

# Sons of Norway - Kristiania Lodge #47

Rochester, Minnesota

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## FEBRUARY, 2011

### February and March Events

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

February 10	<b>Board Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
February 10	<b>Lodge Meeting:</b> Speaker: Bill Bakken: "Vikings in England"	7:00 p.m.
February 15	<b>Stitchers' Group</b> (Drop in to work on your stitching; no lessons)	1:00 p.m.
February 19	<b>Potluck:</b> Entertainer: John Berquist, musician and storyteller	Noon
March 10	<b>Board Meeting</b>	6:00 p.m.
March 10	<b>Lodge Meeting:</b> Chili and Pie Supper Speaker: Rev. Steve Timm, Chaplain, National Guard	6:00 p.m.
March 17	<b>Membership Meeting</b> (Dinner FREE if you bring a guest) Call <i>Jan Heusinkveld</i> (285-9483) by March 14 with your guests	6:00 p.m.
March 15	<b>Stitchers Group</b>	
March 26	<b>Italian Dinner</b> (Price; \$10.00) Speakers: <i>Barsness's, Vigeland's, &amp; Olson's</i> : "Travels in Italy"	6:00 pm

### HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From our President, *Byron Stadsvold*)

Yesterday (1/22/11), with 8 other Sons of Norway volunteers, I was listening to a lot of tentative gentle noise coming from a bunch of musical instruments by a large group of young children that had never played an instrument before. But that noise seemed to almost turn into music as I saw excited smiles develop on their faces. The musicians helping them with this new experience also showed joy in giving them this fun introduction to instrumental music. It was a pleasure for all of us. I was very proud of our S/N volunteers and I thank them. It shows how we are an important part of our community. I would suggest to all of you when this opportunity comes around next year to get on board and experience the joy we saw in those children and the "thank yous" from the parents.

### SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS:

Once again, Kristiania Lodge will be granting 4 five-hundred dollar scholarships. To be eligible, the applicant must be a 2011 graduating high school senior, attending a public high school in Olmsted County, or be a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, or great-grandson or great-granddaughter of a current Kristiania Lodge member. Application materials will be available in area high schools shortly after February 1. For those living in other counties or states, application materials may be downloaded from our website: [www.kristiania1-47.org](http://www.kristiania1-47.org) after February 1. Application deadline is April 1. Questions related to the scholarships may be directed to *Gary Olson*, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, at: [golson6638@aol.com](mailto:golson6638@aol.com)

The Sons of Norway Foundation has five separate scholarship categories, as well as grants, available in 2011. For application information, go to [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com), click on Foundation, then on Scholarships or Grants. All qualifying information and applications, including budget sheets, are accessible at this site. Most applications are due March 1.  
- *Jan Heusinkveld*

### **FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR,**

***Barbara Chase***

*Hei Hei* members and friends, *Takk for sist!*

Thank you to all who attended the January meeting. Blaine Hedburg, Executive Director of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center in Madison, WI, gave an excellent talk on the history of the Center. He explained how their data was obtained and how they have processed it to make it available. If anyone has questions, please see me. I took notes and have many genealogical websites that Mr. Hedburg provided. See the calendar on page one for February and March programs. Try to **bring prospective members** on March 17, and encourage inactive members to attend.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

***Sharon Barsness, Librarian***

As noted above, at our January 13 meeting Blaine Hedburg spoke on genealogical sources and what the Norwegian Genealogical Center does. He showed us the five volumes of Norwegian Immigrants to the U.S.:

A Biographical Directory that he and Gerhard Naeseth have researched and published. **Bob** and **Betty Sande** have donated the complete set to our library, and they are available for our members' use.

### **TUSEN TAKK!**

A big *Thank You* to **Pat Lynaugh, Bob Sande, V.J. Anderson, DeLos Olson, Arlouene Bothun,** and **Carol & Wayne Rogelstad** for volunteering for an a.m. or p.m. shift at Honk/Squeak/Scratch/Boom. Also to **Darlene & Byron Stadsvold** and **Barbara Chase** for helping all day. – **Darlene Stadsvold**

Thank you to our February Lodge Meeting servers: **Joanne Larson, John & Pat Lynaugh,** and **Arlouene Bothun.** – **Kathy Rosedahl**

### **CANCELLED STAMPS:**

Don't forget to turn in your cancelled stamps for *Tubfrim*. This project helps handicapped children in Norway. **Be sure to cut or tear at least 1/3 inch around each stamp.**

