

**Kristiania Lodge # 47
Sons of Norway
Rochester, Minnesota**

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NOVEMBER, 2011

November and December Events		
(All events are at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road N.E.)		
November 10	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
November 10	Lodge Meeting Speaker: L. Gilbertson, Vesterheim: "Norwegian Symbolism" Norwegian Sweater Evening	7:00 p.m.
November 19	Bake and Craft Sale	10:00 am-2:00 p.m.
December 3	Yulefest & Potluck Tom Overlie	12:00p.m.
December 8	Board Meeting	600 p.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From President *Byron Stadsvold*)

“An event fit for a King”, that is what Darlene, I and 5 others from our Lodge experienced when we attended a dinner with King Harald V and Queen Sonja at the Hilton, Minneapolis. It was a fabulous event with over 1,000 guests. The meal was excellent and the service outstanding. King Harald V gave a short and fitting speech. Seated at the head table were several notable government people. The King and Queen were led in by Andrea Een playing her Hardanger fiddle (we had her for a program) and all stood during the entrance procession. The Norwegian Consulate General hosted the event. If you are interested in hearing more, we would be happy to visit with you.

Also attending from our Lodge were Ann and Lars Romo, Bruce Bjorgum with his Father, Carol Volstad and Jan Heuskinveld.

What type of event could our Lodge host to bring in 1,000 guests?!

Ha det bra
Byron

From Hospitality Director *Kathy Rosedah*)

Thank you to our November 10 servers: **Jean Carlson, Maxine & Orland Thoreson, Kathy & Howard Mellem.**

All **Fanciful Yule Birds** must migrate to the Lodge Room. They must be wired before they fly on to the Festival of Trees. Set up is Nov. 21, starting at 8:30a.m. Come; help decorate our 8' tree.

Darlene

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Call James Isaacson at 282-0423 if you can Help On Nov. 21-22-23 at J C Penny's North entrance.



2012 Skiofjorden Language Village

If you are interested in sending a child to the Skiofjorden Language Village this June/July, please note the following info:

The **Early Bird Special registration deadline is December 1, 2011**. Registering by this date means a Villager will receive the 2011 registration fee cost. Cost example: One week - parent/local lodge (\$710.00), District 1 will pay (\$125.00), for a total of (\$835.00).

Villages also available in Danish, Finnish, Swedish & several other European Languages.

For forms and all other info you can go the following: www.sofn-1.com, or District 1 Scholarship Coordinator, Jon Tehven at tehven@msn.com, Concordia Language Village - Cheryl Marvig at 800-222-4750 marvig@cord.edu, www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org, or Dale Phillipson (Lodge Coordinator)- 507 356 8919, daphil@pitel.net

CULTURAL DIRECTOR:

This month I would like to reflect and connect with you on the importance of Thanksgiving, appreciation and gratitude (**takknemlighet**) as wonderful and important parts of our shared Norwegian heritage. Norway does not have a Thanksgiving holiday but thankfulness and expressing gratitude are essential parts of everyday life. Norwegian abounds with expressions of gratitude. In fact, Norwegians have a tendency to express gratitude in situations that we don't even think of. Here are my five favorite Norwegian commonly used expressions of gratitude:

Takk for sist - (thanks for (our) last (visit), helps recognize and shows appreciation for the last visit and helps build a friendship),

Takk for i dag - (thanks for sharing your time with me or us today, often said at the end of a class period in school)

Takk for maten - (thanks for the food, said after a meal to the person who prepared or provided the meal)

Mange takk/ tusen takk - (many thanks or a thousand thanks, said freely on many occasions, they are also fun to say)

Takk for alt! - (thanks for everything, I saw this once on an early Norwegian-American gravestone; it feels like a continual blessing to all who read it).

What about you? What is your favorite Norwegian expression of gratitude? What is your

LIBRARIAN *Sharon Barsness*

Our Library has some wonderful cookbooks if you are looking for ideas for the Bake & Craft Sale or cooking for the holidays. It is located in our Lodge Room.

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

Thank you to Darlene Stadvold for doing the Newsletter and Lois Graif for mailing it.

