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Growing up in German-Occupied Norway —

a First-Hand Perspective

2 p.m. Sunday, November 12

Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 S Westnedge Ave

Please join us for our monthly Lodge meeting on Sunday. Inger Thoen will present the cultural program, talking about her experiences in Oslo, Norway, during the German invasion and occupation, 1940-1945. Inger's talk will begin around 3 p.m., following the meal. Her talk will be preceded by the singing of the national anthems and the singing of "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," the Navy Hymn, as a tribute to Veterans Day.

Before arriving, stop at the grocery store and purchase a bag of non-perishable food (cans, boxes, bottles, and packages). Bring it to the meeting to donate to our annual fall Food Drive for Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.

Our meeting begins with the meal at 2 p.m. Please bring a dish, hot or cold, to pass. Tableware and beverages will be provided. Prior to the meal, we will sing "We Gather Together," the traditional Dutch Thanksgiving hymn.

Before the meeting, be sure to read, or reread, Inger's article in the book *Hidden Heroes*. If you have purchased the book, bring it to the meeting so Inger may autograph it for you. If you have not purchased the book, copies will be available at the meeting for \$20. Proceeds from the sales benefit the Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp.

During the Business Session, scheduled to start at 4 p.m., we will elect the Lodge officers for 2018.

All events (meal, cultural program and business session) will be in Fellowship Hall, located in the lower level of Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 South Westnedge Ave, downtown Kalamazoo. 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.

Remember to bring a bag of non-perishable food for the Food Drive!

It will mean a lot to people in need.

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Fra Presidenten

However late, I'm writing about my summer travels in this column. I intended to write the article earlier, but felt the need to cover other topics in September and October.

In July and early August of this year, I made two trips, traveling by car on both trips.

The first trip was to the Kansas City, Missouri area, visiting two small towns where my mother was born and lived as a child. The two towns were Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and Hamburg, Iowa. I found it very meaningful to walk around and to eat a meal in these two towns.

On the second trip, I visited my six siblings, who live in the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota. As you know, these states have large Norwegian-American populations, as well as many museums and places of Norwegian interest.

On this trip, I re-visited the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa; the Stave Church in Rapid City, South Dakota; and the Stave Church and Viking ship in Moorhead, Minnesota. There was one place I visited for the first time: the town of Stoughton, Wisconsin. Stoughton is a town that shows its colors. In the downtown area, most of the buildings display two flags: the US flag and the Norwegian flag. For lunch, I ate in the Nauti Norske restaurant.

When traveling through these states, observing the great legacy of our Norwegian immigrants in these thriving communities, my pride in our Norwegian culture and ancestors is reinforced.

Curtis A. Cleveland, Lodge President

Recap of Board meetings

Curtis A. Cleveland

The Board of Directors met on September 19th and October 24th. Board members Curtis Cleveland, Joan O'Bryan, Earnie Best, and Holly Jensen; and non-board members Roger Drong and Curt Osborn were present. During these two meetings, the Board considered and approved several important measures.

First, The Board approved a Rebate Policy for Askeladden Lodge members. Under this program, Askeladden members who request it will be reimbursed for the portion of their membership dues designated for the local lodges (\$14 per Individual membership and \$28 per Family membership) starting January 1, 2018.

Second, The Board approved the 2018 budget, authorizing \$15,350 in expenses, including an increase in the amount of the individual scholarships, from \$600 to \$1,000.

Third, the Board approved donations of \$300 to the Nordic Legacy Foundation and \$200 to the Sons of Norway Foundation (Humanitarian Fund).

Fourth, The Board re-approved the Travel Reimbursement Policy and the Honorarium Policy, which were initially approved by the Board in 2015.

Fifth, The Board authorized a \$250 sponsorship grant to the Greater Kalamazoo Skating Association. Heritage Members Alice and James Kraatz are members of this figure skating association.

Sixth, After discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the current Permanent or Standing Committees (Finance, Scholarship, Norway Trip, Publicity, Membership, and Cultural/Social).

Finally, Holly Jensen and Curt Osborn briefed the Board on ways of revitalizing Askeladden Lodge after attending the District 5 conference in Wisconsin, October 20-22, 2017, which focused on strengthening local lodges.

Recap of October meeting

Curtis A. Cleveland

Members of the Askeladden Lodge and the VASA Lodge met in a joint meeting on October 1 at Trinity Lutheran Church for the annual VASA Fish Boil.

The cultural program, although not announced as such, was the cooking of the fish and vegetables in the church parking lot. Twelve Askeladden members and one guest joined VASA members watching as the fish and vegetables were cooked in a large pot of water heated by a fire. When the food was cooked, the Boil Master tossed kerosene onto the fire, thereby causing the boil-over of the water containing the fish oil, which extinguished the fire.



