



# The LUREN



**PART 1 OF 2 : LURENjanFeb2020PART1**

**Circle City Lodge 5-614 ~ Carmel, Indiana  
Sons of Norway**

**We meet at King of Glory Lutheran Church,  
corner E. 106<sup>th</sup> St. & N. Keystone Ave., Carmel, IN 46032  
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**Fra Presidenten ~ A letter from our President, Nancy Andersen**  
January 12, 2020

Hilsen fra Presidenten,

We started January off with a great meeting held on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. I know our pitch-ins are always good but yesterday's was fantastic. Such variety and so much it was impossible to try everything even though I did try. Our Program was presented by Jeff Dodge. Jeff combined his genealogy search with his trip to Norway. The really interesting twist to Jeff's talk is that he was adopted and grew up in Canada. It was surprising that he found so many family members in Norway who were very welcoming to him and his wife during their visit. I also didn't know that you could hire a professional thru Ancestry to help with your search.

February 8<sup>th</sup> will be our Lutefisk and Meatball dinner; I have included a flyer for your Reservations. Please try to send in early as we need to know how much Lutefisk to order and how many Meatballs to make. Our speaker is Adolf Hansen. He will be presenting "A BOY IN BROOKLYN" – Growing up in a Norwegian Colony in the 1940's and 50's. I'm really looking forward to hearing his talk.

March 14<sup>th</sup> my sisters Glenna and Laura along with myself will share our trip to Greece and Paris last year. Glenna and her husband were stationed in Greece when he was in the Air Force years ago. This was a return trip for Glenna, and I was fortunate enough to visit them when they were stationed there. I found the changes interesting. It was a first-time trip to Paris for all of us and we are unanimous that we would go back. The meal will be a pitch-in.

The remainder of the programs for 2020 will be listed later in the newsletter.

Our Rosemaling group arranged by Alma Lathrop is continuing to meet on Monday's at 9:30am at the Sullivan Munce Cultural Center, 225 West Hawthorne Street, Zionsville, IN.

My sisters and I try to do something special and different for each others' birthdays. On December 28<sup>th</sup> the 5 of us went to **GRT Hot Glass Studios on 6400 Brookville Road, Indianapolis** and all tried our hand at glass blowing. I have to say that all of our ornaments were different and beautiful. **I would like to know if there is any interest in setting up a group of us to go again. They are currently set up for flowers and paperweights. The class size is limited to 8 people per instructor and 16 would be the maximum class size with 2 instructors. It costs \$50.00 per person which includes your finished product.** If you are looking for something less active/hands on they can do a lecture on the history of glass blowing while making a glass blown vase. This would be in addition to a regular meeting but I found it really interesting and fun and wondered if others in our group would be interested. **Let me know if you have any interest in either glass blowing or the lecture.**

I hope the weather isn't getting you down too much. I know I spent hours cleaning the barns today. My Icelandic Horses are looking forward to some cooler weather. They have been sweating with their heavy winter coats.

**This year there will be a District and International Convention. The District 5 Convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin and the International Convention is in Norway this year.** To qualify for the International Convention, you first have to be a delegate at the District 5 Convention, then be nominated to go to the International Convention. For the International Convention you also need to have a financial product with/thru Sons of Norway (life insurance, annuity etc.) We will be finding out soon how many delegates we will be able to send to the District Convention from Circle City.

Takk  
Nancy Andersen



**NOTE FROM BOB SORENSEN  
ABOUT GIRL BLOWING LUR IN  
MASTHEAD ON PAGE 1, from an  
email to Jerry Rud**

*Jerry : Girl in bunad is Pillar-guri. She reportedly stood above a hill overlooking Otta and blew her "lur" in order to warn locals that the Scottish were coming. You can Google "Battle of Kringen" (i.e. August, 1612) to get more of the story. The instrument she was playing was a Prillarhorn which was a cow-horn that could be played. There is a statue of her in Otta as well as one across the river on top of a hill where she reportedly blew her horn. Interesting history. ~ Bob Sorensen*



**THE WISDOM OF GRETA GARBO**  
But not every Norwegian knows what rømmegrøt is! Have YOU eaten it?  
Did you love it? Do tell!

