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ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

(Words from your Lodge President)

Hilsen ...

Spring finally arrived here ... even Norway had a late spring in some areas. May was a busy month with Mother's Day, graduations, concerts and especially our Syttende Mai. *(This issue comes a little later than usual as our editor chose to include coverage of this year's celebration in Woodville on Saturday, May 19th.)* Our food sale was a great success and very special thanks go out to Co-chairs Judy Johnson and Sue Faber who did LOTS of work for this annual event. A group of members and their families marched in the parade. Next year we will have a Viking Ship Parade Float which was given to us by the Amery Lodge. So if you cannot walk the route ... you can then ride. *(See page 3 for more information about this.)*



We participated in this year's Son's of Norway Foundation Bowling Tournament which was held at the Baldwin Lanes. Ron Thompson, Sue Faber, Randi Hoffman and six family members recorded their scores in the three divisions of Youth, Men and Women. Our scores will be compared to those of other Lodges in District 5 and the best will receive a certificate. Thanks go out to Ron Thompson for handling the arrangements.

Our Lodge voted to support four youth to Masse Moro in July for a two-week camp experience. They were each given \$200 toward the registration cost. Three are returning campers from last year with one new one. We wish them all a wonderful experience and we look forward to their "camp tales of adventure" in the near future.

Three delegates will be attending the June 27-30 District 5 Convention in LaCrosse, WI. They are Sandy Olson, Sue Faber and myself. In August, the International Sons of Norway Convention will be held in Minneapolis on August 16-18. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. We also look forward to seeing you at our annual picnic on June 25th at 6:00 PM. Once again, it will be held at the Lyle and Babe Jacobson's farm and this is a potluck dinner. A Kubb game will be held after the meal so please join us if you want to play and/or want to learn how to play this fun game.

Audrey Severson, President

Coming Events



*For those who have fallen
and for those who have stood to fight
May God bless and keep you safe
throughout each day and night*

Happy Memorial Day

Take a moment to remember
why we celebrate this holiday.

Coming Events

For June

No formal Lodge Meeting
Annual Picnic at the
Jacobsons
Hosted by Lyle & Babe
& Susan Faber

6:00 PM

Potluck Supper
Bring a dish to pass.
Kubb games following meal.

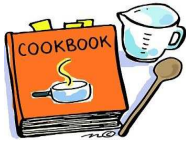
Coming Events

For July



We look forward to our
"Norske Day Trip"
to Minneapolis on
Tuesday, July 17th.

The bus is almost
full. Call Betty
Norvold at 715-698-2978
before June 1st for information.



Nana's Lemon Almond Coconut Angel Bars

This recipe was given to us by Sandra Olson. She made it for one of our meetings and it is fantastic.

Ingredients:

1 box (one-step) angel food
cake mix
1 can lemon pie filling
Sliced (chopped fine) toasted
almonds (optional)
Toasted coconut (optional)
Mix and pour into a jelly roll pan
or large cake pan
Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees
(or until tooth-pick comes out clean)

Frosting:

1/2 cup butter
Powdered sugar to consistency
Almond or lemon flavoring to taste
Toasted almonds and coconut
sprinkled on top.

Enjoy !



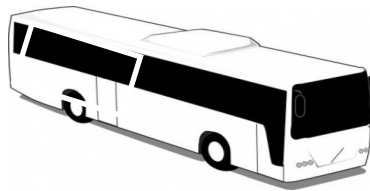
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June 22 Phyllis Kraft
30 Ole-Bjorn
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JULY

(Through the 15th)

July 8 Geri Campbell
11 Judy Otterson
11 Sandra Calvert



“Norske Day Trip”

Our day trip to Minneapolis on **Tuesday, July 17th**, is nearly full. Remember to be at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall parking lot in Woodville promptly by **8:00 AM!**

You'll be visiting:

* **The Norway House**

* **Mindekirken**

* **American-Swedish
Institute**

* **Ingebretsen's**

Your fare includes the transportation, admission to the tours and a wonderful Smorgåsbord Luncheon at the Swedish Institute. It should be a fun day for all!



The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members. For information contact: www.sofn.com.

