

Program and other guidelines for the participants

To start with: We in the Kuninkaanportti lodge are really glad that you'll join this unique Odd Fellow event in Helsinki - you are warmly welcomed. There will be participants from nine different nationalities and from over forty different lodges. So we will have really an international weekend during which we have opportunity to get acquainted with Odd Fellows from many different countries and bind friendships between lodges too.

Program

Friday 8.6.2018

At	Venue	Event
13:00– 15:00	Vuorimiehenkatu 23 b	Open doors at the lodge house
15:00– 16:00	Vuorimiehenkatu 23, the lodge room	The meeting, which is open for all interested in to join. On the agenda: Per-Åke Boström gives a short overview about the history of these meetings. Then Petra Schulz (Rebekah president from Germany), Hannu Collan from Kuninkaanportti lodge (ExDSS) and Czeslaw Wolinski (Nobel Grand of the Polish lodge 1 Zygmunt) give a short, beforehand asked talk about how to activate interactions between Odd Fellows from different countries. Then the representative of the hosts of the next meeting in 2020 - 11 Columbus lodge, Denmark have a word. In addition we discuss about which country / lodge could host the meetings in 2022 and perhaps in 2024.
18:00– 19:00	Aleksanterinkatu 20	Helsinki City reception / Empire hall
19:30– 23:00	Hotel Grand Marina/ restaurant Commodore	Get together buffet

Saturday 9.6.2018

Regarding the morning sessions (1 - 6), please contact in the entrance lobby of the hotel Grand Marina the leader of the group in which you will join at the point of time mentioned underneath. The leader has a "STAFF" labelled name card.

At	Venue	Leader of the group	Event
9:30	Entrance lobby	Alpo Salonen	1. Rock church: Walking tour in the city, including a visit in the Rock Church
10:00	Entrance lobby	Erkki Savioja	2. Sauna: Walking tour and sauna
10:30	Entrance lobby	Janne Lauronen	3. Guided Sightseeing tour by bus
10:50	Entrance lobby, IHA-Lines Cruises departure takes place at the dock next to the Old Market hall	Hannu Collan, Petri Burman	4. Boat cruise, on board from 11:00 onwards, departure at 11:30
11:30	Entrance lobby	Erik Paajanen	5. A walking tour in the city centre
12:00	Entrance lobby	Jaakko-Ilkka Maavuori	6. A short walking tour around nearby sights of the hotel Grand Marina
18:00– 19:00	Marina Congress Center, Fennia I hall		Fest lodge meeting, all sisters and brothers avec are welcomed, own regalia; a bar at the lobby area is open from 17:30 onwards

19:30– 24:00	Marina Congress Center, Restaurant Marine + Marine Room	Gala dinner, speeches and other program
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Sunday 10.6.2018

According to the plans, we will get transportation to Suomenlinna/ Sveaborg by boats. The departure takes place nearby the hotel Grand Marina. If there would be too heavy wind, we need to take another option; this would be informed on Saturday.

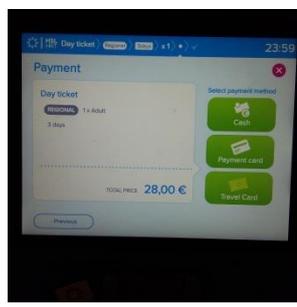
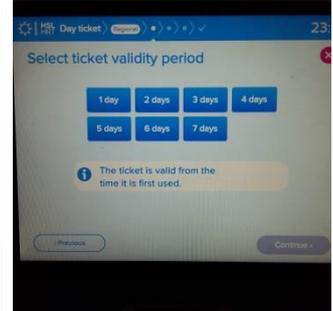
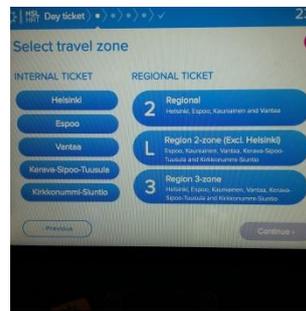
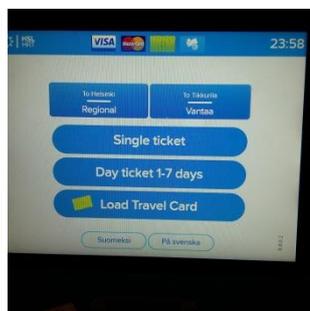
Participants will be divided into three different groups according to the language of the guided tour at Suomenlinna. There will be an English, Swedish and Germany speaking guide and each participant must take care that he/ she get to the right group. The time of the departure of the first two groups (Swedish and Germany) will be at 10:30 from the entrance lobby of Grand Marina. The third group (English) will go from the entrance lobby at 11:00.

In Suomenlinna are many lunch restaurants and now when groups roam around each on its own timetable, we have decided that each visitor can freely choose a place where to have a lunch.

At	Venue	Event
10:30	Gathering at the entrance lobby of Grand Marina	The two first groups for Swedish and Germany speaking guided tours in Suomenlinna will leave at 10:30
11:00	Gathering at the entrance lobby of Grand Marina	The last group for English speaking guided tour in Suomenlinna will leave at 11:00
	Suomenlinna/ Sveaborg	Lunch according to the own choice

Arrival in Helsinki

All who arrives in Helsinki by plane are strongly recommended to by three (or more) day's regional ticket at the airport. It is valid for 72 hours from the first use (shown to the ticket machine in a vehicle) in all public transportation in Helsinki area e.g. airport train. 3-days ticket costs only 28 eur while taxi from the airport to the down town is about 60 eur. 3-day tickets are available in those kinds of big vending machines. They are easy to operate, because there are many language options to select.



Those who reach Helsinki by Wiking Line boats have only a short walk from the terminal to the hotel Grand Marina.

Registration

In the entrance lobby of the hotel Grand Marina there is the registration desk. All participants should pick up his/ hers name card from the desk. The name card must be carried so that it's visible in every individual event. On the upper side of the name card are capital letters pointing out in which events participant has registered ("A" stands for Friday's get-together buffet, "B" stands for Gala dinner, "C" stands for the Sunday's guided tour in Suomenlinna and the number stands for the session of Saturday morning; in addition you can always contact a brother of Kuninkaanportti who has "STAFF" labelled name card).

From the desk participants get also a little welcoming package including e.g. latest version of the program with detailed directions of the Saturday morning's sessions and as a most important one: the invitation card to the Helsinki city reception - it is vital to have while entering the Empire Hall.

Opening hours: on Friday 8 June 12:00 - 17:30 and on Saturday morning 9:00 - 12:00.

Dress code

Dress code is in the fest lodge meeting and on the Saturday night's dinner a normal lodge dress; all other events are casual or smart casual.

Regalia

All Odd Fellows carry their own regalia.

Further information

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact members of the organizing committee Jyrki Hannula (+358405869060), Jaakko-Ilkka Maavuori (+358400444657), Alpo Salonen (+358400612411) and Erkki Savioja (+358405623544)