



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Budstikken

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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ Mar 4—NO WERGELAND LODGE MEETING
- ♦ Mar 9—Board Meeting—location to be determined
- ♦ Mar 15—Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ Mar 25—Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ Apr 1—No Wergeland Lodge Meeting

The Coronavirus (and actions being taken to limit its spread) continues to spoil our plans. Please watch your email for any changes to upcoming events. If you do not have email, please call Ramona/Adrian at 608-788-7507 to check if an event will happen. Stay well, everyone!

Fra Presidenten



March: We are into the third month of 2021, three months removed from the ominous 2020! I am looking forward to spring. The meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March! It is the start of new beginnings.

March monthly holidays and observances include optimism month. Let's all be optimistic as we plan for our Wergeland Lodge meeting in May. I have reserved May 6 at Drugans for our Syttende Mai celebration.

Rachel Storlie will present special music, we will honor golden members, and we can enjoy being together again.

The details for the dinner will be written in the April Budstikken.

As I talk with friends, often on the phone, the usual question is, "what have you been doing?" Well, my sister is an accomplished quilter, so she got me started. I made this wall hanging so I can decorate a wall next Christmas. I enjoyed the project, but it won't win "best of show" at the next quilt show in Spring Grove!

Keep warm and stay healthy.

— Ramona



Reminder: Foundation scholarship applications due March 15!

Applications are due March 15 for domestic scholarships through the Sons of Norway Foundation. These opportunities are available to members of all ages. For detailed information, or to apply online, visit sofn.com/foundation/scholarships.



No March Lodge Meeting

Meetings and Programs have been cancelled until the May banquet.



Mars Birthdays

- 1 Robert L Mickelson
- 1 Marilyn L Silbaugh
- 2 Douglas R Johnson
- 3 Lori Anne Dubczak
- 4 Jean A Davis
- 6 David Christianson
- 7 Cathy Jo Ells
- 8 Pamela J Knudtson
- 10 Terry L Loper
- 10 Debra A Roe
- 11 Kathryn R Beane
- 11 Annette L Sherry
- 15 Janet H Melby
- 16 Marlene C Mc Cabe
- 16 Elsie K Olson
- 20 Karen DeSchepper
- 22 Lee E Grippen
- 24 Mary E Cary
- 25 Alex M Aakre
- 25 Charles E Hanson
- 25 Eleanor Pederson
- 26 Robert Carlson
- 26 Leif L Marking
- 26 Annika Tanke
- 27 Kara M Stekel
- 27 Hannah Tanke
- 28 Mark Joel Quade
- 28 Karen Saegrove
- 29 Jayden Schmitt
- 31 Gloria Rainer

Program for April

Cancelled

Sekretær Rotater...

There were no meetings to report on so this report will be short. Hopefully your board can meet in person in March to finalize the details of our Syttende Mai events. We received a call from Corky Olson from the Friendship Gardens Volunteer Committee that at least three of the trolls in the Norwegian Gardens in La Crosse need major repairs. They are pictured elsewhere in this edition of the Budstikken. So if any of you are woodcarvers or know someone who is, give Ramona a call. We probably will get a financial request for funds to use to get them repaired or replaced. Maybe some of you out there would like to donate to our treasury to help fund that project. More information will be coming in future issues.

We still have several calendars and decks of cards left so if you want a bargain at \$8.00 for a 2021 calendar, please give me a call.

—Adrian Johnson, lodge secretary

January 31, 2021 Treasurer's report

Shirley shared the following regarding the Treasurer's Report: "I completed the 2020 D17 Annual Statement for Wergeland Lodge, and mailed it in to the Minneapolis office after the Auditors approved it. Dee Johnson, Linda Sherwood, and Mark Dregne audited the books. Thank you to them, and we had some coffee and cookies and visited afterwards. It was nice to visit in person for a short while on a cold day. I have also filed the tax form 990 -N for our lodge and notified the Mpls. office. Even though we haven't had regular lodge meetings, the officers still perform their duties.

The balances as of the end of January, 2021 are:

Checking Account	\$4,800.91
Scholarship Account	\$1,506.50
Savings Investment	\$19,038.65
For a total balance of	\$25,346.06

We are fortunate that we have the money from the convention in 2018 that keeps us in good shape when we are not taking in money from the members. From the end of 2019 to the end of 2020, we were only down \$1,971.84 and did not have to dip into the savings. Thanks to all of you who bought calendars, playing cards, and other items."

Happy New Year and hopefully, we will be able to safely meet again soon."

