



# the Askeladden News



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# Robert Asp and the Hjemkomst Viking Ship 4 p.m. Sunday, January 8 Trinity Lutheran Church

Please join us on Sunday, January 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church to enjoy the inspiring story of **Robert Asp and the Hjemkomst Viking Ship**.

Robert Asp was a school teacher in Moorhead, Minnesota, who dreamed of building a Viking ship and sailing on it to Norway. Asp conceived the idea of building the ship in 1971. He laid the keel in 1974. Asp's ship, the Hjemkomst, sailed from Duluth to Bergen in 1982.

After the Cultural Program, the 2017 Officers will be installed. During the Business Session, we will take action on the Revised Guidelines for the Norway Trip Drawing.

The VASA Chapter will be meeting at TLC on the same day. As currently planned, they will join us for the Cultural Program only, scheduled to start at 4:10 p.m.

All Askeladden Lodge activities (Cultural Program, Business Session, and Meal) will be in Fellowship Hall, the lower level of the church. The VASA Chapter will meet in the Lounge.

Please bring a dish to pass for the meal, which is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

If you are purchasing a copy of the book Hidden Heroes, remember to bring your checkbook or extra cash. If you have yet to pay for your 2017 Calendars, please bring your payment for Inger.

At Trinity Lutheran Church on Westnedge Ave, we meet in the lower level Fellowship Hall of the church. The entrance we use is at the rear corner of the church. There is an elevator at the rear of the church for those in need of it.

# ASKELADDEN NEWS

## Fra Presidenten

We all have traditions that we follow from year to year at Christmas. For me, visiting New York City has been my Christmas tradition for several years.

On my trip this year, every day I would encounter people or places which reminded me of Norway or Scandinavia.

One day, when walking through Grand Central Station, I found a new food court, called "New York Nordic Food." The owner of this new food venue is from Denmark. One of the specialties at the Nordic Food Hall is the open rye, or open-faced sandwich, called the "Smorrebred," costing about \$10.

A few blocks south of Grand Central Station, is the Scandinavian House on Park Avenue. Although they didn't have an art exhibit going on this year, I did look at the items, many of them made in Scandinavian countries, in the gift shop.

On Christmas Day, I stopped at the Norwegian Seamen's Church on East 52nd Street. After looking at an excellent exhibit of paintings by the Norwegian artist Heidi Fosli in the Trygve Lie Gallery, I was invited to join the Church members for coffee and treats, which was very enjoyable.

On my last day in NYC, I walked around Battery Park, which is located at the southern tip of Manhattan, to see the Norwegian Monument. The Norwegian Monument, consisting of two boulders, dedicated in 1982, although very small by NYC standards and therefore difficult to find, is a gift from the Norwegian WWII Veterans to the people of America to show appreciation for America's help during the war.

New York City is known as a cosmopolitan and diverse city. A small part of that diversity is Norwegian culture. One hundred years ago, Norwegians were concentrated in the Bay Ridge area of Brooklyn. Today, they are spread all over the Greater New York Area.

Curtis A. Cleveland, Lodge President

## December Meeting

Due to bad weather, our December meeting was cancelled. This was unfortunate because we had prepared a nice Christmas program, including reading the Christmas Story from Scripture, singing Christmas carols, and visits with St. Lucia and the Julenisse.

Besides the Christmas program, we had planned to collect money donations for the Food Banks that serve West Michigan. Unfortunately, this community project was cancelled along with the monthly meeting. In May, we will ask for money donations for the Food Banks.

## 2017 Scholarship Information

One of the important benefits of Sons of Norway membership is eligibility to apply for scholarships at three levels: Lodge, District, and National Foundation.

**Lodge Scholarships** - Applications for the 2017 Askeladden Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships are due to Joyce Hare by March 15, 2017, and must be turned into her by that date. The application forms and all related information are available online at [www.norwayinkalamazoo.com](http://www.norwayinkalamazoo.com) Joyce's address is: 6909 Towhee, Portage, MI 49024. Please contact Joyce Hare at 269-327-5824 with any inquiries.

Cultural Skill Scholarship applications are available to members in the form of a grant, not to exceed \$250. The grants may be given to attend workshops, seminars, conferences or other events promoting Norwegian Culture. There is not a due date for the Cultural Grant program. The application guidelines are also on our website.

**District 5 scholarships** - Applications are due by March 15. There are several scholarships available and information can be found by visiting [sonsofnorway5.com/financial/scholarships.php](http://sonsofnorway5.com/financial/scholarships.php) Note that all the District 5 scholarships - other than those related to the Masse Moro heritage camp - require a benefits member. S/N products which qualify for benefits include Nordic Elite, Term product, Viking 23 and annuities with a \$2,000 minimum.

**The Sons of Norway Foundation** - offers college scholarships starting at \$1,000 for current members, children or grandchildren of current members and some are available to non-members as well. Application deadlines changed this year, but there are still two Sons of Norway Foundation post-high school scholarships with future deadlines:

- Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Fund-Award: \$1,000.00 college study in any discipline at a U.S. college or university, Awards vary. DEADLINE: March 1, 2017
- Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship - open to women only wishing to pursue a degree in physics, chemistry, or engineering: mechanical, electrical, or mechanical. Applicants must be between the ages of 17-35, and other prerequisites apply. Awards vary. DEADLINE: April 1, 2017.

NOTE: The deadlines for the other five Foundation scholarships have been extended to January 9, 2017. Unlike the District 5 scholarships, the Foundation grants and scholarships do not seem to require a benefits member, but like District 5, most of them do require the sponsoring family member to be a Sons of Norway member for at least a year.

