



NORDLAND NEWS

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Fra Presidenten

As always, a big Thank You goes out to those who serve for weekly Kiwanis meetings as Kiwanis is so crucial to the continued success of Nordland Lodge. But we can always use more help so please let me or Kiwanis team members know if you can help with this effort.

As I write this I am watching the 2016 U.S. Open taped play of the 1st and start of the 2nd round...my Summer golf is here!

Next week Pat & Doug Mahlum, Carolyn Kennedy, and I are heading "up nort" to Marshfield for the 2016 District 5 Convention. We will be doing the business of Sons of Norway for the Nordland Lodge and District 5...Yah, sure, you betcha!

We don't have monthly Social meetings in the Summer but we have one event scheduled at this time for Summer fellowship. The Zone 3 picnic will be at the John & Darlene Arneson's home (2056 Skaalen Rd, east of Stoughton & north of Hwy 51) on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 12:30pm... stay tuned for further updates as this date gets closer.

If you have any suggestions or possible program topics for upcoming Fall Social meetings, please contact me, Olga Fast, or any officer and we'll see if we can set-up those programs. We welcome any suggestions you may have to help make our Social meetings more interesting and relevant to you.

Please make every effort to attend our monthly Business and Social meetings again in September for the continued success of Nordland Lodge. This is your Lodge and we need and want your input to help make Nordland Lodge the best it can be! We look forward to seeing you for our upcoming Summer events! Mark you calendar for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm for our Fall Social meeting resumption at Nordland Lodge!

Mange Takk!

Have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable Summer of 2016!

William Hendrickson, President

Nordland Lodge #5-544, Janesville, WI



July-August Coming Events

There will be no regular social meetings in July and August.

Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 7:00 pm. Board meeting at the lodge.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

There are no regular social meetings scheduled until September. Instead, we encourage you to attend activities at neighboring lodges. The Zone 3 picnic which will be held at Arneson's home at 2056 Skaalen Rd, east of Stoughton & north of Hwy 51. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided. This is a good chance to become better acquainted with members of neighboring lodges. There will be plenty of good food and the opportunity to play Kubb and other games.

Emigration from Snertingdal

We are anticipating a very interesting program on October 19th. Finn Brobakken, from Snertingdal, Norway will be in the USA and he has included Nordland Lodge in his itinerary of programs he will be presenting.

In less than a 40 year period of time, almost half of the residents of the 40 mile long valley known as Snertingdal left for other countries, mainly the United States and Canada. There were multiple factors that lead to the mass exodus from this particular valley: political, economic, social mores and structure. He will present his insights from growing up there as he learned his own relatives' stories and found out more from neighbors who had family members who left Norway. Make plans to attend and ask your friends to come too. Light refreshments will be served.

We are always looking for interesting programs and we ask your help with suggestions for topics that you would be interested in. Call one of the officers with your ideas.

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NORDLAND SCHOLARSHIP

Barbara Schmiedel, a graduate of Oshkosh West High School, Oshkosh, WI has been awarded a Nordland Scholarship for the 2016-17 school year. She is Olga Fast's granddaughter. Barb will be attending UW Green Bay, majoring in elementary education and art. She is proud of her Norwegian Heritage and has volunteered at Nordland's lutesfisk dinner several times. We wish her success in her educational journey.

Gratularer Med Dagen

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jean Shuler	7	Darlene Olson	13
Bill Hendrickson	14	Paul Hendrickson	14
Pat Mahlum	15	Deb Gosa	18
Jan Hendrickson	20	Effie Krogwold	29
Linda Nelson	29		



Important Reminders!

Cultural Skills: Check out Cultural Skills on (sonsofnorway.com) to help you decide which of these skills you would like to learn and to submit for inclusion in the current District 5 contest which runs from June 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Some of you have started on a skill but just need to complete the forms for submission. 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.

Norwegian Bake Sale: Plans are being made to have another Norwegian Bake sale before the holiday season. This has been very successful in the past. Start making plans as to what Norwegian foods you can bake to contribute to this only fund raiser we will be having. You can start baking well in advance of the sale, storing the cookies in metal containers. They keep very well if stored in this manner.

