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Fra Presidenten



Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Winter will soon be upon us and with that snow and ice. Be sure to be careful when you're out and about. Winter makes driving and even walking more dangerous. Please be careful.

Thursday December 5 will be our December get-together at Cedar Creek. Hope everyone can come to enjoy the meal and the evening entertainment.

-Dave Hendrickson

Treasurer's Report:

Oct 31, 2024 checking balance (which includes \$84.91 for Dancers)	\$871.00
Oct 31, 2024 scholarship balance	\$428.00
Oct 31, 2024 savings balance	\$11,072.42
Oct 31, 2024 Wergeland has	\$12,371.42

Wergeland Kalender

- ◆ Dec 5—5:00 Social Hour; 6:00 Dinner Holiday Banquet at Cedar Creek
- ◆ Dec 10—if needed: 5:30 Board Meeting at Perkins in Onalaska—ALL are welcome!
- ◆ Dec 16—Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ◆ Dec 26—Budstikken mailed to members
- ◆ Jan 2—6:00 Wergeland Lodge Mtg Radisson Center located on the corner of 2nd & Jay St



There are still 2025 calendars available!

Let Adrian know if you would like one (\$15) calendars for sale at our September meeting for \$15.00. We also have a few Splendor of Sweden ones available for your Swedish friends and relatives. 608-788-7507



For Fun!



How many 3- or 4-letter words can you make from **GOD JUL?** (in English)

You can use each letter only once. Answers on p. 5.



PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Dana Kelly, Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library



December 5 is our December Heritage Dinner at Cedar Creek in Onalaska! You should already have tickets. Social Hour begins at 5:00 and the Dinner will be at 6:00 followed by the program.



December Birthdays

- 5 Barbara Friell
- 5 Rita A Johnson
- 5 Heather M Larson
- 5 Tia Louise Ranis
- 6 Bonnie Jean Koglin
- 6 Isaac Stutesman
- 12 Wayne M Olson
- 13 Kristin Peri Krug
- 14 Hudson Loper Schmitt
- 15 Rebecca Johnson
- 19 Karen M Broadhead
- 20 Lloyd O Hoff
- 20 Marilyn L Romskog
- 21 David J Lokstad
- 21 McKenzie Marsh
- 21 Penelope Marsh
- 22 Adrian C Johnson
- 23 Vilda C Olsen
- 24 Charles L Amundson
- 27 Logan J Y Curtis

Program for January

Officer Installation

Sekretær Notater...

November 7 Wergeland Lodge Meeting, Radisson Center, La Crosse

President David calls meeting to order at 6:39.

Our United States Pledge was said. Our "National Anthem", Fedrelandssang" and "O Canada" were sung.

A member has passed, Bernice Herder of Madison. A moment of silence was observed in her memory.

The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the Budstikken and are approved as printed. Treasurer's report was read and approved as read.

Raffle: \$34.00 Winners - Dave Glomstad, Sally Olson

Adrian announces that there are 25 new calendars left. \$15.00 Some Swedish calendars are also available.

Banquet next month will be December 5th. \$28.00. Menu will be pork chops with trimmings. Social hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00. Tickets available tonight or call Adrian before Nov. 27th.

November birthday song was sung.

Song: #18 "Vi er et Folk" #19 "A People We"

Carla reports that there are a couple of spots left for bell ringing, see Carla if you are interested.

Ramona recites officers for 2025.

Dave Glomstad - May peace and harmony reign in our lodge.

Program: Norwegian Immigrants in Minnesota

Meeting a at 8 p.m.

Members present-51

Secretary, Kathy Anderson

Norskedalen Old Fashioned Christmas Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

What does Old Fashioned Christmas include, you ask? Let's see....

