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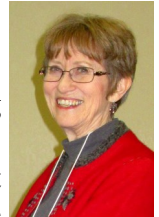
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ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

(Words from your Lodge President)

Hei,

With all the snow we have had, the annual Barnebirkie and Birkebeiner had great skiing events this year. Audrey Halverson joined me and my husband, Clair to hand out cookies to the young skiers of the Barnebirkie on Thursday, February 21st. Sandra Olson was there to man the Masse Moro Camp table at the Expo Center. We also thank her for delivering the to cookies to us at Hayward that day. Lodge member Einar Sandom skied his 33rd Birkebeiner on Saturday. He was joined by his son, Joe, and daughter Mari. Congratulations to you all!



District 5 is selling a couple of items to benefit the Sons of Norway's Foundation and the Masse Moro Camp. These items include duo flag lapel pins with the American flag and a choice of your favorite Scandinavian country for \$5.00. Also available is a book by Rasmus Anderson entitled *The First Chapter of Norwegian Immigration 1821-1840* with the first ship leaving Norway in 1840, and covers the first settlements in America. Please contact me for more information if you would like to purchase one or both of these items. *(See contact information on the list of Officers and Directors on page 2.)*

Masse Moro Norwegian Culture Camp runs from July 15 -28 at Beaver Creek Reserve near Eau Claire, Wi. If you know of a youth who might be interested, please tell them about our Masse Moro Camp. Our Lodge hopes to help five campers this year. Applications are due by May 17th. *(More information about the camp is on page 5-6.)*

The International Sons of Norway has set new 2019 membership goals for each lodge. The goal is to recruit a total of four new members or more. Please invite neighbors, friends and relatives to our meetings to see what we are all about. Our next meeting is on March 25th when Don Blegen will join us to show his wonderful nature photography. Deb Walters will provide our April program with a historical view of Woodville.

As we look forward to Spring, we will again celebrate Syttende Mai with our annual Norwegian food sale. This event will be in the upstairs of the Lion's Den on May 18th. Note: We could use more parade walkers this year. A vehicle advertising our lodge may also be in the parade. Watch your mail for more information.

Wishing you a Blessed Påske,

Audrey Severson, President

Happy Easter!



Winning Cranberry & Date Bars



Editor's Note: I made these for our last lodge meeting. A number of you asked for the recipe, so I am attaching a copy. It was originally published in *Country* (December/January 1998 issue.) and also in *Taste of Home* at a later date by Richard Grams, LaCrosse, WI.

Photo from *Taste of Home* kitchens.

Ingredients

- 1 package (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 package (8 ounces) chopped dates
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, melted
- **ORANGE GLAZE:**
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 to 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

- In a large saucepan, combine cranberries and dates. Cover and cook over low heat for 15 minutes or until berries pop, stirring often. Remove from the heat and stir in vanilla; set aside.
- In a large bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, baking soda and salt. Stir in butter until crumbly. Press half into an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 8 minutes. Spoon cranberry mixture over the crust; spread gently. Sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture; pat down gently.
- Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Combine glaze ingredients; drizzle over bars.

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LODGE LINES

Valkyrien Lodge Board Meeting

February 15, 1:00 PM, 2019

Woodville Zion Lutheran Church Parish Hall

Present:

Audrey Severson, President; Sandra Calvert, Secretary; Don Olson, Treasurer; Randi Hoffman, Cultural Director, Arlys Olson, Communications Director; Pat Sandom, Greeter and Sandra Olson, Counselor.

Agenda:

BARNEBIRKIE - Sandy Olson, Audrey Severson and Audrey Halverson will be attending as volunteer helpers to distribute cookies to the skiers. Sandy has ordered 20 dozen cookies as a donation from our lodge—and an additional 10 dozen have been contributed by members for a total of 30 dozen for this year. *(Below - From left—volunteers. —future Barnebirkie participants enjoying cookies and Sandy Olson with District 5 President, Andy Johnson.)*



FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING: - The installation of officers will be conducted by Sandy Olson. Sheri Stanaitis, a local spinner, will provide the program. The winner for this year’s Lutefisk Eating Contest will be named. Einar Sandom will present a recap of the Annual Birkebeiner Ski Race. A budget item for *Ski For Light* was discussed with no decision made.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT: - April 30th is the deadline for this annual event. The registration fee of \$5.00 goes to the District Foundation. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February Lodge Meeting on the 25th.

