



# NORDLAND NEWS

Nordland Lodge 5-544, 418 W Milwaukee St., Janesville, WI

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## Fra Presidenten

As I write this letter it looks and sounds like spring has sprung...the mowers are humming on a sunny 66 degree Saturday afternoon. You have to love Wisconsin at this time of the year!

Please look over the newsletter for information and upcoming events and if you have any suggestions or possible program topics for upcoming meetings, please contact Olga Fast or myself and we'll see if we can set-up those programs.

I hope with better weather we can see a significant increase in our monthly Social meeting attendance. We again are back to our 3rd Wednesday evening of the month (6:30 pm) Social meetings, so please make every effort to come & participate for the continued success of Nordland Lodge, and we welcome any suggestions you may have to boost our attendance!

Nordland Lodge will have 3 delegates to what looks to be an informative, busy, but also enjoyable 2016 District 5 Biennial Lodge Meeting and Convention from Wednesday, June 21st thru Sunday, June 26th at the Hotel Marshfield in appropriately Marshfield, WI. I am honored to be appointed by District 5 President Owen Christianson to be on the Fraternal Affairs committee at this Lodge meeting and look forward to discussing ways to improve our collective Sons of Norway experience. Along with the business agenda of the District 5 Lodge meeting, we will also have many workshops, demonstrations, and the always popular cookie & coffee breaks! If anyone would like to attend functions of the District 5 Biennial Lodge Meeting and Convention you can visit the District 5 webpage at [sonsofnorway5.com](http://sonsofnorway5.com) for detailed information on events, classes, workshops, activities, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

The Convention is again having a Walk-A-Thon Benefit for Masse Moro camps on Friday and Saturday mornings at 6:00 am. I plan to walk again and am asking for donations for this worthy camp!

This is our Lodge and we need and want your input to help make Nordland Lodge the best it can be! I look forward to seeing you soon at the Lodge for our upcoming meetings and events

Have a wonderful 2016 Spring!

Mange Takk!

William Hendrickson, President

Nordland Lodge #5-544, Janesville, WI

## May-June Coming Events

**May 3, 2016, 7:00 PM** Business meeting at the lodge.

**May 18, 2016, 6:30 PM. Social meeting at the lodge.** We will be celebrating Sytennde Mai with a potluck. Bring your favorite Norwegian dish to share as well as your own table service. Program will be about Sytennde Mai traditions.

**June 7, 2016, 7:00 PM Business meeting at the Lodge.**

**There will be no regular social meetings in June, July or August.** Instead, we are planning a picnic in recognition of St. Hans Day on Saturday, June 18. Date and location are not finalized as yet. We will inform you of the plans as they are complete.

## IN MEMORIAM

**RUBY BERNSTEIN**, 93 of Janesville, died March 27, 2016 at Cedar Crest Health Center. She was born on October 8, 1922, in Evansville, WI, daughter of Haaken and Laura Peterson Haagensen. She graduated from Madison East High School. In 1946 she married Donald L. Bernstein and they had three children.

Ruby was a long-time member of Nordland Lodge Sons of Norway. She was very proud of her Norwegian Heritage. Ruby was an accomplished Hardanger embroiderer and beloved friend, teacher and mentor for the "Hardanger Honeys". She was especially proud to have created two Hardanger embroidered Alter cloths for First Lutheran Church. She won many recognitions for her beautiful Hardanger work. She loved sharing her Norwegian Heritage by baking lefse and Norwegian cookies for all.

Ruby is survived by a daughter, Lynda (Jim) Short and son Dale (Jeanine), 3 granddaughters, 4 great grandchildren, sister-in-law LaVern Haagensen and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald and son Dennis, three sisters and three brothers.

Ruby's funeral was held on April 1 at First Lutheran Church.

**MARIE S HALL**, 88, died recently at her home in Manchester Township, Boone Co., Illinois. She was born on December 8, 1927, the daughter of Walter and Lena Zick. She attended a one room school and graduated from Capron High School. She received a two year degree from Rockford Career College.

Marie married Edward Hall on November 28, 1947 at Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church. They were the parents of three children.

Marie and Ed were long time active members of Nordland Lodge, Sons of Norway. She liked to bake and gave of her time to get cream from their local dairy and cooked the rømmegrøt for the lutefisk dinner. She always brought apples from her family's apple orchard and donuts for the paddle sale at the lodge also.

Marie is survived by a daughter Judy Marie, Marquette, MI and two sons Ken (Barb) and Tim (Kris) Hall, both of Poplar Grove, IL, five grandchildren and 8 and 1/2 great grandchildren, her brother Herman Zick, nieces, nephews and cousins, here, in Canada, Norway & Sweden. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward, sister-in-law Helen Zick, brothers-in-law Andrew, Oscar and Seavert (Ole) Hall.

Marie's funeral was held on Monday, April 4 at Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church.

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Marie and Ruby will be dearly missed for all of their hard work and dedication to Nordland Lodge.

### **Har Du Hørt?** **(Have You Heard?)**

Olaf and Darlene Olson celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on March 30, 2016. They were married March 30, 1946 in Janesville. He is retired from General Motors and she is a housewife. Their family includes Dave and Val Olson and Linda and Gary Fisher, all of Milton.