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.

2016 Sons of Norway District 5 Convention Highlights

Pat and Doug Mahlum and myself went to the 2016 District 5 Convention & Lodge meeting in Marshfield, WI June 23-25. Unfortunately Carolyn Kennedy was unable to attend due to illness, so Doug served as her alternate. We arrived around 9:45am after a slight wrong turn on my part, but I made it for my Fraternal Affairs committee assignment at 10am. We focused on ways to better address the fraternal needs of our members and established some suggestions for our presentation during the Business meeting. After a luncheon with our committees, some committees finished their deliberations and we had our first coffee break. There were 3 workshops, but we had attended similar ones at previous conventions, so we visited the many vendors and cultural skills exhibits. After a bit of down time, we attended a Viking Feast with Pork w/Blueberry topping, carrots and parsnips, and potatoes.

Day 2 started at 6am with our first day of the Walk-a-thon behind our hotel, breakfast and the Opening ceremonies of the Lodge Meeting. We sang our national anthems, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced officers and dignitaries, took roll call of delegates, and had presentations from Eivind Heiberg, Sons of Norway CEO and Len Carlson, Director of Agencies for our insurance department. After the morning coffee break, we had a presentation on the newly refurbished District 5 website...fresh and inviting...check it out! We then had a presentation by La Crosse Visitors & Convention Bureau with a bid for the 2018 Convention & Lodge meeting. After a fine lunch with entertainment by the Bair Norwegian Singers we resumed our Lodge meeting with reports from the various committees. After our afternoon coffee break, we had more committee reports and our ongoing Silent Auction ended. We recessed and Friday evening was on your own.

Day 3 began with another Walk-a-thon with even more walkers than the previous day...weather was terrific for both days! Almost \$3000.00 was realized for Masse Moro. We resumed committee reports, had remarks by International President Jon Tehven. After our morning coffee break, we voted on & approved the 2018 Convention bid for La Crosse. We adjourned for box lunches and caucused with our Zone members to vote on delegates to the International Convention in August in Tacoma, Washington. I was elected an alternate for Lucy Ghastin, Idun Lodge, who was elected our Zone 3 Director. We received Bronze awards for Nordland Lodge and myself individually for 2014 and 2015.

After our lunch and caucuses, we reconvened and Geoff Wodell of Central Lodge 000 made a motion which was seconded and passed to establish a "Troll Mountain" memorial in Mount Horeb, WI in memory of our deceased Sons of Norway friend, George Sievers, Vennelag 513, Mount Horeb, WI. There will be an area as you enter Mount Horeb designated as a site memorializing George's untiring support for all that is Sons of Norway!

We then finished all other business. Thanks were given to delegates, committee members, and guests and we adjourned the 2016 Sons of Norway Lodge meeting. We then had installation of the next District 5 board with photographs taken of the group.

We ended the week with a social hour, banquet, awards, and entertainment to finish our 2016 District 5 Lodge meeting and Convention in Marshfield, WI.

Pat & Doug Mahlum and I left to return home to Southern Wisconsin driving through rain most of the way home. Mange Takk to Nordland Lodge 5-544 members for sending us to the 2016 District 5 Convention

Respectfully submitted,

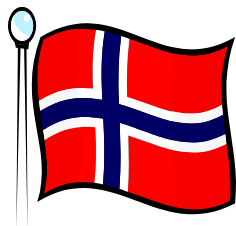
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Looking Ahead-5th District Events



July 14, 2016: Ostestaden Lodge, Monroe. 20th Anniversary. 6PM-8PM

July 16, 2016: Kaffe Stua, 9 AM-1 PM, Vennelag Lodge. Horeb.

July 17-30, 2016: Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp, Beaver Creek Reserve

August 7, 2016, 12:30pm: Zone 3 picnic at John & Darlene Arneson's home, 2056 Skaalen Rd, east of Stoughton. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be furnished. Come for good food, fellowship and fun.

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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.**