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BOARD & DIRECTORS MEETING

Zion Lutheran Church

Monday, April 9, 2018

Agenda:

1. Masse Moro Camp scholarship amount recommendation: The Board recommends to award a \$200.00 scholarship to each of our campers who are attending . (Possibly four campers)
2. Bus Trip: Bus trip to Minneapolis for a tour of Norway House, Mindekirken, American Swedish Institute, and Ingebretsen's Nordic Marketplace. Due to a conflict in dates, Betty Norvold will explore changing this from July 19th to the 17th. Betty will contact the bus company and the Minneapolis destinations. If we do not get enough to fill the bus (need 40), we will advertise to the public.
3. The Amery Lodge is disbanding and asked if we would like to have their float which would be donated to our Lodge. We will need to find an indoor storage space for this.
4. We discussed a fee assistance for those members who are not renewing membership due to the rate increases. As of January 1, 2018, individual membership increased from \$42.75 to \$60.00 (\$14 being returned to our Lodge). Family membership increased from \$78.50 to \$90.00 (\$28.00 returned to our Lodge). The Board will review the need to help members pay these increases. This will be done on an individual basis.
5. Judy Johnson, Chair of the Syttende Mai food sales, reported that the sign-up for the food donations is completed but we are in need of more volunteers to work that day.
6. The Lodge Annual Picnic will be held on June 25th, beginning at 6:00 PM at the home of Lyle and Babe Jacobson. Susan Faber will assist with the arrangements.
7. Bowling: The Board recommends that our Lodge will reimburse the \$5.00 fee per bowler to the Sons of Norway Foundation.
8. A membership recruiting dinner was discussed and will be tabled until the next meeting.
9. The next Board & Directors Meeting is scheduled for August 6th at 1:00 PM at the Zion Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sandra Olson,
Secretary

A NOTE TO THE 3RD ITEM ABOVE

We are in need of an indoor storage space for this float. The door opening needs to be at least 10 ft. wide. The length of the float is 24'. If you have space or know of someone who does and would be willing to help us out, please let me know.

Audrey Severson,
President



LODGE LINES

Secretary's Report For April 23, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Audrey Severson. The Pledge of Allegiance was made and the Anthems for USA and Norway were sung. Thanks went out to Carol Forsythe and Audrey Halverson for their delicious refreshments.

The March Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were approved as presented.

The evening's program was Candace Simar (*right*) a writer and poet from Pequot Lakes, Minnesota. She gave a passionate and interesting history of Minnesota and her Scandinavian heritage. Candace read poems and passages from some of her works. She is the author of the award winning book, *Abercrombie Trail Series*. Mange Tusen Takk for her program and to members, Mary and Erling Lesterud, for opening up their home for her overnight stay.



OLD Business:

- (A) Judy Johnson gave an update on Syttende Mai to be held in Woodville on May 19th. She thanked all who had signed up to bring food for the sale. She also said that we still need more walkers for the parade and extra workers.
- (B) The Bowling Tournament to help raise money for Sons of Norway Scholarships will be held on Saturday, April 28th at Strikers in Baldwin. Motion passed for the Lodge to pay the \$5.00 fee for each bowler for these scholarships. Thanks to Ron Thompson for coordinating this event.
- (C) A July 17th bus trip is being planned to visit some of the Scandinavian places in Minneapolis to include the American Swedish Institute, Mindekirken, the Norway House and Ingebretsons. The cost (\$55/pp) will include transportation, tour tickets and a wonderful Smorgasbord! We need to fill at least 40 seats on the bus.

NEW Business:

- (A) President Severson presented Betty Norvold with a recruitment award. She also announced that Valkyrien Lodge received a revenue sharing check for \$46.20 from the Sons of Norway.
- (B) Motion was made and approved to accept the Viking Float from the Lodge in Amery. We will need to find a permanent storage for this.
- (C) Motion was made and approved to award each Masse Moro camper a \$200 Scholarship towards their registration cost. This year's campers are Thea and Bjorne Bentley, Abby Olson and Jackson Wigant.

There will not be a regular board/director's meeting or a lodge meeting in May, due to our work for Syttende Mai.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Picnic on June 25th at 6:00 PM at Jacobsons' Farm.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Olson

Secretary



SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 19th - 2018

This was the 67th Annual Syttende Mai Celebration celebrated in Woodville, WI. Many of those years have included the Valkyrien Lodge's participation. This year was certainly no exception!

Our large bake sale was very successful. We offered Almond Cake, Fattigmann, Finska Kakor, Kranskake, Krumkake, Lefse, Open Face Sandwiches, Pølse in Lefse, Riskrem, Rosettes, Rømmegrot, Sandbakkels, and SnøBaller. During the lunch hour, a full meatball dinner was served. The weather even cooperated this year compared to 2017 when it rained nearly all day!

Some of our members helped lead the parade, as young and old alike proudly wore their Norwegian clothing. One of the many parade units was the Daughters of Norway from Minneapolis, MN. Founded in 1908, it's missions and goals are very much the same as our Sons of Norway. The only difference is you need to be a female to join!



Betty Norvold with little Mila Carlson



Chuck Bricton with his Kranskake



Sandy Olson's Grandson Dylan



*Abby Olson plays her violin
for the diners.*



Here are some of our members leading the parade



Syttende Mai Celebration

Continued...



Lots of information was available to recruit possible new members.



