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JOIN US FOR JULEFEST DECEMBER 3!

Please complete and mail the reservation
form on page 8.



TRAVEL THE WORLD IN JUST A FEW STEPS.

Jean Bittner staffs both the Norwegian booth and a viking ship at the **Indy International Festival**. This year's festival returns Thursday, November 10th through Saturday, November 12th to the Blue Ribbon Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1200 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis. One of the primary missions of the International Festival is to provide students and teachers with an enriching cultural and educational experience. Read more about volunteering for the Sons of Norway booth on page two. General Admission is \$10. Tickets for children 7-12 are \$8. Children 6 years and under are free.



from the President

Dear Members and Friends of Circle City Lodge,

Our last sammenkomst, Culture Night, was very enjoyable with 40 members, friends, and some potential new members attending.

After a tasty pitch-in meal, guests were introduced and welcomed. Then we passed the red plastic piggy and collected more than \$60 for the **Sons of Norway Foundation** since October was Foundation Month. **Jean Bittner** talked about an anthology of World War II stories, that is for sale for \$25 (see more on this on page 6 in the newsletter). After that we had displays of Norwegian folk art (rosemaling, knitting and acanthus wood carvings) and demonstrations on making hardanger embroidery, rosettes, lefse frying, and chip carving. Members chose their favorite station and were engaged in looking at the display items or trying their hand at making food items or chip carving. Photos memorializing the good times are posted on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/soncirclecitylodge/>

Our next big event is the **International Festival on Nov. 10, 11, and 12** at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (Blue Ribbon Pavilion). Many of you have volunteered to staff the booth so I thank you for that. If others want to feel free to contact **Dagrun Bennett** to fill a time slot. Officers are currently working on planning the content for our booth and hope to have an interesting entry. We would also like members dressed in bunads or Norwegian sweaters to march in the parade of nations Saturday evening around 5 pm.

Our next sammenkomst will be held during the Int'l Festival on Nov. 11 (Friday eve at 6:30 pm). It will be a pitch-in and the theme will be reminiscences. Members will be invited to share a memorable story about their heritage (in the U.S. or in Norway) or bring and share an heirloom and tell what it means to you. What memories does the piece evoke? The book on WWII that our District has published is an example of how important stories are in forming our ethnic identity. Before the meeting, at 6 pm, our newly formed memoir-writing club meeting will gather. If you would like to be a part of it, please let me know. The club will support each other in writing down memories and giving feedback on each other's writings. Also the actual 25th anniversary of our lodge's charter is Nov. 23 (1991).

What about the annual Lutefisk/Meatball dinner that normally takes place in November? The board decided that this will be postponed to February since the International Festival takes so much time to plan, set up, staff the booth, and take down. To do the lutefisk dinner at the same time seemed to an example of poor time management. Burt has checked and the lutefisk is still available in February, so save your hunger until then.

Mark your calendars for the **Julefest on Dec. 3 at 1 pm**. This is a special event and always well-attended. This year we will be having a bake sale of Norwegian goodies at the Julefest. A reservation form and menu information are included on page 8 of the newsletter. Please remember to bring items for the silent auction and mittens and hats for the Christmas tree.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!! Hilsen, **Jerry Rud**

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

MISERY HATES COMPANY: IN THEATERS NOW



In our last issue, **Gretchen Wiegel** reviewed the novel by Fredrik Backman. Good news, lodge members! The movie based on the worldwide bestseller is in theaters now. Specifically, the film is showing at an Indianapolis theater: **Landmark Keystone Art**. The Fashion Mall at Keystone, 8702 Keystone Xing # 219, Indianapolis, 46240. The film will show several times a day from November 4 through 10. **Rotten Tomatoes Rating: 91%**

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. (But there are no board meetings in Nov/Dec)

SAMMENKOMST

Fri. Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m.

MEAL Pitch-in

PROGRAM Reminiscences

Sat. Dec, 3, Festivities begin at 1 p.m.

Meal begins at 2 p.m.

