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2 p.m. Sunday, September 8

Scandinavian

Adventures

Travelogue

with VASA

Trinity Lutheran Church

Please join us September 8 at 2 p.m. for a joint meeting of Sons of Norway Askeladden Lodge and the Kalamazoo area Swedish American Vasa Lodge for an afternoon of good food, beautiful pictures and fellowship. Local travel advisor Joanie McKinney Weaver will share photos of her exciting Scandinavian adventure last September. Take a look up close with Joanie as she recounts her adventure through Denmark, Sweden, and Norway with her husband John. Bring a friend or two who like Polar Bears.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 2 p.m. Meal (smorgasbord)
- 3 p.m. Cultural program by Joannie McKinney Weaver
- 4 p.m. Askeladden Business meeting

The event begins at 2 p.m. with the meal. **Please bring a dish (hot or cold) to pass.** Beverages will be provided. Tableware will be provided for those not wanting to bring their own.

After the meal, the opening ceremony starts with the singing of the national anthems, led by Margery Selden at the piano. The anthems will be followed by a brief Memorial Service, reading the names of the members of both Askeladden and Vasa lodges who have passed away during the past year. As a memorial, we will sing the hymn "Peace among Earth's Peoples," composed by Margery Selden.

After Joanie's travel program, Askeladden Lodge will hold a business meeting. The main agenda item is the selection of the Nominating Committee. Sports Medals will also be awarded. The Board of Directors will meet after the Lodge meeting.

Welcome New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest lodge members: Karen & Anthony Morey and family! We are so happy you've joined our lodge and we hope to see you again soon.

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a little in English...

Oslo Loves Hot Dogs

For Norwegians, no soccer game or national holiday is complete without a couple of hot dogs in lompe with ketchup, mustard and crispy onions.

It is most common to serve hot dogs in lompe: a flat, soft pastry made from potatoes. On its own it is a little dry, but together with the hot dog they make a perfect flavor combination.

The hot dog stand also has a rich tradition in Oslo. It was the place you stopped to pick up a classic snack after work or on the way to or from a party.

In the old days, it seemed like there was a hot dog stand on every corner, but today there are very few left of the small booths that used to define the cityscape. Eventually, it became difficult and harder to compete with larger chain stores, with their wider offerings and longer opening hours, and most had to close.

Loved by *The Guardian*

But some have held their ground, and Erlend Dahlbo and his Syverkiosk on Alexander Kielland's Square is one of them. Syverkiosken has become a symbol of old Oslo.

Syverkiosken is a popular destination for hungry people throughout the day. Last year, the kiosk was mentioned in the British newspaper *The Guardian*, which described the hot dogs as “at once comforting yet also deliciously spiced.”

It was his father who taught Erlend everything he knew to make the perfect hot dog. The trick? A secret broth that is boiled before the hot dogs are added. He jokingly refuses to reveal what the successful recipe consists of. Some secrets must be kept.

Whatever toppings you prefer: mustard, ketchup, crispy onions, dressing, bacon, relish, be assured that there is a hot dog for you!

Fra Sportsdirektøren

Curt Osborn, Sports Director

Just a reminder, as summer ends, I can receive your Sports Medal Program cards anytime that you have completed your individual medal requirements. See me during any lodge meeting. Or email me a PDF version of your completed card.

The sports medal program is based on annual achievements. I have additional cards for either achieving the next award level, or for you to be prepared to start recording your efforts for the 2020 season.

Askeladden Lodge Library

www.librarything.com/catalog/Sonsofnorway

Contact Roger Drong with questions or to reserve resources.

litt på norsk...

Oslo elsker pølser

For nordmenn flest er ingen fotballkamp eller nasjonaldag komplett uten et par wienerpølser i lompe med ketsjup, sennep og sprøstekt løk.

Det er vanligst å servere pølsa i lompe; et flatt, mykt bakverk lagd av poteter. For seg selv er lompa litt tørr, men sammen med pølsa utgjør de en perfekt smakskombinasjon.

Også pølsekiосken har en rik tradisjon i Oslo. Det var stedet du kunne stikke innom etter jobb eller på vei til/fra fest for å få deg et klassisk mellommåltid.

Før i tiden kunne det virke som det lå en pølsekiосk på hvert gatehjørne, men i dag er det svært få igjen av de små bodene som pleide å definere bybildet. Etter hvert ble det vanskeligere og vanskeligere å hamle opp med større kjedekiosker med sine bredere tilbud og lengre åpningstider, og de aller fleste måtte stenge.

Elsket av *The Guardian*

Men noen har holdt stand, og Erlend Dahlbo og hans Syverkiosken på Alexander Kiellands plass er en av dem. Syverkiosken har blitt et symbol på det gamle Oslo.

Syverkiosken er et populært destinasjonssted for sultne folk gjennom hele dagen. I fjor ble kiosken nevnt i den britiske avisens *The Guardian*, som beskrev pølsene som “at once comforting yet also deliciously spiced”.

Det var faren hans som lærte Erlend alt han kunne om å lage den perfekte wieneren. Trikset? En hemmelig kraft som kokkes opp før pølsene legges oppi. Han nekter spøkefullt å røpe hva suksessoppskriften består av. Noen hemmeligheter må man få ha.

Uansett hva du liker å ha på: sennep, ketsjup, sprøstekt løk, dressing, bacon, agurk-mix, vær trygg på at det finnes en pølse for deg!

Gratulerer med dagen!

