



SONS OF NORWAY

Fossen
Lodge 5-534
119 Pierce Street
Black River Falls, WI
54615



Board/Officers Names and Numbers

President/Sport Dir: Rollie Lee	284-0683	Secretary/Counselor: Carol Haugen	284-5469
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Marshall: Don Glasenapp		Publicity/Social Dir: Avis Thompson	
Foundation Dir: Ruth Larson		Musician: Margaret Severson	

Lodge Website: www.sonsofnorway5.com

Coming Events

- Jan 7** Board Meeting BRCB 1pm – Newsletters
- 19** Installation of Board/Officers. Richard Selin will talk about interesting pets he has had and members will share stories of their pets. Snacks will be served. BRCB 1pm
- Feb 4** Board Meeting BRCB 1pm
- 16** Lutefisk at Elk Creek Lutheran Church – Details to follow
- 27** Serve at Pine View – Carol Haugen and Avis Thompson
- Mar 4** Board Meeting BRCB 1pm
- 16** Program: The Best of Ireland – Presented by Mary Murray Woods
Servers: Mary Peterson and Elaine BRCB 1pm

Lodge Members Birthdays

Renea Stoker	Jan 4	Lila Lynne	Feb 2	Ruth Larson	Mar 9
Norm Stoker	Jan 10	Amy Lund	Feb 8	Valerie Dyb	Mar 23
Janet Uutala	Jan 15	August Fallon	Feb 23	Stephanie Koyne	Mar 29
Millie Evenson	Jan 23			Soren Fallon	Mar 29



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Programs

Christmas Party

A wonderful party was enjoyed by all. Norm and Renea made the room look very festive. Tables were full and a lot of conversation and laughing was heard. Soon L&M served our meal of meat balls and fish. Very delicious and followed by deserts made by members. Mary Peterson, Millie Evenson, and Margaret Severson read stories and lead us in song. Present drawing went very well (nobody getting their own present). Everyone shared what they received and it seemed like they got something they would enjoy.

Maria the Mid-Wife

In November Glen Boresson presented how throughout human history midwives have attended the birth of babies. We heard and saw who these women were among the Norwegian Immigrants in America and why they were important in rural Wisconsin. Glen presented with stories and pictures of midwives. They were trusted members of the community until the early 20th century. Avis and Ruth served a delicious lunch.

Foundation Month/Silent Auction

In October members searched for things in their homes they no longer needed. They were displayed on a table and members placed their bid under the item or items they wanted. Any item not bid on was auctioned off. A lot of laughing was heard in the room. Millie and Carol H served a delicious lunch.

Donations Given and Needed

A donation of \$100.00 was given to the Boys and Girls Club in Black River Falls

Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center in Coon Valley, Wisconsin was damaged by the August 27 Flood. In 2017 they were hit by the 100 Year Flood and then again in 2019 (Five Hundred Year Flood). The Engum House and Yard were muddy but still in place. All the bridges that were just replaced were again destroyed. Rock was mounded everywhere on the lawn and meadow. The road was gone and the trees between the Holte Cabin and the road were no longer there. Since then Volunteers have been working to clean up but there is still more to do. They also have education programs for the children. If you can send any size gift it would be greatly appreciated. Gifts can be mailed to : Norskedalen, PO Box 235, Coon Valley, WI 54623.

Continue to save cancelled postage stamps which will be given to an officer of the lodge at the end of Year 2019.



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Recipe



Pepperkaker

(English: pepper cakes, also known as ginger snaps), are thin very brittle cookies or biscuits that are particularly associated with the extended Christmas period. In Norway and Sweden, pepperkaker are also used as window decorations, the pepperkaker's are then a little thicker than usual and decorated with glaze and candy. Many families bake pepperkaker as a tradition with their kids.

During the 13th century, Gingerbread was brought to Sweden by German Immigrants. Early references from the Vadstena Abbey show how the Swedish nuns were baking gingerbread to ease indigestion in 1444. It was the custom to bake white biscuits and paint them as window decorations.

Ingredients:

1. ½ lb Butter or Margarine
2. 1 ½ cups Sugar
3. 2 tbl molasses
4. 2 tsp baking soda (not baking powder)
5. 1 egg
6. 3 cups Flour
7. 3 tsp cinnamon
8. 3 tsp ginger
9. 1 ½ tsp cloves
10. ½ tsp cardamon

Directions:

1. Add first 5 ingredients, in order and mix.
2. Sift dry ingredients together and add to above mix.
3. Roll thin on pastry cloth with pastry cloth rolling pin
4. Cut in shapes of hearts, diamonds. stars or designs for the season.
5. Bake 10-15 Minutes at 325 degrees Fahrenheit
6. Decorate with White Frosting in line decorations.

Financial Benefits Counselor

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