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Budstikken

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Fra Presidenten



Greetings to you in this new year, 2022! During the January meeting, we installed the officers that were present. Next month, everyone who is serving and couldn't attend in January will be installed. About 30 hearty members attended and if you recall, temperatures were below zero. We enjoyed a game night and were warmed by good hot coffee and treats.

David Glomstad, our installing officer, reminded us that the structure of our meetings is the same as we use year after year, including the installation ceremony. It is good to know that lodges in our country, Canada and Norway use the same ceremony. We pledge allegiance to the American flag, and we sing the national anthems of the United States, Canada and Norway. I appreciate this formality that was set in place by our forefathers.

I want to thank everyone who serves as an officer or committee member. If you are a member serving the lodge, I need more help in making monthly decisions. The board meets every second Tuesday of the month. Decisions are made about how lodge funds are spent, what type of programs we present, who represents us at conventions, and our presence in the community. Some lodges conduct this business at regular meetings, but spending time on this business would take away from the time we can spend presenting cultural and programs of interest. I don't think we want to go that direction. So, please give this some consideration. The meeting is at Perkins, 5:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Tusen Takk

- Ramona J.

Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ Feb 3—Wergeland Lodge Meeting 6:00 pm Radisson Center, 300 Front St S.
- ♦ Feb 8—5:30 Board Meeting at Perkins
- ♦ Feb 14—Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ Feb 24—Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ Feb 27—Stoughton Dancers in Westby (see p. 5)
- ♦ March 3—Wergeland Lodge Meeting 6:00 pm Radisson Center, 300 Front St S.

PLEASE NOTE! Adrian needs your **volunteer hours for 2021**. All officers, committee members, lunch servers, cake and sandwich makers, bell ringers, marshalls, auditors, etc. as well as anything you did on your own time which benefitted our **community or our lodge**, let him know. He needs to fill out forms for the headquarters of SON before March 15th. Email or call him with those numbers: ajrjathome@msn.com, 608-788-7507.

**Next meeting: Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the
Radisson Center, 300 Front St S., La Crosse, WI**



PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

Mons Anderson

Lunch providers for Feb 3 meeting

Sandwiches (2½ dozen): Linda Sherwood, Richard Granum, Dave Glomstad

Cakes (18 pcs): Carla Burkhardt, Kathy Anderson, Darlene Erickson

Pickles (1 jar ea): Bev Ranis, Fran Knudtson

Cheese Tray: Karan Mathison, Lynn Curtis **Fruit/Veggie tray:** Lynn Curtis

Members are asked to donate \$3 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.



Februar Birthdays

- 5 Monte J Hanson
- 8 Ronald A Nowland
- 11 Mary Ellen Larson
- 13 Lorraine J Glanzer
- 14 Barbara Christianson
- 14 Willow Stokke Howe
- 15 Kennedy Lane Larson
- 15 Theadora Ranis
- 15 Marilyn J Rudser
- 16 Justin H Sanders
- 21 Charlene E Juen
- 23 Darlene S Bankes
- 25 Jill A Nelson
- 26 Jamie Maxwell- Basye

Program for March

Lori Dubczak, Norskedalen Executive Director

Sekretær Notater...

The January monthly Wergeland Lodge meeting was called to order by past President Ramona Johnson at 6:31. The first order of business was installation of officers. Installation of officers was conducted by Dave Glomstad, Karen Broadhead and Pam Knudtson. Still needed is a vice President, assistant greeter, marshall and picture editor. Let Ramona know if you are interested.

The general meeting of the Wergeland Lodge was called to order by President Ramona Johnson at 6:44. The pledge was said and songs were sung.

The treasurer's report will be printed in the Budstikken. There were no birthdays or guests.

Ramona encouraged everyone to bring a guest to the next meeting to join Sons of Norway. Next month's program will be presented by Pam Knudtson on the historical Mons Anderson House.

Carla Burkhardt announced the sports awards to Gary Corbisier and Dave Glomstad.

Raffle-\$60.00 to Mark Quade and Richard Granum.

Ramona announced that there is one 2022 Norway calendar left, \$10.00, 3 of last years calendars left-free, 3 sweatshirts left-\$25.00. See Adrian to purchase.

Dave Glomstad gave closing remarks, meeting adjourned to play various games.

