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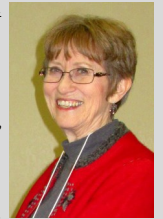
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## ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

*(Words from your Lodge President)*

Hei,

*I hope you all had a healthy and happy holiday season and I wish you a wonderful 2019. It seems strange to say and write 2019. Now is the time to plan for the rest of this year. If you have an idea for a program or tour, please let me or Randi Hoffman know about it. If you have a hobby or interesting event in your life, feel free to share it with us at a meeting. Also, remember to invite friends, relatives and neighbors to join us for any of our programs.*



*Our first event this year will be February 21st when our Lodge will help out at the Barnebirkie XC Ski event in Hayward. This is when lodges provide cookies for the young ones who ski. If you want to help out by making your own cookies (no nuts please) let me or Sandra Olson know how many you will provide. Our Lodge will also purchase cookies from River Falls' Best Maid Cookies Store. That day, we are asking for volunteers to replenish the cookies as they disappear into "little mouths" along with some warm cocoa. Sandy Olson and I are planning to go up to Hayward and we welcome any riders who want to go with us. We wish Einer and Don good luck at this year's Birkebeiner.*

*If you were with us last summer when we toured the Norway House, here is an update of what they are doing. As a dedicated supporter of the Sons of Norway organization, they are in tune with the goals that our lodges have. As part of the new addition Norway House is planning, there will be a Bygdelagenes Fellesraad Norwegian Genealogy Center designed to truly benefit the lodges, lags and more. (Bygdelags are groups of men/women from specific areas of Norway who are interested in their genealogy and heritage: <http://fellesraad.com>). Once it is up and operating, it will be a great resource for the Sons of Norway and its many lodge members by providing direct contact with the Lag members of the Norwegian Counties where members have roots. If you want to contribute to a great goal, the Genealogy Center can use your donation, regardless of the size.*

*Our next meeting will be February 25th and officers will be installed. Our program will feature Sherri Stannaitis who is a spinner of wool. We know that Norway is famous for raising sheep and exporting wool. Perhaps you have an old spinning wheel in your home. I have one and am trying to learn how to spin, but I'm still in the beginner stage. She will be discussing wool processing and spinning. Our servers for this meeting will be Pat & Einar Sandom and Arlys & Don Olson.*

*Keep warm and wish for some snow for the Barnebirkie and Birkebeiner !*

*Audrey Severson, President*

## COMING IN MARCH

We welcome Don Blegen to our March Meeting. He will be presenting a program of his wonderful photography. Some of his work has been featured in the *National Geographic Magazine* and others. Don is a retired school teacher who lives near Elmwood. Please mark your calendars today to attend this meeting on March 25th beginning at 6:30 PM with refreshments at the Zion Fellowship Hall.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

*A Board Meeting for Lodge Officers and Directors will be held on Monday, February 4th, at 1:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.*



## GENEALOGY

There is an upcoming mini-conference called "Destination Canada" scheduled for Saturday, February 9th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Minnesota Genealogy Center. There will be presentations by speakers from the Canadian, Irish, Norwegian and Romanian groups about emigration to Canada. <http://mncig.org/conference/Conference.html>



## TOURS



*"My husband Phillip Odden and I have made our living as wood carvers in the Norwegian tradition for the past 39 years. Beginning 8 years ago, we began offering tours to Scandinavia alternating between Norway and Sweden. This coming summer we are offering our **Odden's Life: Folk-Art, Fjords, Friends and Fun Tour**. We are very proud of what we have to offer. Our travelers get to see parts of Norway not available to most tourists. We offer our travelers a unique opportunity to see some of the 'out of the way' places and meet some of our very special and talented friends. The scenery is incredible and the food is delicious!*

*"This will be our 9th year and our 11th tour. All of our travelers have been very happy with our tours and we always have repeat travelers."*

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# LODGE LINES

With the new year comes many different events and celebrations concerning Sons of Norway. Here is an introduction to your Zone 1 Directors for the 2018-2020 biennium. Please contact one of these for assistance in training new people for leadership roles in our Lodge.

**Sandra Olson** is a new Sons of Norway Zone 1 Director and is also a District 5 Youth Director. She has been a member of Valkyrien Lodge since 2008 and has served as the Lodge President, Vice President, Secretary and currently as a Counselor. In her role of Youth Director, Sandra is looking forward to celebrating and promoting the 40th Year Anniversary of the Sons of Norway Masse Moro Heritage Camp. She will be available to your Lodge for monthly meetings to promote Masse Moro, install officers, award presentations and other Sons of Norway activities. You may contact her at: packerland@baldwin-telecom.net or 641-208-3333.

**Audrey Severson** is the other new Zone 1 Director on the District 5 Board and the current President of our Valkyrien Lodge. She has served as past Secretary and Vice President. As President, Audrey will bring to lodge meetings current information from the District 5 and Zone 1. Her email and phone number are: apseverson@gmail.com or 715-273-5019.



*Sandra Olson*



*Audrey Severson*



Our best wishes go out to **Lyle Jacobson** who suffered a bad fall and broke his femur on December 21st. He was taken to Region's Hospital in St. Paul for surgery and then came back to be hospitalized in Baldwin. He is now home but needs a walker to get around. Babe says that "he is hopping with his good leg and otherwise needs the wheelchair and he cannot put any weight on his damaged leg for at least 3 more weeks."

Babe and Lyle are now living in their new home at :

**330 Meadowvine Court, Baldwin, WI. 54002**

Keep him in your prayers and thoughts for a full recovery.



## MASSE MORO HERITAGE CAMP NEWS

Sandy Olson, District 5 Youth Director, reports that their 2019 emphasis is “**Masse Moro 40 Years of Having Fun!**” We are delighted to announce that Zachary Garner and Keir Kristiansen (*right-with Sandy O.*) will be serving as Masse Moro Co-Directors. We are looking for a maximum of 60-65 campers. The dates are July 14-27, 2019. This camp is open to young people from the ages of 9-16 and is located in a beautiful wooded area near Fall Creek, Wisconsin. Families may obtain registration materials at the website [www.massemoro.org](http://www.massemoro.org).



## -A FEW “SHOTS” FROM 2018 ACTIVITIES-

