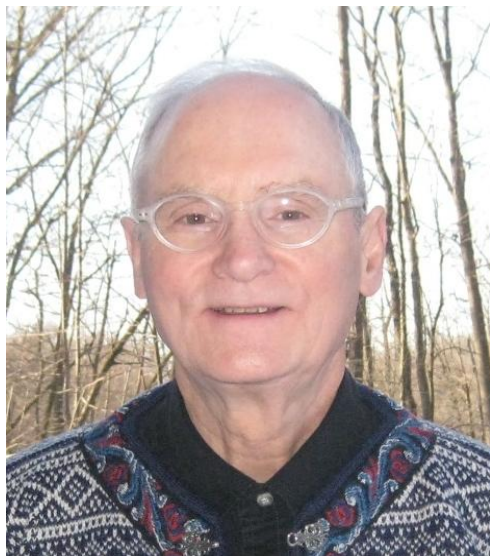
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Our December Lodge meeting on December 7 celebrated Christmas. Thanks to everyone who brought Scandinavian delicacies to the lunch, and special thanks to Oleif Olsaker and Sidsel Lindborg for providing the Christmas ham and Swedish meatballs. Sue Strohkirsch brought a Christmas display with handmade paper

Greetings. I hope you and your family had a good holiday season. Although we did not have a white Christmas here in NW Indiana, the lights and joys of Christmas are special. May the New Year 2025 be a good one for our Lodge and all of us and our families.

ornaments. Jim Nelson led us in singing Norwegian Christmas songs. We collected items for a food pantry; thanks to Paul Sams for transporting the items to the pantry.

Our next Lodge meeting will be held on January 18 at the Baugher Center, which now has reopened. We will install our Lodge's officers for the new year 2025. January is a cold month

and is our traditional “soup and sandwich” meal. We also will hold a new event – a “white elephant” gift drawing. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10 or less) to the drawing. Participants who contribute a gift will get to select a wrapped gift from the table. Then, they unwrap the gift and either keep it or exchange it for an gift that someone else has previously taken. In this drawing, it pays to go last rather than first!

We will firm up programing for the new year at our January 13 executive committee meeting. Before then, please send your suggestions for programs to

Takk for Alt!! Beste Hilsen, David Carlson Hirschey, president

Dave Hirschey (phone #219-728-6044) or to Darlene Henderson (phone #219-221-6641). The program committee and executive committee welcome your ideas and will consider them at their January 13 meeting.

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Again, I hope you can attend our first Lodge meeting of this new year on January 18 !

December Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2024

President David Hirschey, called the meeting to order on 12-2-24 at 1:07 PM. Present were board members, Oleif Olsaker, James Nelson, Sue Strohkirch, and Darlene Henderson.

Addition to November minutes indicated that we would continue to mail newsletter to members not having email service. The November minutes were then approved.

There were favorable responses to the November program, and it was suggested we repeat a like program in 2025.

The upcoming December program was discussed and reviewed. Since our temporary meeting room is lacking space, we will not be able to traditionally dance and sing around a tree. James Nelson instead volunteered to provide music and song sheets and lead members in song after our Christmas potluck and brief business meeting.

Treasurer, Oleif Olsaker, gave a year end lodge treasury report and will accompany Sue Strohkirch to Horizon Bank to bring our accounts up to date. Oleif also noted that \$274, from our October auction, was sent to SON Foundation.

It was questioned as to the whereabouts of the red officer folders that were given to lodge officers a couple years ago. They need to be collected and updated.

Darlene Henderson noted that the Trustee list of lodge belongings was reviewed, and no changes or additions were necessary at this time.

Darlene also read a thank you letter from the Nuns at St. Mary's college for all the stamps collected from SON lodges. They are sold to collectors and 100% of the sales money is used to help those in need.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Henderson, Secretary.

December Lodge Meeting Minutes – Saturday, December 7, 2024

Lodge meeting was called to order at 2PM on 12-7-24 by President David Hirschey. Nineteen members were present. Members sang the US and Norwegian National Anthems. Guest, Ken Abraham was introduced by Marilyn Arvidson.

Treasurer, Oleif Olsaker, gave a year-end report noting that all bills are paid, and our accounts are in order.

Members were advised to contact our lodge webmaster, Mark Zimmerman, regarding any questions or submissions to our Scandiana Facebook page.

It was noted that tentative programs for 2025 will be finalized at the January board meeting and will be published in lodge monthly newsletters. All board members were encouraged to attend the January board meeting.

James also reminded members about the St. Lucia program at Chelberg Farm on Dec. 15th.

James started the Christmas program with a story of how Christmas is celebrated in Norway. Several members also shared their personal family Christmas traditions.

Meeting was adjourned at 3PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Henderson, Secretary

January Birthdays

Ann M. Berg – Jan. 3

Drew Furuness – Jan. 14

Vera Malwin – Jan. 20

January Board Meeting – Monday January 13, 2025, at the **Baugher Center** in Chesterton, from 1-3 p.m.

January Lodge Meeting

January 18, 12:00-4:30, meal begins at 1 pm	Baughner Center	Hosts: Kathy Hays & Darlene Henderson	Soup O-Z Sandwiches A-J Dessert K-N	Officer installation. "White elephant" gift drawing.
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Photos from the December Christmas celebration



Krumkaker



Ginger snaps and house



Scandinavian delicacies



Sue Strohkirsch's paper ornament Christmas tree



Charter lodge members Oleif Olsaker and Sidsel Lindborg. Oleif celebrates his 90th birthday.

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