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Sept - April: 2nd Sundays, 2 p.m.

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Sunday, November 10

Preserving the Viking Ship of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago

2 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Please join us on Sunday, November 10 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown Kalamazoo, for our monthly lodge meeting. David Nordin, a Trustee of the Friends of the Viking Ship (FOVS), of the Greater Chicago area, will have a presentation about a Viking ship called the "Viking." Mr. Nordin's presentation will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

This is a joint program with the Swedish-American Vasa Lodge. Please invite any friends that may be interested in Viking ships.

After Mr. Nordin's presentation, snacks will be served. (There will be no smorgasbord meal at this meeting.) **Askeladden members are welcome to bring finger foods to share.**

The "Viking" ship, constructed in the early 1890s in Norway, sailed from Norway to Chicago in 1893 for the World's Columbian Exposition. The Viking ship, currently housed in Geneva, Illinois, is an exact replica of the Gokstad, the ancient Viking ship, currently housed in the Viking Ship Hall in Oslo. For more information, visit www.vikingship.us

Mr. Nordin will have two different books to offer to interested attendees. The cost for either book is a \$20 donation to the FOVS organization. One of the books was commissioned by FOVS and is a translation from the Norwegian original by Rasmus Rasmussen. Rasmussen, one of the actual 1893 Viking crew members who journeyed from Norway, tells of his adventures at sea and on shore as a member of the Viking crew with many rich details.

This November meeting is more than an opportunity to socialize with friends and to hear an interesting program on Viking ships. At this meeting, we ask Askeladden members to do something for the community by participating in a Food Drive and a Food Bank Campaign.

Please bring a bag of non-perishable food (cans, boxes, bottles, and packages) to the meeting. The food will be given to the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes.

In addition to the Food Drive, we hold a Food Bank Campaign at this meeting, collecting money for the Food Banks that serve Southwest Michigan. **Please bring a check to the meeting** with a donation to one of the following Food Banks:

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes

Food Bank of South Central Michigan (Battle Creek area)

Feeding America: West Michigan Food Bank (Grand Rapids area)

After Mr. Nordin's presentation and refreshments, we will have a lodge business session to elect our 2020 lodge officers and to approve the 2020 budget. The business session will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Board of Directors will meet immediately following the lodge business session.

We hope to see you on Sunday, November 10.

Please copy and share the flyer on page 3 with your friends.

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Recap of the October Lodge Meeting

Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Director

At the October meeting, members enjoyed a boiled fish meal with all the trimmings, prepared by the Swedish Vasa Lodge. Prior to the meal, members watched the preparation of the fish and vegetables, including the 'boil over,' in the church parking lot.

Following the meal, at the lodge business session, Gail Hadley, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for the 2020 lodge officers. Lodge president Curt Osborn updated members on the Sons of Norway Foundation. (NOTE: October is Foundation month.) Members, who were asked for donations, contributed \$110 to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Curt Osborn presented a Sports Medal to Teri Koretsky.

In the past, there was much anticipation at the October meeting because this is the month of the drawing for the Norway Trip. Unfortunately, there were no applications for the drawing this year. As a bittersweet footnote, during the past four years, there has been only one application for the drawing.

Following the lodge business session, the Board of Directors approved the 2020 budget, which will now go to the lodge membership at the November 10 meeting for approval. The Membership Committee was presented a \$100 gift certificate from the International Headquarters for surpassing the 2018 goals for recruiting new members. The board approved the purchase of three photo albums of the 30th Anniversary Dinner. Curt Osborn reported that as of September 1, there were 74 active members.

The following members attended this meeting: Earnie Best, Esther Ann Brown, Curtis Cleveland, Cliff Davidson, Roger Drong, Judy Hande-Skutnik, Holly Jensen, Teri Koretsky, Joan O'Bryan, Curt Osborn, Gail Hadley; and Elizabeth, Alice, and James Kraatz.

Welcome New Members!