Nordic News

The Nordic News weekly event continues **every Tuesday at 6:20 PM (Central)**. You may go to the District 5 webpage to see the schedule, access the program or view recorded presentations: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/news/oles_corner.php.



Til minne om...

...**Sigurd Rudser**, who passed away on January 26, 2021 at the age of 82. Sig was a longtime member of Wergeland Lodge as well as a member of the Coulee Chordsmen. A private service was held, and burial with military honors will be held in spring at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, rural Viroqua. Sig usually had a joke ready, even if it was a groaner. Our sincere condolences to **Marilyn**.



Tusen takk...

...til **Adrian and Doris Hagen, Sally Olson, and Karen Broadhead** for giving memorials to Wergeland in memory of Sig Rudser.

Wergeland Masse Moro Scholarship—total of \$300

An award of \$150 will be awarded to a Masse Moro camper. More information will be available later this spring. In addition, the **District 5 Match of Wergeland Scholarship** will provide a Local Lodge Supporting Grant match up to \$150 per camper. The application form is due May 17 and is available from Karen Broadhead or Carla Burkhardt, or online at www.massemoro.org/scholarships.

See p. 4 for additional Masse Moro information.

Velkommen til Wergeland...

...**Nathan Kimes, Sr.**! Nathan is married to Rita and has two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Nathan is retired from the North Little Rock Police Department and is also a retired minister. He is involved in Re-Enactments (Revolutionary War, Civil War, 1879's U.S. Marshalls, and other 1800's groups) and is a Historian and Genealogist.

He has traced his ancestry to Norway as far back as the Tenth Century and shares the following: "My Norwegian ancestors' name was Kyme. Came with King Rollo to Normandy about 960. Family went to England with William the Conqueror (Duke of Normandy) in the late Eleventh Century (1066) and was given land in what is now Lincolnshire County. Two small villages are still active towns of North Kyme and South Kyme. Both have ruins of great houses and towers built by Baron William Kime. Kyme became Kime and then Kimes after 1650. Henry Kimes came to America during the Great Migration of the 1790's. One branch of family settled in Ohio then on to Wisconsin. One branch (my family) came to Tennessee and on to South-Central Missouri. Kyme was originally spelled Cyme, translated from ancient Norse as "the stem of a clustering flower." Possibly a reference to where they came from in Norway—a place of flowering plants."

Welcome, Nathan—we hope to meet you in person soon!

Looking Back



Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2016

The Lodge youth, directed by Montoya Harter and Hayli McGuire, presented a play about the lives of the kings of Norway: Margaret the First; Christian the Sixth; Olaf the Fifth; and Olaf the Third. Montoya Harter asked the membership to spread the word and have more youth join them. Each week the youth do a craft and learn about Norwegian heritage.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2010

Vice President Kent Sween presented Darlene Erickson with her Golden Member certificate and pin. A Golden Member is one who has been a member of SON for 30 years and is 65+ years old.

Cathy Ells announced cultural items could be displayed in

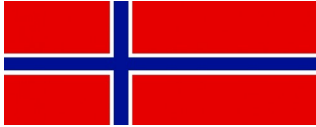
secure cases at the Gundersen Clinics.

The Scholarship Committee received thank you notes from Julie Dahl, Hannah Rock, Abby Schoenfeld and Lydia Allen for their scholarships.

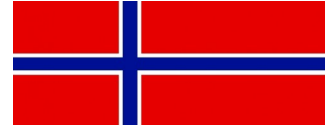
Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2005

Delegates for the 2006 Convention are Bing Skogen, Pete and Annette Sherry, Marilyn Trisch, Anne and Max Farning and Christine Hanson. Alternates are Charlene Harnish, Hjordis Helgestad, Trygve Mathison, Gene Johnson, Jackie Oldenburg, Leif Marking and Dave Hendrickson.

Our new members are Alvin R. Forde of Sparta, Julia L. (Heintz) Forde of Sparta and Maryann J. Haugen of La-Crosse.



Dis og Dat



Thank you for Ringing

Wergeland Lodge received a thank you note and certificate from the Salvation Army. The note reads, "Sons of Norway, Thank you for your time volunteering with us and supporting us in our mission over the holidays! We wish you the very best. God Bless, The Salvation Army Family."



