



**SONS OF
NORWAY**

Coming Attractions

**November 12 Setup
Lakeland University
1 PM**

**November 13th
Lutefisk Dinner
Lakeland University
Howards Grove, Wi
1:30 PM**

**Monthly Meeting
November 15th
Dinner and Movie!
First United Lutheran
2101 Kohler Mem Dr.
6 PM**

**November 24th
Thanksgiving**



the **Vennskap** Lodge News

Vennskap Lodge 5-622

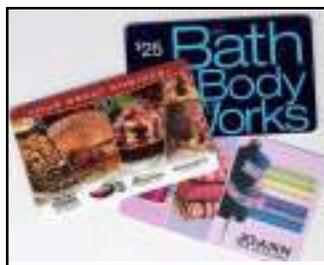
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The Confusing Month

November is the month of “between”. Summer must be over, so when will ‘winter’ be here? Snow will be coming-when? Then there’re very few holidays. “Veteran’s Day”, November 11th is a public holiday to remember, honor and thank all who have served or are serving in US Armed Forces. Or is it “Armistice Day”, November 11th? A day marking the official ending of WW1 June 1919 in France. However, fighting had ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” Then there’s (DST) Daylight saving time (DST) or summer time is the practice of advancing clocks during summer months by one hour so that evening daylight lasts an hour longer. Now, we turn the clock back one hour! I give up. It’s time to relax and enjoy the company of our invited guests to a feast of Lutefisk and Scandinavian delicacies. See you at the dinner!



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Gratulerer Med Dagen!

November

Zona Leitch.....	10
Benson Dickrell.(Heritage).....	11
Art Thomas.....	22

December

Grace Jurgens..(Heritage).....	4
Dell Solberg.....	6
Dolcye Johnson.....	7
Joyce Loritz	8
Maximus Soto..(Heritage).....	9
Judith Block.....	15
Shirley Moen	22
Dorothy Jurgens.....	31

January

Ed Mecha.....	1
Carol Wickland	6
Inez Jurgens	7
Elaine Bronson	12
Sharon Guetschow.....	14
Philip Hellestad.	14
Kenneth Wickland	17
Sonia Larson.....	24



Happy Birthday!

And from our Vennskap President, Laurie Shawhan

Greetings Dear Vennskap Members and Friends –

Another fantastic meeting !!! Those who were able to attend our meeting of October 18th can attest to the fact that we had another frontrunner ! What a treat to listen to our previous District President, Owen Christianson and his wife Elspeth share with us their challenges and rewards while building their Longhouse and their personal stories along the way. Of course they were dressed in Viking attire.



And the dinner – Inez Jurgens needs to be given a huge round of applause for the Viking dinner she provided for us. Both Don and I feel her roast pork with its berry sauces and the root vegetables were far better than the Viking Feast we had at the Convention. Inez, you are quite a cook !! And thank you for all the other delicious dishes that our members provided. What a feast.

Please do encourage your friends and fellow Lodge members to attend these great meetings. You know what they are missing.

Was so good to see Dolcye Johnson and Shirley Moen join us. Shirley – it has been a harrowing number of months for you. Prayers have been answered. Was so good to see your pretty smiling face again. And



Shirley

Dolcye – prayers have been answered in your direction too, haven't they? Thanks for stepping in for Mikk. Guess you are co-Treasurers until the end of the year. Remarkable and admirable when there is a need in our Lodge, there is always someone ready to step in and take the reins. You know Don and I are humbled at how dedicated a group our Lodge is.



Dolcye

A note from National was brought up at our October meeting – the Voss family in Norway wants to meet Americans who have historical ties to Vossestrand and the Voss area. They would be very happy if anyone wants to contact them before or during their two week tour through Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and North Dakota. I'm not aware of the dates they will be in Wisconsin. Contact Arne Gilbakken at arne.gilbakken@gmail.com

International is also encouraging members to consider entering the Folk Art Competitions in 2017. And how about our District Convention next year? Subjects are - Rosemaling, weaving, Hardanger, Norwegian themed needlework, knitting, crocheting, tatting, carving, bentwood, photography, painting and other Norwegian themed skills.