- ♦ Kids' crafts galore, Julebukking, Yule Log hunt, GrassRun Band in the Visitors' Center, Coulee Region Bell Choir in the Chapel.
- ♦ See how the Engum House is decorated for Christmas; stop by the Blacksmith shop to see what's happening there.....
- ♦ Traditional Christmas dinner including meatballs, lefse, rømmegrøt, fresh pie and more.
- ♦ Bake sale with syv slag småkaker (seven types of cookies) which might include krumkake, sandbakkels, spritz.....and more!
- ♦ Norskedalen's Signature Hot Cocoa will be available in the Shelter!

Members free with card, or \$10 adults/\$7 children 4-9. Dinner, bake sale, and gift shop items purchased separately.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

Thank you to those who rang bells for the Salvation Army! On November 18, **Adrian & Ramona Johnson, Char & Jerry Smith,** and (pictured) **Karen Broadhead & Bev Ranis** rang



the bells at Festival Foods in the Village.

On the 20th, **David Hendrickson, Dave Glomstad, Evonne Kunderl, Ilene Pavelko, Shirley Schoenfeld & Carla Burkhardt** rang at the Red Kettle at the Festival Foods in Onalaska.

The response was generous even though it seemed early in the year! We were saying “Happy Thanksgiving” in addition to “Merry Christmas!”

The Onalaska afternoon group (pictured) provided some extra entertainment including carols, a ukelele, and **Chester**, the real star of the show! New lyrics were sung:



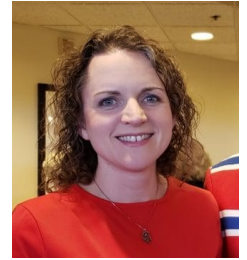
“Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat.
Please put a **twenty** in the **Salvation Army’s ‘hat’**.
If you haven’t got a twenty, a **credit card** will do!
If you haven’t got a credit card, may God bless you!”

If you and/or family and friends would like to ring, it is easy to pick a time and location at registertoring.org.



Program for December: Dana Kelly, Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library

Dana Kelly was the director of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library, located at 415 W Main St, Madison, WI. The website at www.nagcnl.org states that “NAGC serves a worldwide audience by building and sharing stellar research collections, publishing useful and popular genealogical materials, and reaching out to all those who seek to know and venerate their Norwegian roots.” Their website contains a number of databases, but one needs a membership to access information. Dana will give us more information about the services of the center.



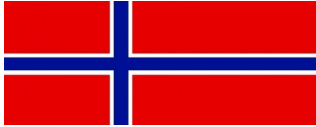
From October’s meeting: John Tunheim: Ten Months that Changed Norway Forever, the Story of the 1814 Norwegian Constitution

Judge John Tunheim gave a very in-depth history of the Norwegian Constitution, 2nd oldest at 210 years old (the oldest is the US Constitution, and there a many similarities between the two). He spoke of “the remarkable sequence of events in 1813 and 1814 in which Norway (with its Danish rulers) ended up on the

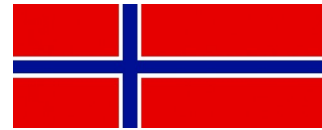


wrong side of the Napoleonic Wars and emerged in a highly beneficial union with Sweden and a modern Constitution still in effect today.” John’s 7th great grandfather was part of this historic effort.

Judge Tunheim is a member of the Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge in Thief River Falls and has served for over 28 years as United States District Judge in the District of Minnesota and served as Chief Judge from 2015 – 2022. As mentioned in the previous Budstikken, he grew up in Shirley Lokstad Schoenfeld’s hometown of Newfolden, MN and his mother was one of her teachers.



Dis og Dat



Donald and Elizabeth Fox visited Denmark and Sweden this past summer. Donald got to see his Danish teacher (whom he had not seen since 1978) and Elizabeth got to meet cousins whom she had never met before.

Dave and Becky Glomstad and their daughter Jessica traveled to Door County for the Pumpkin Patch Festival and the fantastic fall colors. They hiked, biked, and enjoyed the food and scenery.

Sarah Keyeski is the new Senator-elect for District #14 for Wisconsin. She is the daughter of **Judean Everson**. Congratulations!

