



the Askeladden News



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VIGELAND - Artist and Sculptor

2 p.m. Sunday, March 10

Trinity Lutheran Church

Please join us for a meal, friendship, and an interesting program at our monthly Lodge meeting, Sunday, March 10, starting 2 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown Kalamazoo.

Roger Drong will present a program on Gustav Vigeland (1869-1943), the famous Norwegian sculptor. Vigeland's most famous work is the Vigeland Park in Oslo, 80 acres of parkland, displaying 200 sculptures, depicting 650 figures.

Our gathering begins at 2 p.m. with a shared meal. Please bring a dish to pass. Tableware and beverages are provided. Roger's cultural program will start at 3 p.m., followed by a short business session.

Teri Koretsky will be in charge of the set-up for this meeting.

The Board of Directors will meet at 1 p.m., before the Lodge meeting.

All events will be in Fellowship Hall, in the lower level of Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 South Westnedge Ave, downtown Kalamazoo. The meal and cultural program are open to the public. Please bring a friend.

Plan ahead: Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on March 10 - spring forward!

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Recap of February Lodge Meeting

Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Director

The February Lodge meeting was held February 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown Kalamazoo. A good crowd, 14 members and 3 guests, attended. Esther Brown, one of the guests, completed an application for membership during the meeting. So, at the end of the meeting, we had 15 members and 2 guests in attendance at this Lodge meeting.

The meal featured a variety of dishes including Swedish meat balls and made-from-scratch Scandinavian five-of-hearts waffles served Norwegian style with strawberry preserves and sour cream in recognition of Mother's Day in Norway.

Jean Darling prepared the decorations for the tables and she was assisted in the setup by Joyce Hare and Margery Selden. The table decorations featured colorful freshly-cut tulips. Every woman was offered tulips to take home in celebration of Norwegian Mother's Day.

Curt and Bev Osborn entertained the members and guests with a highly choreographed video of their 2003 trip to Iceland and Norway. The video consisted of excellent photographs and featured background music, including Grieg's Piano Concerto as well as instrumental and vocal music by Iceland artist Björk.

During the business session, several announcements were made, including: 1) The deadline for submitting the applications for the Askeladden Lodge - Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships, March 15; 2) The St Pat's Day Parade, Saturday, March 16; and 3) The next Board of Directors meeting, Sunday, March 10 at TLC.

Fra Sportsdirektoren

Happy March! We will soon see Spring spring. I personally cannot wait. How about you? It is inspiring me. I'd love to climb off my treadmill and into the saddle of my road bike. I tend to burn more calories bicycling than by walking.

If you need another sports card or to turn one in, see me during the March meeting. I could also send you a PDF copy via email. Just contact me.

Thanks to all,

Curt

Masse Moro Heritage Camp July 14-27: District 5 Matching Grants

Masse Moro is a Norwegian Heritage children's camp run by Sons of Norway District 5 near Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

In District 5, we are fortunate that both the lodges and the District provide a matching grant of \$150 to campers. Here is how it works: After completing the camper application forms, Askeladden members apply to the lodge for a Supporting Grant of \$150 for their children or grandchildren attending Masse Moro by filling out the top half of a simple one-page form. Once the lodge approves the grant, the lodge completes the remaining fields on the form and sends it with the \$150 check from the lodge to District 5, where the grant is automatically matched for \$150 at the District level. Thus the first \$300 of the \$800 camp fee is covered, making the camp experience much more affordable for the families. Submit your completed matching grant application form directly to Lodge Treasurer Earnie Best as soon as possible.

Other scholarships are also available for Masse Moro. Visit the District 5 web page for complete information on these scholarships as well as all application forms: http://sonsofnorway5.com/programs/masse_moro_heritage_camp.php

St. Patrick's Day Parade - plan to join us!

Joan Renaas O'Bryan

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kalamazoo takes place Saturday morning, March 16, and we are getting very excited about it! We provide the costumes as long as you sign up in advance, making it easy for you to participate. Please help us with planning by signing up at the March meeting. Contact Joan if you can't make the meeting and you want to participate.

Our initial staging area will be near to the alley side or rear of the Comerica Building on Rose Street. Due to construction, you will need to pay to park in the ramp or find parking away from the site and walk to it. Allow plenty of time to find parking! Everyone should be on site and in costume by 10:30 so we can secure items and move into the official parade staging spot, which we do not know yet. The parade will be a little different from years past as there will be no floats due to lane closures from construction on Michigan Avenue.