Arlouene Bothun

[Arlouene has a broken wrist]

favorite Norwegian cultural or family tradition of showing appreciation, gratitude or thanksgiving? This month would be a nice time to share favorite expressions and stories of gratitude. Perhaps others in our Lodge would like to hear from you.

If you would like to share a favorite expression, tradition or story, please let me know. And if it would be OK with you maybe it could be a seed for next years (2012) November Norwegian Cultural Corner Newsletter article. How about, trying Takk for maten to the servers at this month's Sons of Norway business meeting. It's almost sure to generate a nice Norwegian smile.

Ha det bra (have it good) and please let me know what cultural classes you would be interested in having at our lodge in 2012. We have a room full of Norwegian character with good lighting and comfortable chairs. Best of all, it's closer than Minneapolis or Decorah.

Mange, mange takk, Leslie Demmer

BAKE & CRAFT SALE – Sat, Nov. 19

You will be called to bake your favorite Norwegian treats! Please, no chocolate chip cookies or cupcakes: they do not sell! Deliver Fri. 3-6 or Sat. early.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Hei Hei Members,

November 10. Our speaker will be L. Gilbertson, from Vesterheim in Decorah, IA who will talk about "Norwegian Symbolism". It will also be our Norwegian sweater evening.

November 19: Bake and Craft Sale 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please plan to bring baked goods or send a donation.

Barbara Chase

Snowbirds – please contact Arlouene with your ‘winter’ address or have us hold your handbook and Newsletter. The return postage counts up quickly!

Kristiania Lodge #47 Mtg: October 13, 2011

President Stadvold called the meeting to order. The Anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S were sung, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Gen Lutske on piano.

President Stadvold asked for visitors to be recognized. Carol Volstad introduced Elaine Hill, Jackie & Gene Bukowski introduced themselves. Ed Schuck asked Steve Norvet to stand and be recognized as a new member. A round of applause in welcome .

President Stadvold asked members to stand for a tribute to Elaine Woodruff, member, Hilton Vilen and Virginia Wickes, past active members, who died recently.

Jan Heuskinveld spoke about the SN Foundation and all it offers. She passed baskets for donations to add to the “Piggy”. The money is sent to International to help SN members in Minot ND impacted by the floods.

Jim Isaacson presented a framed Certificate from Salvation Army in recognition of the many hours and dollars our Lodge has accrued over the years. He also passed the clipboard for Bell Ringing this year: Nov. 21-22-23 at the J C Penny N door. Call him at 282-0423 if you can ring bells.

A Clip board for the Bake & Craft sale was circulated. Call Darlene at 288-1409 if you can help on Nov. 19.

Dave Kahler is working with vendors. Tables are \$6, ½ table \$3, plus 10% of sales. If you know a crafter or vendor, contact David 289 7989. Bob Rosedahl is assisting.

Barbara Chase, Social Director, Highlighted the upcoming events.

Darlene Stadvold asked for cookie bakers for Oct. 23, (Swedish Male Chorus reception). She gave brief details of the E St Olaf Lutheran Church Lutefisk Supper on Nov. 4. Reservations by calling Diane at 365-8017. Also read a brief summary of Norway’s connections to Mayo Clinic and directions for seeing the Royal’s at the Gonda Building. From Rene Thoreson.

Rene also announced that on Nov 2, all day, in the Mayo Lobby, the Mayo Clinic Festival of Cultures will be held.

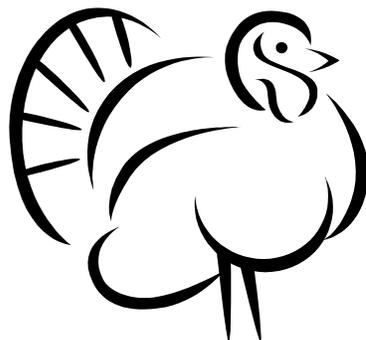
Leslie Demmer, Cultural Director announced that 9 people completed the Rosemaling classes.

We closed with song #42, “A Sailor’s Greeting”

Meeting adjourned. After a brief set-up Barbara Chase introduced Daniel Karvonen.

Darlene Stadvold, Kristiania Secretary

Bob Rosedahl asked for members to keep DeLos Olson in their thoughts and prayers.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

