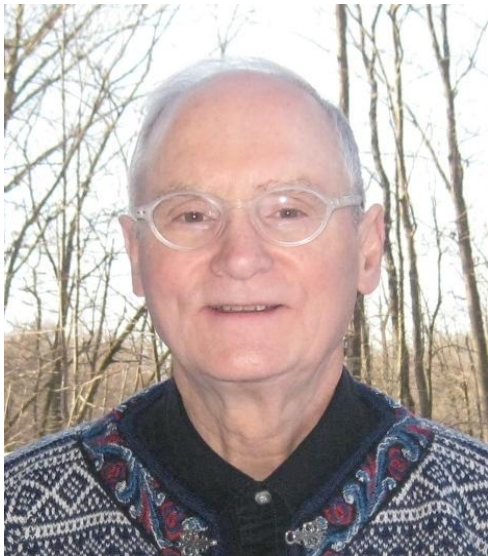
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<b>Sons of Norway Lodge Scandiana 5-600</b>	
<p><b>Mission statement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway. To celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members</i></li> </ul>	

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Greetings. I hope you are enjoying the start of fall – cooler evenings, the tops of some trees are turning color. During the summer we had outdoor events, and now our events turn indoors.

Our September 21 Lodge event was a tour of the LaPorte County Historical Society Museum in LaPorte. Fourteen members and guests attended the event. Lodge member Bruce Johnson led our tour. Mange takk, Bruce. We first toured the Museum's 14

period rooms, which showed how LaPorte's homes and businesses developed from homesteading/frontier times to have the "modern" conveniences of the early-mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Museum's display of classic automobiles included cars

entered in early races across the USA and from Asia to the west coast of America. Other cars included Auburns, Studebakers, a DeLorean, and a Tucker (one of only 47 in existence, a car made famous by Francis Ford Coppola's movie *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*). The Museum's collection of antique firearms was amazing. Again, Bruce, thank you for the tour.

Our next Lodge meeting is on Saturday, October 26, at the Main Library. We will have our annual Foundation Auction, which is the main fundraising event that benefits both the S of N Foundation and our Lodge's treasury. Start now to gather items for the auction! Of special interest, member Mark Zimmerman is an artist and is donating a reproduction of his painting of Chellberg Farm – see the painting in the photos.

Our Lodge has a new Facebook page (SONS OF NORWAY Scandiana Lodge) thanks to outgoing administrator Marti Pizzini and incoming administrator Mark Zimmerman. (It was easier to create a new Facebook page, rather than to change the old page's administrator from Marti to Mark.) The new Facebook page has many great photographs and updated information – visit it and enjoy it. Our thanks to Marti for her longtime service as Facebook administrator, and thanks (and good luck) to Mark as new administrator.

We will be meeting at the Main Library for the rest of year 2024. The Library will let us know (hopefully early in 2025) when the Baugher Center's ventilation system repairs are finally completed.

Year 2025 will be here soon. For those of you who are Lodge officers, please consider continuing your office for year 2025, and let us know if you will (or will not) serve in 2025. If you are currently not an officer and wish to become more involved, please let us know. Darlene Henderson (phone #219-221-6641) is handling nominations. Officers are expected to participate and attend the monthly executive board meetings whenever possible.

Also, for year 2025, we need your program ideas! Send your suggestions to Dave Hirschey (phone #219-728-6044) or Darlene Henderson, so that we can have interesting programming for the upcoming year.

Again, I hope you can attend our annual Foundation Auction on October 26. It is a good opportunity to get good Scandinavian stuff, clean out some unused stuff, and raise funds for our Lodge's treasury and the S of N Foundation.

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

## **September Board Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM on September 16th, 2024, by Vice President, Oleif Olsaker. Present were Sue Strohkirch, Darlene Henderson and Oleif Olsaker.

