



the Askeladden News



November

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Sunday, November 11, 2 p.m.

In the Wake of the Vikings

Trinity Lutheran Church

Please join us for our monthly Lodge meeting on Sunday, November 11, at 2 p.m. Joyce Hare will give the cultural program with a PowerPoint presentation of her 2017 coastal trip to Norway as well as the Shetland, Orkney, and Faroe Islands. Joyce won the lodge's Norway Trip drawing in 2016. Joyce's program starts around 3 p.m, following the meal. Her talk is preceded by the singing of the national anthems and the singing of "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," the Navy Hymn, in honor of Veterans Day.

Before arriving, visit the grocery store and purchase a bag of non-perishable food (cans, boxes, bottles, and packages). Bring the bag of food to the meeting for donation to the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.

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

Besides the Food Drive at this meeting, we will collect money donations (cash or check), which will be given to the Food Banks that serve West Michigan. Before the meeting, please write a check to one of the following Food Banks:

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes

Food Bank of South Central Michigan (Battle Creek area)

Feeding America: West Michigan Food Bank (Grand Rapids area)

During the brief Business Session, scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., we will elect the Lodge Officers for 2019.

The Board of Directors will meet immediately following the Lodge meeting.

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

We hope to see you Sunday, which is also Father's Day in Norway!

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Remembering Donna Kaarlle

Joan Renaas O'Bryan, editor

During the years we celebrated Juletreffest, Donna always sang in the Jul choir and she was always the very first to join in dancing around the tree with the children (except the year she injured her neck). She and Bob never missed a Fish Boil - they came rain or shine to witness the cooking of the fish. In the early days, Donna hosted a lefse party for the lodge at her home. In later years, the lefse-making parties were held at the church, and Donna loved to participate. More than a dozen years ago, Donna and Bob began our summer tradition of visiting the Crandall farm in Marshall, home to the largest herd of Norwegian Fjord horses in Michigan. We continue the outing to this day.

Recently, Donna and Bob were lucky enough to take two excursions *inside* the mighty Mackinac Bridge. Donna spoke with intense passion about this rare and awesome experience.

We looked forward to seeing Donna at our 30th in September as she was the first to RSVP, but sadly we missed her as she fell ill about the same time as our event. Donna passed away October 5, 2018, at age 74, after a brief stay at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo. Askeladden Lodge has made a donation to the Sons of Norway Foundation in Donna's memory and also sent flowers for her memorial service. I know every one of us who knew Donna misses her dearly.

Recap of October Lodge Meeting

Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Committee Chair

At the October Lodge meeting, the most exciting event occurred at the end of the meeting: the drawing of the name of the winner of the 2019 Norway Trip Award. Teri Koretsky was the lucky winner.

The October 7th event was a joint meeting with the Vasa Satellite Lodge, the annual "Fish Boil." Prior to the meal, members watched the preparation of the food in the church parking lot, culminating in the boil over.

During the business session, the Lodge membership approved the 2019 Budget (\$19,025) and accepted the Slate of Candidates for the 2019 Lodge Officers.

Vice President Joan O'Bryan led the discussion on why some young members are leaving Askeladden Lodge. The young members are ages 16 to 23, previously known as Unge Venner. After discussion, the Lodge members were in favor of the Lodge reimbursing members part of their membership dues in order to retain the young members. President Curtis Cleveland said the Board would develop a program to achieve this goal.

Curtis Cleveland gave a report to the members on the Sons of Norway Foundation, the 501c(3) non-profit corporation. During the meeting, members donated \$15 to the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Eleven members attended the October meeting.



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2019 Norway Calendar Orders

2019 Calendar orders will continue to be taken at the November meeting. Inger or Holly 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 event - in time for Christmas presents - and will expect payment then (around \$9.) Price depends on how many are ordered, so the exact cost is not known at this time.

District 5 Convention

Holly Jensen, Convention Delegate

The Sons of Norway District Lodge 5 Convention was held June 27 – 30, 2018, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Delegates representing Askeladden Lodge 5-610 were Curt Osborn and Holly Jensen.

Delegates were elected from the six zones within District 5, along with at-large delegates for the International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 2018.

Askeladden members may be interested to know that the Resolution proposal concerning the reinstatement of the **Golden Membership** honor, that our lodge submitted to the District 5 convention, was discussed at length.

Askeladden was not the only District 5 lodge to submit similar resolutions, but only our proposal was brought to the convention for discussion and ... **Adopted**.

Results of the Sons of Norway International Convention deliberations on resolutions and by-law changes are not yet available. We can only hope that solid support of 'our' resolution by International President Jon Tehven was successful in Minneapolis.

Other District news from the convention:

- The 2020 District 5 convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin.
- Pending approval at the International Convention, the Sons of Norway 2020 International Convention will be held in Hamar, Norway.
- We were reminded (several times) that the Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarships are not being used due to a lack of submissions.

Fra Presidenten

One of the most important programs of District 5 is the annual Masse Moro youth heritage camp. Since 1979, this two-week camp has been held each summer in Wisconsin.

In 2017, 51 youths, ages 9 to 15, attended Masse Moro.

From the beginning, Masse Moro has been a success. However, at least in recent years, the camp has operated at a financial loss, causing a strain on the District 5 finances.

During the last 2 - 3 years, District 5 has responded with a number of actions to correct the operating deficit. First, they increased the tuition of the camp from \$600 to \$800. Second, they started a non-profit 501c(3) corporation called the Nordic Legacy Foundation to operate the camp. Finally, they asked individuals and Lodges for donations.

At the June, 2018, District 5 Convention, District 5 President Andy Johnsen reported that the Masse Moro's operating deficit has been reduced to the point where the camp was now "financially sustainable."

This was good news to hear. Askeladden members can be proud of the role they played in improving the finances of Masse Moro. In 2017 and 2018, the Board made donations to Masse Moro that

totaled \$700. During the past three years, 2016 to 2018, the Board made payments to Masse Moro totaling \$1,000 to purchase 50 copies of the book *Hidden Heroes*, which we sold to our Lodge members. If you purchased a copy of this book, you have helped Masse Moro.

I'm very satisfied with the support that we have given to Masse Moro. I hope that we will continue to support this wonderful investment in our youth.

Curtis Cleveland, Lodge President

Gratulerer med dagen!

Fødselsdag Hilsener

November Birthdays

John Thingstad
Erik Kunze
Inger Thoen
Lars Christianson

November Board Meeting

A Board of Directors Meeting will be held Sunday, November 11, at Trinity Lutheran Church, immediately following our monthly meeting. Interested Lodge members are welcome to attend.

Askeladden Lodge Library

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Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.






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NOVEMBER 2018 KALENDER

- november 1 - Allehelgensdag - All Saints Day
- november 4 - Daylight Saving Time ends
- november 6 - Election Day
- november 10 - Kalamazoo Holiday Parade - come and see our parade entry!
-  • november 11 - Veterans Day - Remembrance Day (Canada)
- november 11 - Farsdag i Norge - Father's Day in Norway
- **november 11 - Askeladden Lodge monthly meeting - 2 p.m.**
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-  • november 12 - Veterans Day observed - Remembrance Day (Canada) observed
-  • november 22 - Thanksgiving Day
- november 30 - last day to submit articles for *Askeladden News*



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.