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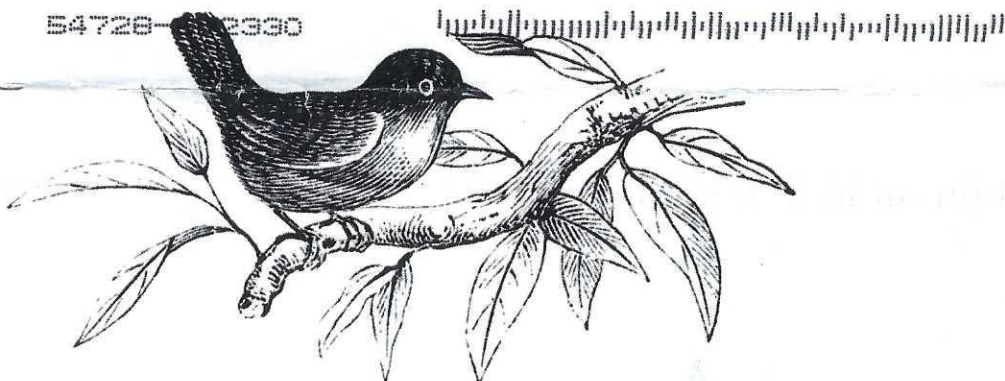
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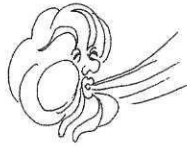
Welcome Spring!



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Dear Members of Dovre Lodge,

Tusen takk to all that have participated in our monthly Zoom meetings. Sometimes our virtual connections are delayed, but we are making the best of an unusual situation. It is wonderful to 'see' you and hear about your pandemic activities. Many thanks to Carolyn and Sam Kochel for doing a short program about their experience from the Norwegian-American Heritag course with District 5.

The Audit Committee met at Norske Nook to review Dovre Lodge's finances. Judy Keilholtz chaired the committee, with Sam Kochel and Florence Weise reviewing the financials. Eugene Nelson, treasurer, presented perfectly balanced books and statements. The committee thanked Gene for his diligent and dedicated work for Dovre Lodge.

It seems that many of us had had vaccines, we are getting closer to meeting again in person. I believe our first gathering will be a big celebration with our annual picnic in July. Let us hope that it will be our lucky day. We are also going to work on improving our Viking boat for parade season, just waiting for warmer weather. And last of all, your new 2021 Dovre Lodge Directory is in the mail.

Med vennlig Hilsen – thank you all for caring about Dovre Lodge!

Med vennlig Hilsen,

Robin K. Fossum, President

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A Zoom meeting of Sons of Norway,

Dovre Lodge 5-353

Minutes of March 9, 2021.

The meeting of Dovre Lodge 5-353 was called to order by President Robin Fossum at 7:04 p.m. There were 20 in attendance.

We listened to a recording of Ja Vi Elsker. The Secretary's report from February was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Audit Committee met at Norske Nook, including Judy Keilholtz as chair, Sam Kochel, Florence Weise, EuGene Nelson and Robin Fossum. Everything looked good and the annual financial report that is due March 15 will be filed on time.

Florence reported on our membership. We have 92 members at this point. We discussed people that will not be re-joining at this time. She will also be ordering more membership pins and will distribute them for both 2020 and 2021 when we meet in person again.

Ingrid reported on Framtid. Instead of in-person programs this year, a worksheet was made for 4th graders. An e-mail was sent to four schools and Cameron and Chetek responded that they'd like the worksheet to supplement their Wisconsin studies.

Our new Lodge directories should be sent out this week some time.

Discussed when we may be able to meet again in person. Probably not by Syttende Mai, but hopefully so that we can have our picnic in July.

Robin discussed that grants are available through the Foundation. Some possible uses for our Lodge could be money towards our Midsommer Fest, fixing our Viking boat float, or getting speakers for Lodge meetings. Gerhard will ask his neighbor about possibly working on the Viking boat. A motion was made by Sam and seconded by Bun for Robin to contact Shae Kizima to try and book Eric Dregni as a speaker for the April meeting by Zoom. The motion carried. If there is a fee, we will wait to discuss it in April.