Fødselsdag Hilsener

September Birthdays

Evelyn Iversen	Elizabeth Sherman	Mai Elise Code
Lucie Darling	Elaine Erickson	Astrid Code
Margery Selden	Ashli Niles	Earnie Best
Holly Jensen	Luke O'Bryan	Louise Adams
Else Christianson	Lynn Benson	Beverly Osborn

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August event - Ice Creme Social with VASA

Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Director

Several Askeladden members enjoyed the annual Ice Creme Social on the afternoon of August 4, hosted by Holly and Rick Jensen at their home in Kalamazoo. This was the eighth consecutive year that the Jensen's have hosted this event.

Members spent most of their time in conversation with fellow members and with the members of the Swedish Vasa Lodge. However, some could not resist wandering through the beautiful back yard and especially Rick's Porch. The back yard, 1/4 an acre in size, is the home of many beautiful flowers, plants, and trees. Rick's Porch is something you would see in "Beautiful Homes and Gardens."

Activities enjoyed by our members and guests included Kubb and Corn Toss.

As far as the cuisine, ice creme was the main item on the menu, supplemented by fruits, pies, and cookies.

The turnout was excellent. Besides Holly, the following members attended: Brett Jensen, Earnie Best, Esther Ann Brown, Curtis Cleveland, Dennis and Jean Darling, Cliff Davidson, Roger Drong, Karen Kunze, Joan O'Bryan, Curt and Bev Osborn, and Inger Thoen. Prospective member Joyce Shaw also joined us as well as many Vasa members and guests, including Earnie's wife, brother and sister.

We thank Holly and Rick Jensen for the wonderful event on such a beautiful afternoon.

Askeladden Golden Members

Joan Renaas O'Bryan, Membership Chairperson

Last September, we celebrated our lodge's 30th anniversary at WMU's Fetzer Center, where we honored our Charter and Golden members. A photo book with pictures from that event will be available for viewing at our September meeting this month.

Golden Members are reminded that under recent Askeladden policy, they are entitled to 100% reimbursement of all dues. Golden members are Sons of Norway members who have been members for 30 years (does not have to be consecutive years.) Our lodge will reimburse you for your paid dues once you request it in writing.

Askeladden also offers dues rebates for the local dues portion for every other category of member, including single or family members. In addition, we recently enacted a policy to emulate the old "Unge Venner" category, so if you have a child/children that outgrew Heritage membership, kicking you out of single membership into the family membership category, we will rebate you back to the single dues structure so your children can remain Sons of Norway members without costing you more. Contact me or any of the officers for details of our membership rebate policies.

31st Anniversary of Askeladden Lodge

Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Director

September is the anniversary month of Askeladden Lodge.

Thirty-one years ago, on September 24, 1988, at the Brown Derby Restaurant in Kalamazoo, officials of the Sons of Norway District 5 presided over the Institution Day Ceremony for the new local Sons of Norway lodge in Kalamazoo. The new lodge had 113 Charter Members.

After the ceremony, the gathered 64 members selected the name of the new lodge and selected the first slate of officers of the new lodge.

"Askeladden" was selected as the name of new Kalamazoo lodge.

Myrtle Beinhauer was elected the first president of the lodge. Myrtle, a WMU faculty member, was a major force behind the new lodge. Prior to Askeladden Lodge, Myrtle was a member of the South Haven Lodge (along with Sandy Shaffer). Myrtle got tired of the long drives to South Haven especially during the winter months, so she came up with a different option: start a lodge in Kalamazoo.

Of the 113 Charter Members, 16 of them are currently active members of the lodge. They are:

Richard and Louise Adams

Joyce Allworth

Earnie Best

Dennis and Jean Darling

Scott and Elaine Erickson (Sanford, NC)

Karen Kunze

James Moe (Myrtle Beach, SC)

Tore Ramstad (W. Lafayette, IN)

Anne Rapp (Harbert, MI)

Iona Robbins (Colon, MI)

Svein and Inger Thoen

Crystal Walvoord (Holland, MI)

The members of the Swedish Vasa Order Satellite Lodge, based in Kalamazoo, were instrumental in starting Askeladden Lodge. Jan Forsberg, Ted and Judy Ruser, all Vasa members, were Charter members of Askeladden Lodge. The late Audrey and Robert Engstrom of the Vasa Lodge were also Charter Members of Askeladden Lodge. The Vasa Order Satellite Lodge in Kalamazoo was instituted in 1961.

Board Meeting

A Board of Directors Meeting will be held Sunday, September 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church, immediately following our monthly meeting. Interested Lodge members are welcome to attend.



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SEPTEMBER KALENDER

Reminder: Under our lodge's Norway trip drawing rules, if you want to be considered for the October 2019 drawing, you must submit your request in writing (or e-mail) to the Membership Secretary by the September meeting. Amongst other membership requirements, you must have attended and signed in to at least three Lodge meetings or other qualifying events in the previous year to be eligible for the drawing (up to and including the September meeting.) Acting Membership Secretary Curt Osborn's complete contact info is found on page 1 of every newsletter.

- september 2 - Labor Day
- **september 8** - **Askeladden Monthly Meeting. Joint event with VASA**
2 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo
- september 8 - Board of Directors meeting at Trinity, immediately following Lodge meeting
- september 22 - Princess Märtha Louise, 1971 (no longer a flag day in Norway)
- september 26 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles
- oktober 6 - Joint Sons of Norway/Vasa event: Fish Boil, Trinity Lutheran Church. RSVP to Roger Drong at (269) 349-7654 by October 2 with number attending. Pay for fish at the event.



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.