



Fra Presidenten

Kjære Venner,

The Holiday Season is upon us: Veterans' Day, white-tail deer hunting, Thanksgiving, my birthday, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. My goodness, I hope everyone is ready to celebrate.

My compliments to Cultural Director Jo Sommers, Social Director Lucy Ghastin, and Publicity Chair Dee Grimsrud for their efforts in arranging and promoting Idun Lodge as host of the premiere showing of Frode Fimland's award-winning Norwegian film, "John: The Last (Norwegian) Cowboy." We were pleased that 177 patrons thoroughly enjoyed seeing the documentary on October 3rd at The Barrymore Theatre. Producer/director Frode was very complimentary of Idun's work in hosting the screening, calling the turnout "fantastic."

Thank yous and shout outs go to two Idun Lodge Board members who have served our lodge over the last year but now have the need to step aside from their lodge duties. Marshall Tom Elert and Idun News Editor Nathan Anderson are interrupting their services to Idun, but I hope they will be back "on Board" soon. For now, we at Idun would be pleased to welcome a member to serve as Idun News Editor. Contact me.

Your Idun Lodge Board of Directors met October 20 and covered many items. Changing our lodge's meeting day or night is moot for now until Trinity Lutheran Church implements their new parking lot rules. The Board gave generously to several local and national recipients: The Goodman Center, The River Food Pantry, The Sons of Norway Foundation, Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief, and the Colonel Hans C. Heg Museum in Wind Lake, WI. We also will send to Frode Fimland (in Norway) the net proceeds from his film showing at The Barrymore (with an Idun bonus) to help cover some of his U.S. travel expenses.

Please put on your calendars the November 2nd Idun Lodge meeting with potluck at Trinity, and be prepared to sing and play games, because it's "Game Night." Bring your favorite game to play. Our December 3rd Idun Lodge Christmas gathering at Trinity (it's a Saturday at 11:00am) is also a good way to end our lodge year. See more details on Page 3. Please try to attend both year-end gatherings. We hope to see you there!

Med Vennlig Hilsen.

Jon M. Grinde

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Membership Update

Hjertelig velkommen til nytt medlem Justin Martin of Madison! We hope to see you at the November 2nd meeting so we can get to know you.



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OFFICERS: Please check your listing and notify Dee if any changes need to be made.

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Idun Lodge's Monthly Meetings

Wednesday, November 2 - 6:30pm

We will gather for a potluck supper at 6:00pm and eat at 6:30pm. Make your favorite fall recipe to share. Beverages (water, coffee and lemonade) will be provided.

Many of you received a copy of the Norwegian birthday song at our September meeting. Please bring it so we can sing it together; we will also have some extra copies available. After dinner we will have several games that everyone can play, which include Farkle (dice), Left-Right-Center (cards), Hygge (conversation cards), and Uff Da (cards). If you have a favorite board game for larger groups, please bring it as another option.

Saturday, December 3 - 11:30am

We're trying something different for our December Christmas meeting this year, on Saturday, December 3rd. We will gather at 11:30 am and have potluck lunch at noon. If you are able, prepare your favorite Christmas dish: main course, salad, or dessert. Norwegian recipes are always welcome. Wrap up a White Elephant object and bring it for our December Christmas fun. Everyone bringing a White Elephant receives a numbered ticket for after-dinner exchanges. We will also share Norwegian Christmas traditions and sing some songs.

The public is always welcome at Idun Lodge meetings and events! Unless otherwise indicated, our events are free and held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, at 1904 Winnebago St (at First St).

Please use the entrance closest to the parking lot on Atwood Avenue, Or use the accessible entrance on Winnebago St via the ramp at the front door; call 608-513-6434 or 608-259-1958 to be let in. Then proceed to the Fellowship Hall in the basement.

We are not currently requiring that masks be worn, but feel free to wear one if you wish.



Karen Smiley, Mary Bennett, Dee Grimsrud, Kristine Krigsvold, and Bev Roelke



Our own Anja Diedrich, who introduced Director/Producer Frode Finland

A DIFFERENT JOURNEY

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO 20TH CENTURY NORWEGIAN IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S.

by Denise Logeland

... Waves of mass migration from Norway to the United States were mostly a 19th century phenomenon that flowed into the early 20th century. But the U.S. began to put tight limits on immigration in the 1920s. For that reason and others – the Great Depression, wars, the push and pull of stronger economic opportunity in one country and then the other – the number of Norwegians immigrating annually to the U.S. subsided to a trickle.

In the 20th century, the scale and experience of Norwegian migration changed tremendously from what it had been in the 19th century, and the nature of the migrating population changed, too. ... [H]istorians and data experts provide a window into those changes.

Q: How many Norwegians left for the United States in the 1900s?

