

Kristiania Lodge No. 47

Sons of Norway

Rochester, Minnesota

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APRIL

March, April and May Events

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

March 27	Finnish Dinner (Although it is too late to register for the dinner, please feel welcome to come for the 7 pm program about life in Finland)	6:00 pm
April 8	Board Meeting	6:00 pm
April 8	Lodge Meeting: Speaker - Tom Hanson, "Norway: Common Traditions and Present Realities" (See below)	7:00 pm
April 9 & 10	International Days, Mayo High School (See page 2)	
April 16-18	Ibsen Fest, Lanesboro, MN	
April 19	Stitchers' Group	7:00 pm
April 24	Pancake Supper (Cost \$5.00)	4:00 pm
May 1	1 st District Bowling "Ball" (See page 2)	8:30 am
May 8	Nordic Brunch at the Interlachen Country Club (See page 2)	9:30 am
May 13	Board Meeting	6:00 pm
May 13	Lodge Meeting: Speaker - Roger Hellsvig: "Norwegian Immigration"	7:00 pm
May 17	Syttende Mai Celebration, Vesterheim, Decorah, IA	
May 22	Steak Fry & Potluck (Cost: \$7:00) Music: Brady Wendt & his strings	5:00 pm

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN (From our President)

Fast approaching are some very exciting and busy times for Kristiania. We will be showing off Kristiania's ability to put on a really big show, the **2010 District 1 Convention**, and Rochester as a host community. The dates are **June 17-19, 2010**. We will need everyone to help in many different ways. This would be a time to ask some of your friends (that are not members) to help, and maybe convince them how worthwhile it is to join us. We will be in touch with you about the tasks to be done.

We need a few of you to take the step forward to help in Kristiania's leadership. We need a **Vice President, Cultural Director** and **Foundation Director**. These tasks do not demand a large amount of time, and all of you have the ability. I would encourage those of you that have not been in the leadership to seriously consider helping. Please visit with me about this very soon.

- Byron Stadsvold.

MORE ABOUT OUR APRIL 8 SPEAKER:

Tom Hanson is a former Foreign Service Officer who has worked on the Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Senate and House, He was Director for NATO and European Affairs at the Atlantic Council. He currently serves as Program Secretary of the St. Pau/Minneapolis Committee on Foreign Relations as a lecturer/consultant for the Great Decisions Program at the Minnesota International Center

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Thank you to all who attended the Chili and Pie Supper. Speaker James Russell gave an enjoyable and informative talk.

We will be honoring Finland at our Ethnic Dinner on March 27. I hope to see you there, as well as at our April 8 Lodge Meeting, where we will learn about "Norway: Common Traditions and Present Realities", and at our Pancake Supper on April 24.

-Barbara Mae Chase

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

Thank you to *Arlouene Bothun*, who has donated the non-fiction book **Return to the Future** to our library. It details Nobel Prize winning author Sigrid Undset's perilous flight from Norway to Sweden, across Russia to Japan, and finally to the United States in 1940. In addition, *Arlouene* has donated two Hardanger Embroidery books by Susan L. Meier and Rosalyn K. Watnemo.

-Sharon Barsness

VELKOMMEN! (Welcome!):

We are so pleased to announce that four people joined our Lodge following the Membership meeting. They are: *Karin Byers* (referred by *Ed Schuck*), *Janet Syverson* (referred by *Victoria Volstad*), *Meredith Eilertson* (referred by *Barbara Chase*), and *Patricia Ebling* (referred by *Karin White*).

FROM OUR HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR:

Thanks to helpers at the February 27 potluck: *Darlene* and *Byron Stadsvold*, *Lois Christenson*, and *Dean* and *Ardis Christian*. Servers for the April 8th Lodge Meeting are: *Paul* and *Gen Lutzke*, *Wayne* and *Carol Rogelstad*, *Faye* and *Ed Waldo*. Thanks to all who are so willing to serve!

- Kathy Rosedahl

NORWAY DAY:

Barbara Chase will be coordinating a trip to Norway Day at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis on **July 11**. Plan now to attend this fun event.

FROM JAN HEUSINKVELD:

This year's Rochester World Festival is **April 9th** and **10th** at Mayo High School. It will begin on Friday evening at 7:00 with cultural performances. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (or \$20.00 for the entire family). Jan is looking for someone to help her teach children how to make Norwegian hearts on Saturday. This is a fun activity, and the children have a good time. Please contact Jan at 285-9483 or email heusinkveld@yahoo.com if you can help.

