

# LINDSBORG'S JÄRNKORS

## Lindsborg's Iron Cross



This ancient Scandinavian tradition dates back to the 18th and 19th centuries and were used as grave markers in place of a headstone. Common in Värmland, where the supply of iron and the blacksmiths were plentiful, many were removed at the turn of the century because they were rusted and considered outdated. Today, there is a resurgence of the järnkors.

The järnkors is sometimes called "life tree" - perhaps for the melodic sounds the leaves, suspended from the crossbars, will produce as the wind stirs.



The Lindsborg Sesquicentennial Committee has commissioned local artist and blacksmith, Brian Holdsworth, to create a very special järnkors to celebrate the Sesquicentennial in 2019. Holdsworth will forge from iron a järnkors nearly 10' tall with 108 leaves, hand-hammered and attached with a ring to symbolize the unending gratitude we owe to the struggle of our immigrant forefathers and the unbroken connection we have as one people on this earth. When completed, it will be installed in the Swensson Park, on a brick plaza.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### SELECTIONS

- \_\_\_\_ **FOUNDERS PATH \$1,000 each** ~ Only 4 available ~ plaque recognition
- \_\_\_\_ **RAILROAD COMPANY FENCE \$500 each** ~ only 8 available ~ plaque recognition
- \_\_\_\_ **JÄRNKORS LEAF \$100 each** ~ 108 available ~ brick recognition (1-3 engraved lines, 50 characters)
- \_\_\_\_ **LANDSCAPE SPONSOR \$50 and up** ~ 1 brick per \$50 contribution (2 engraved lines, 30 characters)
- \_\_\_\_ **IMMIGRANT BRICK \$25 each** ~ (2 engraved lines, 30 characters)

### INSCRIPTION

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Amount Enclosed:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to: Sesquicentennial Festival, Inc PO Box 344 Lindsborg, KS 67456 [www.lindsborg150th.com](http://www.lindsborg150th.com)