WANTED: Bunad

This request was received by District 5: "Hello, Do you have any lodge members who have a Vest Agder, or Aust Agder, bunad for which they're looking to find a new owner? Tusen Takk! Carol Hassemmer New Glarus Email: chassem1@usa.net"

Masse Moro Heritage Camp: Registration Information and Scholarship Opportunities

Masse Moro, the District 5 Heritage Youth Camp, is a Norwegian heritage camp for youth ages 9-15 years old sponsored by the Sons of Norway Fifth District, located in Fall Creek, WI, near Eau Claire. The two-week camp includes learning Norwegian skills and crafts and hearing about history and traditions. Information and registration forms are available at <https://www.massemoro.org>.

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarships

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Committee announces that there will be 2 scholarships made available for the year 2020 for Masse Moro attendees, each in the amount of \$220. The completed application must be post-marked by April 15th. The application is available online at www.massemoro.org/scholarships or from Carla Burkhardt.

Also available: **Wergeland Masse Moro Scholarship** (see information on p. 3)

Assistance Needed!

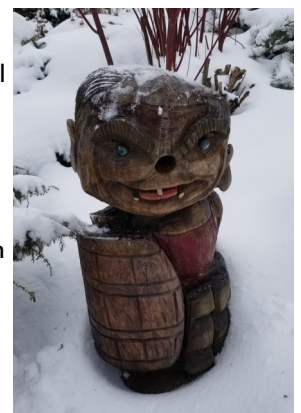
Adrian and Ramona Johnson met with Corrine (Corky) Olson from the Riverside International Friendship Gardens (RIFG) to discuss some repairs needed in the Norwegian garden.

She wrote in a follow-up email, "I have attached our 3 top priorities of replacement/repairs of the trolls in the Norwegian garden. Our hope is that **Wergeland Lodge Sons of Norway** could assist in finding carvers who would provide bids for replacing the Little Viking (missing horns and left foot), the small troll missing half his face and the nose on the 3rd troll. The replacement trolls would not need to be exact replicas but the bids would include proposed sketches or photos.

It is also our hope that the Wergeland Lodge would assist in providing and soliciting funding for troll replacement/repairs for these 3 trolls and the other 4 trolls who will need replacement in the future. As I informed you, RIFG relies on volunteers and donations for the majority of our expenditures.

RIFG is pleased to have a Wergeland sponsorship plaque already in place at the east entry to the Norwegian garden and look forward to strengthening our ties."

If you know of a carver who could be contacted by RIFG, please let Adrian know. The Wergeland Board will discuss a donation. More information about RIFG is at <https://www.riversidegardens.org/>.



Sons of Norway Mission Statement

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 our members.



Sven had reached the pier just as the ferry drew away, leaving a widening stretch of water.

"Yump, Sven, yump!" exclaimed Lars from the deck of the boat.

"Aye can't make it," replied Sven.

"Yump, Sven! Ya can make it in two yumps!"

Hansen was building a fence and working with great speed. When asked why he was in such a hurry, he said, "I'm trying to get done before I run outta nails."

(jokes borrowed from the Runespeak, newsletter of Fosselyngen (Milwaukee) lodge)

La Crosse's Norwegian-American Community 1850-1900

A recent issue of the La Crosse County Historical Society magazine featured a well-researched article on the origin of the Norwegian-American Community in La Crosse, authored by Kim Thompson. As the article itself is quite lengthy, following is a short summary telling of the early arrival of Norwegians in the La Crosse area.

The first Norwegian settlers in La Crosse County were two families who had initially arrived in Dane County and later moved here. By 1854, there were 25 adults in La Crosse who were born in Norway, mostly single men and women. Following the Civil War, a flood of Norwegians emigrated to America. One reason was the economic crisis in Norway which primarily affected the lower classes, and a second reason was the passing of the Homestead Act in 1862, which opened millions of acres of land free to willing settlers. About two-thirds of immigrants were between 15-25 years old, with many of them classified as laborers from the lower classes.

New immigrants tended to reside near other Norwegians, leading to clusters of residents on the South Side's 7th Ward (East of 9th Street between Jackson and Ferry Streets) and also the downtown area where many (usually single men) boarded in hotels. By 1884, there were 2322 La Crosse residents who had been born in Norway, and by 1888 the number had increased to 3032. On the Northside, the Norwegian population also began to grow, with the result that the Norwegian-born population was double that of all other foreign-born residents combined.

Once in La Crosse, Norwegian immigrants were employed in a variety of jobs, including many in the lumber industry. Others were employed as clerks, wagon makers, shoemakers, tailors, and printers. Single women usually were employed as domestics, either in a hotel or a private home of well-to-do citizens. Some were laundresses, dressmakers, or seamstresses. Later, perhaps second-generation women, a few became clerks, bookkeepers, nurses, or schoolteachers. Norwegian maids were often sought as they were per-

ceived to be more industrious than other nationalities. Married women may not have worked outside the home; however, some opened their homes to board other Norwegians, usually young male laborers who had no other family here.