The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sam and Carolyn Kochel presented more information from the Norwegian-American Settlements in America class they have been taking.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Schaaf, Secretary

Til Minne



Hans Tryve Haugen, 82 of Bruce, died on Monday, January 11, 2021 at Marshfield Medical Center in Eau Claire. He was born on March 8, 1938 in Hundorp, Norway to Kristian & Karen (Støslie) Ødegaardshaugen.

Hans was born and raised in Norway. After high school he attended agricultural school. He served one year in the Norwegian Army. He lived in Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada from 1967 to 1971. He married Molla Clark in 1968 in Brooklyn, New York and they later divorced. The family moved to Rusk County in 1982. He married Georgette Foster on September 17, 2007 in Las Vegas, NV.

He managed and eventually owned Northwest Mink Ranch in Bruce until he retired in 2008. He was a member of the Sons of Norway and the Bruce Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife Georgette, a daughter; Anna Lisa Hubbard of Rice Lake, one step-son; two step-daughters; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2021. Burial will be at Sør-Fron Church in Norway.

Gratulerer med dagen

March

- 1.....Chris Shaw
- 6.....Louise Varnes
- 9.....Karen Schaaf
- 24.....Dennis Weise
- 31.....Merlin Harelstad

April

- 5.....Carol Anderson
- 5.....Dary Ellen Ralph
- 11.....Robin Fossum
- 19.....Karl Varnes
- 22.....Ingrid Rothenbuehler
- 25.....Johnny West
- 27.....Burnell Hanson
- 29.....Paulette Hanson
- 29.....Carolyn Van Buren



Norwegian Pancakes - Pannekaken

Adapted from *allrecipes.com*



This is the US 1925 postage stamp in honor of the 100th anniversary of the first Norwegian to immigrate to America.

3 eggs

1 ½ cups milk

1 cup all purpose flour

1 tsp sugar

¼ tsp salt

Lightly mix eggs and milk. Add flour, sugar and salt and mix until smooth and no lumps remain. Heat in medium cast iron pan over medium-high heat. Tilt pan to coat evenly with batter. Cook until top of pancake looks dry, roughly 30 seconds. Flip with spatula and cook for a few seconds more. Roll served with your favorite topping of fresh berries, syrup or lingonberry jam.

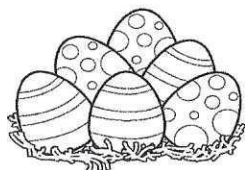
Makes 4-6 servings

(Editor's note: I make these about once a month and freeze the extras. They taste just as good as fresh.)

7 Nordic-Inspired Ways to Celebrate Spring

As late winter gives way to Spring, here are some Nordic-inspired ideas to celebrate the change of seasons.

- Be inspired by natural beauty and savor the stillness of each morning by photographing the sunrise over several days or weeks.
- Pick your favorite Norwegian cookie or bread and fill your home with the inviting scent. Then surprise a friend by sharing your homemade treat.
- Every spring brings changes to our lives. Take time to handwrite a letter to an old friend you haven't seen in months or years and ask "what's new?"
- Enjoy a walk in the warming weather. Look for budding trees and new growth on shrubs and bushes. Have some early spring flowers like snow drops or daffodils started to pop up?
- Is there a cultural skill you want to explore this year? Consider a skill you're curious about but have never tried. Even better, share the fun of learning by inviting a friend or family member to join your exploration.
- Fill a bird feeder and your bird bath, if temperatures permit. Keep a birding guide handy to identify returning migratory birds. When will the first robin of the season arrive?
- It's been said that when you plant kindness you gather joy. As you go about each day, live your Nordic values with simple acts of kindness to others and add joyful moments to your life!



Audit Committee Meeting of Dovre Lodge



Audit Committee Members, left to right: Sam Kochel, Robin Fossum, Florence Weise, Judy Keilholtz, Eugene Nelson.

Judy Keilholtz called the meeting to order at 10:00am on February 24, 2021.