The annual Nordic Brunch, sponsored by the Twin Cities Friends of Vesterheim, will take place on Saturday, **May 8**, from 9:30 am-2:30 pm. at the Interlachen Country Club, 6200 Interlachen Blvd in Edina. There are many activities. To make your reservation, go to www.vesterheim.org

FROM OUR SPORTS DIRECTOR:

Now that warmer weather is here, many of you will be exercising more. To give yourself added incentive, keep track of the hours you spend walking, biking or doing other activities, so you can qualify for a special Sons of Norway pin.

Vestland Lodge #601 has invited all Sons of Norway members, family, relatives, guests and friends to participate in the First District Bowling "Ball". It will be held on Saturday, **May 1** at the AMF Southtown Lanes, 7941 Southtown Center, Bloomington, MN. Registration begins at 8:30 am, and bowling starts at 9:00 am. Handicaps will be determined after the first 3 games, and will be 90% of the difference between your average and 200. Each bowler will bowl 3 games in the Singles event, followed by 3 more games with a partner in the Doubles event. The fee of \$20.00 includes six games of bowling, shoes, tax, coffee and rolls. At 6 pm there will be a banquet at the Fred Babcock VFW in Richfield (social hour at 5). The dinner cost is \$20.00. Reservations are due by April 17. Contact Rich Peterson at 536-9640 for registration materials and additional information.

-Rich Peterson

HEART SEWERS:

Help is needed to sew hearts for the District I convention. If you can help, please contact *Darlene Stadsvold* at 288-1409 or bdstadsvold@msn.com

LOOKING BACK:

How did the Sons of Norway get its start? Eighteen Norwegian emigrants living in Minneapolis in the 1870s signed the original Sons of Norway charter. When a severe depression began in 1893, they banded together and each paid a small weekly fee. In return they received free medical care for themselves and their families. The fledgling organization provided not only security against financial crises and a forum to tout their new nationalism, but it also helped preserve many of the arts that were treasured by those who had left Norway, which formed such a large part of their heritage. Article Three of the incorporation document lays down the solid foundation on which the society was built: "This corporation is organized upon fraternal principles, for the purpose of creating and preserving interest in the Norwegian language by its members, insofar as compatible with the loyalty they owe the United States of America; to labor for the development, enlightenment and progress that conduce to honest citizenship, in order that the Norwegian people in this country may be properly recognized and respected; to aid its members and their families in case of sickness or death, by according them financial assistance of such magnitude, and upon such conditions, as may be determined by its by-laws." To qualify for membership, one had to be male, either Norwegian or of Norwegian descent, give proof of being morally upright, in good health, capable of supporting a family, at least 20 and no more than 50 years old. (Editor's note: I'm glad *that's* changed!) By 1914 it had become a nationwide organization. When membership was extended into Canada and Norway, it became a worldwide organization. Today the organization has over 400 Lodges servicing more than 60,000 members.

-Adapted from a Winona Lodge Newsletter

"GOD PAASKE" – HAPPY EASTER!

The Norwegian word for Easter, *Paaske*, (pronounced "Poske"), is related to the Hebrew word for the "Passover". Easter is one of Norway's biggest holidays. For many Norwegians, Easter celebrations start on Palm Sunday. Monday-Wednesday are normal workdays for most, except school children and teachers. On Maundy Thursday many people go shopping in Sweden. The following day, Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are observed in remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus. Pa skeaften ("Easter Eve"), the Saturday of Holy Week, is often celebrated as a day of parties. On that day children usually get Easter eggs filled with candy. Many people organize ski races or hikes in the mountains. The Norwegian Easter mountain hike may be related to an old tradition of looking at the sun from a mountaintop on Easter morning. People believed that the sun danced for joy because Jesus was resurrected. Easter Eve is also the day for the biggest meal of the whole week, with lamb or chicken as traditional favorites. Easter Sunday itself is usually celebrated with an Easter breakfast where eggs, especially colored ones, are most often on the menu. Freshly baked bread is also commonly served at the Easter breakfast, and special decorations for the day are set out on the table.

-Adapted from www.aktivioslo.no

A LITTLE NORWEGIAN HUMOR:

A Norwegian Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of Noah and the Ark. She asked, "Do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" Little Ole replied: "No vay. How could he with yust two vorms?"

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

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