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RE-ENROLL YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD

See details on page 8 of how to help
the Lodge by grocery shopping.



SKÅL! WE'RE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

The original charter, pictured above, will be on display Sunday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ritz Charles. Why the Ritz Charles? As Jean Tygum says, "Twenty-five years is such an achievement. Let's celebrate in style." If you've reserved a spot, we'll see you at 12156 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032. *If you haven't RSVP'd for the gala, please contact Burt Bittner at 317-842-4042 or burtbittner@att.net.*



from the President

Dear Members and Friends of Circle City Lodge,

It is not only the 80 degree weather and the blooming flowers that have me in a good mood lately. The 25th Anniversary Gala for our lodge on May 8th at 1:30 pm at the Ritz Charles is shaping up so nicely and that makes we feel SO good.

We have most everything set with just a few loose ends to wrap up. The last count for attendees was 86 and that includes current members, past members who live in Indiana, past members who live in other states, and District officers. We have [Michael Conley](#) as pianist and our very own [Julane Lund](#) playing her Hardanger fiddle and other instruments. They will play beautiful music for us and accompany us in the singing of national anthems and the Norwegian table prayer. The food at the Ritz Charles is very good, I have been told, not only be their staff but lodge members who have eaten there before. [Glenna Divine](#) wrote a lodge history which very effectively captured the essence of our past and will be printed in your program booklet. A map to the facility is included in this newsletter. (See page xx.)

I hope this is a thoroughly enjoyable time for you and your loved ones. It is a time to reflect on the success of our lodge, and to savor the warm people who have made it so welcoming. We have had so many informative presentations and delicious meals together and learned so many cultural skills from each other. And we have shared each other's joys and sorrows through caring for our members in their life journey.

Yes I am lost in a nostalgic mood, but given what we have, [a lodge that has flourished for 25 years](#), it is so pleasing to have this thought and cherish it.

After May there is more to come: On [June 10](#) (Friday eve), the [Schuchs](#) (Angela, Carolyn and Neil) have offered to give a travelogue about their recent trip to Norway. Like all of us when we travel, they took a ton of photos and will select only the best ones. We all enjoy seeing photos of Norway and dreaming about our own travels there. The meal will be a pitch-in.

Also in June, on the 21st [Kathleen Krueger](#), [Nancy Andersen](#) and I will head to the District Convention in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Let us know if you have any folk art items that you would like us to take to exhibit in the Folk Art Exhibition.

See you at the Gala!! Hilsen,

Jerry Rud

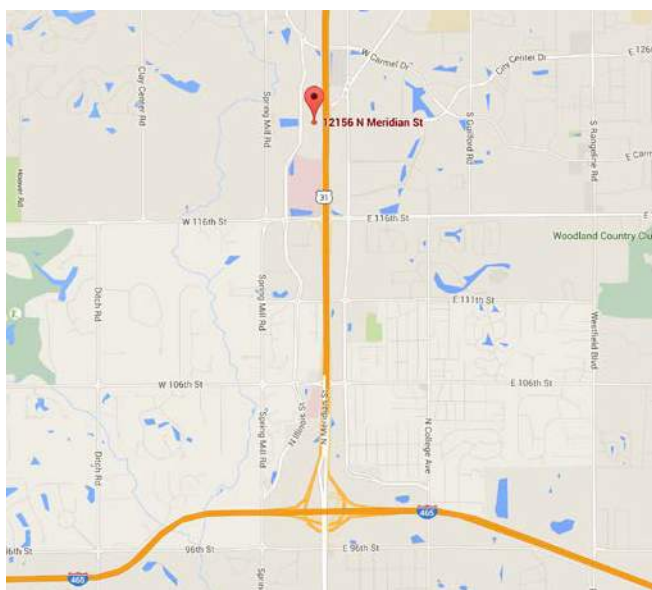
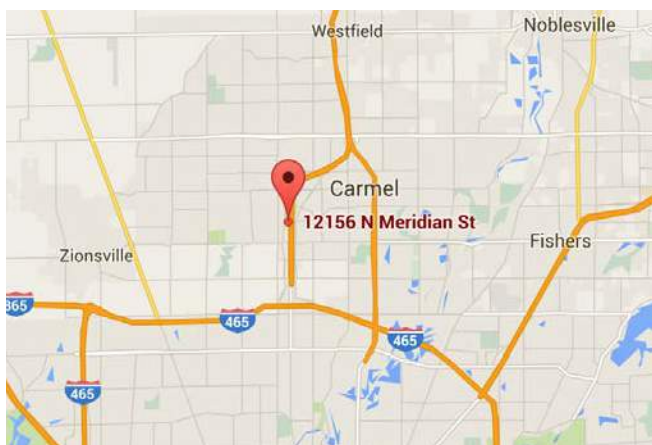
P.S. Please keep Glenna Divine's son, and Glenna and her family, in your thoughts and prayers. He has a rare disease (Guillain-Barre Syndrome) that will require a long hospital stay.

