



NORSEMEN OF THE LAKES

LODGE 5-650

JANUARY, 2018



FRA PRESIDENTEN

Happy New to each of you! I trust you're finding this holiday time to be a joyous time for family reunions, fellowship, and lots of fun.



I have a number of things to share: We had a wonderful Christmas party at Covenant Harbor Geneva Bay room on the 12th of December. We had 45 guests and members in attendance and had a great time of fellowship, a delicious meal, and an exciting grab bag game. I took a lot of pictures and Susan will be attaching many of them to this newsletter as a pleasant reminder of our time together. We shared Sven and Ole jokes and had a hilarious rendition of the "12 Days of Christmas" and then ended our time with traditional caroling around the Christmas tree.



It was a joy to introduce the newlyweds, Carol and Dennis Westgor.



They were married on Saturday, December 9th at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Delavan. Congratulations Dennis and Carol! They postponed their honeymoon so they could be at our Christmas party. Lodge member, Amy Finnes-Tacheny, shared with me that her mother passed away on October 11th. She was a lifelong Sons of Norway member in Minneapolis. Her daughters attended the memorial service in Minnesota with her and Amy had the opportunity to wear her mother's beautiful bunad. Our dear friend and lodge member, Anne Brastad, passed away on December 15. Our sincerest condo-

lences go out to these two families.

I shared, in a brief business meeting at our dinner on December 12th, four things.

- I've asked our members to consider a special contribution to the Norsemen of the Lakes to help us with continued funding of our Lodge needs.

Please be open to a supportive, year-end gift for the wonderful opportunities that we've enjoyed together as a Sons of Norway Lodge.

- The next Zone 3 meeting for the Officers will be on Saturday, January 27th. Marra, Barb, and I will be representing our Lodge in Janesville, Wisconsin.

- There will be no Lodge meeting in January or February.

Our first meeting of the year will be **March 13th** at Sherwood Lodge for a movie night, **April 10th** at Williams Bay Lutheran Church, **May 8th** at the Williams Bay Lutheran Church, and **June 12th** with a picnic in the park. We'll share more of the dates for next fall at future lodge meetings.

- I will try to get you monthly newsletters detailing upcoming lodge activities and interesting lodge member news and notes. Please feel free to contact Susan or me with things you'd like to share with our members.



We hope to take advantage of some of the special events being put on by other lodges in the area. We'll keep you posted.

Again, enjoy this season and have a Happy New Year! Let's keep close together in fellowship and communication.

Sincerely,
Brian Ogne



President of Sons of Norway
Norsemen of the Lakes Lodge 5-650



2018 Calendar

January – No meeting.

February – No meeting

Tues, March 13th – Plan to meet at the Sherwood Lodge in Williams Bay to enjoy a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. and a fun movie about Norway at 7:15 p.m. in their beautiful theater.

Tues, April 10th – Williams Bay Lutheran Church at 6:15 p.m. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to pass.

Tues, May 8th – Williams Bay Lutheran Church at 6:15 p.m. Celebrate our 17th of May Constitution Day with a sumptuous buffet and special Norwegian treats.

Tues, June 12th – Enjoy a picnic in the park. Location yet to be determined.

Bring a friend!



Gratulare Med Dagen

January

Dennis W. 1/8

Steven P. 1/15

Cathy N. 1/23

Marra A. 1/26

Trevor W. 1/27



OFFICIAL APPROVED BALLOT

2017-2018 Norsemen of the Lakes Officers Lodge 5-650

President and Fundraiser	Brian Ogne
Vice President	Paul Johnsen
Secretary	Ginny Andersen
Treasurer	Barb Ogne
Financial Secretary	Corlene Bartels
Newsletters and Counselor	Susan Ogne
Grants, Awards, and Foundation Information	Marra Andreas
Program Director	Carol Anderson
Program Assistant	Luann Copeland
Marshall	Bob Pederson
Marshall	Judi Johnsen
Greeters and Badges	Bill and Joye Kaul
Greeters	Anne Hope
Trustee	Amy Tacheny
Trustee	Dennis Westgor
Food Coordinators	Barb Ogne Diane Voss
Walworth County Promos and Marketing	Brian Ogne
Cultural Chairman	Catherine Nolan

Scheduled meeting dates for 2018, first six months:

1. January – February No meetings. Stay home, stay warm, and read your “Viking Magazine.”
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At each of the above meetings, we'll enjoy a special meal together, fellowship with fellow Sons of Norway members, and a wonderful and interesting program. Put these dates on your schedule and you'll receive more information on a monthly basis.

Norsemen of the Lakes, Lodge 5-650 Sons of Norway

Minutes – December 12, 2017

Annual Christmas Party, Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva WI

Forty five members and guests attended our annual Norsemen of the Lakes Jule Fest at Covenant Harbor. On arrival we were greeted with appetizers including cheese, crackers and punch.

Each chair surrounding the Christmas tree included word search puzzles and facts about Norway.

President Brian Ogne opened the meeting with jokes and a Merry Christmas to all, followed by Sven & Ole jokes. Guests were introduced. Dawn Hansen read a humorous poem on getting older. Gloria Arndt accompanied us on the piano for caroling, including a rendition of Jingle Bells in both english and norwegian.

The meal was memorable with beef, pork, ribs, salads, veggies and a choice of many desserts. While dining, Brian Ogne made his way around the dining room with his camera taking photos of members and guests enjoying the meal.

After dinner there were more Ole and Sven jokes. Everyone was involved with singing The Twelve Days of Christmas while sitting in a circle around the Jule tree, always good for a few laughs. Bill Kaul entertained us with a reading.

We were reminded that there is a Task Force meeting in January regarding Human Trafficking in Walworth County.

Then the fun gift exchange, along with a special gift for the person who traveled the farthest to our party. Judy Ellefsen was the winner who came from Elmhurst, Illinois.

Members and guests were encouraged to share any memories they had regarding Christmases past relating to their Norwegian heritage. We reflected on the beginnings of The Norsemen of the Lakes twenty years ago and in particular the one person mostly responsible for our charter, Agnes Grenawald.

The Jule fest was concluded by the Norwegian tradition of walking around the tree holding hands in a couple of circles while singing Christmas carols.

The party/meeting was adjourned with remarks for the good of the order.

The next meeting is in March of 2018, a pot luck, with a movie at the Sherwood Lodge in Williams Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Andersen, Lodge Secretary