If you haven't joined us in the past, this parade is the easiest one we participate in - it's only six blocks long and the street we march on is heated, so there is never any snow to contend with. Participating in this event counts as one of your annual qualifying events for inclusion in the Norway Trip drawing in the fall. The parade begins at 11 a.m. for all your family and friends that want to watch it.



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2019 scholarship DEADLINE March 15

If you have children or grandchildren starting college next year or continuing as an undergraduate student, they can be considered for a scholarship awarded by Askeladden Lodge. The 2019 budget allows for up to three \$1,000 scholarships.

Applications (and required documents such as letters of recommendation and official transcripts) for the 2019 Askeladden Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships are due to Joyce Hare by March 15, 2019. The application form and guidelines are available online at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jqcci7JMT8VeVzq00Af_CryZt5IBhoAC/view?usp=sharing

Please contact Joyce Hare at (269) 327-5824 with any inquiries or if you have a problem accessing the online application.

The application process is not complicated, but it does require a little planning to gather the required information, so begin the process today, including to make sure your Sons of Norway dues are up to date.

Barnebirkie donation acknowledged

Our lodge recently received the following note from Mike Palecek, Treasurer of Sons of Norway District 5:

Many Thanks for the ongoing generosity of Askeladden Lodge with your \$100 Barnebirkie donation.

I thought of all of you at my lodge meeting last weekend, when our speaker on trolls read an excerpt of "The Boy who had an Eating Match with a Troll." We all laughed at the cleverness of the boy named Askeladden.

District 5 has been providing cookies at the Barnebirkie for 30 years, thanks to the efforts of many lodges, including Askeladden Lodge.

*Tusen Takk,
Mike Palecek, D5 Treasurer*

Fra Presidenten

Happy March! We will soon see Spring spring. I personally cannot wait. How about you?

I look forward to seeing Roger's presentation on Gustav Vigeland. My video last month touched on his work. Vigeland Park in Oslo, and Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim both exhibit his works. Both are very awe inspiring.

Prior to our 2 p.m. general meeting, I would like to hold a brief Board of Director's meeting at 1 p.m. My intention is to keep the meeting brief. So we can start the general meeting on time.

District 5 will be holding a board of director's meeting in Dearborn on April 5 - 6, 2019. Exact details have not been finalized. But I would like to give everyone a heads up notice of what I do know. The following is a brief summary of an email from Mike Palecek, D5 Treasurer:

The District 5 board decided to have our spring board meeting in the Detroit area, so we could try to arrange a networking event to better reach out to Michigan lodges. Based on our schedule, we wonder if you and other members of Askeladden lodge might be interested in coming to Dearborn on the evening of Friday, April 5. I could arrange a buffet dinner at the Best Western Greenfield Inn, 3000 Enterprise Dr., Allen Park MI 48101. The dinner would be about \$25 per person. This event would be open to any of your members.

Robin Fossum, D5 International Director has offered to play Hardanger Fiddle for us. She is a top-notch player who has performed throughout the U.S. and Norway.

To round out the program, I would prepare a history presentation on Norwegians in Michigan.

We would like to also do some presentations on District 5 topics, including the Masse Moro youth heritage camp.

If anyone is interested, I will ferret out further details and pass them on. The best way is to email me with your interest and I will in turn email you back as things are firmed up. I will also have the details posted to our Facebook page.

Thanks to all,

Curt Osborn

Askeladden Lodge Library

www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway

Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.



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MARS KALENDER

- mars 3 - *Fastelavn* - Scandinavian Mardi Gras
- mars 6 - Askeonsdag - Ash Wednesday
- mars 8 - *Den Internasjonale Kvinnedagen* - International Women's Day
- mars 10 - **Askeladden Lodge Program/meeting/potluck dinner**
2 p.m. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. - spring forward!
- mars 11 - Commonwealth Day (Canada)
- mars 15 - **Askeladden Lodge and District 5 Scholarship applications due** - see article on pages 2-3. <http://sonsofnorway5.com>
- mars 16 - **St. Patrick's Day parade** downtown Kalamazoo. Marchers and helpers meet by 10:30 am. Plan to join us for some fun!
- mars 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- mars 20 - *Vårjendøgn* - Vernal Equinox, First day of Spring
- mars 31 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles

Gratulerer med dagen!

Fødselsdag Hilsener

March Birthdays

Betsy Fish	Andrew Sherman
Richard Adams	Christina Sherman
Druanna Darling	David Sherman
Margaret Schmieding	Joan O'Bryan
Esden.Stafne	Audrey Renoos
William Strong	Arden L. Hetletvedt



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