Darlene gave the board members an updated membership list from the home office and noted that there were a couple of corrections that needed to be addressed. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read by Sue and 2nd by Darlene. Oleif gave a treasures report and indicated that the following bills were paid: The updated lodge brochures, new checks, and our Norway garden maintenance fees. He finished the report with our bank balance.

The attending members voted to pay our lodge membership fee of \$125.00 to the International Friendship Gardens. It was noted that the garden beautifully decorated and set up the picnic tables for our lodge august picnic.

Darlene called Sidsel Lindborg to confirm that Dennis would be able to act as our auctioneer in October for our annual Foundation auction.

David Hirschey will call James Nelson to confirm the musical program for November.

Nominations for next year's officer slate are currently being considered and accepted to be presented at the October lodge meeting.

Darlene presented plans to replace the life-sized Viking in the Norway Garden. Work will start the last week of September utilizing the chain saw skills of Hugh Hopkins and the Michigan City Senior Center's Woodcarving Seniors. The Viking will be displayed in the garden by early Spring of 2025.

Mark Zimmerman has established a Scandiana Facebook site. He will maintain and update the site as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Henderson, Secretary.

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## **September Lodge Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

See the President's Letter for a report on the September Lodge event at the LaPorte County Historical Society Museum.

## October Birthdays

Sara Johnson – October 5  
George Scott – October 8  
Jack Anderson – October 9

Dave Hirschey – October 11  
Hugh Hopkins – October 16  
Marilyn Arvidson – October 22

**October Board Meeting** – October 14, from 1 -3 pm. [Note change from usual date, due to Library book sale.] Location yet to be confirmed; follow-up notice will be sent.

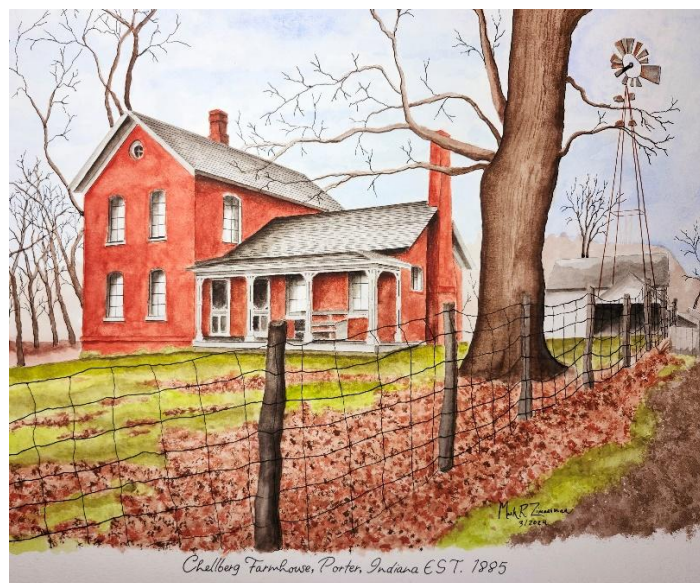
## October Lodge Meeting

October 26, 12:00-4:30, meal begins at 1pm	Main library, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, B. Wood Rm	Hosts: Marilyn Arvidson and Sue Strohkirch	Main dish A-J Side dish K-N Dessert O-Z	Annual Foundation Auction.
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Vocabulary for October

### **uff da (oof duh) interjection**

Used to express bafflement, surprise, relief, exhaustion, or dismay; a placeholder for many common obscenities; often a marker of Scandanavian heritage. Norwegian.



Mark Zimmerman's painting of the Chellberg Farmhouse. A reproduction for our Auction.



Bruce Johnson in the early LaPorte house period room.



A later period room



Some of our group. See the schoolroom and early refrigerator in the background



The Lincoln Highway was the first paved transcontinental road in the US. It ran through northern Indiana.



Car that Museum donor (orthodontist Dr. Kesling) sponsored in the race from Istanbul to San Francisco



The Tucker automobile. One of 47 in existence.



The DeLorean automobile. Featured in the movie "Back to the Future."



Our handsome group at the Museum.

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