Member Snaps



NEWSLETTER PHOTOS

Do you have great photos from our meetings or from your travels? Your images could be the art we need for our next newsletter. **We'd love to feature you—especially if you have images from the Gala.** Please send those photos to: jlrud@cinergymetro.net or lindsayhadley23@mac.com



This way to the Ritz

Twenty-five years is such an achievement. Let's celebrate in style.
12156 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032, (317) 846-9158

Please,
join us!

**WE'D
LOVE TO
SEE YOU.**

● *Sammenkomst*
is typically the **SECOND
FRIDAY NIGHT** or the **SECOND
SATURDAY AFTERNOON** of
the month.

● *Member lunch*
is the **THIRD WEDNESDAY**
of the month.

● *Board Meetings*
are the **FOURTH SATURDAY**
of the month at 9:30 a.m.

SAMMENKOMST

Sun., May 8, 1:30 pm

MEAL Catered

and Celebratory

PROGRAM Anniversary

Gala at the Ritz Charles

Fri., June 10, 6:30 pm

MEAL Pitch-in

PROGRAM Travelogue by
the Schuchs (Angela,
Carolyn and Neil).

MEMBER LUNCHES

Wed., May 18

Lunch at Eiteljorg
Museum, followed
by IMAX film *Grand
Canyon* at the State
Museum

BOARD MEETING

Le Peep Restaurant
2258 W. 86th Street
Indianapolis
317-334-9690

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MAY

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JUNE

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NORWAY

Then and Now

In honor of our Lodge's 25th anniversary, we're looking back in Norway too.

“Tilbakeblikk” is the name of a joint project between the Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute and Norsk Folkemuseum. Tilbakeblikk means “retrospect” or “looking back” in Norwegian, describing the project’s use of photographs taken of the same places separated by long periods of time to illustrate landscape changes in Norway.

See more at www.tilbakeblikk.no.

Hammerfest, Finnmark in 1889, then again in 2004. Hammerfest was a fishing community and a market town with the best ice-free harbor in these northerly waters. During the German retreat in February 1945, the entire town was burned down. The town is still characterized by houses rebuilt in the 1950s.



FINNMARK 1889



FINNMARK 2004

Røstlandet, Nordland in 1910, and again in 2010. Four hours by ferry from Bodø lies Røst – an island community in Lofoten that most people have heard of but very few have seen. In 1900 a new church was built at Røstlandet, midway between the fishing harbors in the south and the agricultural settlement in the north. Today, the church is located in the center of the municipality surrounded by homes, town hall, schools, and a nursery school.



NORDLAND 1910



NORDLAND 2010

Swimmers in Ingierstrand, Oppegård Municipality, Akershus in 1947, and again in 2006. Both pictures show a number of people on a particularly hot summer day along the Oslo Fjord.