The Splendor of Norway is the title of a trip that Glenn's Motorcoach Tours is taking next summer (June 16-26, 2025). Prices start at \$5999 and include airfare and motorcoach pickup in La Crosse and Winona. See www.glennsmotorcoachtours.com/2025-tours for a detailed itinerary that starts and ends in Oslo, and includes Lillehammer, Geiranger, Flam, and Bergen.

Marilyn Rudser has a new address and phone number: Marilyn Rudser, Brookdale, 949 10th Ave N, Onalaska, WI 54650; phone 608-399-9425

Some fun was had at DNA Vintners Tasting Room on Saturday, Nov 16. Pictured are **Diana Hobson** (proprietor and vintner), **Ilene Pavelko**, **Carla Burkhardt**, and **Evonne Kundert**. The Tasting Room is located at 1229 Caledonia Street in La Crosse. As the sign says, "What happens in the bog, stays in the bog!"



area's archaeology. Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center received The Archaeology Education Award.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2009

Joe and Carol Stekel visited the Sacred Symbols display of Norwegian needlework at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. Various symbols were worked on tapestries during Viking and Renaissance times. These tapestries were then used at funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc. during the Middle Ages.

Norway is responsible for sending Christmas trees around the world. What started as a gift to the British in 1947 from Oslo as thanks for their help in WW II had become a worldwide tradition.

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2019

Operation Homefront was grateful for the 3,225 letters written for the men and women serving our country. The troops appreciated receiving the Christmas letters.

The program for December was presented by Glenn L. Borreson: The Lindisfarne 9/11 Moment: A 793 Viking Attack That Changed the World. The Northmen (Vikings) violently attacked a Christian monastery off the northeast coast of England. This program explored the impact of that attack and the reasons it was a world changer.


Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2014

Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC) recognized people and organizations that had a positive impact on the

Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and to celebrate our relationship with Scandinavian and other Countries.

25 Porsgrund Jule plates
Dated 1968-1992 (1972 and 1978 are sold)



Prices on ebay range from \$7-⁷50 not including shipping.
Plates are about 7" in diameter, boxed and in excellent condition.

Marilyn Rudser is selling 25 Porsgrund Jule plates dated 1968-1992. She is asking \$10 per plate. Please call Marie Allen at 608-799-9196 if you would like a plate.

St. Lucia, the Scandinavian Festival of Light

On Dec. 13, Scandinavians will honor the legend of St. Lucia, a young martyr known for her love and kindness. The day represents the start of the Christmas season and centers around faith, hope and light.



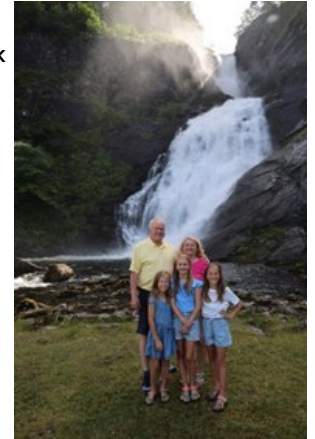
Fun Fact:
"Lucia" comes from the Latin word "Lux," meaning "light."

Many families celebrate St. Lucia Day in their homes, while schools and churches have annual St. Lucia pageants. Kids can dress up for the holiday — girls wear white gowns and a crown of candles while boys don cone-shaped hats with silver stars — and the entire family can join in the fun!

From **Tom Monson**: My wife Ann and I spent 25 days in Norway in July. We took our daughter, son-in-law and three granddaughters with us.

We started the trip in beautiful Bergen and then took the fast boat to the Sognefjord which is the longest Fjord in Norway. Most of the time we were in the city of Førde which is La Crosse's sister city. My grandparents Fredrik and Kristine Hjelmeland emigrated from Førde to Amerika in 1924. My mother had 51 first cousins and I have about 150 second cousins. We hosted a wonderful party for 63 relatives! I am so pleased that our granddaughters now have a connection with some of their young relatives in Norway!!