MEAL Festive! (with baked goods)

PROGRAM Julefest!

RSVP to Burt Bittner

See Reservation Form on page 8

MEMBER LUNCHES

Stay tuned for details.

BOARD MEETINGS

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

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NOV

30 SU	31 MO	1 TU	2 WE	3 TH	4 FR	5 SA
6 SU	7 MO	8 TU	9 WE	10 TH	11 FR	12 SA
13 SU	14 MO	15 TU	16 WE	17 TH	18 FR	19 SA
20 SU	21 MO	22 TU	23 WE	24 TH	25 FR	26 SA
27 SU	28 MO	29 TU	30 WE	1 TH	2 FR	3 SA
4 SU	5 MO	6 TU	7 WE	8 TH	9 FR	10 SA

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DEC

27 SU	28 MO	29 TU	30 WE	1 TH	2 FR	3 SA
4 SU	5 MO	6 TU	7 WE	8 TH	9 FR	10 SA
11 SU	12 MO	13 TU	14 WE	15 TH	16 FR	17 SA
18 SU	19 MO	20 TU	21 WE	22 TH	23 FR	24 SA
25 SU	26 MO	27 TU	28 WE	29 TH	30 FR	31 SA
1 SU	2 MO	3 TU	4 WE	5 TH	6 FR	7 SA

Sammenkomst

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER'S MEETING

WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING. TO JOIN US IN SPIRIT, VIEW MORE PHOTOS ON THE CIRCLE CITY LODGE FACEBOOK PAGE.

1 Ted Danielsen shows acanthus pieces that he has made and purchased along with his tools and books. *Beautiful work!*

3 Jerry Rud (not pictured) displayed chip carved pieces that he has made and purchased as well as some books on the subject. **John Gundersen** helped **Ole Vesterquist** here while Jerry went to get some warm lefse. **Caleb Tenold** really enjoyed learning this and will likely continue working on it at home.

4 Carol Neiman displayed her hardanger pieces, shared information, and allowed members to try it. Here she is sharing info with **Connie Danielsen** while **Bob Bennett** admires it all. **5 Susan Alden** and **Gary Prehm** roll and fry lefse for the masses. For Norwegians few things are better than lefse that makes butter melt when applied and they did not disappoint! Members were also allowed to try their hand at it.

2 ROSETTES

Nancy Andersen demonstrated how to make rosettes while **Emily Lovberg, Eija Vesterqvist, Erin Tomaraasen, and Linda Rave** watched. *The rosettes disappeared very quickly after being powder-sugared!*





CHIP CARVING

Details from Jerry Rud's chip-carved pieces. For more information, please contact the lodge. We'd love to see you at our next meeting.

LEFSE 12 SERVINGS

Ingredients

- 2 cups of plain mashed potatoes
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- flour
- vegetable oil

Directions

In a large mixing bowl mix potatoes, milk, butter, salt and 3/4 cup of flour.

Knead briefly on lightly floured board, adding flour to make the dough non-sticky.

Divide dough into 12 equal balls; roll each on lightly floured board into a circle paper thin.

Lightly oil a heavy skillet or crepe pan; set over medium heat.

Cook one at a time, until lightly browned, about one minute on each side.

Stack on a plate with a paper towel in between each one. Freeze leftovers, and thaw throughout the year and enjoy a favorite anytime.