PROGRAMMING 2019 - Four months are yet to be planned (July, August, September and October). Some program possibilities were presented by Randi and discussed.

BUDGET: An anticipated budget was distributed and discussed.

MASSE MORO CAMP: Sandy Olson gave details on camp organization as many changes have been made. She is currently hiring staff and provided details on camp attendance, budget and scholarships. Sandy is also working to increase camp attendance. *(See page 5.)*

FLOAT: The future of this gift from the Amery Lodge is still to be decided. Our rental contract ends on April 1. As part of the float discussion, we talked about how to increase SON participation in the Syttende Mai Parade and other activities with the goal being to generate more publicity for the Lodge.

BY-LAWS: Audrey distributed suggestions for the Lodge By-Laws changes which are based on actions taken by the International SON organization. By-Law changes require two readings. The plan is to present these changes to members for discussion in March and April. Following a vote at our April meeting, the changes will be sent to International Headquarters for their approval.

Submitted by: *Sandra Calvert, Secretary*



LODGE LINES

Valkyrien Lodge Meeting

Monday, February 25th, 2019

Woodville Zion Lutheran Church Parish Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Audrey Severson at 7:00 PM.. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by the singing of the Canadian, Norwegian, and American National Anthems. Officers present were Audrey Severson, Don Olson, and Sandra Calvert.

The installation of officers for 2019 was conducted by Sandy Olson.

Sherri Stanaitis presented a program on the various types of spinning wheels, noting several kinds of sheep wool and other products which can be used for spinning. She also provided an interesting hands-on demonstration. *(Photo right)*

President Severson pointed out the Viking Chest which has been circulating between lodges in our Zone 5. We will need to come up with an item to put in the chest before it is returned to the District on April 1st.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.



Unfinished Business

There are still some vacancies on the volunteer sign-up sheet. It will be circulated once again.

Lutefisk Eating Contest - Don Olson announced that Sandy Olson won the contest for attending nine dinners. She won a Norwegian Flag.

Float- Motion made to remove signage and all other useable items from the ship and then to sell the whole float with the proceeds to be used for promotion of the lodge at the Syttende Mai parade. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

New Business

Barnebirkie- 1000 dozen cookies consumed. 727 youth skiers participated.

Birkebeiner- Einar Sandom (and family) participated. He gave a report.

SON Sports Medals Awarded- Einar Sandom for skiing, Don Olson and Carol Forsythe for walking. Ron Thompson for bowling.

Bowling Tournament- Annual event to be held March 9 at Strikers Lanes in Baldwin. All ages are encouraged to participate. Pat Sandom moved that the \$5.00 registration fee be paid from the treasury. Seconded by Pat Schumacher. Motion passed.

Masse Moro Update- Sandy Olson is now District Youth Director and Camp Administrator. The lodge was thanked for its support of campers in past years. Selling of lapel pins is a current fundraiser. Ron Thompson moved that the Lodge support up to five campers at \$200 each for this summer's camp. Don Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Announcements by Audrey: 1.)Each lodge has a recruitment challenge of four new members. 2.) Several tours of Norway are scheduled for this year through Norwegian Lag organizations.

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM—Next meeting on March 25

Submitted by: *Sandra Calvert, Secretary*

Masse Moro Updates from District Youth Director Sandra Olson

Masse Moro Welcomes You!

Sons of Norway Norwegian Heritage Camp



We welcome you to Masse Moro (Lots of Fun)!

My role as the Youth Director is to do my best to make this year's SON Norwegian Heritage Camp, Masse Moro, a success for our campers, staff and volunteers.

I am very excited about this year's camp as it is the 40th Anniversary of Masse Moro. It is a two week camp and runs from July 14 to July 27th. For the 2019 camp to be successful, I will need the help of you and your lodge members. My goal, and the goal of Sons of Norway, is to give 60 young people (ages 9-15) this wonderful camp experience at Masse Moro.

Three of my grandchildren are going to Masse Moro this year. They love it so much that **they insist** on returning to Masse Moro each year. We would love to have your children experience this terrific opportunity, as well!