Askeladden Lodge extends a warm welcome to our newest member Carolyn L Hande. Carolyn's sister Judy Hande-Skutnick joined our lodge in March. The Hande sisters have a stronghold in our lodge. Three of their aunts were Askeladden charter members and their cousin Joyce Allworth is not only an Askeladden charter member, but a Golden Member as well. Welcome to Sons of Norway and to our lodge, Carolyn!

Kick-Off Classic Synchronized Skating Competition in Kalamazoo this month

Elizabeth Kraatz

Mark your calendars for November 22-24, when the **Greater Kalamazoo Skating Association** will be hosting the 20th Annual Kick-Off Classic Synchronized Skating Competition at Wings Event Center. Askeladden Lodge is one of the sponsors. There are volunteer positions for everyone, no experience needed (e.g., sitting at a door). Completing a shift also gives you free admittance to the event to watch more than 130 teams of synchronized skaters from across the nation compete! More information about volunteer opportunities and the competition schedule will be made available closer to the date.

Sonja Henie 50th Anniversary Celebration and Riverboat Cruise

Gail Thompson Hadley

My younger daughter, Christine, her 8 month old son, and I had a wonderful time Sunday, Oct 13, at our dad's Sonja Henie Sons of Norway Lodge's 50th anniversary celebration on a river cruise on the Grand River - three generations of descendants of our dad in attendance! And the two youngest in the group. Christine loved seeing all the colorful Norwegian sweaters and we enjoyed the lively music from the Dixie Land band.

Askeladden members Joan O'Bryan, Audrey Renoos and Holly Jensen also attended the celebration.

Our dad, Conrad Thompson, was a charter member of Sonja Henie and it is the lodge I was first a member of back in college days. Since I had helped track down our dad's and Grandma Jan's



long time dear friend, 88 years young Marion Thrana, we were delighted to visit with her on board the Michigan Princess.

Marion was awarded her 50-year Sons of Norway pin and certificate by Sons of Norway District 5 President Andrew Johnsen and Sonja Henie President Gary Lee. Marion, Gary, and Judy Olson all of Sonja Henie Lodge, came to our Askeladden 30th celebration dinner a year ago last September where Marion helped me give a toast from the podium in Norwegian.

2020 Norway Calendar Orders

Order your 2020 Calendars at our November meeting. If you cannot make the November meeting, contact Inger as close to November 10 as you can at (269) 491-9952 with your order. Choose from Splendor of Norway or Viking Verse (the Rosemalle design) at a significantly reduced price from retail. The Splendor calendar order is contingent on a minimum amount of orders.

Inger will have the calendars for us **at the December event** - in time for Christmas presents - and will expect payment then (around \$9-\$10.) Price depends on how many are ordered, so the exact cost is not known at this time.

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Join us for a presentation:

Preserving the Viking Ship from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago



Presented by
Dave Nordin, Vice President of Friends of the Viking Ship



In 1880 the Gokstad, a 9th century Viking Ship, was discovered in Norway.
In 1893 a replica sailed from Norway to New York and on to Chicago.

Sunday, November 10, 2019, at 2:00pm

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NOVEMBER KALENDER

- november 1 - Allehelgensdag - All Saints Day
- november 3 - Daylight Saving Time ends
- november 5 - Election Day
- november 10 - Farsdag i Norge - Father's Day in Norway
- **november 10 - Askeladden Lodge monthly meeting - 2 p.m.**
Board Meeting immediately follows Lodge mtg
-  november 11 - Veterans Day - Remembrance Day (Canada)
- november 16 - Kalamazoo Holiday Parade - come and see our parade entry!
-  november 28 - Thanksgiving Day
- november 22 - last day to submit articles for *Askeladden News*

Gratulerer med dagen!
Fødselsdag Hilsener
November Birthdays

John Thingstad
Judy Hande-Skutnick
Inger Thoen
Lars Christianson
Brooke Teeter

November Board Meeting

A Board of Directors Meeting will be held Sunday, November 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church, immediately following our monthly Lodge meeting. Interested Lodge members are welcome to attend.

Askeladden Lodge Library

www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway

Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.