Please remind the college students in your life to begin the scholarship application process over winter break. They may view all of the Foundation scholarship applications by visiting

<https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>

There are currently seven categories of scholarships offered for different areas of study. All scholarship applications are done online.

All of the information for the District and Foundation scholarships are available at the links provided. If you need additional information on our Lodge scholarship, contact the Scholarship Committee chair, Joyce Hare, at the contact information listed above.

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## Lodge Library Resources

Our lodge is very fortunate to have a library of materials with over 200 holdings, many of which were donated and some that the lodge purchased for us. We are even more fortunate that Louise Berdahl took the initiative to catalog every one of those 200+ entries in an online library database for us - a daunting and time-consuming task! Her work enables any member to easily go online and see all the resources that are available for us stored right at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. It's even more valuable to us now that the Sons of Norway discontinued their Media Lending Library.

To access the lodge library catalog, you don't need to remember this complicated link, but you can click on it here and then bookmark it in your browser for future access. And if you ever forget the link, just visit our lodge webpage. There is a link to the library directly from our main page.

[www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway)

Once you've searched the online database and decided on the resources you want to borrow, contact our librarian Roger Drong who can gather the materials and have them available at the next lodge meeting at Trinity. Roger is planning to have the entire library contents out at all the meetings he attends.

If you have a favorite book or other media from our library, consider writing a brief article for the newsletter and facebook page to share your opinions with other lodge members.

## Norwegians Serves Pizza and Coffee to Burglar

Retired couple Arne and Kari Solli were awakened in the middle of the night by sounds coming from their kitchen at home in Skien, Telemark. Someone had broken in, so Kari (68) went to investigate. Catching the intruder red-handed, Kari made it to the kitchen first and shouted for Arne (70) to come to her aid. He ran into the room to find an incoherent man standing in just a t-shirt and underwear. Without hesitation, Arne angrily threw him out into the cold night. Within moments, however, he realized that the intruder seemed to have problems and that he felt sorry for him.

That is when the Solli's decided to invite the burglar back in. Kari brewed some coffee and they gave the man pizza and some warm socks. Arne offered to drive him home or call the man's friends, but the man couldn't remember where he lived and barely knew who he was. Arne then called the police to have the burglar picked up.

Arne Solli says that it was an odd situation. Though the intruder had rifled through drawers and taken a few things, they decided not to prosecute. As they sat in the kitchen for about an hour, Arne had to reassure the man that it was safe to stay. The Solli's felt at ease with the man, but the burglar was a bit nervous.

When asked whether he'd take in an intruder again, Arne said, "We can't have all kinds of people running through the door—we have more coffee, but we're out of pizza," he said, chuckling.

## 2017 Positions & Committees

The following Officers, Committees, and other positions were elected at the November 13, 2016, Lodge Meeting and will be installed at the January meeting:

### BOARD MEMBERS:

President	Curtis A. Cleveland
Vice President	Joan O'Bryan
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	Earnie Best
Cultural Director*	<i>Vacant</i>
Membership Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>

### OTHER POSITIONS:

Social Directors*	Teri Koretsky, Joyce Hare
Adopt-a-School Coordinator	Jean Darling
Counselor	Elizabeth Kraatz
Cultural Skills Coordinator	Joyce Hare
Historian	Curtis Cleveland
Language Instructor	Bjorn Thorsrud
Librarian	Roger Drong
Musician	<i>vacant</i>
Newsletter Editor	Joan O'Bryan
Newsletter Publishers	Dennis and Jean Darling
Publicity Director	Karin Code
Rosemaling Instructor	Joyce Hare
S/N Foundation Director	Dennis Darling
Sports/Recreation Director	<i>vacant</i>
Sunshine Coordinator	Arden Hetletvedt
Tubfrim Coordinator	Holly Jensen
Volunteer Coordinator	<i>vacant</i>
Webmaster	Thad Shaffer
Youth Director	Ashli Niles

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

Auditing	Joyce Hare, Chair; Ashli Niles
Cultural/Social	Curtis Cleveland, Chair; Roger Drong
Finance	Earnie Best, Chair; Joyce Hare, Ashli Niles
Membership	Joan O'Bryan, Chair; Joyce Hare
Norway Trip	Joyce Hare, Chair; Dennis Darling, Barb Heffner, Arden Hetletvedt, Teri Koretsky
Publicity	Karin Code, Chair; Joan O'Bryan
Scholarship	Joyce Hare, Chair; Marge Hastings, Elizabeth Kraatz, Margery Selden, Gail Thompson




\*Our By-Laws indicate either the Cultural Director OR the Social Director serve on the Board of Directors. Traditionally, it has been the Cultural Director.

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## JANUAR KALENDER

-  • Januar 1 - Nyttårsdag - New Year's Day
- Januar 6 - Helligtrekongersdag - Epiphany
- **Januar 8** - **Askeladden Lodge Meeting**  
4:00 p.m. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 504 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo, MI
- Januar 16 - Sønner av Norge - Sons of Norway founded, 1895
-  • Januar 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
-  • Januar 21 - H.R.H. Princess Ingrid Alexandra 2004
- Januar 31 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles. Last day to submit lodge volunteer hours.

**Gratulerer med dagen!**

*Fødselsdag Hilsener*

**January Birthdays**

Brett Jensen	Scott Erickson
Karn Erlandson	Magnus Selden
Aric Nesbitt	



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