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ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

(Words from your Lodge President)

Hilsen,

The International Sons of Norway Convention was held on August 16-18 in Minneapolis. Sandra Olson was a District Five delegate and I attended one day as an observer. It was organized just like a district convention so if you have attended a district gathering, the International would feel very familiar to you. Real excitement came when it was announced that the 2020 convention will be held in Hamar, Norway!



We are in the process of revising our by-laws to reflect changes in the dues structure and make our organizational ways more detailed. They will need to be presented at one meeting and voted on at the following meeting. We hope to have this completed by the end of the year.

We are planning a recruitment brunch on Saturday, October 29. Start thinking about people to invite who might be interested in becoming members. More details will come later.

With summer behind us, we start to think about programs for our 2019 meetings. If you have any ideas for speakers or topics, let the officers know. I also need three people to volunteer and serve as members of the nominating committee to elect new officers for 2019. The election of officers will be done during our November meeting.

Be sure to come to our next lodge meeting on September 24 when we will have Randi & Gary Hoffman tell about their travels to Spain. There will be drawings for door prizes. You can't win unless you're there, so mark your calendar now to attend and please bring a friend.

Audrey Severson, President

COMING EVENTS ...

For September

Board & Director's Meeting:
Monday, September 10th at 1:00 PM

Monday, September 24
Book Club Meeting at 6:00 PM
Lodge Meeting:

- *Refreshments at 6:30 PM
- * Program at 7:00 PM
- *Program: "Our Trip to Spain"
- By Randi & Gary Hoffman
- * Election of Nominating Committee

Servers:
To Be Determined

For October

Board & Director's Meeting:
Monday, October 1st at 1:00 PM

Monday, October 22nd
Book Club Meeting at 6:00 PM
Lodge Meeting:

- *Refreshments at 6:30 PM
- *Program at 7:00 PM
- *"Sweaters from Norway"
- By Laurann Gilbertson Chief Curator
- Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, IA.
- *Nominating Committee Report

Servers: Ron Thompson and
Lloyd Newborg

For November

Board & Director's Meeting:
Monday, November 5th at 1:00 PM

Monday, November 26th
*Meet at the Parish Hall at 5:45 PM to
join in a Holiday Sing-A-Long
for Parkview Health Center
Residents.

*Return to the Parish Hall for
Julefest Potluck Dinner

*Election and installation
of officers



September:

Barbara Zimmerman September 29

October:

Mary Lestrud October 2
James McQuitty October 8
Kathy Williams October 11
Lloyd Newborg October 18
Tom Olson October 27

NOVEMBER:

Karen Esanbock November 1
Judy Johnson November 6
Sandra Olson November 9
Chuck Bricton November 11
Ila Sittlow November 11
Ron Thompson November 15
JoAnne McQuitty November 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!
From good friends and true, from old friends
and new, may good luck go with you
and happiness too!



Velkommen to the District 5 Website ...

The mission of District 5 Lodge and its officers and directors is to promote the interest of Sons of Norway within District 5 and to cooperate with and assist the International Lodge and its officers. District 5 will assist its local lodges to promote, preserve and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries for people of all ages.

District 5 has active lodges in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee.

If you have not visited the District 5 website yet, do so and enjoy the information it contains. The address is: sonsofnorway5.com



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LODGE LINES

Lodge Meeting

Zion Fellowship Hall—August 27, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Audrey Severson at 7:00 PM and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the American and Norwegian Anthems. Thank you to Sandra Calvert and Pat Schumacher for the delicious refreshments.



Our four students who attended Masse Moro Camp reported on their experiences and thanked the lodge for supporting them. All four (*left*) plan to return next year. Dylan Wigant will be joining them for his first camp experience next summer. (*Picture right—entire group of campers.*)



Our program was an interesting session about making stained glass windows, lamp shades and art objects. Telford Norvold (*left*) began making stained glass about 11 years ago. Here he is explaining about one of the wire products used to make the glass patterns. We thank Telford for his presentation which was very informative. (*Telford is the husband of Betty Norvold, one our of members.*)

The Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Severson thanked Betty Norvold for her work on our “Norske Day Bus Trip to Minneapolis”. The President noted that Sandra Olson was elected to represent the International Convention in Minneapolis on August 16-18. In reporting on this, she noted that in order to qualify to serve as an international convention delegate you must own a Sons of Norway policy or investment.