The fotos were taken at the relative party, by the 90 meter Hulde Waterfall near Førde and overlooking the Geiranger Fjord.



Answers to Word Game from page 1:

Judo	Jog	Oud	God
Gold	Log	Jug	Dog
Loud	Lug	Duo	Dol
Udo	Old	Gul	Dug



On Thursday, Nov 21, **Dave Glomstad** taught a lefse class in La Crescent. There are now 13 new lefse rollers in the community!

Almond Star Cookies

Ingredients:

For the Cookies

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup whole blanched almonds
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. almond extract

Step 1: Puree 1/2 cup of the whole blanched almonds in food processor and set aside. Coarsely chop the remaining 1/2 cup of almonds and reserve for later.

Step 2: In a large mixing bowl, whisk the flour and salt together and set aside.

Step 3: Cream the butter with an electric mixer. Add the pureed almonds and sugar. Blend together until well-combined, and remember to scrape down the sides of the bowl occasionally. Add almond extract and mix until well combined. Next, add the flour mixture and beat until just incorporated.

Step 4: Prepare a lightly floured surface and pour out the dough, dividing it in half. Shape each half of the dough into a disc and wrap it in plastic wrap. Refrigerate the discs for at least an hour.

Step 5: While dough is resting, line cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Step 6: After dough has rested, preheat oven to 325°. (Use an in-oven thermometer to make sure that the temperature of your oven is accurate. Most ovens are 10-25° off of the temperature shown.)

Step 7: Lightly flour your work surface and roll out one disc of dough until it is about 1/4" thick. Cut out shapes using various star cookie cutters. Sprinkle with the coarsely chopped almonds.

Step 8: Place the cut cookies onto cookie sheets lined with parchment paper and bake for 15-20 minutes. Keep an eye on your first sheet of cookies. You will know they are done when the edges start to turn golden brown. You now know how long each batch should take and can set your timer with no guess work.

Step 9: Place your cookies on a wire rack to cool.

Step 10: Once your cookies have cooled, dust them with powdered sugar or with sanding sugar if you want more color. Another great option are luster pearl deco dots.

Makes about 4 dozen cookies. (Note: These cookies can be stored in airtight containers for about a week.)



Sons of Norway Foundation Scholarships

Applications for International Study/Travel Scholarships have a January 15, 2025 deadline:

- * Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship
- * Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship**
- * King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship o Lund Fund Scholarship**
- * Oslo International Summer School Scholarship**

To find more information and to apply, visit [sofn.com/foundation/scholarships](https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships). **Membership with Sons of Norway required (social or insurance)

Sons of Norway Membership Benefits you should try!

Next in the series of tips for getting the most out of your Sons of Norway membership!!

Benefit Highlight #7 - Norwegian Map Service

Sons of Norway Map Service offers members and non-members access to a variety of maps. Genealogists, travelers, and map lovers have discovered this handy mail-order method of obtaining maps. All maps are produced by Statens kartverk, the official mapping authority for the Norwegian Government.

Road Maps of Norway Plan your travels in Norway using one or all of these detailed and useful road maps. Maps are produced in full color and measure 27.5" x 39.4" (70 x 100 cm). Languages in map legends include English, Norwegian and German. These new and updated road maps are ideal for route planning and navigation. The road network has been updated with the latest route numbers. Maps include gas stations, rest stops, universal charging stations for electric vehicles, ferry crossings, natural scenery and cultural attractions, National Tourist Routes, a place names registry, and a mileage table. Road maps come in a convenient storage sleeve.

Benefit Highlight #8 - Just for Kids

Just for Kids is a section of our award-winning Viking magazine dedicated to family programming. Every quarter, we share new projects that have been purposefully created for families to enjoy. This multi-generational, family-centered content and activities might also be the perfect addition to your next lodge event. We're excited to share the complete archive of Just for Kids here. Look for the original content in Viking magazine, or grab the PDFs from this page to share with friends and family! https://www.sofn.com/member_benefits/just_for_kids

A little in English...