The Audit Committee appointed by President Robin Fossum met to review the Sons of Norway Dovre Lodge 5-353 financial statements provided by Treasurer, Gene Nelson. The Lodge's fiscal year January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 was reviewed. The checkbook register was matched to financial statements with no abnormalities. Questions were asked regarding the scholarship and fund-raising receipts.

The SON D-17 report was completed by Gene. It was noted the D17 for is now submitted electronically and Sons of Norway has signatures on file. Gene will send the completed form electronically to the International Office.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Sam Kochel, seconded by Florence Weise, to have Treasurer Eugene Nelson order new Sons of Norway Dovre Lodge checks at Sterling Bank that include carbon duplicates. Motion carried.** It was noted that Treasurer Nelson uses Quicken for our lodge statements.

A motion was made by Florence Weise, seconded by Sam Kochel, to accept the Audit Committee report. Motion carried.

The committee thanked Gene for his exemplary accounting practices. Dovre Lodge financial statements are balanced and in good standing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted:
Robin K Fossum

"Grave Looter" Revealed

Earlier this week, local authorities, newspapers and enthusiasts sounded the alarm. Unauthorized persons had allegedly entered the famous Viking grave field at Vang in Oppdal and drilled deep holes in 17 of the Viking graves. Several feared the worst on behalf of the grassy national treasure in Sør-Trøndelag: grave looting.

Terrible

NTB [*Norsk Telegrambyrå*: The Norwegian News Agency] reported via the local newspaper *OPP*, which first mentioned the case, that there were varying depths in the holes, which "appeared to have been dug with a special drill." Furthermore, it was said that except in one case in 2014, there has been no looting in the large Viking burial ground since the 19th century. "It's awful! Many organic finds have been lost, and objects can be ruined when air enters the graves," said Thora Nyborg, curator at Vitenskapsmuseet [the Science Museum]. "It is incredible that we should experience this," added county archaeologist Kristin Prestvold.

Badger suspected

On Friday morning, however, the police closed the case, according to the newspaper. The suspected criminal turns out to be difficult to reach. "It seems to be a badger behind it," said a smiling cultural consultant in Oppdal municipality, Sjur Vammervold, to *Dagbladet* [newspaper]. "It's good that it wasn't done by people. The badger is quite innocent and probably has completely different purposes than a grave robber," he adds.

Probably badger holes

Vammervold says that it has not been 100 percent confirmed that it is the characteristic black and white marten that has ravaged Norwegian cultural heritage, but the suspicion is strong enough to go ahead and rule out that two-legged miscreants are behind it. "Based on how badgers dig holes, this may be an explanation," he says. The municipality's website informs that most of the burials in Vang are from the Late Iron Age or Viking Age. That is, between the years 750-1000 A.D. Many valuable discoveries have been made in the area.

Celebrating Easter in Norway

Easter is coming on April 4th this year. Easter is one of Norway's biggest holidays, just as big as Christmas. Norwegians celebrate it all week with parties, family and mountain hikes.

For many, Easter celebrations in Norway start on Palm Sunday, the weekend before Easter really starts. The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after Palm Sunday are normal workdays for some, but since school is off the whole week, many people go on vacation. The real Easter starts with Maundy Thursday, which is the first religious day of Easter. In Sweden Maundy Thursday isn't a public holiday and therefore many Norwegian use the day to go shopping in Sweden. On the day following, Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross is observed in remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus.

Påskeaften, ("Easter Eve") the Saturday of Holy Week, is often celebrated as a day of parties. Easter Eve is usually the day that children get Easter eggs filled up with candy. Many people organize ski races or hikes in the mountains. The traditional Norwegian Easter mountain hike may be related to an old tradition of looking at the sun from a mountaintop Easter morning. People believed that the sun danced for joy because Jesus was resurrected. Easter Eve is also the day for the biggest meal of the whole week. Lots of people serve special Easter lamb or chicken.

Easter Sunday itself is usually celebrated with an Easter breakfast where eggs, especially colored ones, are most often on the menu. Freshly baked bread is also commonly served in an Easter breakfast, and special decorations for the day will be set out on the table.