Ted Ruser pours kerosene on the fire at the spectacular October Fish Boil as VASA and Askeladden members look on. *Photo courtesy VASA*

During the business session, Curt Osborn, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for the 2018 Lodge Officer positions. The election of the officers will be held at the November 12 meeting.

Holly announced that the Lodge will participate in the Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 11, downtown Kalamazoo. Joan updated members on the new membership dues structure, effective January 1, 2018.

Curtis briefed the members on the Sons of Norway Foundation, which was established 50 years ago as a separate legal entity as the charitable arm of the Sons of Norway. During the meeting, members donated \$30 to the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Members watched a 15-minute video on Masse Moro, the District 5 Norwegian Youth Camp near Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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Norwegian Birthday Song - *Hurra for deg!*

The Norwegian birthday song *Hurra for deg!* is enjoying a comeback at Askeladden!

After singing it twice this year in celebration of milestone birthdays, our enthusiasm for this traditional, happy, clappy children's song is growing. As in generations past *Hurra for deg!* is still widely used in Norway today by youngsters and elders alike.

I prepared for our September meeting by viewing several short YouTube videos of the song and singing it over and over around the house, so I can affirm that this is THE Norwegian birthday song, and well worth working on.

These four videos may stimulate your interest in learning *Hurra for deg!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4u5G4Ok1U4>
Kongeparet 75 år - *Hurra for deg!*
(King Harald's 75th birthday celebration at Oslo Opera House)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOW45XodiUE>
Hurra for deg! - The Lionbridge Way – Quick Step Guide
(four friends)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyBkH21jWtU>
Hurra for deg!
(Young Norwegian teacher demonstrates very helpful motions and pronunciation, watch to the end)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeXfePNHG9w>
(Three fellas, a bit tipsy)

Enjoy practicing *Hurra for deg!*

- Submitted by Karen Jaegersen Kunze

2018 Norway Calendar Orders

2018 Calendar orders will continue to be taken at the November meeting. Inger will have the Calendar sign-up list for us at the meeting. If you didn't sign up at the October meeting and can't make the November meeting, contact Inger right away with your order. You can choose from Splendor of Norway or Viking Verse (the Rosemale design) calendars at a significantly reduced price from retail!

Inger will have the calendars for us at the December meeting - in time for Christmas presents - and will expect payment then (around \$8-\$9.) Price depends on how many are ordered, so the exact cost is not known at this time.

Askeladden Lodge Library

www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway

Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.

Fly your Norwegian colors

and support the SON District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation!

When Norway became a sovereign nation in 1821, the Stortling adopted a flag with the Nordic cross, similar to other Scandinavian countries. In the early 1800's, some countries were forming republics to better represent their citizens, and the red-white-blue of France and the United States flags influenced Norwegian flag creator Fredrik Meltzer to include those colors in the flag design. At the end of WW II, Norwegians flew the national flag banned by the Nazis as a celebration.

At Askeladden Lodge, the Norwegian flag holidays are designated on our newsletter calendar year-round.

According to the Norwegian flag law of 1898 (updated in 1927) the Norwegian Flag is raised at 8 a.m. between March and October, and at 9 a.m. in winter months. The flag is lowered at sunset, but no later than 11 p.m. during the "midnight sun" times. In the far north parts of Norway, in the winter, the flag is only flown between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

ORDER FORM - NORWEGIAN FLAG (3x5 foot, 210 denier Oxford nylon with 4 rows of edge stitching on fly edge, designed for frequent outdoor use)

- ___ \$ 30 - one Norwegian flag (includes shipping)
- ___ \$100 - 4 Norwegian flags (includes shipping to 1 location)
- ___ \$250 - 12 Norwegian flags (include shipping to 1 location)
- ___ \$500 - 26 Norwegian flags (shipped to 1 location)

Please make check to "SON D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation"

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Lodge: _____

Send your order to Mike Palecek, SON D5 treasurer,

5747 Sandy Lane, Racine WI 53406

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Proceeds will be used to support Masse Moro and other District 5 Nordic heritage programs.

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NOVEMBER KALENDER

- november 1 - Allehelgensdag - All Saints Day
- november 5 - Daylight Saving Time ends
- november 7 - Election Day
-  • november 11 - Veterans Day - Remembrance Day (Canada)
- november 11 - Holiday Parade - come and see our entry!
- november 12 - Farsdag i Norge - Father's Day in Norway
- **november 12 - Askeladden Lodge monthly meeting - 2 p.m.**
 Trinity Lutheran Church
-  • november 23 - Thanksgiving Day
- desember 1 - last day to submit articles for
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Gratulerer med dagen!

Fødselsdag Hilsener

November Birthdays

John Thingstad	Robert Kaarlie
Eric Kunze	Gunnar Selden
Inger Thoen	Christy Lindbloom



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.