Secretary, Kathy Anderson

Treasurer's Report as of Dec 31:

Checking: \$3115.31 Balance

Scholarships: \$861.50 balance

Savings \$17,302.32 Balance

Total in accounts: \$21,279.13

Here's Help in Singing "Ja, vi elsker"

The phonetic pronunciation of the words in the Norwegian National Anthem will help you sing along. An approximate translation of the words is also included.

Ja, vi elsker dette landet, som det stiger frem

Ja, vee el-scur det-teh lahn-det, soam deh stee-ger frem

Furet, værbiitt over vannet med de tusen hjem

Feu-ret, vehr-bit oh-vehr von-net meh deh teu-sen yem

Elsker, elsker det og tenker på vår far og mor

El-scur, el-scur deh oh tenk-er paw vor far oh moor

Og den saganatt som senker, drømme på vår jord

Oh den sah-ga-not saum senk-er, drem-meh paw vor yohrd

Og den saganatt som senker, senker drømme på vår yohrd.

Oh den sah-ga-not saum senk-er, senk-er drem-meh paw vor yohrd.

Yes, we love this land of ours, which rises up

Fir-covered, storm-lashed o'er the sea with the thousand homes

Love it, love it and think about our father and mother

And the saga-filled night that sinks, like a dream about our land

And the saga-filled night that sinks, sinks like a dream about our land.



Gratulerer...

...til **Gary Knudtson** on receiving the Enamel Award for Gangemerke (walking) and to **Dave Glomstad** for earning the bronze, silver, gold, and enamel Sykkelmerke pins. Dave also earned our very first **Idrettshelt** ("Sports Hero") pin, given when the task for an enamel pin is DOUBLED!



Gratulerer med Dagen...

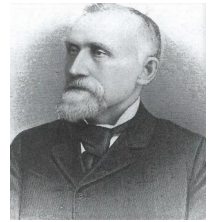
...til Bernice Herder on celebrating her 98th birthday on January 31!



February Program:

"Mons Anderson – La Crosse's Merchant Prince"

presented by Pam Knudtson. Pam will introduce a well-known Norwegian who came to La Crosse early in its history and contributed to the founding and economic enterprise of the city. Using images from his time,



she will tell you about his Norwegian roots, the nature of his business, and other endeavors he was involved in. Additionally, she will discuss the significance of his home, which was, and still is one of our city's showplaces.

Pam Knudtson is a member of Wergeland Lodge. She spent her career as an art instructor and has maintained an interest in Art History as well as in local and Norwegian American history in retirement.



Photos from January's "Spillekveld" (Game Night)!

Lynn Curtis, Bev Ranis, and Karen Saegrove played Rummikube.



Sofia Stutesman, Ardelle Ender, Karen Broadhead, and John Erickson played Yahtzee. Om Meg, the game invented by Mike Palecek from Racine, was played at a third table.



At right, members observe the installation of our 2022 President, Ramona Johnson. From left: Skip Temte, Karan Mathison, Vivian Sacia, Linda Sherwood, Trygve Mathison, Mark Quade, and Richard Grannum.



From the January meeting: Officer Installation



Installation Marshalls Pam Knudtson and Karen Broadhead assisted Installation Officer Dave Glomstad in the ceremonial installation of the 2022 Officers, including President Ramona Johnson.



Support Directors (above left): Karan Mathison (Musician), Linda Sherwood (Social Committee), Gary Knudtson (Marshall), Mark Dregne (Marshall), Carla Burkhardt (Newsletter Editor)

Foundation Directors (above right): Dave Glomstad (Cultural Programs), Karen Seagrove (Foundation), Mark Quade (Cultural Programs), Carla Burkhardt (Sports Director)

Executive Officers (left): Dave Glomstad (Counselor), Kathy Anderson (Secretary), Adrian Johnson (Treasurer), and Ramona Johnson (President)



Dis og Dat



Mike and Kathy Anderson are proud grandparents of twins, born December 10, 2021. Freya Wren, 20" long, 6 lbs. 8 oz. and Oliver Wilde, 20 1/2" long, 7 lbs. They are joined home by Elena, 10 and Aubrey, 8. There are no known twins born in the Anderson family.

Dave and Becky Glomstad and family were guests of Dave's niece, Dallas, and her husband, Brandon, in Wausau on Christmas Eve.