Norway Counters Superbowl Ad With Creative Cheek

Part of the Super Bowl experience is enjoying the creative ads that punctuate the game. At \$5.5 million per 30 second ad, they've got to be memorable. A common way to garner attention is through celebrity appearances. One of 2021's stand-out ads has comedic actor Will Ferrell spouting vitriol on behalf of General Motors. Just why is he so angry? Because Norway outranks the US in electric car sales.

It's not a close race: 54% of new car sales in Norway are electric versus the USA's 1%. Ferrell's amusing outrage and physical antics have him peeling out and enlisting fellow comics Kenan Thompson and Awkwafina to help teach Norway a lesson. He ships off to Norway and marvels, "This place is adorable!" only to find out that he's actually landed in Sweden. One of the teaser ads leading up to game day has Ferrell disguising his voice as "Olaf" and pranking Norway's citizens with 5 million anchovy pizzas.

But Norway wasn't about to take this provocation lying down. Immediately the reaction ads and videos began popping up. The University of Agder in southern Norway produced the hilarious "Sorry, not sorry," in which they quickly try to quell Ferrell's rage by hiding other great things about Norway.

Audi countered GM's challenge with its own series of celebrity spots, starring blustery Game of Thrones star and Oslo native Kristofer Hivju. He invites Ferrell to a salmon fight, offers a proper fish pizza, and implores Ferrell: "Don't hate. Imitate."

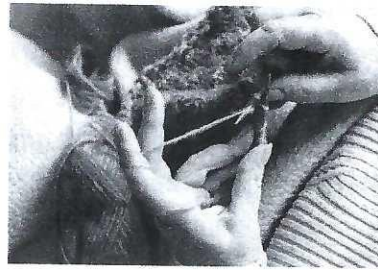
Not to be left out of the fun, Ford Norge tweeted a video of their electric vehicles delivering pizza orders across the Norwegian countryside. Prime minister Erna Solberg also tweeted to correct her pizza order to pineapple.

Hands down, the most adorable of replies came from VisitNorway.com. A group of school kids waits in Oslo harbor to welcome Ferrell, offering geography and skiing lessons, chanting "We believe in you, Will!"



Will Ferrell in Superbowl Ad

Trendy Norwegian Knitting



Once thought of as a quaint hobby, knitting is shrugging off its traditional image and is quickly becoming a hot trend worldwide. Wool garments are found everywhere from your grandmother's closet to fashion shows and catwalks.

Knitting has always been a prominent part of Norwegian culture, however, in recent years it has grown to include a younger, urban crowd of knitters. In Norway this trend is supported by celebrities like TV personality Dorthe Skappel and actress Sofia Gråbøl. The online release of Skappel's "Skapple jumper" pattern, featuring Alpaca wool, quickly led to a wool shortage in shops around Norway. The Faroe Isle knitwear frequently worn by Gråbøl is also in high demand.

The effects of this booming knitting industry can easily be found throughout Norway. In Sandnes, a once ailing wool mill is now the biggest wool supplier in Norway and has experienced a 50% increase in sales. Knitting books are also in demand in Norway like that of Fashion designers Arne Nerjødret and Carlos Zachrisson, who's book, *Julekuler*—featuring 55 hand-knit ball Christmas ornaments—is in its fourth printing, selling over 37,000 copies.

Norway has a marked history of impacting worldwide knitting and textile trends. The "Marius" pattern was at the forefront of this movement in 1954 when famous Norwegian war hero, actor and skier, Marius Eriksen modeled this unique design crafted by Unn Sjøiland in the film "Troll i Ord." Featuring the bold colors of the Norwegian flag, the "Marius" sweater was unusual for its time. 60 years later the "Marius" sweater is still the most sold and hand knit pattern in the world and its creator, Unn Sjøiland, is the recipient of the Royal Medal in Gold for her lifetime contribution to Norwegian hand knit traditions and their promotion internationally.

Want to be a part of the new knitting trend? Be sure to check out the knitting unit of the Cultural Skills Program available for download in the "Members Only" section of the Sons of Norway website.

(Dovre Lodge has two(that I know of) accomplished knitters: Beth Thompson and Carolyn Kochel. They both do beautiful work!)