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## ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

*(Words from your Lodge President)*

Hei,

We hope to see many familiar faces at our Syttende Mai celebration on Saturday, May 18th, in Woodville. We will be located on the second floor of the Community Center on the west side of Main Street. As usual, we will be serving the usual Norwegian baked goodies as well as a meatball lunch. We need more people to walk in the parade in the afternoon, so if you would like to get a little exercise, please join us as the route is not that long.



If you wish to continue celebrating the holiday, you can attend the Mindekirken Syttende Mai Church Service and Program on Sunday, the 19th at the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis, just off Franklin Avenue. Services begin at 11AM, with a parade at noon and lunch at 1:00 PM followed by the program.

In June, our Lodge Meeting will feature Don Nelson, who will speak about the 99th U.S. Norwegian Regiment which was formed for special assignments during WWII.

With the changes made to the Sons of Norway's dues structure, our by-laws needed to be changed. The first reading of this was done at our April Meeting and a final vote will be taken at the June Meeting. Our annual summer picnic will be held at the Olson Farm near Spring Valley on July 22nd. (More information in the July-August newsletter.)

Sandy Olson and I attended our District 5 Board Meeting in Detroit, MI., on April 5-6. The agenda included discussion on the Sons of Norway's International Convention in 2020 in Ringsaker, Norway (near Hamar) on August 16-23. Also discussed was the District 5 Convention on June 24-28 in Madison, WI. in 2020.

The District is now providing business cards to be used by the lodges. These will contain our contact information and will be used to help recruit new members. I have a supply and will distribute them.

We want to thank the bowlers who participated in District 5 Lodge Tournament in March. Money that was raised went to the District Foundation.

We are looking for ideas for a lodge day trip this summer. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or Randi Hoffman. A possibility is an invitation which came from Betty Norvold to see her new home in Northfield, MN. This would include a tour of the town. Betty and her husband, Telford, moved there last fall from Woodville.

*Audrey Severson, President*



# Happy Birthday

## MAY:

*Arlys Olson - May 17th*

## JUNE:

*John Mikkelson-Golden Member- - June 17th*

*Rosina Hendrickson - June 22nd*

*Phyllis Kraft - Golden Member - June 22nd*

## JULY 1-15th

*Sandra Calvert - July 11th*

*Gary Hoffman - July 15th*



## SPECIAL DAYS

May 12 ... Mother's Day

May 17th ... Syttende Mai

18th ... Armed Forces Day

May 27 ... Memorial Day Observed



June 14 ... Flag Day

June 16th ... Father's Day

June 21st ... First Day of Summer



July 4th ... Independence Day

## DID YOU KNOW?

**MAY** was named for the Roman goddess, Maia, who over saw the growth of plants.

**JUNE** was named for the Roman Goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women.

**JULY** was named for Julius Caesar. In 46 BC he developed the Julian calendar, the precursor to the Gregorian calendar that we use today.

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# LODGE LINES

## Valkyrien Lodge Meeting of March 25, 2019 Zion Lutheran Parish Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Audrey Severson at 7:00 PM.. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by the singing of the Canadian, Norwegian and American National Anthems.



Guests included Don and Donna Blegen and Pastor Freiberg.

Don Blegen presented a program called “*A Closer Look*”, showing examples of his nature photography. He also shared a display of his photography which has been published in numerous nature periodicals including *National Geographic*.

*Left—Jim McQuitty received Golden Member status.*



*The Blegens*

The minutes of the February meeting and the treasurer’s reports were approved as printed.

### Unfinished Business

Float: It is still not possible to reach the shed where the float is stored. Temporary storage will be needed until the float is disposed of. Don Olson and Sandy Olson will work on getting decorative parts removed and arrange for its sale.

Bowling Tournament: The tournament has taken place with \$45 raised for camp scholarships

Bylaws: Information about changes to bylaws are expected for review in April.

### New Business:

Masse Moro Update: Sandy Olson has been working on organizing material and has been promoting Masse Moro to various area lodges. To date, 15 campers have signed up. Camp will be held July 14-27 this year and members are encouraged to find potential campers. Nordic-American pins and Rasmus Anderson’s book are on sale with proceeds going toward support of Masse Moro.

Syttende Mai – Judy Johnson has provided a sign-up sheet for workings and food donations.

### Coming Events

Don and Arlys Olson will host the lodge picnic on July 22nd at their Spring Valley farm. A trip may be planned for June. Ideas for coming programs are welcome. • Syttende Mai will be celebrated in Eau Claire on May 17th 5:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn. Prepaid tickets required. Michael Perry, speaker. • Stoughton Dancers performing at Blair High School Sunday, April 14th at 2 p.m.

Announcement – Thanks expressed to Lloyd Newborg for making new flag stands.

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM. Our next meeting will be April 22nd with program on the history of Woodville by Deb Walters.

*Submitted by: Kathy Pedersen*  
for *Sandra Calvert*, Secretary



# LODGE LINES

## Valkyrien Lodge Meeting of April 22, 2019 Zion Lutheran Parish Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Audrey Severson at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by singing the Canadian, Norwegian and United States national anthems.



Our guest Deb Walters (*left*) presented a history of the village of Woodville. The photo on the right shows an early photo of the town back in the days of horses!

Minutes of the March meeting and the treasurer's reports were approved as printed.



### Unfinished Business:

Float: The float is still in storage and will stay there until the ground is dry enough to move it.