**RØMMEGRØT  
= SOUR CREAM  
PORRIDGE**





**SATURDAY, FEB. 8 ~ LUTEFISK & MEATBALLS EXTRAVAGANZA !!! 12 NOON**

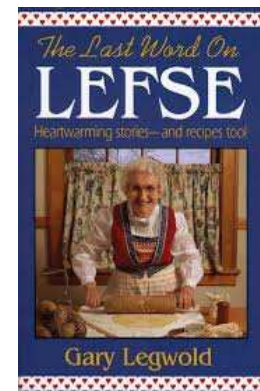
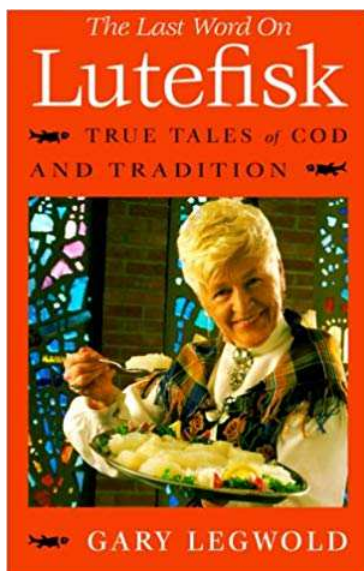
A 2/4/2020 note from Burt Bittner:

We have been notified that Ingebretsen's in Minneapolis, home of SON, yesterday entrusted 10 pounds of Lutefisk with UPS for delivery to Circle City Lodge 5-614. Delivery of this "miracle" fish is scheduled for tomorrow. To celebrate its arrival we plan to fly the Norwegian flag as a beacon for the UPS driver. We wonder if the Lutefisk will be carried up front next to the driver, or stowed in the far rear with the windows open.

It is a "miracle" when we consider how a fish dried to wooden texture can be transformed into a shimmering soft delicacy.

See you Saturday when we expect to see about 40 members and friends.

– Burt Bittner



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*Nyheter om medlemmene våre / News About Our Members*



\* **MARY HERNDON**, a Charter Member of our lodge, died on January 26. Details to follow.

\* **ROB MORK** in Stavanger, Norway:



*Preikestolen/Pulpit  
Rock/Preacher's Chair, rises  
1982 feet above the  
Lysefjordan. It is 16 miles  
from Stavanger.*

*Vessel Sørlandet*



***Budding Entrepreneurs At Work***

So I came home from walking the dog to find this at the end of our driveway. These two came up with the idea all on their own to create and sell **“Bookmarks.”** Liesl is definitely the ringleader, and has been busy lining up her siblings and friends and even our dog as employees. You should have seen how Liesl’s eyes lit up as I described the concept of spreadsheets to her. Just in case anyone is curious, she didn’t get it from me! ?

***The cardboard sign says: We sell all kinds of bookmarks here. Come see all of them.***

Posted on Facebook 11-10-2019

***Saw a terrific proverb: Don’t wait for your ship to come in. Swim out to it.” Words to live by. ~ from Burt Bittner***

*\* More News About Our Members \**



Walking Daisy in Stavanger, Norway.



Above: Jim Nelson's son Andrew with Jim's first grandson, Aksel, who was born August 15, 2019.

***Ett bilde er verdt tusen ord / One picture is worth a thousand words!***

*~ Jim Nelson*

**Jerry Rud, his mother and sister Jane in November 2019.**

Mom, Jane and I had a nice lunch at Brookgreen Sculpture Gardens, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.

– posted on Facebook 11-22-2019

*Brookgreen Gardens is a 9100 acre sculpture garden and wildlife preserve. It is built on four former rice plantations.. – see Wikipedia*



**\* More News About Our Members \***

*Photos by Jerry Rud . . .*



**Mom rolling lefse at 93 years young.**



**Mom and sisters Judy and Jane and I made lefse before Thanksgiving 2019 in Jane's kitchen in S.Carolina**



◀ **Jim Nelson in Bergen, Norway in December 2019** : This photo was taken by a fellow musician and Sons of Norway lodge member on or about December 18, 2019. **This monument to Norway's sailors and fishermen is on the main square in downtown Bergen. It's a beautiful city, surrounded by 4 mountains and looking toward the North Atlantic Ocean.** The harbor is protected by a large, low island, so the location is pretty ideal for a city. Irene has been in Norway with me 4 times now, and this was her first trip to the West Coast. I lived and taught school south of Bergen for 4 years, spent a lot of time in the city during vacations.

**Best greetings  
Jim and Irene**

**Our booth at the INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL,  
November 7-8-9, 2019**



**2019 International Festival set-up crew, Nov. 6:  
Burt Bittner, Stan Pederson, Jerry Rud ▲**



**Kids having fun at Int'l Festival  
Photos by Susan Alden ▲**



**Burt Bittner & Nancy Andersen ready to sell  
Norwegian chocolate bars and answer questions  
about Norway.**



**Kathy Krueger and Alice Voris eager  
to greet visitors on November 7, the  
day students come to Int'l Festival.**

**Lowermost 3 photos by Alice Voris**



**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL PHOTOS ~ continued**



Thursday morning, November 7, students visited the International Festival from all over the state of Indiana. Some rode two hours on their school bus to get to the Indiana State Fairgrounds (one way, 7 AM to 9 AM). Here they are writing significant facts about Norway in their passports.



Photos by Alice Voris

Alma Lathrop and Doug Bittner at our Sons of Norway booth



Then it was December, time for Julefest . . .

Aksel Nelson, 4 months old, in a *julbilde*, Christmas picture, looking serious and thoughtful, as Norwegian babies do . . .