Why are Norwegians so fond of coffee?

Norwegians drink the second most coffee in the world.

You see it everywhere in Norway. People stroll along the street with coffee in hand. Coffee is served in meetings. Many people depend on a cup to start the day.

Coffee is part of the social and cultural life in Norway. How did that happen? It is complex, says Marit Lynes. She is the general manager of Norsk kaffeinformasjon—Norwegian Coffee Information.

“Historically speaking, we have imported high-quality coffee into Norway. This has made people want to drink more. Then we say yes to cup number two,” says Lynes.

The Information Office conducts a survey every year. The figures from 2024 show that 85 percent [of Norwegians] drink coffee. 74 percent drink coffee every day.

Coffee started as a drink for the home in Norway. Elsewhere, it was something you got in public. Then it was taken into the home. In Norway, it was the other way around. It is in recent times that we started going to cafes.

Did you know?

80 percent of daily coffee drinkers [in Norway] usually drink black coffee.

23 percent like coffee with milk best.

Who drinks cappuccino? The majority are women, those under 30 and those who live in Oslo.

Iced coffee is becoming increasingly popular. 49 percent drank it in the past year.

70 percent have a coffee maker. 36 percent have an espresso maker. 31 percent use pods.

73 percent think coffee is an important offering at work or school.

Source: Norwegian Coffee Information's survey from 2024.

“Most people drink their coffee black. Then we can drink more than if you drink it with milk,” says Lynes.

“Drip and pour-over coffee lay the foundation for how much coffee we drink.”

Mary Cary reflects that the Norwegians say “There’s no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing.” She asks, “How would one dress for a tornado?!”

Litt på Norsk...

Hvorfor er nordmenn så glade i kaffe?

Nordmenn drikker nest mest kaffe i verden. Du ser det overalt i Norge. Folk rusler gatelangs med en kaffe i hånden. Kaffe blir servert i møter. Mange er avhengig av en kopp for å starte dagen.

Kaffe er en del av det sosiale og kulturelle i Norge. Hvordan ble det sånn? Det er sammensatt, sier Marit Lynes. Hun er daglig leder i Norsk kaffeinformasjon.

– Historisk sett har vi tatt inn kaffe til Norge som har høy kvalitet. Det har gjort at folk orker å drikke mer. Da sier vi ja til kopp nummer to, sier Lynes.

Opplysningskontoret lager en undersøkelse hvert år. Tallene fra 2024 viser at 85 prosent drikker kaffe. 74 prosent drikker kaffe hver dag.

Kaffe startet som en drikke for hjemmet i Norge. Andre steder var det noe du fikk offentlig. Så har det blitt tatt inn i hjemmet. I Norge var det altså omvendt. Det er i nyere tid at vi begynte å dra på kaféer.

Visste du dette?

80 prosent av daglige kaffedrikkere drikker vanligvis svart kaffe.

23 prosent liker best kaffe med melk.

Hvem drikker cappuccino? Det er flest kvinner, de under 30 år og de som bor i Oslo.

Iskaffe blir stadig mer populært. 49 prosent hadde drukket det i løpet av

det siste året.

70 prosent har kaffetrakter. 36 prosent har presskanne. 31 prosent bruker kapsler.

73 prosent synes kaffe er viktig tilbud på jobb eller skole.

Kilde: Norsk kaffeinformasjon sin undersøkelse fra 2024.

De fleste drikker kaffen sin svart. Da orker vi mer enn hvis du drikker med melk, sier Lynes.

– Traktekaffe og filtrert kaffe legger grunnlaget for hvor mye kaffe vi drikker.

Source: klartale.no/tema/2024/08/03/hvorfor-er-nordmenn-sa-glade-i-kaffe/



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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 \$10.00 for adults (\$6 for seniors/military), \$5.00 for children, \$25.00 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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