By-Laws: Proposed changes were distributed and read by President Audrey Severson. After membership review, the proposed changes will be voted on at the June meeting. A two-thirds approval by membership in attendance is required. By-law changes will then be sent to International for approval.

A server for June is needed. Please volunteer.

Programs for the remainder of 2019 are available. The annual picnic is moved to July. Don Nelson will be on the June program.

### New Business :



Ron Thompson (*left*) was presented with the Sports Award by Audrey Severson.

Mosse Moro - There is room for a few more campers; four are committed from our lodge so far. Shirts have been designed for the staff. A freezer and a pan holder have been purchased. Lapel pins and books are available for sale as a fundraiser.

Syttende Mai: Judy Johnson reported that everything is going well. More workers are needed for the second shift. Also, rosettes are needed. Sandy Olson is working on ideas for a float for the parade. Also, parade walkers are needed.

Audrey announced that Syttende Mai will be celebrated by the Eau Claire lodge with a dinner on May 17 at the Holiday Inn. Reservations must be made by May 10.

Submitted by,  
**Sandra Calvert, Secretary**

*P.S. Thanks to Sandra Olson for the above photos.*

## Saying Good Bye ...

Parked in front of the Memories at the Depot Building in downtown Woodville, here is a final look at the float which has been discussed in a few of our newsletters. The decision was made to salvage what we should keep for historical purposes with the rest going to a local auction. It seems like there was a lot of history behind this—possibly beginning with the Barron Lodge to the Amery Lodge and perhaps even more places.



*Photo by Don Olson*



## Syttende Mai 2019: Let the Celebration Begin ...

It's time to strike up the band, wave the flag and display Norwegian pride as Syttende Mai festivities take place on May 17th in hundreds of cities in Norway, North America and the world. Parades will be organized and draw thousands of participants; copious amounts of ice cream will be consumed and bunads will abound in a swirl of color and activity.

Children figure prominently in the events, especially in leading the parades. Initially, dating back to 1869, only boys were allowed to march. The girls' participation was not far behind—within 20 years the, too, enjoyed waving their flags as the parades wove through the streets of Norway and beyond.

Grilled sausage, Wienerpølster (weiner sausage) and regular hot dogs are so popular on May 17th that retail grocers have reported a huge bump in sales on the holiday. "Eat what you like" is the mantra for the day and indulging in that manner is a big part of the celebrations.

Enjoy the day, no matter how you choose to celebrate ... Happy Syttende Mai!

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## OLD MUSEKGO CHURCH, WIND LAKE, WIS.



At Old Musekgo on Saturday, June 15 from 11 AM - 3 PM, you can explore many aspects of early Norwegian-American heritage at Heg Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin. "Old Muskego" was the third Norwegian-American settlement in Wisconsin. It was an important stop for immigrants, where thousands stayed before moving on to farmland further west.

This land was originally owned by settlement leader Evan Heg. His son, Colonel Hans Heg was the highest ranking Norwegian-American killed in the Civil War. With help from the Heg family, this land was purchased by local Sons of Norway members about a century ago. It became Racine County's first county park.

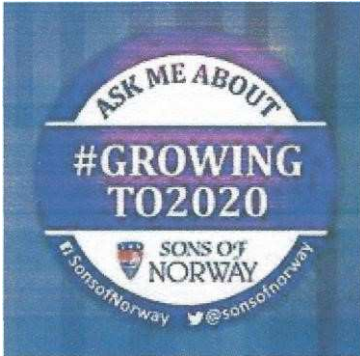
Norwegian Prince Olav V and Princess Martha visited here to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this community. The museum, log cabin, barn (with farm tool display) and Elling Eielson parsonage will be open for tours. Heirlooms of early Norwegian-American settler families are in museum displays.

Things to do include book readings by local book authors Sandy Brehl and Mike Palecek who have written on Norwegian topics, a presentation on the 15th Wisconsin Civil War Regiment by Stephen Sherry and a cemetery tour. Zone 4 will also have a zone meeting as part of this event. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks in the *District 5 First Friday News*.

*From May 10th Edition of First Friday News*

## Sons of Norway 2019 Member Recruitment Campaign

Sons of Norway is pleased to launch the 2019 new member recruitment campaign. We look forward to building on the success of 2018 as we grow to 2020!



**The Growing to 2020 goals established by Sons of Norway International Board of Directors for 2019 include acquiring 3,900 new lodge members.**

**Let's continue to work together in 2019 to meet our goal.**

The goal for your lodge is based on your year-end member count, including juveniles with active insurance. You can find your year- end member count at the end of the lodge's Membership



### Recruiting Lodges Meeting the Goal

We will recognize lodges that meet the recruitment challenge with a special 2019 prize packages sent to the lodge:

- \* **2019 Founders Award Certificate** for recruitment
- \* First access to a unique new **lodge program**
- \* **Achievement certificates** the lodge will present to recruiting lodge members, along with an attribution list identifying who they recruited.

## Heritage Members Turning 16

Previously, Heritage members who turned 16 would receive one of four cards instructing them how to transition to the next membership category, Unge Venner. As a part of the simplified dues structure approved at the 2016 International Convention, this membership category for members age 16 to 23 was discontinued in the United States on January 1, 2018, and will be discontinued in Canada and Norway on January 1, 2020.

Unge Venner in the U.S., who are in a household with a member, are automatically transferred into a family membership. Those who are not part of a family membership will receive a dues statement that includes an explanation of the benefits of adult membership in Sons of Norway. (This will take place for Canadian and Norwegian members who turn 16 beginning on January 1, 2020.)

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