Carlie and Carla Burkhardt enjoyed the Transiberian Orchestra at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee on Dec. 26. Carla had also attended the Mannheim Steamroller concert in La Crosse earlier in December so had a great season of live Christmas music.

Adrian and Ramona Johnson flew to Boise, Idaho to attend the wedding of their Grandson Paul Yenor. Paul married Kinsey on Dec. 19 at a beautiful winter wedding. This was the fourth wedding of Grandchildren that we attended this year. Travis Yenor was married in June in Boise, Anna Johnson married Charlie in August, and Lydia Johnson and Jeremy were married in Hartland, WI, in October. We have had lots of fun!

Give Away!

Wergeland Lodge has two **roasters**, the large type that you can prepare a turkey in, or cook for a large gathering. When we moved from Harry J Olson, we stored them in Dee Johnson's garage. They are still there, and I doubt that we will ever use them again. If any one wants one, call Ramona, 608-788-7507. The price, free. They can be picked up at the next meeting.

Karen Saegrove displays the King Olaf medal, Wergeland Lodge's symbol of Sons of Norway membership. She will be the 'keeper' of the medal for the year 2022.



Potatoes are amazing! They make French fries, chips, vodka, Aquavit, and LEFSE! It's like the other vegetables aren't even trying!

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2017

Co-Cultural Director, Mary Sween introduced our speaker Sandy Iverson, who spoke about her relative who was a spy in the Norwegian resistance against the Nazis. Her story is told in the book "Shadow on the Mountain." The book has been donated to our SON library.

Lee Grippen spent most of September in Norway with his Norwegian sons and daughters entertaining him. A highlight of his time was a family reunion with over 35 relatives attending Grauberget in Finnskogen.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2012

Frieda Nowland gave a presentation of her mother's paintings and books. Her mother was Margit Mindrum (1899-1975).

Steve Marking will perform a concert of classical music on Friday, February 3 at 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Onalaska. Steve is a member of Wergeland Lodge.

Wergeland member Inga Gerber will be guiding another tour of Norway from July 29 to August 8, 2012 for the Bethel Foundation and Sugar Creek Bible Camp Friends.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2007

We received a letter from the Salvation Army thanking us for putting in 1,200 minutes of volunteerism ringing the bells. Our group brought in \$1,168.78.

District 5 is making a cookbook, "The Friendly Fifth". Each lodge has been invited to submit 10 favorite recipes, five of which will be in the new cookbook. Vivian Sacia and the cookbook committee will be picking out 10 recipes from the lodge cookbook to submit.

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.

District 5 Convention 2022

The District 5 Sons of Norway Convention will be held in June in Middleton, WI. Stay tuned for information for delegates and guests. You may purchase a "well-wisher" greeting for the convention program for \$2 each at our lodge meetings or by contacting Karen Broadhead.

Barnebirkie Update

Cookies will once again be provided by Sons of Norway lodges at the children's ski event on Thursday, February 24; however, Wergeland Lodge will not participate this year.

Share your love of Norwegian heritage and culture

In 2022 our Recruitment Challenge theme is "Share Nordic Culture & Heritage." When you recruit at least one new adult member (age 16+) and provide your member number at the time they enroll, you'll receive this limited-edition 2022 Recruiter pin. Supplies are limited. Don't miss out—invite a friend to join today!



History Alive Project Presents

*Stoughton High School
Norwegian Dancers*

*Sunday
February 27,
2022
1 p.m.*

*at the Westby High
School Gym*

*Doors Open at
12:30 p.m.*

Program is FREE



Upcoming NAGC Online Classes & Wisconsin Historical Society Webinar

Register online at <http://www.nagcnl.org/classes> or call 608-255-2224. Contact genealogy@nagcnl.org with any questions or for more details about the classes.

GENEALOGY BASICS

February 4, 2022— 10:00 a.m. – noon, \$40 (online)

INTRODUCTION TO NORWEGIAN GENEALOGY

February 9 and 11, 2022—10:00 a.m.-noon, \$100 member/\$150 non-member (online)

USING NORWEGIAN FARM BOOKS (BYGDEBØKER)

February 18, 2022— 10:00 a.m.-noon, \$40 member/\$50 non-member (online)

EXPLORING THE NORWEGIAN DIGITAL ARCHIVES

March 2, 3 & 4, 2022— 10:00 a.m.-noon, \$100 member/\$150 non-member (online)

BASICS OF DNA & GENEALOGY (Wisconsin Historical Society Webinar)

Saturday, February 26, 2022 (9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Central time (includes a 15 minute break between lectures and a 30 minute lunch break).