The first Norwegian-language newspaper, "Fædrelandt" was published in La Crosse in 1864, and between then and 1898, fourteen Norwegian publications came out of La Crosse. They printed American news and politics as well as Norwegian news, and became a tool for adjusting to life in America.

Norwegians in La Crosse found opportunities to socialize with over 30 social, political, musical, or recreational organizations formed between 1866 and 1900. The earliest was the "Scandinavian Society", whose aims were cooperation and mutual support where need existed, and cultural experiences through books, lectures, singing, debates, and social entertainments. Memberships were limited to men only, with requirements such as being able to speak a Scandinavian language, have a good name and reputation, and between the ages of 16 and 60. The Normanna Sangerkor, an early male choir, later merged with the Scandinavian Society and became the Norden Society, functioning both as a benevolent society and musical auxiliary. The "Norwegian Workingman's Society" was another large group, functioning with both a benevolent role and cultural group. Upon a member's death, his widow received a \$3 monthly pension from the society.

Since women were excluded from most of these groups, they tended to form Ladies' Aid Societies within their churches, offering opportunities to socialize with other Norwegian women through meetings which included prayer, scriptures, hymns, business, and perhaps time for needlework. They also organized fundraisers to support their church.

Gradually, the Norwegian Americans in La Crosse assimilated into the American culture, but those early years found them in the position of immigrants between two cultures.

7 Nordic-Inspired Ways to Celebrate Spring

As late winter gives way to Spring, here are some Nordic-inspired ideas to celebrate the change of seasons.

- ◇ Be inspired by natural beauty and savor the stillness of each morning by photographing the sunrise over several days or weeks.
- ◇ Pick your favorite Norwegian cookie or bread and fill your home with the inviting scent. Then surprise a friend by sharing your homemade treat.
- ◇ Every spring brings changes to our lives. Take time to handwrite a letter to an old friend you haven't seen in months or years and ask "what's new?"
- ◇ Enjoy a walk in the warming weather. Look for budding trees and new growth on shrubs and bushes. Have some early spring flowers like snow drops or daffodils started to pop up?
- ◇ Is there a cultural skill you want to explore this year? Consider a skill you're curious about but have never tried. Even better, share the fun of learning by inviting a friend or family member to join your exploration.
- ◇ Fill a bird feeder and your bird bath, if temperatures permit. Keep a birding guide handy to identify returning migratory birds. When will the first robin of the season arrive?

It's been said that when you plant kindness you gather joy. As you go about each day, live your Nordic values with simple acts of kindness to others and add joyful moments to your life!



Norwegian Pancakes (Pannekaker)

Recipe initially published in Daytona's Scandinavian food blog, *Outside Oslo*: www.outside-oslo.com/pannekaker-norwegian-pancakes-for-dinner

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
 1 tbsp. sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 3 eggs
 1 1/2 cups whole milk
 2 tbsps. unsalted butter, melted, plus more for pan

Mix all ingredients except butter in a medium-sized bowl using a whisk or fork until the batter is smooth and you have no lumps. Stir in butter. Refrigerate for a half an hour to let the batter rest.

Meanwhile, warm a pan over medium heat. I prefer a well-seasoned cast-iron pan, which minimizes the need for additional butter to keep the pancakes from sticking.

Melt a little butter in the pan. To get started on your first pancake, pour in enough batter to thinly coat the bottom of the pan—I find that a 1/3-cup measure is just right for my 10-inch pan. Twirl the pan around to coat the bottom, and when the top starts to set and the edges begin to color slightly, carefully but confidently and swiftly slide a heat-safe silicone spatula under the pancake, jiggling it slightly as you do, and flip the pancake. It will probably need about 2 minutes on the first side and a minute or so on the second. When done, use the spatula to roll the pancake in the pan and transfer to a plate.

Repeat until you've used up all the batter, adding a little butter to the pan between pancakes if necessary. Cover the pancakes with a tent of foil paper as you go to keep them warm.

Serves 2 to 3.



Photo: Daytona Strong

A little in English...

"Grave Looter" Revealed

Earlier this week, local authorities, newspapers and enthusiasts sounded the alarm. Unauthorized persons had allegedly entered the famous Viking grave field at Vang in Oppdal and drilled deep holes in 17 of the Viking graves.

Several feared the worst on behalf of the grassy national treasure in Sør-Trøndelag: grave looting.

