

Kristiania Lodge # 47

Sons of Norway

Rochester, Minnesota

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OCTOBER, 2011

October and November Events

(All events are at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road N.E.)

October 9	Leif Ericksen Day	
October 13	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
October 13	Lodge Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Speaker: Daniel Karvonen, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Finnish and Linguistics "Genetic Genealogy- How and Why to Get Your DNA Tested"	
October 22	Potluck	6:00 p.m.
	Speaker: Byron Stadvold: "Stav Kirkes in Norway"	
October 23	Swedish Choir (See page 2)	3:00 p.m.
October 31	Birds for Yulefest tree due; contact Darlene Stadvold	
November 10	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
November 10	Lodge Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Speaker: I. Gilvertson, Vesterheim: "Norwegian Symbolism" Norwegian Sweater Evening	
November 19	Bake and Craft Sale	10:00 am-2:00 p.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From President Byron Stadvold)

Kristiania needs your help!! The Lodge needs a **Vice President!** I have served as President far too long and I am sure you would like to see a change. We need some suggestions to fill that most desirable post. Second, we need volunteers to organize upcoming events. The Board has agreed with a request from the District to host the **golf event** next Summer. I know several of you are golfers and would be happy to step forward and work on this. Please give me a call so I do not have to call you and beg! Also, we are moving the **New Membership Dinner** to the Fall: October, and need a few people to step forward to help.

Do not assume that "someone else" will step forward – just do it! **Please call me at 288-1409 with suggestions or to volunteer!**

(From Hospitality Director Kathy Rosedahl)
Thank you to our October 13 servers: **Gloria & Dick Norman, Gary & Lynne Olson, and Lars & Ann Romo.**

OCTOBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

(From Foundation Director *Jan Heusinkveld*)

The Sons of Norway Foundation is the department that gives scholarships to members' children that are college students;

also to children that attend the language camps. Check the web site and all the information for the applications for the scholarships that are available. The Foundation also gives monies to members who have suffered a disaster, such as a tornado, flood, or fire. The member must apply for this. A fund is currently being raised for the people of Minot, N.D. There will be a free-will offering at our October meeting for this cause.

SWEDISH CHOIR

We are honored to host a Swedish Choir on Sunday, October 23 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Their program of beautiful music will start at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served, and a free will offering will be taken.

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

(Barbara Mae Chase) *Hei Hei* Members, The Program Planning Committee will meet soon. Contact me with your ideas for programs. My phone number is (507)282-1477, and my e-mail address is: kcc2@aol.com *Ha det bra!*

LIBRARY NEWS

(From Librarian *Sharon Barsness*)

With cooler Fall weather comes a wonderful time to check out our Sons of Norway Library for some good reading. It is located in our Lodge Room at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

Our local Field Representative is Chuck Holland, 121 S. Main Street, Mabel, MN 55954; Phone (507)493-5866; email: Holland@mabeltel.coop

SEPTEMBER 8 LODGE MINUTES

(From Secretary *Darlene Stadsvold*)

President Stadsvold called the meeting to order. The national anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S. were sung, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. *Joanne Larson* on piano. Members remained standing for a tribute to *Jennings Johnson*, who died in July.

Vinyl Severeid's daughter, Marge, presented mementos from his and *Doris's* many years as members of the Lodge. Members were invited to take one in remembrance.

Barbara Chase, Social Director, told members about the September 24th Potluck, the October 13 program on Genetic Genealogy, the October 22 Potluck, and the October 23 event when we will host the Swedish Choir.

Kathy Rosedahl, Hospitality Director, introduced the servers, who received a round of applause.

Leslie Demmer, Cultural Director, announced the Rosemaling classes on September 19-23rd. He needs at least two more Beginner Language students for the Norwegian class. Leslie asked members to contact him if interested in starting other Cultural Skills classes.

Heidi Crabtree, Sports Director, presented *Mary Beard* her Bronze medal in walking, and *Judy Stevens* received her Enamel in walking and Bronze in cycling. Congratulations!!

Dean Vigeland, Trustee, relayed an invitation from the St. Olaf Heritage Association to their Ice Cream Social on September 18th at the Tverberg Cabin, across the road from East St. Olaf Lutheran Church. In case of rain, it will be held at the church. They have picked up the Lodge bell and are making plans to mount it.

President Stadsvold announced that the Board agreed to host the District I Golf Tournament next summer. Owatonna has hosted this for many years.

Ed Schuck announced that *Dick Hexum* was in the hospital. Please send him greetings.

Ole stayed home, so Lars entertained us solo.

A LITTLE NORWEGIAN HUMOR

(From *Elva Steffenson*)

A bank was running a password audit and found that Ole Storedahl of Fargo, ND was using the following password:

MickeyDonaldMinnieGoofyDaffyBugsElmer Pluto Bismarck.

When asked why he had such a long password, Ole replied, "My friend Sven told me dat da password had to be at least 8 characters long wit' one capital."

CULTURAL CORNER

(By Culture Director *Leslie Demmer*)

Hei hei alle sammen (Hello everyone).

Middle Fall is a great time to think about Traditional Norwegian Baking and Cooking. With the falling leaves comes the welcomed aroma of lutefisk (at least for most of us) and lefse. And almost all of us have fond memories of open faced sandwiches with favorite cheeses, meats or herring. Who can resist a well made helping of *rømegrot*, Norwegian cookies (*småkaker*) or cream cake (*Bløtkake*)? My favorites are *krumkake* and sweet soup (*søtsoupe*).

What are your favorite foods or memories?

Remembering favorite Norwegian foods has prompted two people to visit with me about them. One has offered to show me how to make some wonderful Norwegian cakes like *kranskekake* (ringed almond cake) and another person has suggested getting a group together to make lefse and Norwegian cookies. So, I am wondering how many Sons of Norway members with their family or friends would like to start a Traditional Norwegian Baking and Cooking class. We could begin easy with sharing how to make things that we know how to make. We welcome anyone who would like to learn and/or has a special skill to share with the rest of us.

2012 is coming soon and now is a good time to begin planning how to expand our Norwegian Cultural Skills classes. It would be good to both continue our Norwegian Language classes and Rosemaling classes, as well as to begin one or two NEW classes or special interest groups. Please let me know what YOUR interests are or if you know of a special TEACHER in our area who could teach a class.

Here is a list of some recognized Norwegian Cultural Skills programs that are currently available:

- Traditional Norwegian Baking & Cooking
- Hand Knitting
- Reading Norwegian/Norwegian-American Authors
- Figure Carving
- Collecting Norwegian & North American Stamps
- Weaving
- Rosemaling
- Woodcarving
- Genealogy and Family History
- Chip Carving
- Norwegian Language and Culture
- Folk Dancing
- Hardanger Embroidery
- Music and Musicians of Norway
- New ideas are always welcome.

Please note that we did not find enough people to start a beginning Norwegian class this Fall. But Hanne Lucier is working on beginning a new Beginning Norwegian class this coming January through Community Education. anyone who may be interested.

Please share with me what your interests are. You may call me (289-2319 or 990-3902) or email me (demmerlg@hotmail.com or demmer.leslie@mayo.edu) or visit with me at the October 13th or November 10th Business Meeting.

We sang *Old Norway* in English & Norwegian.
The Business Meeting was adjourned.