OSLO FJORD 1947



OSLO FJORD 2006



NORWEGIAN RHUBARB PUDDING

FOOD.COM

Prep Time: **5 MINUTES**

Total Time: **20 MINUTES**

Servings: **6**

*“So simple and delicious!
A great way to use up
all that rhubarb in your
garden.”*

YOU WILL NEED

- 1 3/4 cups water
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 lbs fresh rhubarb, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup chilled whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

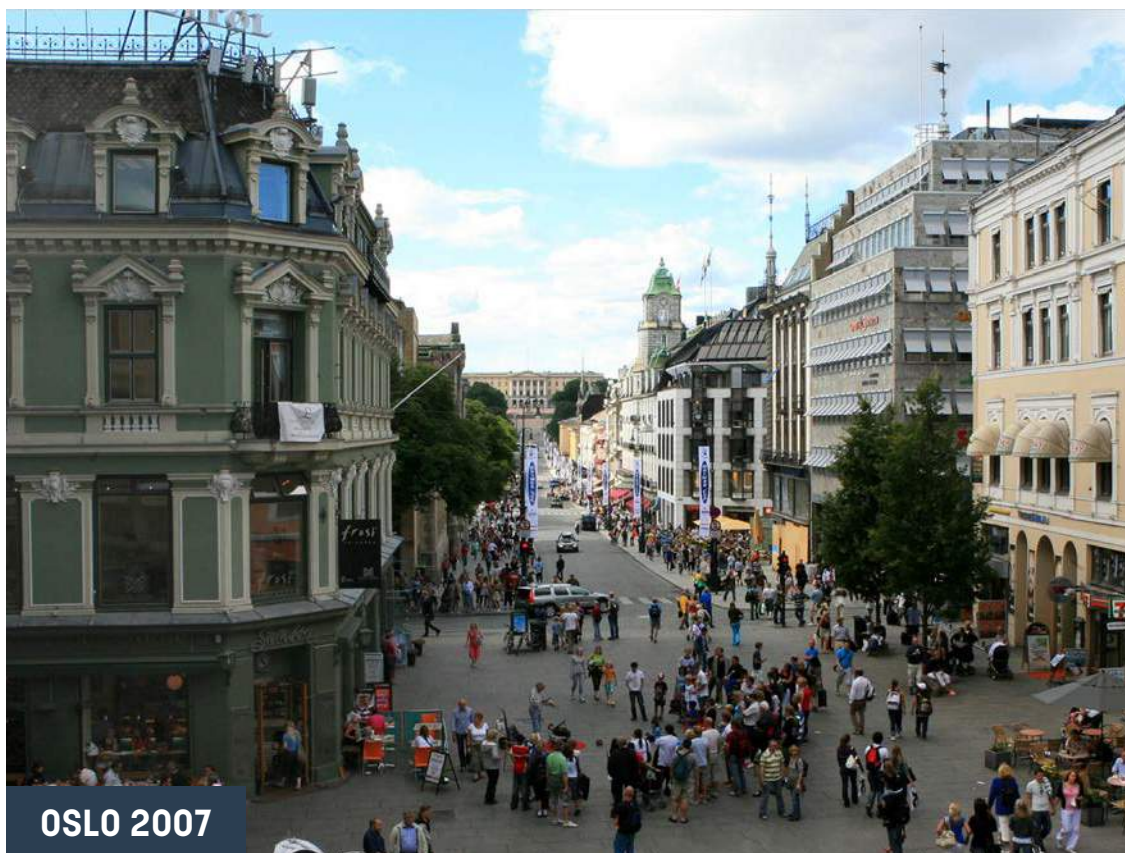
DIRECTIONS

- 1 Heat 1 3/4 cups water and 3/4 cup sugar to boiling, stirring occasionally.
- 2 Add rhubarb.
- 3 Simmer uncovered until rhubarb is tender, about 10 minutes.
- 4 Mix 1/4 cup water and the cornstarch; stir into rhubarb.
- 5 Heat to boiling, stirring constantly.
- 6 Boil and stir 1 minute.
- 7 Stir in vanilla extract.
- 8 Pour into serving bowl or dessert dishes. Cover and refrigerate.
- 9 Beat whipping cream and 2 tablespoons sugar in chilled bowl until stiff.
- 10 Pipe through decorators' tube or spoon onto pudding.



