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SONS OF NORWAY DISTRICT 5, ZONE 1

ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

Hilsen,

With the decrease of covid cases, this should give us optimism for the spring. I hope people are making plans for spring - maybe planning a garden or flowers to plant, a future trip or family gatherings again. It looks like we who are over 65 are getting vaccinated at a fast rate. For this reason, the board would like to schedule our first in person meeting on Monday, April 26th at 7 p,m, at Zion Lutheran. I hope to have a board meeting on our usual first Monday of the month on April 5 at 1 pm at Zion. If there is another surge at the end of March into April, we will have to reschedule that meeting.

The Lions Club is going ahead with plans for a one day Syttende Mai celebration on May 15. Final plans on food serving will be announced in the coming weeks. We hope to serve some of our Norwegian menu and treats.

I thank Audrey Halverson for submitting an obituary about her great grandfather on her maternal side. Writers used unique words in obituaries back then. Please submit your story of immigrants where they came from or call me with the details and I will write it up.

Congratulations to Einer Sandom for participating in the Virtual Birkie Skate. He did his skiing at Willow State Park and sent in his time for the Virtual Race.

God Påske - Happy Easter

Audrey Severson, President





As you receive mail with real stamps, please save them for the Tubfrim mission in Norway. This organization sells stamps to collectors to raise funds for children with disabilities and eradicate tuberculosis. Cut off the stamp leaving 1/2 inch margin around them and bring to our next meeting. They also will take postcards or envelopes over 50 years old.

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Editor: open

Membership Sec: open

Items for Sale

Our District still has clothing items for sale as a fundraiser for the district foundation supporting Masse Moro.

Sweatshirt-Navy with “Explore your Nordic Heritage”

Hats: Navy or Black with “Norge”

Apron: Navy with “After a hard sea voyage Come home and Kiss the cook”

Deck of Cards: with Nordic pictures

Call Audrey if interested.

Gratulaterer med Dagen Happy Birthday

April	1	Merlee
	2	Tom
	11.	Lorraine
	17	Lyle
	18	Pat
	24.	Sue

An Immigrant's Story from the Files of Audrey Halverson

Audrey Halverson submitted this obituary of her maternal great grandfather from a 1927 newspaper story by a H. A. Anderson in the *Whitehall Times*. I have used most of the actual article but summarized in parts. Quite a colorful obituary.

Thank you ,Audrey, for submitting this.

Peder Simonson. 1939-1927

Peder Simonson, born in Loten, Hedmarken, Norway on October 8, 1839, was a practical pioneer and woodsman. He was the son of Simon and Anne Marie Lindsveen and was christened at the Vanga church in Norway. On January 9, 1866 he married Helene Wiverstad. He left Norway with his family in the summer of 1871 to Onalaska, WI. By 1874 he moved to the Fitch coulee near the town of Pigeon. His life was simple, direct, and unassuming. He was in the parlance of the west “a man’s man” despising all fripperies and ostentations. He was generous and social. The core of his character was unswerving loyalty and sincerity.

He was typical of that class of men known in Norway as Husmandsonner - the sons of Housemen. A houseman was one who was permitted by a farmer or landlord to build a house and occupy and improve a small piece of land on the condition that whenever called on he should work for the landlord up to a certain number of days in the year. He never became owner of the land nor was there any lessening of the tribute he was to pay. The fortunes and comforts of Housemen varied according to the greed or generosity of their landlords. The children of Housemen were compelled to live on a plain and scant diet. They had to work hard and maybe forgo advantages of schools except what was necessary to fit them for confirmation. Sometime the parents were the only teachers these children had. Mr. Simonson said he had only three weeks of public schooling before confirmation. Children usually had to go out to work early in life trying to stay home until being confirmed. Mr. Simonson was sent into the mountains as a herder even before being confirmed. When he was stronger and older, he went to work in the woods and on the rapid streams that carried the logs to market. Here in America he spent 21 seasons in the pineries and was an expert axman.

Always of an unexcitable and equable temperament; full of humor and good nature that radiated from his person as naturally as light and heat does from the sun. He was fortunate in possessing wonderful health. Not until a few days before his death on March 11, 1927, was a doctor ever called for him in his 88 years. Seven of his eight

children were alive and lived within half an hour of his home which was with his son Peter near Coral City. His funeral was held in the lower church at Pigeon Falls. The sickness which brought an end to his long journey was brief. It also brought forth fruits from seeds planted in his mind and heart in childhood. Before his death he was repeating the Lord's Prayer, an old hymn, and parts of the Ten Commandments.

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A future Public TV program may be of interest to you about Norwegian history. The movie is named Atlantic Crossing about how Norwegian Crown Princess Märtha undergoes a personal and political awakening during WW II while exiled in the USA under Pres. Roosevelt's protection. Check out your public TV listings on Easter Sunday evening, April 4. If you have Wisconsin Public TV, check the schedule if it is the same date.

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Trivia Answers

The answer to last month's Trivia questions if you did not find them online:

1. Urnes is the oldest surviving stave church
2. False Wood was the common building material
3. Catholic was the denomination at that time
4. Olaf Harraldson known as St. Olaf was patron saint of Norway

Last year we started learning Norwegian words and phrases. Here is a review of words we may have started but my memory may be slipping.

God dag - Good day

God natt Good night

God kveld Good evening

Hva heter du? What is your name?

Hvordan har du det? How are you?

Bare bra, takk Just fine, thank you

RECIPE FOR CARDAMOM ROLLS

While I am not a regular bread baker, I tried this recipe with success. I used ground cardamom and used a little less sugar.

2 cups milk
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup margarine
1 pkg. active dry yeast
1/4 cup water, warm plus 1 Tbsp. sugar
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
6 whole cardamom seeds, crushed
7 cups flour

Step 1

Scald milk. Add butter and margarine and let stand until melted, and milk is slightly cooled. Soften yeast in warm water with 1 tablespoon of sugar added.

In a large bowl add remaining sugar, salt, and cardamom. Pour in lukewarm milk mixture. Add yeast, and enough flour to make a stiff dough. Work thoroughly. Place in a greased bowl. Cover and let rise until double in bulk. Punch down and shape into balls—the size of ping pong balls.

Preheat your oven to 450°F. Place 1” apart on a greased baking sheet. Cover with tea towel and let rise until doubled in bulk.

Bake in 450°F oven for 5 minutes. Yes, 5 minutes is right! Brush with butter while still hot. (I didn’t trust 5 min. so went about 7 min. until golden brown.)

From: **Ekte Norsk Mat—Authentic Norwegian Cooking**

Lena and Ole Jokes

Ole and Lena took little Lars to church for the first time. After the services, they asked him how he liked it. “Vell,” said little Lars. “Da music program was OK, but da commercial was too long.

The judge had just awarded a divorce to Lena. He said to Ole, “I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support.” “Vell, dat’s fine, Judge,” said Ole. “And vunce in a while I’ll try to chip in a few bucks myself.”