Webinar Cost: \$40.00

Registration Deadline: 12:00 PM Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022

Register for the Webinar at <https://shop.wisconsinhistory.org/basics-of-dna-and-genealogy>

For more information, contact Lori Bessler (Wisconsin Historical Society): Lori.Bessler@wisconsinhistory.org or call 608-264-6519

The Sarah L. Paulsen Memorial Masse Moro Scholarship Fund

In August 1995 eight-year-old Sarah Paulsen of Scandiana Lodge passed away. Because Sarah was very involved with the Sons of Norway, and was fascinated with her family's background and with Norwegian culture, friends and family, along with the Scandiana Lodge in Michigan City, IN, felt a scholarship established in Sarah's name would be appropriate.

The scholarship will not only carry on her love for the Norwegian Heritage, but will also enable other children to have the opportunity to attend the **Sons of Norway Masse Moro Heritage Camp** in Eau Claire, in honor of Sarah.

Two scholarships have been made available for the year 2022, each in the amount of \$250.00 to cover 25% of the \$1000 fee for the year 2022 District 5 Heritage Youth Camp.

All interested Camp Applicants may request **application form(s)** from the Scandiana Treasurer, Oleif Olsaker, 114 Maplewood Trl., Michigan City, IN 46360, 219-877-7457, olsaker.o@gmail.com.

The scholarship is open to any child age 9-15, who is interested in learning about the language and culture of Norway. The applicant must be a heritage member or a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member belonging to a District 5 Lodge.

The applicant will write an essay of no more than 500 words. The topic is "Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage" or "Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp". (Request application at above contact information.) Applicants will also submit two letters of reference, including one from a local Lodge officer.

The completed application must be postmarked by **April 15th**, and mailed to the address above.

Additional Masse Moro scholarship opportunities: Wergeland offers a Masse Moro scholarship for \$150 that can be matched by District 5. The application form is due May 17 and is available from Karen Broadhead or Carla Burkhardt, or online at www.massemoro.org/scholarships.

Boat for Sale:

Ole walks by Sven's house and sees a sign that says "Boat for sale". He walks up the driveway and only sees a tractor and a lawn mower. He goes up to the door and says, "Ole, I see dat sign dat says 'boat for sale,' but alls I see is a tractor and a lawn mower." Sven says, "Yup, and dey're boat for sale."

Scholarship Time

District 5 Scholarship Applications Due March 15

Do you know a youth who could benefit from additional funding for college? Please direct any students to the District 5 webpage (sonsofnorway5.com) for more information on our offerings. Please Note: Prerequisites may apply.

Completed applications are due on March 15, 2022.

- Two books scholarships are offered each year.
- An application for Oslo Summer School is available.
- One Norwegian folk high school application is provided.

The Sons of Norway Foundation provides numerous scholarships to our member families. Click the Foundation ribbon at the top of the SofN.com page to begin.

Februar = fjorten dager friluftsliv

As a fervent hiker, Henrik Ibsen gave name to a concept already deeply rooted in the Norwegian psyche: friluftsliv (free-loofts-leave). Roughly translated as "life in the free air," the idea is to immerse yourself in nature, resulting in benefits to mind, body and spirit.

Being the shortest month, February is the perfect time to try and get outside every other day. Why not challenge yourself to experience friluftsliv on at least half of the days in February?*

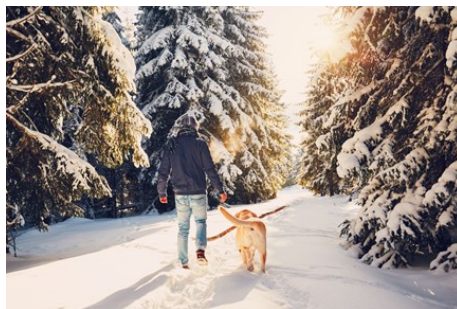
Post photos and anecdotes on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with the hashtags #14dagerfriluftsliv #14daysoffriluftsliv #sonsofnorway and encourage your friends and family to give it a go, wherever they are!

There's no need for stopwatches or competition—in fact, the simpler you go, the better.