The theme of the Convention was “Sailing for Growth” and encouragement was made to bring new members to join the Sons of Norway. Also the delegates voted on approximately 46 bylaws to their constitution. Ron Stubbings was elected President of the Sons of Norway and Robin Fossum, President of Dovre Lodge in Chetek, was elected a delegate from District 5 to serve on the International Board of Directors. The next International Convention will be in Hamar, Norway, in 2020 and the District 5 Convention will be held in Madison, WI.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sjøland Lodge in Amery has disbanded and invitations have been sent to their members to join our lodge. Nominating Committee: President Severson will be contacting members to get volunteers for this committee. Vice President Jacobson is exploring having a brunch to recruit new members. The date has been scheduled for 10/27/18.

A motion was made and approved to have a committee evaluate the condition of the float we received from the disbanded Sjøland Lodge. It will need some repair before using it on Syttende Mai, 2019. We asked Don Olson and Einar Sandom to serve on this committee to look at and evaluate the cost and time for repairs. Should it need lots of work, we may consider the feasibility of keeping it. We have the float stored at a near-by location at a cost of \$30.00 per month for the next 6 months.

The next meeting is September 24th and the program will be “*Our Trip to Spain*” with Gary and Randi Hoffman.

A Board/Director’s Meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 1:00 PM at Zion. Agenda items include: Nominating Committee, Recruitment Brunch, and programming for 2019. Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sandra Olson, Secretary
Secretary

HAPPENINGS

“NORSKE DAY BUS TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS”

July 17th

We had a great day trip to Minneapolis.

Here are just a few highlights:



Inside Mindekirken



Lunch at the Swedish Institute & Stained Glass Window



Left—Fireplace Mantel in Main Entrance & Part of a Sculpture Art Display of two little girls. So many interesting things in the Swedish Institute! Our bus outing was very enjoyable.

“MEETING UP WITH JIMMY”

Betty Norvold met up with Jimmy Miller, our special young woodcarver member, at the July Nordic Fest in Decorah, Iowa, this summer. She asked him to write about his summer experience in Norway and we are happy to publish it in this issue.



Tusen Takk Betty & Jimmy

“I had an absolutely amazing time this summer traveling through Eastern Norway meeting with expert instrument builders and those in the folk music community. I was able to visit Oslo and Lillehammer, but I spent most my time in the beautiful countryside of Numedal, Valdres, and a town called Trysil.

In Numedal, (the most peaceful, serene place I have ever seen) I spent time with a man named Sverre Heimdal who is the foremost craftsman of an instrument called the Kravik Lyre. He walked me through all the steps he takes to build this instrument which is a process he has essentially perfected over the years. We also discussed other instruments he has built, including Hardanger fiddles and a flute called a Sjøfløyte.

In Valdres, I became acquainted with a group who continue to preserve and develop the regions rich musical history at the Valdres Folk Museum. This group mainly consists of Oddrun Hegge, her daughter Ingebørg Hegge Bratrud, Knut Opheimsbakken, Mari Ormberg and Bård Riise Hoel. In this region I focused on learning about building and playing Langeleiks, which this region has put the most effort into keeping alive, but I also connected with builders and players of other instruments as well.

After a few weeks, my travels took me to Trysil for the annual national competition of folk music and dance, Landskappleiken, where pretty much everyone I had met in the previous weeks assembled in one place with many more of their peers. They were doing so much more than preserving traditions—they embody them and ensure they are as real as they have ever been.