TOTAL TIME: 2 HRS

PREP 1 HR // COOK 1 HR

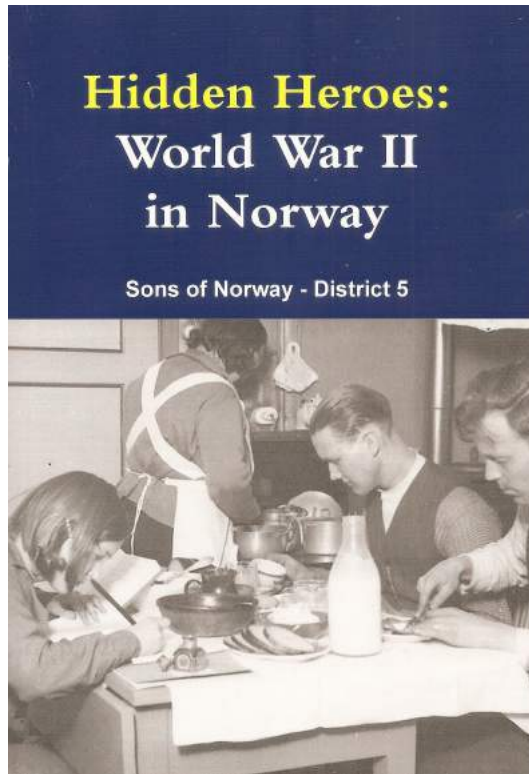
"WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, MOM USED TO MAKE US LEFSE TACOS!"

A friend of the Lodge

We'll see if we can talk her into bringing them to the next pitch-in. We're intrigued!

Norway

IN OUR HEARTS



At the last sammenkomst **Jean Bittner** promoted the book ***Hidden Heroes: World War II in Norway***, which started as lodge members' stories and the stories of other members in District 5. Included were **Dagrun Bennett's** recollections about the Nazi demand for all Norwegians to turn in their radios, her father going to prison, and other hardships. **Carol Neiman** told the story for **Cara Judkins** about the sinking of the Blucher, a German ship, and other war-related incidents. Jean also wrote her own story about leaving on a ship for New York from Oslo when she was four years old and about arriving in the U. S. and hearing about war events from others. **Mike Palecek**, current District 5 Treasurer, had the idea to take Jean's work and expand it into a new published book. He included other member's stories, and found photos appropriate to the stories in the national archives of Norway. I highly recommend the book as a means for better understanding of Norway's struggle. It is quintessentially Norwegian: few words, but powerful emotions in the words. This book is a fundraiser for **Masse Moro**, our youth cultural heritage camp. If you would like to have a copy of "Hidden Heroes," an order form is included in this newsletter.

ORDER FORM // HIDDEN HEROES WORLD WAR II IN NORWAY

- ☐ \$20 (1 BOOK)
- ☐ \$25 (MASSE MORO DONATION FOR 1 BOOK)
- ☐ \$100 (MASSE MORO DONATION FOR 5 BOOKS)
- ☐ \$250 (MASSE MORO DONATION FOR 15 BOOKS)
- ☐ \$500 (MASSE MORO DONATION FOR 33 BOOKS)
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Sons of Norway District 5

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(shipping to one location)

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

SNAKKER NORSK

DAYS OF THE WEEK

As you can see, most of them are very similar to their English counterparts. Note that the days are not written with a capital letter in Norwegian.

Monday	mandag
Tuesday	tirsdag
Wednesday	onsdag
Thursday	torsdag
Friday	fredag
Saturday	lørdag
Sunday	søndag

To say "on Monday", "on Tuesday" etcetera, you use the preposition på: på mandag, på tirsdag...

We can also add a few other prepositions:

on	på
next	neste
last	forrige

And some adverbs:

today	i dag
tomorrow	i morgen
yesterday	i går



**"NOVEMBER
ALWAYS
SEEMED
TO ME THE
NORWAY OF
THE YEAR."**

American poet
Emily Dickinson

From an 1864 letter to her frequent
correspondent Elizabeth Holland
Three Lions/Getty Images

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Julefest!

Please mail this reservation form and payment to:

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317.842.4042



RESERVATION FORM

SATURDAY 12.03.16 AT 1 PM

KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Burt, we are looking forward to coming to the Julefest on Sat., December 3.
Our check payable to **Circle City Lodge**, is enclosed.

Adults 16 years and older

@ \$17.00 = \$

Children 12-15 years old

@ \$8.00 = \$

Children 11 years and younger*

@ \$0 = \$

Total = \$

Name of Guests:

* **Number of children seeing Santa (or Nisse)**



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