Olaf and Darlene have been long-time Nordland Lodge members. We join together to congratulate them on this outstanding milestone of their lives.

### **Gratularer Med Dagen**

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Doris Anderson	5 Elaine Peterson
2 Karen Niehans	8 Bill Larson

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 James Otterson	20 Wanda Micklos
20 Brian Marquis	

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*Happy  
Birthday*

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic Countries, while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society offering maximum benefits to its members.

## Upcoming events at Nordland

May 18th will be the last Social Meeting for the summer. We will have a program recognizing Syttende Mai. Please bring your favorite Norwegian dish to share for the pot luck supper at 6:30 pm. at the lodge.

In June we will have our annual picnic in honor of St. Hans Day. The day we have chosen is Saturday, June 18. We have been looking at different parks to have this event, but arrangements are not finalized at this time. We'll let you know.

There will not be any Social meetings during July or August, but we encourage you to check out activities at our neighboring lodges. Vennelag Lodge in Mt. Horeb has their Kaffe Stua on July 16, 9am-1 pm. Ostestaden Lodge in Monroe will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on July 14 at 6pm-8pm. The Zone 3 picnic will be held in August. I'm sure there will be many other events available also.

## Taste of Norway

The Hardanger Honeys will be participating in a **Taste of Norway event at the Orfordville Public Library on May 14 from 9am until noon.** Sarah, the librarian at Orfordville, was so enthused about the idea and she requested that we include Norwegian cookies for refreshments and demonstrations on how to make them. There will be demonstrations of Hardanger embroidery, krumkake baking, as well as displays of Hardanger, Norwegian foods, Rosemaling, books and other artifacts. We expect to have Norwegian music and scenic DVDs of Norway also. Our display of Hardanger embroidery will stay in place till the end of the month. Come join us in sharing our Norwegian heritage with the Orfordville community.



## Recipes

### **Norwegian Strawberries and Cream Cake (Bløtkake)**

3/4 cake flour  
6 eggs, separated

1 tsp baking powder  
1 cup sugar

#### **Filling:**

3 egg yolks  
2 tbsp. cornstarch  
1/4 c sugar  
1/2 c strawberry or apricot jam, warmed and strained  
1 pint fresh strawberries

2 tbsp. butter  
1 1/2 c half-and-half  
2 tsp vanilla extract

#### **Topping:**

1 1/2 c whipping cream  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 tbsp. powdered sugar

Blend flour with baking powder; set aside. In large bowl, whip egg whites until fluffy; gradually add sugar, and beat until stiff and meringue-like. In small bowl, beat egg yolks until frothy. Fold egg yolks and flour mixture into the egg whites. Butter two 9-inch round cake pans and dust with flour. Divide batter between pans.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bake layers 30 minutes or until centers spring back when touched with finger. Cool in pans. (Centers of cakes may sink slightly). To prepare the custard filling, in small saucepan, mix egg yolks, butter, cornstarch, half-and-half, and sugar. Cook, stirring, over medium heat until mixture is smooth and thick. Remove from heat, cover, and cool. Stir in vanilla.

To assemble the cake, cut layers horizontally into 2 layers each. Place bottom layer on cake plate and spread with half of the custard. Top with next layer. Spread with the strawberry or apricot jam. Reserve a few of the nicest strawberries for garnish on top of the cake. Spread with remaining custard. Top with remaining layer of cake and put whipped cream over all. Garnish with whole berries.

## Phone Numbers

If you have any questions or need to contact the Nordland Lodge, please call one of the phone #s listed below.

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## Important Reminders!

**Cultural Skills:** Check out Cultural Skills on ([sonsofnorway.com](http://sonsofnorway.com)) to help you decide which of these skills you would like to learn and to submit for inclusion in the District 5 contest which runs from January 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016. Some of you have started on a skill but just need to complete the forms for submission. [sonsofnorway5.com](http://sonsofnorway5.com) is the District 5 website which gives specific information on the contest.

**Sports Medals:** If you are interested in walking, bicycling, skiing or other sports, you can keep track of the hours you spend and submit the forms in order to receive pins for those activities. The website has information needed for that too.

**St. Hans Day Picnic:** Circle your calendars for Saturday, June 18 for our St. Hans Day Picnic. We will let you know where and what time it will be. Join your Nordland friends for an afternoon of good food and fun.

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### Looking Ahead-5th District Events

- January 1-May 31, 2016. Next Dist. 5 Cultural Skills Contest
- May 13-15, 2016. Stoughton Syttende Mai
- June 22-26, 2016– District 5 Convention and Lodge Meeting, Marshfield, WI
- July 14, 2016. Ostestaden Lodge, Monroe. 20th Anniversary. 6PM-8PM
- July 16, 2016. Kaffe Stua, 9 AM-1 PM, Mt. Horeb.
- July 17-30, 2016. Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp, Beaver Creek Reserve

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Events at our lodge are good reasons to invite friends and family to join us. When they enjoy being with us and doing the great things we do at the lodge, then maybe that would be the time to ask them to join. We need to continue working on building up our membership. **New Members Are Important to Nordland Lodge.**