OSLO 1899

Karl Johans gate in Oslo, seen circa 1899 and again (below) in 2007. Karl Johans gate is known as Norway's number one boulevard. Its name came from the Swedish-Norwegian king Karl III Johan in 1852. Here, the street can be seen from Egertorget to the Castle, a stretch which before 1852 was briefly called Slottsveien. The pictures show that Karl Johan's façade has changed relatively little since the turn of the century.



OSLO 2007

Norway

IN THE NEWS

ON ITS WAY TO AMERICA—SHOULD
ARRIVE IN CHICAGO JULY 27!
DRAKENEXPEDITIONAMERICA.COM



VIKINGS ARE COMING TO AMERICA. (AGAIN.)

In late April 2016 Draken Harald Hårfagre, the worlds largest viking ship built in modern times, departed her home port in Haugesund, Norway and sailed off for a challenging voyage across the North Atlantic Ocean. The aim is to explore and relive one of the most mythological sea voyages—the first transatlantic crossing, and the Viking discovery of the New World, more than a thousand years ago. History tells us about the Viking explorer, Leif Eriksson, who discovered America over 500 years before Christopher Columbus. The expedition is all about exploring the world, just like the Vikings did.

The project will, like Leif Eriksson, create intercultural meetings and inspire people to go beyond the horizon in a modern Viking saga. Along the traditional route, the ship will pass Viking settlements and new archaeological findings.

Reaching the American continent, Expedition America 2016 will sail on visting ports in Canada and USA. ***Follow along at drakenexpeditionamerica.com/route/***

from
District V



CULTURAL SKILLS

The Cultural Skills Program provides a framework for learning about traditional and contemporary Norwegian culture. Each unit consists of three levels of skill-specific activities to guide you as you learn. You can complete the units on your own, through your lodge or through a special class or group. For each level, you'll complete a few activities, email (or mail) them in to Sons of Norway Headquarters, get feedback, and earn a pin in recognition of your accomplishments. As a benefit of membership, the Cultural Skills Program is available only to members of Sons of Norway.

CULTURAL SKILLS PINS

Pins are awarded to participants as they progress through the units within the program. For instance, when you complete part 1 of your first unit you'll receive a Cultural Skills pin, a skill bar, and a level 1 bar. You'll receive additional level bars when you complete parts 2 and 3 of that skill, and new skill bars when you complete level 1 of a new skill.

UNITS

The Cultural Skills Program covers a wide variety of subjects, ranging from Norwegian cooking to music appreciation. Each unit is designed to provide skill-specific activities at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels to foster learning and advancement with each newly acquired skill.



GET STARTED NOW

You can get started learning right away by downloading any of the Cultural Skills units from the "Members Login" section of www.sonsofnorway.com. Otherwise, call (800) 945-8851 or email culturalskills@sofn.com to order hard copies.

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You can help!

RE-ENROLL YOUR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Our Kroger fundraiser is one of our favorite (and easiest) ways to raise money for the Lodge. Even if you've already registered and participated, you will need to re-enroll each year in the Kroger fundraiser. According to the program:

Why do my members have to re-enroll every year if they are already participating?

Kroger Community Rewards will be evaluated each year as we continually work toward improving our program to insure that we offer the best option for our customers and nonprofit organizations. Re-enrollment gives each organization an opportunity to refresh their membership by spreading the word to new members and keeping the previous members informed of any changes to the program.

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