



NORDLAND NEWS

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

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Fra Presidenten

We had a very interesting and well-attended (47 people) for our October program. Thanks to Olga for setting it up and for all of you that attended.

Finn Brobakken, from Snertingdal, Norway presented 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. 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.

Well, we are heading to the last two months of 2016. Where did the year go? Let's finish off the year with attendance similar to our October meeting at our upcoming meetings! We have election of officers at our November 16th Social meeting for the 2017-2018 biennium, so please attend. We will have installation of those elected officers at our January 2017 Social meeting. Remember that our January thru March Social meetings will be the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm.

Mark your calendar for our December Bake Sale on Saturday, December 10th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Lodge. Everyone please pitch in and help out by making Norwegian cookies, setting-up, or helping to serve for this event as this is now our only major fundraiser for the year. Contact Olga Fast or Pat Mahlum with any questions!

As I've noted before, our thanks always to those serving at weekly Kiwanis meetings and we continue to ask for volunteers as Kiwanis is so crucial to the continued success of Nordland Lodge. Please let me or any Kiwanis team members know if you can help with this effort.

If you have any ideas for programs for the upcoming year, please contact Olga or myself with that information! We are always looking for interesting programs on Norwegian or other topics!

Our annual Nordland Lodge Building Association meeting will be Wednesday, December 21st at our Social meeting. We will have election of Building Association officers, updates on the sale of our building, and other items regarding the Lodge. We have our building listed for sale and have not had much interest. If anyone knows of possible buyers, please let me or any other Building Association officer know so we can pursue those leads.

As always, please read the newsletter for an assortment of interesting items and please attend our monthly Social meetings to socialize with our members and to help with the continued success of Nordland Lodge. See you soon at the Lodge and at all our upcoming events!

Mange Tusen Takk!

William Hendrickson, President

Nordland Lodge #5-544, Janesville, WI

November-December Coming Events

Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Board meeting at the lodge.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Program will be a Power Point presentation given by Karla Brekke of a trip to Norway with her three sisters. They visited the area of Norway that their ancestors came from and stayed in local bed and breakfast -type housing. Let's make this a Thanksgiving celebration with traditional Thanksgiving food. Potluck at 6:30 pm. Bring your own table service.

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Board meeting at the lodge.

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 8:00 am—12 noon. Norwegian Bake Sale.

Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Juletre Fest!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

On November 16, Karla Brekke will be giving a Power Point presentation of the trip that she and her sisters took to Norway. They visited Flom, the area their ancestors came from. They stayed in a bed and breakfast type place and had memorable experiences.

In December we will be having John Eyster with us and he will share his Christmas in Norway while he was living there. We will be having a special Christmas meal, so bring your family and/or friends to enjoy the Christmas traditions of Norway. Bring your own table service. Please let either Pat or Olga know if you are planning to come so we have enough food for all.

January through March brings our Sunday afternoon social meetings at 1:00 pm at the lodge. More information will be coming on what the program/activity will be.

Gratulerer Med Dagen

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Sam Niehans	12 Marge Harris
13 Robert Ausen	15 Joanne Lien
15 Marilyn Torstveit	21 Meme Francis
30 Martelle Onsrud	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

13 Marilyn Eyster	14 Charles Mortensen
17 Alan Sorenson	20 Robert Gosa
31 Janet Engelsen	

NORWEGIAN BAKE SALE

Our Norwegian Bake Sale is going to be on Saturday, December 10, from 8:00 am until 12 noon. Now is the time to start baking Norwegian pastries for this event. You can choose to make several batches of one kind or you can make several different kinds. We want to have at least 7 different varieties.

This is the tradition in **Norwegian** homes. This a very popular event with people waiting for the doors to open at 8:00! Many leave with several dozen of various kinds. We don't want to disappoint them!

Of course, there is a lot of preparation that goes into setting up the lodge with all of the pastries pre-packaged and displayed for easy choosing. We do this on Friday afternoon, at 1:00 pm. On Saturday morning we need adequate people to continue packaging to restock the tables and to help the guests select their favorites

Please let Pat or I know what you will be able to bring for sale and if you can help either/or Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.