After Landskappleiken, I taught a three-day woodcarving class in a town outside of Oslo called Lørenskog, then traveled

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to Gjøvik to learn from Stein Villa and his wife Marit Steinsrud. They are amazing multi-instrumentalists who focus on historical musical instruments and how they evolved through time. I returned to Valdres where I joined another folk music festival, in which I was able to participate in part of a langeleik-playing class.



In short, I traveled through the valleys of Eastern Norway learning from people who preserve musical traditions that have existed for hundreds of years. I was able to develop lasting connections that prompt many future trips to come thanks to the generosity and kindness of the people who welcomed me to their towns, homes, fjords, forests and mountains. I remain in daily contact with some wonderful friends I made and I eagerly look forward to my next Norwegian adventure.”

(Thank you, Jimmy, for this wonderful account of your first trip to Norway. We are sure that there will be many more to come and look forward to seeing you soon. Have a great Senior Year at college.)



Betty Norvold Attends Hallinglaget

Betty Norvold has also been traveling. In August, she attended the Hallinglaget Stevne in Decorah, Iowa.

While there, she met up with a very special friend who has welcomed Betty into her home over the years when Betty has been in Decorah for various classes. In this picture, Betty and her friend, Norma Wangsness, are shown at the Hallinglaget Stevne. Betty had invited Norma to join her at this stevne as an “honored guest”.

At the Hallinglaget Stevne, a parade of the bunards took place. Betty told Norma to “bring up the rear” as her bunad had been all hand-made. In fact, Betty said that Norma had spent hours and hours on it and you can tell how much work went into it from the photo. As Norma proceeded to discuss her bunad, she told the group that she was going to show them something not visible when you looked at it. Standing in front of the audience, she proceeded to lift up her skirt high into the air! Lo and behold, there was another part to the bunad—it was a special petticoat full of ruffles. But that wasn’t all. She proceeded to pull some icepacks from pockets sewn on each side. She said that it was necessary to keep cool during Nordic Fest in Decorah in July! Betty said that her friend had the audience in a laughing hysteria. Way to go Norma, perhaps you can come to one of our lodge meetings sometime so we can all see you petticoat!! What a great idea!



SONS OF NORWAY—INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

August 16-18, 2018, Minneapolis, MN.



International Board of Directors. Note back row, second from left, is Robin Fossum of the Dovre Lodge, Chetek, representing District 5.



Hardanger Fiddles and history at the Convention



Here are Sandra Olson and Robin Fossum at the convention. Robin is in the middle and Sandy in foreground.

At the 2018 International Convention held last month, 155 delegates from Canada, Norway and the U.S. elected officers and directors to serve on the Sons of Norway International Board. Newly elected officers are President Ron Stubbings and Vice President Mark Agerter. Re-elected were Secretary Marci Larson and Treasurer Elaine Nelson. The new list of International Directors are Christine Hicks, District 2; Robin Fossum, District 5; Mary Beth Ingvoldstad, District 6; Erik Brochmann, District 7 and Per Mikalsen for District 8. Returning International Directors are Karl Hella, District 1; Kenneth Johnson, District 3 and Steve Halverson, District 4.

The Sons of Norway expressed sincere thanks and appreciation for dedicated years of service to retiring International Board President, Jon Tehven and International Directors Jon Grinde, District 5; Roger Espeland, District 6; Gloria Benazic, District 7 and Odd Herald Olsen, District 8.



Thinking of you ..

Two of our lodge members are having health issues at this time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rev. John Mikkelson and Chuck Bricton. We are all thinking about you and hope that you will get better very soon!

Just a little humor ...

A man in his mid-forties bought a new BMW and was out for a nice evening drive. The top was down and a breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to see what the engine had. As the needle jumped up to 80 mph, he suddenly saw red and blue lights flashing behind him. *"There's no way they can catch a BMW,"* he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle now hit 90 and reality hit him and he knew he shouldn't run from the police, so he pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car. *"It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can just give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go"* said the cop. The guy thinks for a few seconds and says, *"well, last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back!"* The cop replied, *"have a nice weekend,"* and walked away!