Thanks for those of you who submitted photos for this issue.

Photos: (left to right): Sandy Olson and Granddaughter Abby; Lefse Table with Audrey Halverson, left, Pat Sandom, center, and Arlys Olson; Thea Bentley (Granddaughter to Betty Norvold) hands out some of those yummy Norwegian "goodies". Bottom photo—Recruitment display.

It's hot down here!

A Minnesota couple, Ole & Lena, decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of their hectic schedules, it was difficult for the couple to coordinate their travel plans. So Ole left Minneapolis and flew to Florida on Thursday while Lena planned to fly down the following day. Ole checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room so he decided to send an email to Lena. However, he accidentally left out one letter of her email address and sent the email without realizing his error. Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow decided to check her email, expecting condolence messages from family and friends. But after reading her very first one she screamed and fainted! The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor and saw the computer screen which read: **To:** My loving wife **Subject:** I've just arrived **Date:** March 21, 2018. I know you are surprised to hear from me. They have a computer here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have checked in. I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. Sure is freaking hot down here!

Love, Ole



MASSE MORO CAMP 2018

Cheryl Wille-Schlessner

A Message from the District 5 Youth Director

Editor's Note: Our Lodge is proud to be sending four youth to this summer's MASSE MORO Camp. Cheryl has been kind enough to send some information about what will take place this year, as well as a few photos of recent camper projects.

Masse Moro is the Youth Heritage Camp for the Fifth District of the Sons of Norway. It will be held once again at the Eau Claire County Youth Camp adjacent to Beaver Creek Reserve. The dates are July 15-28, 2018. The camp, near Fall Creek, WI., has, in the past, included campers from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois and Wisconsin. In 2017, we were joined by campers from Minnesota, Arizona, California, Texas and the District of Columbia. We are looking forward to many of them returning this year.

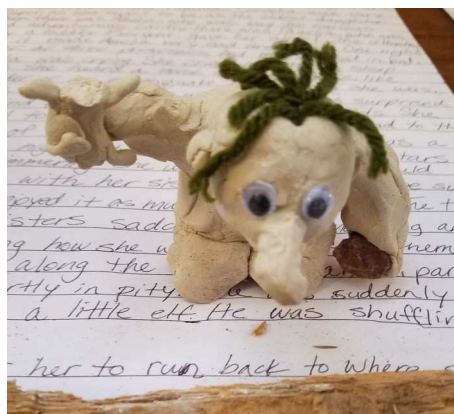
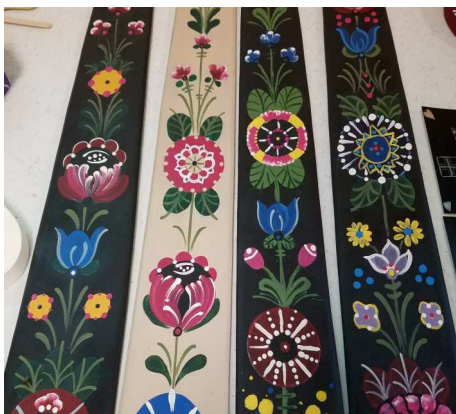
Our camp is open to all who wish to experience a camp "of another kind". They partake in a variety of activities from sports to cooking lessons and everything in between! More importantly, they will learn about themselves as they explore their family's heritage and network with others who share the bond of Norway in their ancestry. To quote a former camper, "Masse Moro literally opened doors for me. When I was applying for college entry and found myself competing against other worthy students for a place, it was the fact that I attended Masse Moro that mattered. Colleges are looking for well-rounded individuals with a variety of experiences to make their learning environments more unique and diverse. From someone who knows ... Masse Moro made the difference!"

Upon the arrival at Camp, our youth are assigned to a cabin and enjoy the companionship of young adult counselors. All campers are a member of a Viking Team for the duration of their stay. At the conclusion of Camp, they participate in the "Viking Olympics".

In addition to enjoying Norwegian crafts such as wood carving and rosemaling, campers also complete beadwork, clay projects, wood burning and participation in a variety of sports. We are fortunate that our camp is part of Beaver Creek Reserve where our youth enjoy talks led by naturalists and also have the opportunity to visit the nature center and the butterfly garden. Evenings bring viewing of the night skies and classes provided by astronomy professors from UW-Eau Claire inside of the Hobbs Observatory.

Kveldsprogrammer (evening programs) cover topics such as immigration, WWII Resistance, folklore, Norse mythology, the Vikings, Carnival, Syttende Mai and Jul ... just to name a few! Our campers are virtually busy every part of the day, but there are breaks provided for rest and refreshment.

We look forward to a great camp again in 2018 ! Below are photos featuring some of the campers projects:



(Left to right): Painting, a Troll Story and Wood Burning)