Therefore, here's how can you help me and the Sons of Norway reach our goal:

1. Encourage your members to send their children, grandchildren and/or family member to Masse Moro as campers or staff.
2. Visit our website at:
www.massemoro.org
www.sonsofnorway5.com
for marketing materials, registration forms, scholarship application and matching fund information.
3. Post the attached flyer or materials from the website at your meetings and also include this information in your promotional materials for your Lodge.
4. Offer scholarships to your potential campers (District 5 will match your scholarship up to \$150.00)
5. Search the above websites for Masse Moro scholarships (most deadlines are May 17th)
6. Schedule someone to attend your Lodge meeting to promote our wonderful camp

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7. "Word of mouth" is our best advertisement; remind your members that this is a terrific opportunity and reasonable (\$800 compared to \$2080 at other Norwegian camps)
8. Contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Mange Takk for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you.

Hilsen,

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Happy Birthday

To These Lodge Members



Belated wishes to
 Kathy Pederson on her
March 2nd birthday!

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| 1 | Merlee Jensen |
| 2 | Tom Gunderson |
| 11 | Lorraine Dickman-
Golden Member |
| 17 | Lyle Jacobson-Golden Member |
| 18 | Pat Sandom |
| 24 | Susan Faber |

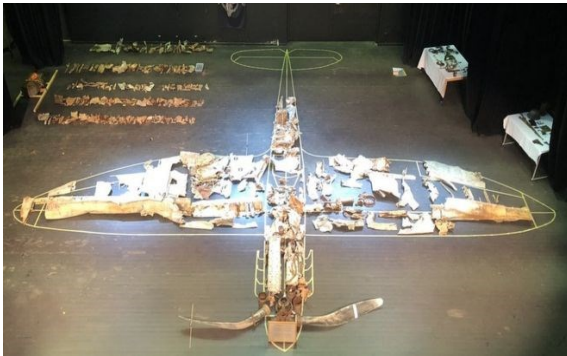


And to Mark Helling
 On May 10th

Unique WW II Airplane Unearthed in Norway after 76 Years

Editor's Note: This article was featured in the February 11th, 2019, issue of the Sons of Norway's Blog. Note that engineers hope to fly this aircraft again in 2022—80 years after its last flight.

Image Credit: TONY HOSKINS



A rare World War II fighter plane, piloted by a Scotsman who was key figure in “The Great Escape,” has been recovered largely intact from a Norwegian mountainside.

In 1942, RAF Flight Lieutenant Alastair “Sandy” Gunn, 22, was on a clandestine mission to take photos of a German battleship in Trondheim Fjord when his plane was shot down by German fighter planes. Gunn and nearby villagers first considered whether he could escape to safety in Sweden, but he abandoned that idea because he didn’t know how to ski. Gunn turned himself in, and after four weeks of interrogation, was transferred to the Stalag Luft III prison camp for Allied POWs in Poland. As one of the men who carried out the famed Great Escape breakout in March of 1944, Gunn and 49 others were ultimately re-captured and executed by the Nazis.

Image Credit: GUNN FAMILY

This plane wreckage is a rare find. Of only 400 Spitfire AA810s that were made, 398 were lost in World War II, one is in Sweden, and this last one was left mostly untouched for over seven decades. Because they were used for espionage, these ultra-lightweight long-range aircrafts had no armor, weaponry, or radio, but extra fuel reserves increased their range from 600 miles to 2,000. Spitfire AA810 pilots went on risky missions to photograph infrastructure, buildings, troop locations and German battleships.



As part of its “Digging for Britain” series, the BBC produced a documentary about Alistair Gunn and the recovery of his plane. The show aired on November 11, showing how military historian, author and Spitfire enthusiast Tony Hoskins enlisted the help of local volunteers to locate and remove the wreckage from a peat bog in Møre og Romsdal county. The fragments were first pieced together and displayed in their approximate layout at the Surnadal Culture House, and then shipped back to the UK for restoration. The iconic plane, which was about 70 percent recovered, will be fully reconstructed using parts from other Spitfire wrecks. Engineers hope to fly the aircraft again by 2022 – 80 years after its last flight.

By Jana Velo|