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## ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

*(Words from your Lodge President)*

Dear Lodge Friends,



Another year has almost come to a close and our Board has been busy planning for 2018. We have submitted surveys to our members asking for feedback about what they might be interested in. If you did not complete one of these and wish to do so, just let us know and we will get one out to you.

Next year our District 5 Convention will be held in LaCrosse on June 27-July 1st and the International Convention will be held August 16-18 in Minneapolis. Both are close by so start thinking about attending at least one of them.

For our November 27th Lodge Meeting, we will gather at 6:00 PM for pre-season caroling at the Park View Care Center. Following this, we will return to Zion Lutheran for a potluck dinner. At our meeting, we will hold a Memorial Tribute for the families of Pastor Carmen Peterson and Mark Williams. The officers for 2018 will also be installed at this meeting. We thank our Nominating Committee—Betty Norvold, Babe Jacobson and Arlys Olson and also those who will be serving as 2018 Officers and Directors.

On December 9th, we will meet at the home of Mary and Erling Lesterud for our Christmas Yule Fest. Please bring a dish to pass. Their home is on 1580 Davis Street on just off County Rd T. The time is 5:30 PM. We thank Erling and Mary for opening their home for our holiday get-together.

Be sure to look through your November *VIKING Magazine*, which has many good ideas for unique Christmas gifts. Websites are displayed giving information and ordering instructions.

There will be a change in our dues structure in 2018. In addition to the regular individual membership of \$60.00 there will be a family membership for \$95.00. Golden Members (of 30 or more years) rates will be \$42.00/year or \$60.00/couple (if both are Golden Members) - otherwise the rate will be \$78.00 if only one member is Golden. Dues can also be paid on a monthly basis. Dues reminders will be sent on the last renewal date for the household. We, as a lodge, will receive an increased reimbursement for each membership.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Vennlig hilsen,

*Audrey Severson,*

President



### COMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER 6

Board/Directors Mtg. 1:00 PM

#### NOVEMBER 27

Monthly Lodge Meeting:  
Annual Sing-A-Long at  
Parkview Care Center 6:00 PM  
Julefest Potluck 6:30 PM  
Followed by:  
Election of Officers and  
Memorial Service for  
Carmen Peterson and  
Mark Williams

### COMING EVENTS

#### DECEMBER 9

Christmas Party at Lesteruds  
Bring a dish to pass  
At 5:30 PM



### COMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY, 2018

*There will not be a meeting  
this month.*

*Watch for our  
January—February  
Newsletter.*

*It will be in your mail box  
on or about  
January 15th.*

*Best wishes for a great 2018 !*

# This is us folks!

*(Editor's Note: Thanks to Audrey Halverson for sending this in.)*

Some cause happiness **wherever** they go, others **whenever** they go !  
Some senior citizens are being criticized for the present deficiencies of our modern world; real or imaginary, present or past, foreign or domestic.

We take responsibility for all our actions and omissions; we do not try to blame others for our past imperfections, ignorance or failures.

Our generation saved the World from Fascism, Communism and Racism, while we raised the Standard of Living, Health Care and Life Expectancy.

**HOWEVER**, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was **NOT** senior citizens who took:

- The **melody** out of music,
- The **pride** out of appearance,
- The **courtesy** out of driving,
- The **romance** out of love,
- The **commitment** out of marriage,
- The **responsibility** out of parenthood,
- The **togetherness** out of the family,
- The **learning** out of education
- The **service** out of patriotism,
- The **Golden Rule** from rulers,
- The **civility** out of behavior,
- The **refinement** out of language,
- The **dedication** out of employment,
- The **prudence** out of spending.

And we certainly are **NOT** the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others on a face to face basis !!

And, we **DO** understand the meaning of patriotism and remember those who have fought and died for our country.

## **YES—I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN !**

I'm the life of the party ... even if it lasts until 8:00 PM  
I'm very good at opening childproof caps (with a hammer)!  
I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to **get up**.  
I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place somewhere!  
I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy and that's just my left leg; but I haven't made my skin look like wall paper or snake skin!  
My ears, nose, tongue or naval haven't been pierced with metal rings.  
I am beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

YES, I'm a **SENIOR CITIZEN** and I think I am having the time of my life! **Now if I could only remember who sent this to me, I would not send it back.** Instead, maybe I should send it to **all** my friends as they won't remember even if they did sent it!

So ... spread the laughter ...share the cheer ...let's be happy while we're here!

