clan.

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The above is, I am sure, something that would be considered non-controversial in any club magazine. The following paragraphs, however, are an analysis that might cause some controversy. It is, however, an expression of my thoughts, and, I am grateful to my club and our editor for allowing me to present them in our club newsletter.

While the AMCC'76 Bicentennial Celebration is moving along in high gear, the AMCC Council itself is having growing pains. Its inaction on the recent Thunderbolt Anniversary issue has opened a crack in the foundation. Similiar or even more flagrant violations will certainly occur. Each violation spreading the crack until the house collapses onto itself.

In our nations bicentennial year, it might be apt to consider an analogy between the nation and the council. The independent clubs, like the independent states, recognized a need for a federation, and formed the AMCC. In due process, both formed constitutions, and amended them in the course of their history. The AMCC duly ratified its revised constitution on July 4th weekend in 1974. The nation faced a most serious issue in the struggle for states right with slavery supposedly the major issue. However regional self interests were the basic issues then, as it is now in the council. A refusal to recognize problems and an ineffective governing body led to secession, and, a bloody Civil War. Let us consider that the AMCC is at this point in the micro-analogy of our nations history. The question before us is: "Do we continue to follow the parallel that is leading us to secession and civil war, or, do we take off our transparent blindfolds and be honest with one another?"

As its first priority, the council must face up to the problems that threaten its own existence, The council should start now to anticipate the problems that could lie ahead, and start molding the solutions. The club representatives should not groan at the prospect of a long business meeting, but, rather, spend the time now to prevent the confrontations that cause the ever widening crack in the foundation. The council must prepare and offer its members stronger incentives to be a part of the union. The member clubs must in turn be patriotic, and, stand behind the council with faithful compliance to the constitution. Faced with non-compliance by a member club, the council must exercise its powers if it is to justify its existence. Admittedly, the enforcement powers of the council are limited to such items as censure and ostracism. However, it requires total support from the member clubs to be effective. The time has come to stand and be counted for or against the union.

OTHER FUND' INC'' a full time fundraising body, is, essentially, a gay united fund. It has come into existence to financially assist projects proposed by groups and individuals which meet defineable needs in the gay community, here in Boston.

In the past, there have been projects that could not be implemented because fund-raising was outside the scope of the proposer(s), or, due to seed money not being available. In addition, projects have been delayed due to the necessary, and, often time consuming, task of fund raising. OTHER FUND, INC'; is an attempt to help individuals and groups solve problems such as these.

The boundaries of conventional philanthropies, the United Fund, various foundations and corporations, generally exclude gay related projects, in effect, challenging gay people to help themselves and their own community. OTHER FUND is a step toward meeting that challenge.

The VIKINGS M.C., and our brothers of ENTREZ NOUS, along with many outside the L/L scene, have offered to help OTHER FUND meet this challenge. In November, the VIKINGS will hold a benefit to support the OTHER FUND. Date and time of the benefit are as yet to be announced. As soon as both have been set, it will be made public.

I think that it is time that we in the community support a project such as this, and, along with my brothers of the VMC, we hope to see you in November.

Danny S





## EDITORS' PAGE

When I took on the editorship for this issue of the Longship, I knew there would be a task before me. I came to find this task totally different from what I had anticipated. It turned out to be the members that was the real task. Yes, the members, not only of this club, I am sure, but, of most clubs. I think that other editors will bear me out on this, and, hopefully, will agree with what follows:

When you are approached by an editor to write an article, refrain from the "I'M NOT A WRITER" syndrome. We are all beautiful people, in our own respect-whatever that may be. Our inner self may not be attractive to all, accept that. An editor cannot, nor should not, try to tell any member what to write. I know that each of us, if we let ourselves go, feel and know, or, have experienced so much that could be shared in this type publication. Brotherhood is what we believe in, subscribe to, and practise, as best we know how. Lord knows that words-a-plenty have been written about it. Only when we open up and truly give of our innerselves, does this, or, any club publication become representative of its members.

When approached to write, go ahead. Write! Write about that which you know and feel. Let it be biking, people, places, or, yes, even grandmothers favorite recipe. If knowing and feeling it, why not share it? For, in doing so, you truly write the article, not just think it up. Not only will your article give a broader insight into the club membership, but, it will also give you another means of self-expression.

My personal thanks to all who have written for this issue of the Longship. Special Thank You for Don G, ads, and Skip C, artwork. And, to all of you here at Leif Erikson 1975, I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this issue, as I also hope those who read it after you will.



Jim T  
Editor