### **CULTURAL CORNER (*Leslie Demmer*)**

February is our month of romance, and for making memories and sharing emotions. It is also our shortest month, but often it feels like it is one of the longest due to the darkness and the harsh cold of Winter. In Norway, the nights are even longer, and perhaps the yearning for Spring even greater. From rural Norway these long Winter nights were turned around into peak times for creating warmth, color and joy. Rosemaling came from this need for expression. (Rosemaling is pronounced (ro:-se-mah-ling, with a roller r and a long o). It is thought to have flourished because it could be used to bring back shared memories of the joy and celebration of Spring. This folk art form quickly spread from valley to valley and from farm to farm. Flowers of all kinds were painted in stylized forms with scrollwork, geometric elements and sometimes scripted letters and scenes. Wood was abundant in their homes and almost nothing was exempt from becoming decorated. In our community in America, Rosemaling came with the settlers, both in objects and in shared cultural memories and emotions. Rosemaling is part of who we are and where we came from. Importantly, as an art form and cultural icon, it continues to flourish today. This coming June 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a Vesterheim Gold Medal Winner Rosemaling Artist who will share his presentation on the Importance of Rosemaling. AND we have a verbal agreement with this artist to offer Rosemaling classes this coming September right here in our Lodge classroom with its wonderful lighting, provided that we have enough interest. Please consider this opportunity to enrich your life by creating and connecting with your past and sharing in one of our art forms that expresses the beauty and gladness of Spring. *Tusen takk!*

### **TRACKING SHEETS: FINAL REMINDER!**

Please get your completed 2010 Lodge Tracking Sheets to **Darlene Stadsvold** ASAP, so she can complete the Year End Report. 2011 Tracking Sheets will be available at the February Lodge meeting for all who want them.

### **JANUARY 13, 2011 LODGE MINUTES:**

President **Byron Stadsvold** called the meeting to order. The national anthems of Canada, Norway and the U.S. were sung, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Beth Haaland** on piano. The members were asked to remain standing for a brief moment of silence in memory of **Doris Severied**, followed by the reading: “*We Do Not Lose the Ones We Love*”. Introduction of guest, Megan Underberg from Duluth, by **Heidi Crabtree**.

No minutes from December Social.

**Darlene Stadsvold** announced sign-up for helping at Honk/Squeak/Scratch/Boom. The servers were asked to stand for a round of applause, with thanks to **Carol Rogelstad** for stepping in to help. Thank you letters from S/N Foundation, Vesterheim, Vinland Center and PET were announced and placed on the table. A card was also placed on the table from Canadian Honker expressing thanks for choosing them to serve all food at the District Convention.

**Barbara Chase** announced the cod lunch on January 29. Sign-up sheet was circulated.

**DeLos Olson** mentioned the **Don Olson**'s wife, **Tricia**, is hospitalized.

A song title was requested. **Pat Lynaugh** chose # 168, *My Darling Clementine*.

Lars has taken a short trip, so Ole briefly entertained.

Meeting adjourned.

- **Darlene Stadsvold**, Secretary.

Following a set-up, **Barbara Chase** introduced Blaine Hedberg, our evening speaker.

### **ADDRESS CORRECTION:**

**Dennis** and **Judy Stevens**' contact information is listed incorrectly on page 3 in the 2011 Orange Program Book. Their address is: 1141 33<sup>rd</sup> St. NW; phone: 281-4418, and email: [stevens.dennis@mavo.edu](mailto:stevens.dennis@mavo.edu)

### **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

The S/N Foundation Board of Governors is currently soliciting new members. If interested, contact Foundation Director Cindy Olson at [foundation@sofn.com](mailto:foundation@sofn.com) or (612) 821-4632. Application deadline is February 25, 2011.

### **WE'RE #1!**

According to a recent U.S. census report, there are more than 5 million Norwegian-Americans currently residing in the United States. Surprisingly, there are more people of Norwegian descent living in the U.S. than there are in Norway! Minnesota has the most, with 850,742 (17.3% of the population). However, North Dakota has the highest percentage. The 193,158 descendants who live there make up 30.1% of that state's total population! (Editor's Note: My beloved Iowa came in 7<sup>th</sup> in total number of Norwegian-Americans, behind Minnesota, Wisconsin, California, Washington, North Dakota, and Illinois.) *From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service, 7-8/2010*

### **VALENTINE'S DAY IN NORWAY**

St. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of love and romance. However, it is not a widely-accepted Norwegian tradition. In fact, a 2004 study showed that 70% of Norwegian women knew when Valentine's Day was, but 70% of Norwegian men DID NOT! Although commercial interests and the Norwegian mail service have put millions of kroner into promoting the holiday, it is still uncertain whether “All Hearts' Day” has come to stay in Norway!

-*From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service, 1-2/11.*

### **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR:**

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

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