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# LODGE LINES

## BOARD & DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board and Directors' Meeting was held at the home of Betty Norvold at 1:00 PM on Monday, October 2nd. Those attending included the following: Audrey Severson, Judy Otterson, Babe Jacobson, Betty Norvold, Judy Johnson, Arlys Olson and Sandy Olson.

The following items were discussed:

1. October Program on the 27th - we will show a movie on Leif Erikson.
2. Our Sing-A-Long at Parkview Care Center. This will take place at 6:00 PM. Small straw Christmas ornaments will be given to residents. A Pot Luck will follow at Zion beginning at 6:30 PM :
  - \* Leaders will bring the following dishes: The Ottersons—Meatballs and Gravy; Don and Arlys Olson and Betty Norvold—Potato Dishes; Audrey Severson—Ham. Members—Last names (A-N) - desserts and last names (O-Z) salad or vegetable dish.
  - \* Decorations & Plates —Judy Johnson and Sandy Olson.
3. Contribution to the Disaster Fund at the Sons of Norway Foundation:
  - \* Leaders recommended a \$500 donation to be voted on at October Lodge Meeting.
4. Memorial Ceremony for Pastor Carmen Peterson and Kathy William's son, Mark:
  - \* The families of these members will be contacted to discuss their availability to attend our November Meeting for the ceremony.
5. New Dues Structure:
  - \* Many questions concerning this were brought up. Audrey Severson will contact Dave Hermundson asking him to come to one of our Lodge Meetings to discuss these changes.
6. Looking ahead to 2018 Programming:
  - \* Many ideas were presented with follow-up due at the next meeting of the Board.
7. How we might contribute more to the community—via financially or through volunteerism.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Olson, Secretary*

## OKAY, SO WHAT DID HAPPEN A FEW MINUTES AGO ?

**Men** are more likely than women to report minor memory problems according to researchers from the Norwegian University of Science & Technology. Such were the results of a study of 37,405 male participants age 30 and over, who were asked nine questions about their memory, such as ... "Do you have problems remembering what happened a few minutes ago?" Why more men? The senior (male) researcher, Jostein Holmen, said that it remained a mystery. **Or** maybe he just forgot ?



# LODGE LINES

## LODGE MEETING

**Zion Fellowship Hall - Woodville, Wisconsin**

**October 23, 2017**

President Audrey Severson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with a welcome. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Chuck Bricton (Music Director) leading us in the National Anthems of Norway and the USA. Thank you was given to Gordon & Judy Otterson for the delicious refreshments and to Tom Gunderson for his homemade Salsa. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Our program consisted of a very informative movie on the life of Leif Erikson. We learned that Leif was born in Iceland and his father was Erik the Red. When he came to North America, he first landed in Newfoundland a NW Province of Canada. In 1960, the area in which he settled was discovered and is today known as L'anse aux Meadows

The Secretary's Report for September and the October Treasurer's Report were approved as presented

### OLD BUSINESS

The nominating committee (Babe Jacobson, Betty Norvold and Arlys Olson) updated us on suggested candidates for 2018.

President Severson read a thank you from the Solørlag and Romerikslaget Stevnes for the delicious luncheon we prepared for them when they came to Woodville on September 14th.

### NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made and approved to send a \$500 donation to the Hurricane Disaster Fund (Sons of Norway's Foundation).

President Severson discussed the Lodge Survey which had been mailed to members. She encouraged all to complete the survey with the goal of exploring areas of benefit to improve our Lodge's activities

Mrs. Gordon Emerson has donated many Norwegian sweaters to our Lodge. Members who would like a sweater are encouraged to give a donation to Valkyrien Lodge for one or more of them. Mange takk to her and to Tom Gunderson for bringing them to the meeting.

President Severson asked for the continued thoughts and prayers for our Financial Benefits Counselor, Tom Kunkel.

Audrey Halverson entertained us with a few poems from the past.

- \*\* Next meeting—**November 27th** starting with the **6:00 PM** Sing-a-Long at Parkview followed by a potluck.
- \*\* Saturday, **December 9th**, at **5:30 PM**—Julefest Potluck at the Lesteruds
- \*\* There will not be a Book Club Meeting in November.
- \*\* Board and Director's meeting will be on **Monday, November 6th** at Zion Lutheran at 1:00PM.

Door prizes were awarded and meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

*The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members. For information, [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)*

# LODGE LINES



*This space, normally reserved for a message from our Financial Benefits Counselor, Tom Kunkel, will not appear in this issue.*

*Valkyrien Lodge sends best wishes to you, Tom, for a speedy and full recovery. Take care and we hope to see you back here in our next issue.*



Best wishes to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays during the period of November 15th through January 15th.