A few ideas:
watch a sunrise or sunset, chop wood, go to the dog park, hike in a nature preserve and pack some classic Norwegian trail snacks like oranges and chocolate!

*If you can't get outside: open the window and breathe some fresh air.

Find more ideas at www.sofn.com/friluftsliv



A little in English...

Historical Sámi Document Goes Home

A document from 1751 ensures that Sámi can move reindeer across national borders. Now the Sámi «Magna Carta» has come home to Kautokeino.

King Harald will be present when the "Lappekodisillen" is handed over to the Sámi Archive in Kautokeino. The 270-year-old document has been crucial in determining Sámi rights and is still in effect today.

"It is a symbolic day, and it fits into a tradition of returning both documents and also cultural objects that mean something to indigenous peoples, back to them," law professor Øyvind Ravna said to NTB.

Reduces Disadvantages

The document was created as an addition to the border treaty that was negotiated between Denmark-Norway and Sweden in 1751.

The document is the first international law and bilateral treaty given to protect the Sami as a minority and indigenous peoples in Norway, the professor says.

"The Codisil is a child of the Enlightenment where the Sámi were considered a separate people who had the right to 'future existence,' i.e. that they should not be assimilated into the Norwegian and Swedish state, as the policy would be later," says Ravna.

The King is In The Hall

When the document is officially transferred to the Sámi during a ceremony in Kautokeino on Tuesday, outgoing Sámi Parliament President Aili Keskitalo will receive it.

"It will be a very special event when His Majesty the King himself comes to contribute to this event. I think I put it in a very symbolic context, because at the time the Lapp codicil came into being, there were autocratic rulers in the Nordic countries," says Keskitalo.

Litt på Norsk...

Historisk same-dokument flytter hjem

Et dokument fra 1751 sikrer fortsatt at samer kan flytte reinsdyr over landegrensene. Nå kommer samenes «Magna Carta» hjem til Kautokeino.

Kong Harald er til stede når «Lappekodisillen» overleveres til Samisk Arkiv i Kautokeino. Det 270 år gamle dokumentet har vært avgjørende for å fastsette samers rettigheter, og er fortsatt virksomt i dag.

– Det er en symboltung dag, og det føyer seg inn i en tradisjon med å tilbakeføre både dokumenter og også kulturgjenstander som betyr noe for urfolk, tilbake til dem, sier jussprofessor Øyvind Ravna til NTB.



Reduserer ulemper

Dokumentet ble til som et tillegg til grensetraktaten som ble forhandlet fram mellom Danmark-Norge og Sverige i 1751.

Dokumentet er den første folkerettslige og bilaterale traktaten som er gitt for å beskytte samene som minoritet og urfolk i Norge, forteller professoren.

– Kodisillen er et barn av opplysningstiden hvor man betraktet samene som et eget folk som hadde rett til «fremtidig eksistens», altså at de ikke skulle assimileres inn i den norske og svenske staten, slik politikken skulle bli senere, sier Ravna.

Kongen er til stede i salen

Når dokumentet offisielt skal overføres til samene under en seremoni i Kautokeino på tirsdag, er det avtroppende sametingspresident Aili Keskitalo som tar imot det.

– Det blir jo en veldig spesiell hendelse når hans majestet kongen selv kommer for å bidra til dette arrangementet. Det synes jeg setter det inn i en veldig symbolsk kontekst, for på den tiden Lappekodisillen kom til, da var det eneveldige herskere i Norden, sier Keskitalo.

World's Longest Undersea Power Cable is Now Operational

The world's longest undersea electricity cable between Norway and the U.K. is now operational. The interconnector, known as the North Sea Link, was a joint venture between British company National Grid and Norwegian power operator Statnett. The cable spans 450 miles and connects Kvilldal in Norway with Blyth in Northumberland. At full capacity, 1.4 million homes can be supplied by hydro-power. National Grid Ventures president Cordi O'Hara said it was a "remarkable feat of engineering...we had to go through mountains, fjords and across the North Sea." This project will help the U.K. reduce about 23 million tons of carbon emissions by 2030. It is truly beneficial for both parties as extra renewable power will be exported to Norway when wind generation is high in the U.K. but energy demand is low. This will help Norway conserve water in their reservoirs. All in all, this venture is "a great example of two countries working together to maximize renewable energy resources for mutual benefit."

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From Nov - Apr:

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