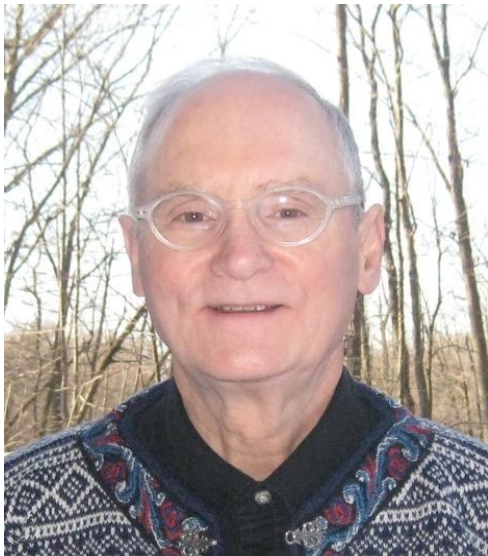
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<p>Mission statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway. To celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members</i> 	

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Greetings. The holiday season is upon us, a time of year with short days but lots of festivities, lights, reflection, and hope for the new year.

Our November Lodge meeting on November 23 featured both a cookie exchange and Lodge members telling us how they keep Scandinavian traditions at the holidays. Jim Nelson told us how families in Norway keep Christmas (only white – not colored – Christmas lights, usually only one

present per person, dance in a ring around the Christmas tree). Other Lodge members shared their Scandinavian-American traditions (making lefse, whether lutefisk was – or was not – served at Christmas). We had a large assortment of Christmas cookies, including the krum kager that

are time-consuming to make. Thanks to all of you who brought cookies to the exchange.

Our next Lodge meeting is December 7 at the Chesterton main library. We will celebrate Christmas and dance around our Lodge's Christmas tree. Be sure to wear your Scandinavian bunads, sweaters, etc. to celebrate this festive time. At our meal, Oleif Olsaker will provide a Christmas ham and Sidsel Lindborg will provide Swedish meatballs. People who would normally bring a main dish should bring appetizers instead. Also, instead of collecting \$3 for the potluck, we will

collect donations of food or money for a food pantry.

In preparation for our Lodge's new year 2025, we elected the slate of 2025 Lodge officers at our November meeting. We continue to work on hosts and programs for the new year. We will again circulate the host sign-up list for 2025 at our December meeting. Also, suggestions for 2025 programs are still welcome – send them to Dave Hirschey (phone #219-728-6044) or Darlene Henderson (phone #219-221-6641).

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Again, I hope you can attend our Christmas celebration on December 7.

Takk for Alt!! Beste Hilsen, David Carlson Hirschey, president

November Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President David Hirschey at 1:12 PM on November 18, 2024. Present were David Hirschey, Sue Strohkirch, James Nelson, Oleif Olsaker Darlene Henderson and Sidsel Lindborg.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Oleif gave a treasurer's report, noting bills that were paid and our current bank acct. balance.

Our annual foundation month auction was successful with the amount of \$547.00 to be distributed accordingly. \$247.00 was sent to the SON Foundation and the rest deposited in our lodge checking acct.

After discussion, the board decided to send a gift donation of \$50 to Friendship gardens in appreciation for setting up a beautiful picnic area for our August picnic.

The November lodge meeting program will be headed by James Nelson and members will be invited to share their Christmas plans for promoting their heritage, followed by a cookie walk.

Jim, along with Hugh Hopkins and Michael Leland, with put together a Christmas program for our December lodge meeting. Oleif and Marianne will provide the ham and Sidsel will bring potato sausage. Those members scheduled for a main dish, will

instead bring hors d'oeuvres. Instead of collecting the usual \$3 for the potluck, members will be asked to bring nonperishable food items for the local food pantry. Paul Sams will be contacted to deliver the items to the pantry.

The 2025 lodge officers will be installed at our January lodge meeting after our annual soup and sandwich luncheon. Board members attending the January board meeting will create a tentative list of monthly lodge meeting programs. Program suggestions and ideas are welcomed from lodge members.

Mark Zimmerman has created a Scandiana Facebook page. All are encouraged to visit and contribute to the page. Contact Mark with any questions.

Darlene read a thank you letter from Sr. Rose at St. Mary's College re the donation of stamps from SON lodges. Also included was an updated page re stamp collections and contact information.

We will continue to mail copies of the monthly newsletters to members who do not have emails. Sidsel contacts and reminds members who are in need of bringing their dues up to date.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Henderson, Secretary.

November Lodge Meeting Minutes – Saturday, November 23, 2024

The lodge membership meeting was called to order by President David Hirschey at 2PM on November 23, 2024. 15 members were present. Members sang the US and Norway national anthems. They were led in song by James Nelson. The slate of the proposed 2025 lodge officers was introduced to the membership. The slate was voted on and approved. The officers will be installed at the January lodge meeting. Secretary Darlene Henderson will notify SON headquarters of the new officers.

David passed around a Host Committee sheet for 2025 monthly volunteer sign ups.

All 2025 officers are asked to attend the January board meeting to put together tentative programs for 2025 monthly meetings.

The December board meeting will be at David Hirschey's home on December 2nd.

Members were reminded that the lodge Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday, December 7th and to bring a nonperishable food item for the local food pantry. Wear your Bunads or Norwegian sweaters for the celebration.

David gave everyone a printout with a source to purchase Lefse, if needed.

Sue Strohkirch made beautifully woven heart shaped ornaments, filled with candy, for members to hang on their trees.

Several members shared how their families celebrated Christmas in Norway and continue to celebrate now.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55PM, followed by a member cookie walk.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Henderson, secretary.

December Birthdays

Darlene Henderson – Dec. 3
Birthe Moe – Dec. 7

Irene Nelson – Dec. 9
Lauren Mache – Dec. 15

December Board Meeting –Monday, December 2 at Sue and Dave Hirschey’s home, 1601 Starwood Drive in Chesterton, from 1 -3 pm.

December Lodge Meeting

December 7, 12:00-4:30, meal begins at 1pm	Main library, 2 nd floor, B. Wood Rm	Hosts: Kathy Hays & Darlene Henderson	Appetizers K-N Side dish O-Z Dessert A-J	Christmas celebration and sharing special ornaments and/or traditions
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For our December Lodge meeting, please **bring** nonperishable **food items to donate** to a food pantry. We will collect donations of food or money instead of a potluck fee.

Photos from the November cookie exchange



Gingersnaps imported from Sweden.



Krum kager – a crowd favorite



Our delicious array of Christmas cookies



Jim Nelson describes Christmas celebration in Norway



More Christmas cookies

DON'T:
Waste your time, effort or money
by sending stamps that are
plentiful and have little or no
resale value such as:

U.S. small flags, star ribbon, liberty bell

U.S. nonprofit and first class presort

Recent low-denomination stamps
from fundraising appeals



Sara Johnson listens to Christmas ideas

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