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.

We can always use plenty of help. We set up on Friday at 1:00 pm by setting up the tables and getting as many cookies packaged ahead of time as possible. We also need help on the day of the sale. We want to give a warm welcome to everyone who comes and help them make the decision as to what cookies are the best!



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NORWEGIAN BAKING WORKSHOP

Our “sister lodges” often offer special programs that can be a great benefit to the general public and to neighboring lodges.

Vennelag Lodge in Mount Horeb is sponsoring such a program on Saturday, November 5. We realize that it is a little too late for most of you to take part in this one. However, Pat Mahlum is planning to attend and will learn to prepare some new Norwegian foods and/or learn some “tricks of the trade” to bring back to share with our lodge. Hopefully there will be some interest from our members to learn these same things and the possibility of our sponsoring similar workshops.

At this workshop they will show how to make Lefse, Flat Brød, Rosettes, Sirupssnipper, Krumkake and Ableskiver and Almond Cake.

You may say that I already make some of these. But experience has shown that there are always things that you can learn that will make the job easier, that results in a better product and some variations in recipes can produce a more flavorful taste.

Let us know if you would like such a workshop at our lodge. If so, which items would you like to learn? Maybe we can schedule such a workshop after the holidays. That will give you time to practice and to feel more comfortable when asked to provide some of these foods for our bake sale or for your own families. Give Pat a call to express your interest.

Phone Numbers

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

Bill Hendrickson, President	608-754-3751
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ANNUAL MEETING

Nordland #544 Building Association

Date: December 21, 2016

Place: Heritage Center (418 W Milwaukee St)

Time: 7:00 pm.

NOTICE: is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the above corporation will take place on the above stated date and place for the purpose of the transaction of any and all business which the stockholders may lawfully conduct at an annual meeting, including the election of directors to serve for three years.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2016.

William Hendrickson, President
Building Association

The weather will soon be turning colder and some “comfort food” is the just what we need. Try this recipe to use up leftover Thanksgiving turkey.

Turkey Soup with Norwegian Dumplings

Turkey bones, skin and scraps (for stock).

Water	1 large onion, including tops
Salt and Pepper	Norwegian dumplings
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley	

Place turkey bones and scraps into a soup kettle and cover with water. Leave uncovered and heat to a boil, then slowly simmer for 45 mins. Add water as needed to keep the bones covered. Strain. Add celery and onion to broth and cook for 15 minutes until tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Dumplings: Add one at a time to the stock. Cook uncovered for 20 minutes. Add parsley just before serving.

Dumplings:

2 cups milk	1/2 tsp. nutmeg
2 Tbsp. butter	1 1/4—1 1/2 cups flour
2 Tbsp. sugar	

In medium pan, combine butter, milk, sugar and nutmeg and simmer, stirring until sugar dissolves and butter melts. Decrease heat to low and mix in flour. Remove pan from heat and whisk until smooth. Shape into walnut-sized dumplings.

Hot Apple Grog with Blackcurrant, Honey and Cinnamon

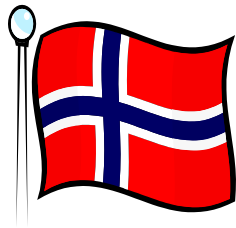
1 Quart (1 liter) apple juice	1 cinnamon stick
1/4 lb. (100 g) blackcurrants	2 Tbsp. honey

Boil all ingredients. Sieve and serve.

(Serves 5) Just the right beverage on a cold winter’s night.



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Looking Ahead-5th District Events

June -December 31, 2016-Cultural Skills contest.

January 1-April 30, 2017-District Bowling Tournament

Lutefisk Dinners: November. 12, Christ Lutheran Church, DeForest, WI,

November 13, Vennskap Lodge, at Lakeland University, Plymouth, WI

November 15, Myrmarken Lodge, Marshfield, WI

December 3, Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton, WI

These are just a few of the coming Lutefisk Dinners. Check the District 5 website (Sonsofnorway5.com) for more details regarding time, price etc.

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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.**