And the BIG NEWS for November –

Our NORWEGIAN LUTEFISK DINNER!!!

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Cocktails 12:30 PM – Dinner 1:30 PM

Lakeland University, W3718 South Drive, Plymouth, WI 53073

There will be large signs directing you to the building where the Dinner will be held.

Consider joining us on Saturday, November 13th at the University to help roll meatballs !

How about wearing your bunad to the event? What an addition to the gaiety of the day.

Once again, Mange Takk for all you do, dear friends, to make our activities most enjoyable. Hope to see you ALL at the Dinner !

Sons of Norway, Vennskap Lodge

**Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2016
6:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Manitowoc**

Officers Present: Laurie Shawhan (president),
Signe Jorgenson (secretary), Dolcye Johnson (treasurer)

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by President Laurie Shawhan at 6:03 p.m.

Treasure's Report:

Dolcye Johnson gave the balance of the general fund. The balance includes ticket sales from the lutefisk dinner.

Announcements:

The Lodge welcomed back Shirley Moen and Dolcye Johnson as they returned after long health-related absences.

Terry Bruechert is selling a Sons of Norway baseball cap for \$5. Contact him if you're interested.

Mandt Lodge (Stoughton) is holding a bake sale with vendor tables on November 19. On December 4th, Mandt Lodge will be taking a bus trip to Chicago to attend Christkinmarket and go to Ikea. All are invited to attend.

Carolyn Johnson announced that her genealogy group has been meeting since July. The group will be meeting at Mother House on 11/2 for a tour and access to the archives, on 11/9 at the Sheboygan Falls Historical Center, and on 11/30 at the Manitowoc Library and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for research. Contact Carolyn if interested so that she can get an accurate head count.

Language Lesson:

Anne Bruechert led the Lodge in a language lesson to teach various terms to express physical feelings (I'm warm, I'm dizzy, I'm thirsty, et cetera).

Old Business:

Gary Henderson gave an update on the lutefisk dinner, which will be held November 13. Approximately 150 tickets have been sold to date. Meatballs will be rolled on Saturday at 1:00, and volunteers are needed to make Norwegian desserts. The Lakeland College Global Student Association will help with setup on Saturday and with the event on Sunday. Drinks will be at 12:30 and dinner at 1:30. Notify Gary if you have door prizes.

Attendance Drawing:

There were 28 members and 3 guests present. Mary Eigner won the \$5 attendance drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Presentation:

Elsbeth and Owen Christianson gave a presentation on building a Grindbygning Longhouse using a Norwegian timber framing technique.

Minutes submitted by Signe Jorgenson

Pastor Johnson noticed Ole standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. The plaque was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. He'd been staring at it for some time before Pastor walked over and said, "Good morning, Ole." Ole asked what the plaque was and Pastor Johnson explained it was a memorial to all the men and women who had died in the service. For a few minutes they quietly stood staring at it. Finally, with a trembling voice, Ole asked, "Vich service, da 8:30 or da 10:45?"



What A Meeting!

Sons Of Norway's "Past District President", Owen Christianson and his wife Elspeth paid a visit to Vennskap Lodge and regaled members with their wide-array of interests and accomplishments. Owen has vast experience with wood carvings, and Vennskap members viewed a Viking "Longhouse" Owen built on his property. Following a feast, the couple were then hosted by Steve and Mary Olsen for the night.



Photos by Liana Mecha

**A night of fun,
information,
and great food
prepared by
Inez, Anne, Vi,
Laurie, Carolyn,
Terry, Dolcye,
Olsens, Mike,
Liana, and
Kate Mealy.
Mange Takk
to all!**



Vennskap members make discoveries in the Genealogical field!

Carolyn Johnson and her genealogical crew have been digging for history the last three months or so, and reports are that they have been having the time of their lives! I'll bet we will get a full report of some historical facts, soon!

In Carolyn's words:

**"The paperwork has been mailed to Sons of Norway in MN!!!!
Genealogy 1-2-3 for Inez, Art, Laurie, Mary Ellen, Anita and Joyce.
Cooking 1-2-3 for Anita.**

Lord willing and the creek not rising, we will all earn the letter of approval complete with pins! Plan on being part of a program in 2017 with the Manitowoc Genealogical Society as our guests.