A: Statistics Norway, the bureau that produces the country's official statistics, has data to answer this question, but with gaps and caveats:

- Because of the disruption of World War II and a post-war transition in how migration data were collected, Norway lacks data on emigrants by country of destination for much of the 1940s and 1950s.
- Emigration numbers from the early 1880s through 1948 come from information collected by Norwegian police at the country's ports. [However,] Those figures [no doubt] include some Swedish emigrants who left for the United States via Norway.
- Norway's immigration and emigration records of the last five decades are governed by a 1970 law that defines a resident of Norway as anyone who comes to the country to stay for six months or more. It defines an emigrant as a resident of Norway who leaves the country with the intention of staying abroad for six months or more.

Q: Who were the 20th century migrants who left Norway?

A: "[From 1865 to 1915], family emigration was largely replaced by individual emigration of the young and unmarried."

– Ingrid Semmingsen, *Norway to America: A History of Migration*

A: "Nearly twice as many men as women went over. Steadily more of the emigrants were young adults. Annually, 3 percent of men and 1.5 percent of women between the ages of 15 and 30 left the country in the period from 1900 through 1910."

– Lars Østby, "Truende utvandring tidlig i århundre" ("Threatening Emigration Early in the Century"). *Statistics Norway/ssb.no*

A: From the 1930s on, the percentage of married men increased ... the earlier labor movement of young people was over ... "

– Odd Lovoll, *The Promise of America*

A: "Post World War II saw a changed pattern of immigration, as Norwegians among other nationalities moved ... to take white-collar jobs, not always intending to stay for extended lengths of time ... Engineers represented a consistent percentage, following a tradition that had brought many of them to the United States temporarily or permanently since 1879. A second larger group represented in the 1950s and 1960s was made up of nurses."

– Jon Gjerde and Carlton C. Qualey, *Norwegians in Minnesota*.

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Q: Where did the immigrants go?

A: “The 1920 census established the United States as a nation of city dwellers, as for the first time more than 50 percent of its people were counted among the urban population. Despite their enduring reputation as the most rural of immigrant groups, some 47 percent of Norwegian immigrants and their children were to be found in the urban populations ... About one-half of the ‘urban’ Norwegians were found in four indisputably metropolitan locales: New York City, *Chicago*, Minneapolis, and Seattle.”

– John Jensvold, “Becoming American, Becoming Suburban: Norwegians in the 1920s,” *Norwegian-American Studies*, Volume 33; NAHA.

A: “People emigrated not only to the U.S.A. At the start of the 1900s, Canada received 5 percent of the emigration, and at the end of the 1920s, one-third went there.”

– Lars Østby, “Truende utvandring tidlig i århundre” (“Threatening Emigration Early in the Century”)

Q: Why did they migrate?

A: “From 1905 to 1925, the Norwegian government kept statistics on the reasons for the emigrants’ leaving the homeland:

• Lack of access to profitable occupations	170,000
• Hired or seeking hire abroad	6,200
• To join families	36,800
• Other motives	<u>2,100</u>
Total	215,100

– Arne Hassing, “Norway’s Organized Response to Emigration,” *Norwegian-American Studies*, Volume 25

Q: How many Norwegians returned to Norway?

A: “The Great Depression prompted 32,000 Norwegians in America to return to their homeland; return migration was closely related to business cycles, to good or bad times, on both sides of the Atlantic. Official Norwegian statistics indicate that between 1891 and 1940, as many as a quarter of all emigrants to America after 1881 resettled in Norway.”

– Odd Lovoll, *The Promise of America*

Q: [What was] the impact [of emigration] on Norway?

A: “After the turn of the century, there was more concern about the impact on the population. Half of a diminishing surplus of births had disappeared, the age structure shifted (fewer young adults), there were fewer marriages and lower birth rates.”

– Lars Østby, “Truende utvandring tidlig i århundre” (“Threatening Emigration Early in the Century”)

A: “The number of young workers leaving ... prompted the formation, in 1908, of the Norwegian ... Society for the Limitation of Emigration.”

– Arne Hassing, “Norway’s Organized Response to Emigration,” *Norwegian-American Studies*, Volume 25

Excerpts from an article in Currents, Fall 2022, Volume 185, pages 6-9; the newsletter of the Norwegian-American Historical Association.

We hope you found this information to be an interesting change from the usual bilingual pieces on this page.

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KALENDAR

November 2022

Wed, 11/2 - Monthly Meeting (Games) 6:30pm

December 2022

Sat, 12/3 - Christmas Potluck Lunch 11:30pm

January 2023

Wed, 1/4 - Monthly Meeting 6:30pm

February 2023

Wed, 2/1 - Monthly Meeting 6:30pm

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