## **November:**

Ron Thompson	15
Chuck Britson	16
JoAnne McQuitty	18
Marge Weiske	27

## **December:**

Jerry Johnson	4
Jimmy Miller	9
Pat Schumacher	11
Don Olson	14 **
Carol Forsythe	14
Barb Kittelson	17
Einar Sandom	18 **
Gordon Hendrickson	27

## **January:**

Tove Tobiassen	6
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\*\* Golden Members



## **Ya Sure ... You Betcha !**

If Jesus had been a Norwegian, things would be so different today  
Instead of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
We'd have Sven and Lars and Ole  
Walkin on the water would be no special trick  
Cuz all over Norway, the ice is awful thick.

If Jesus was a Norske, we'd all eat Lutefisk  
We'd have Lefse for communion and there'd be no Methodist  
If you want to say Amen, we're not gonna let ya  
At the end of every prayer we'd shout ... "Ya Sure you betcha"!

There'd be no December birthdays, you'd be frozen where you lie  
If Jesus was born in Norway, Christmas would be in July.  
Feeding all the multitudes would be an easy task  
With one big bucket of Lutefisk, please no more they ask.

But Jesus was no Norske, it could not be done  
Jews are much more serious, Norwegians too much fun.  
The deciding factor when God searched all around  
He scanned all of Norway, but three wise men were not found.

## **Ya Sure You Betcha !**

*Posted on April 1, 2009, by jaydeanhrc*

Christina Fairchild, Public Relations Director for Sons of Norway, District 5, sent this flyer (**see next page**) and asked that we publish it in our newsletter. If you are interested in purchasing a new Norwegian Flag or replacing one, this would be a good value. As you see, the prices go down by the number of orders. And, the proceeds go to help fund Masse Moro and other District 5 Nordic Heritage programs. You can contact me at: : [olsondon@hughes.net](mailto:olsondon@hughes.net) (or call 715-235-8272) and I will put your name on the list as wishing to purchase 1 (or more) flags. If we put in just one order for the total flags, our cost will be less.

Arlys Olson, Newsletter Editor

# Fly your Norwegian colors

and support the SON District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation

When Norway became a sovereign nation in 1821, the Storting adopted a flag with the Nordic cross, similar to other Scandinavian countries. In the early 1800's, some countries were forming republics to better represent its citizens, and the red-white-blue of France and the United States flags influenced Norwegian flag creator Fredrik Meltzer to include those colors in the flag design. At the end of WW II, Norwegians flew national flag banned by the Nazis as a celebration.



The Norwegian flag is flown on these holidays:

- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
- Jan. 21 - Princess Ingrid Alexandra's birthday
- Feb. 6 - Sami National Day
- Feb. 21 - King Harald V's birthday
- Easter
- May 1 - Labor Day
- May 8 - Liberation Day
- May 17 - Constitution Day
- Whitsunday (8th Sunday after Easter)
- June 7 - Union Dissolution Day
- July 4 - Queen Sonja's birthday
- July 20 - Crown Prince Haakon Magnus' birthday
- July 29 - Olsok (in memory of King Olav Haraldsson)
- Aug. 19 - Crown Princess Mette-Marit's birthday
- Sept. - 2nd Monday (every 4 years) - General Election
- Dec. 25 - Christmas

According to the Norwegian flag law of 1898 (updated in 1927) the Norwegian Flag is raised at 8 AM, between March and October, and at 9 AM in winter

months. The flag is lowered at sunset, but no later than 11 PM during the "midnight sun" times. In the far north parts of Norway, in the winter, the flag is only flown between 10 AM and 3 PM.

**ORDER FORM - NORWEGIAN FLAG (3x5 foot, 210 denier Oxford nylon with 4 rows of edge stitching on fly edge, designed for frequent outdoor use)**

- \$ 30 - one Norwegian flag (includes shipping)
- \$100 - four Norwegian flags (includes shipping to one location)
- \$250 - 12 Norwegian flags (include shipping to one location)
- \$500 - 26 Norwegian flags (includes shipping to one location)

Please make your check out to "SON D5 Nordic Legacy Foundation"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send your order to Mike Palecek, SON D5 treasurer, 5747 Sandy Lane, Racine WI 53406  
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Proceeds will be used to support Masse Moro & other District 5 Nordic heritage programs.