The 2nd November, 2016, will be at the Motherhouse for the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity.

Lunch will be at the convent following a walk about to see the updated archival library.

Sister Caritas Strodhoff, the archivist, will meet and greet us."



**Vennskap member researchers are shown here, in action,
at the Sheboygan Falls Historical Center during one of their meetings.**

Speaking of Lutefisk..
(And who isn't??)

Gary Sez...

“Everything is ready for the 22nd Annual Norwegian Lutefisk Dinner. The time of the dinner has changed from last year. 12:30 Cocktails and 1:30 Dinner. The price will continue at \$17.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children (under 13). We will need to halt the sale of tickets at 280 so get your orders in ASAP. The count as of Saturday 10/22/2016 is 202 guests.



We have ordered the Meatball mixture, the Lutefisk, and the Lefse. Severin Johnson will be with us again this year to oversee the preparation of the Lutefisk and to prepare the Fruit Soup. We can always use more Norwegian cookies and etc. These Norwegian goodies are a big hit with our dinner guests. We are working on getting the door prizes and the Silent Auction items. If you have any of these items to donate or if any companies or organizations are going to donate any items, let Gary Henderson know before October 28th as this is when the programs will go to the printer. After that time, we will not be able to put their names in the program.

What work is needed? We should all meet at Lakeland University on Saturday November 12th at 1:00 to help roll the meatballs and to set up the tables. This process should be done by 3:00. Remember, "Many Hands Make Light Work". We will have students from the University helping us on both Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, we will need people to take tickets, to tend the dessert table and to help sell the leftover products at the end of the meal.

“We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday November 13th.”



**Joyce & Louis Milsted
Sales Department**



**Severin Johnson
Master Lutefisk Chef**

Vennskap members are busy preparing for the crowd. Lend a hand and enjoy another social event!

I'll bet you didn't know this!

When the pilgrims arrived on the Mayflower, the Wampanoag Indians taught them how to cultivate the land. These Indians were invited to the first Thanksgiving in 1621. The first Thanksgiving in 1621 was celebrated for three days.



A tradition is born: TV dinners have Thanksgiving to thank. In 1953, a chain of stores selling turkeys misjudged the number of frozen turkeys it would sell that Thanksgiving -- by 26 TONS! Some industrious soul came up with a brilliant plan: Why not slice up the meat and repackage with some trimmings on the side? Thus, the first TV dinner was born!



Or...

How about this?

There are four places in the U.S. named Turkey. Louisiana's Turkey Creek is the most populous, with a whopping 440 residents. There's also Turkey, Texas; Turkey, North Carolina; and Turkey Creek, Arizona. Oh, then there's the two townships in Pennsylvania: the creatively named Upper Turkeyfoot and Lower Turkeyfoot!



When Abe Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday, it was thanks to the tireless efforts of a magazine editor named Sarah Josepha Hale. Her other claim to fame? She also wrote the nursery rhyme, "Mary had a Little Lamb."

(A tireless letter-writer, Sarah Hale had written to five Presidents before her pleas for the establishment of a national day of thanksgiving found traction with Abraham Lincoln.)



If Ben Franklin had his say, the turkey would be our national bird. "An eagle", he wrote in a letter to his daughter, "has a bad moral character. A turkey, on the other hand, was a much more respectable bird."



Only male turkeys, called toms, gobble. Females, called hens, cackle.

Why is it called a turkey? Back in the day, the Europeans took a liking to the guinea fowls imported to the continent. Since the birds were imported by Turkish merchants, the English called them turkeys. Later, when the Spaniards came to America, they found a bird that tasted like those guinea fowls. When they were sent to Europe, the English called these birds "turkeys" as well.



When the native Indians aided the newcomers, showing them how to plant corn, the white settlers would see this as a show of friendship, knowing that without the help of these native Indians, they would never have survived the rough winter. To express their gratitude, the survivors decided to invite these Indians to a Fall Harvest feast.

It was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims.

Thanksgiving Day, November 24th

Happy Thanksgiving, Friends!