Terrible

NTB [Norsk Telegrambyrå: The Norwegian News Agency] reported via the local newspaper OPP, which first mentioned the case, that there were varying depths in the holes, which "appeared to have been dug with a special drill." Furthermore, it was said that except in one case in 2014, there has been no looting in the large Viking burial ground since the 19th century.

"It's awful! Many organic finds have been lost, and objects can be ruined when air enters the graves," said Thora Nyborg, curator at Vitenskapsmuseet [the Science Museum].

"It is incredible that we should experience this," added county archaeologist Kristin Prestvold.

Badger suspected

On Friday morning, however, the police closed the case, according to the newspaper. The suspected criminal turns out to be difficult to reach.

"It seems to be a badger behind it," said a smiling cultural consultant in Oppdal municipality, Sjur Vammervold, to Dagbladet [newspaper].

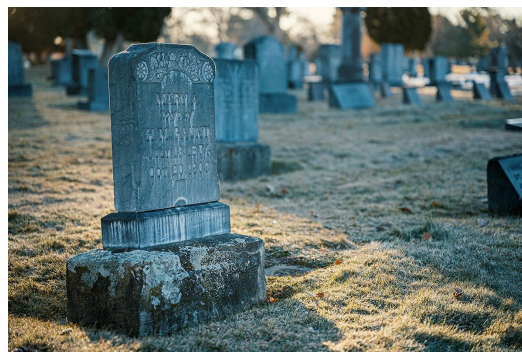
"It's good that it wasn't done by people. The badger is quite innocent and probably has completely different purposes than a grave robber," he adds.

Probably badger holes

Vammervold says that it has not been 100 percent confirmed that it is the characteristic black and white marten that has ravaged Norwegian cultural heritage, but the suspicion is strong enough to go ahead and rule out that two-legged miscreants are behind it.

"Based on how badgers dig holes, this may be an explanation," he says.

The municipality's website informs that most of the burials in Vang are from the Late Iron Age or Viking Age. That is, between the years 750-1000 A.D. Many valuable discoveries have been made in the area.



Litt på Norsk...

«Gravplyndrer» avslørt

Tidligere uka slo lokale myndigheter, aviser og ildsjeler alarm. Uvedkommende hadde angivelig tatt seg inn i det berømte vikinggravfeltet på Vang i Oppdal og boret dype hull inn i 17 av vikinggravene.

Flere fryktet det verste på vegne av den gresskledde nasjonalskatten i Sør-Trøndelag: Gravplyndring.

Forferdelig

NTB meldte via lokalavisa OPP, som først omtalte saken, at det var varierende dybde på hullene, som «så ut til å ha blitt gravd med et spesialbor». Videre ble det fortalt at bortsett fra ved ett tilfelle i 2014, har det ikke vært gravplyndring i det store vikinggravfeltet siden 1800-tallet.

- Det er forferdelig! Mange organiske funn går tapt, og gjenstander kan gå tapt når det kommer luft ned i gravene, sa Thora Nyborg, konservator ved Vitenskapsmuseet.

- Det er utrolig at vi skulle få oppleve dette, supplerte fylkesarkeolog Kristin Prestvold.

Mistenker grevling

Fredag formiddag har politiet imidlertid henlagt saken, ifølge avisa. Den antatte forbryteren viser seg nemlig å være vanskelig å få tak i.

- Det ser ut til at det er en grevling som står bak, forteller en flirende kulturkonsulent i Oppdal kommune, Sjur Vammervold, til Dagbladet.

- Det er i det minste bra at det ikke var mennesker. Grevlingen er ganske uskyldig og har nok helt andre formål enn en gravplyndrer, legger han til.

Trolig grevlinghull

Vammervold forteller at det det ikke er 100 prosent bekreftet fra offisielt hold at det er det karakteristisk svarte og hvite mårdyret som har herjet med norsk kulturarv, men mistanken er sterk nok til å gå ut med, samt utelukke at tobeinte syndere står bak.

- Ut fra hvordan grevling graver hull kan dette være en forklaring, sier han.

På kommunens hjemmesider informeres det om at de fleste gravleggingene på Vang er fra yngre jernalder eller vikingtid. Det vil si mellom år 750-1000 etter Kristi fødsel. Det er gjort mange verdifulle funn på området.

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From Oct - Apr:

Monday-Saturday from 9am--4pm
Sunday from 11pm--4pm



Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

All visitors, including Norskedalen organization members, should check in at the Throne Visitors' Center for your admissions, wristband, maps and information.

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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