The Lady's Page

Mama made the whole house smell so sweet with the love in her homemade bread.



The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished, yet set aside a day of thanksgiving.

STREUSEL TOPPED - PUMPKIN PIE

16 oz can pumpkin
5 eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tsp salt
2 heaping Tbsp flour
2 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp mace
1 tsp allspice
1 tsp ginger
1/2 tsp cloves
1 tsp vanilla
3 1/2 cups milk
2 unbaked pie crusts

Place pumpkin in mixer bowl with eggs and mix well before adding sugar, salt, flour and spices. When this is mixed, add vanilla and milk

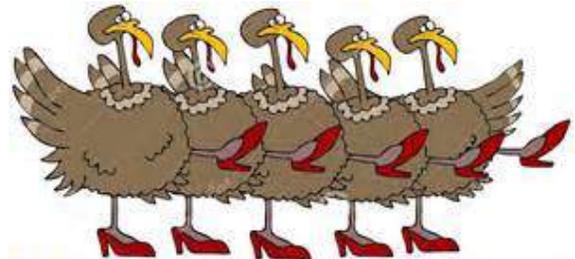
This mixture goes into 2 unbaked pie crusts. Sprinkle topping on each pie.

For topping:

Combine 1/4 c brown sugar
2 Tbsp margarine
2 Tbsp flour
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Bake 1 hour or till done at 425°.

EAT MORE LUTEFISK !
(less turkey)

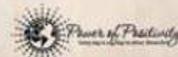


Six ethics of life

Before you Pray - Believe
Before you speak - Listen
Before you spend - Earn
Before you write - Think
Before you Quit - Try
Before you Die - Live

Pie in the Sty?

Norwegian residents rarely eat pie.
They feed their pumpkins to the pigs!



The latest News From Scandinavia reads:

“A Norse Temple for the 21st Century”.

Due to the resurgence of neo-paganism, Iceland is planning the construction of the first temple to the Norse gods since the Viking Age.

Those who “worshipped Thor” can soon really worship Thor !

A planned Islandic temple will be a domed, circular structure on a hillside overlooking Reykjavik, the Islandic capital . Worshippers will practice their belief called **Ásatrúarfélagiðf**



The worship of Odin, Thor, Freya and the other gods of the old Norse sagas has now become an officially recognized religion 973 years after Iceland’s official conversion to Christianity. In recent decades, membership in Ásatrú (it’s shortened name) has grown to about 2,400 — and has become the largest non-Christian religious community in Iceland. Iceland today has one of world’s highest rates of atheism, and clues to its pagan past are everywhere: from street names to the population’s surnames that developed from the god Thor. Followers will be able to satisfy their spiritual needs within a framework that feels authentic true to their ancestral identity, and also flexible enough to fit in with modern values and concerns. Not using a Bible or Koran, believ-

ers gain their knowledge in “The Edda”, the major source of ‘knowledge of Norse mythology’, written down in the 13th century as a collection of Old Norse poems from the Icelandic medieval manuscript “Codex Regius” (Royal Book). The Old Norse word Edda means “Great Grandmother”. It refers to the lore of the ancestors (or more literally, the ancestral mothers). In Asatru, it is believed that we are not only the worshippers of the Gods but that we are spiritually and even physically related to them. Included in rituals, The Blót is the most common within Asatru. In its simplest form, a blót is making a sacrifice to the Gods. In the old days, this was done by feasting and drinking from an animal’s horn. Currently, the most common blót is an offering of mead or other beverage to the deities.



The leader and High Priest , Sveinbjörn Beinteinsson, has been a sheep-farmer and writer of ‘rimur’, a form of epic poetry founded the association in 1972. Sveinbjörn is regarded with much respect and affection amongst Ásatrú. Not only was he a well known rímur singer in Iceland with followers in Europe and North America. He sometimes currently performs at rock concerts and is the opening act in the film Rokk í Reykjavík.



The Norse goddess Sif holding a drinking horn.

High Priest
Sveinbjörn Beinteinsson



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Lutefisk Dinner set-up at Lakeland University
13th... Lutefisk Dinner**

**November 15th...Pot-luck meal and Movie!
Sheboygan**

