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Dear Members,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving dinner at the lodge was excellent, as always. I'd like to thank Carolyn and Einar Ness for preparing the turkeys, Verda Hanson for making the dressing, and Gordon Gutowski for preparing the potatoes. Thank you Jordis Hutchins, Bill Blanchette, Ellie Cihos and Jan Mjovig for getting the tables set up and putting the decorations in place. Jane Gates, thank you for making the coffee. The potluck included a nice variety of dishes that we all enjoyed. See the back page for more thank you's.

There is nothing new to report on the sale of the building. It's still listed with a realtor. Currently, no one is interested in purchasing it.

Lodge officers for 2013 have been elected. The new officers are listed on page four. I'd like to thank those who are stepping down from the lodge board positions: Larry Bringedahl, Holding Corporation member; Jerry Chambers, Trustee; and Don Matthews, Social Director. Thank you for all your work and help.

The Social Director position is open for 2013. If you are interested in serving in the position or have questions about the duties contact me.

Join us on December 9th for the lodge Jule Fest dinner. There will be a lot of good food. Norwegian musical entertainment will be presented by a group of our lodge members. See page two for all the details.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you at our lodge events in 2013.

Fraternally,

Merle Hanson



Sunday, December 2
Sunday, December 9
Sunday, December 16
Sunday, December 23
Sunday, December 30
Sunday, January 6
Sunday, January 13
Sunday, January 20
Sunday, January 27

SUNDAY BINGO SCHEDULE

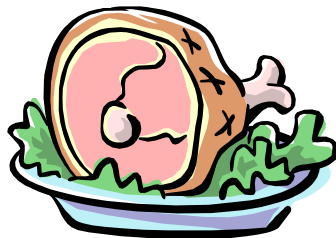
Help support our Sunday Bingo. We need more players at our game. Ours is the longest-running Bingo game in town. Players enjoy our quiet atmosphere so bring your friends, come, and help support our game. Thank you.



DECEMBER & JANUARY COMING EVENTS

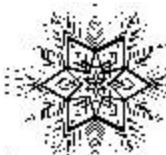
Dec 3 Mon 5:00 PM DECORATE THE HALL Everyone invited. Pizza will follow.
7:00 PM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

Dec 9 Sun 6:00 PM JULE FEST Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to pass for each two or three people in your group and your own table service. Bring the whole family including the little ones, friends, and potential members. Also, bring a gift with your child's name on it and place it under the Christmas tree for Santa to pass out. Ham and Potatoes Au Gratin will be furnished by the Lodge. Phone Carolyn Ness at 231 744 3040 with the number coming by Tuesday the 4th.



Dec Mon 5:30 PM ~~THE HOLDING CORPORATION MEETING.~~ CANCELLED
(Revised 11-26-12)

Jan 7 Mon 7:00 PM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING. New and old Board members please attend. They are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Counselor, Cultural Directors, Social Directors, Publicity Director, Sports Director, Editor, and Trustees.



Jan 11 Fri 7:00 PM PROGRAM; with coffee and dessert
THE REGULAR LODGE MEETING will follow, with the installation of officers.

Jan 28 Mon 5:30 PM THE HOLDING CORPORATION MEETING



When they don't golf, the Wednesday morning gentlemen gather around 9:00 or 9:30 for cards, pool, and to discuss world events.



PLAN NOW on attending the SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY, February 3, 2013. Bring along a snack item. Roger Terryn will provide hot dogs for a pittance.

SOGNEFJORD SOCIAL CALENDAR 2013

Jan	11	Fri	7:00 PM	PROGRAM w/Dessert & Coffee, followed by THE REGULAR LODGE MEETING, installation of officers.
Feb	3	Sun	4:00 PM	SUPER BOWL XLVII SUNDAY PARTY.
Feb	8	Fri	5:30 PM	LUTEFISK AND MEAT BALL DINNER by Inger Johansen
			7:00 PM	PROGRAM & LODGE MEETING, presentation of budget.
Mar	8	Fri	5:30 PM	IRISH POT LUCK DINNER, green decorations.
			7:00 PM	PROGRAM: A BRIEF LODGE MEETING will follow.
Apr	12	Fri	6:00 PM	CHILI AND POTATO SOUP SUPPER by Gordon & Tom Gutowski
			7:00 PM	PROGRAM: followed by a SHORT LODGE MEETING.
May	10	Fri	7:00 PM	PROGRAM w/Dessert & Coffee, followed by THE REGULAR LODGE MEETING.
May	11	Sat	5:00 PM	MAI FEST POTLUCK DINNER
May	27	Mon	5:00 PM	MEMORIAL DAY STEAK FRY.
Jun	14	Fri	5:30 PM	POLISH DILL SWISS STEAK DINNER by Gordon & Tom Gutowski
			7:00 PM	PROGRAM. A BRIEF LODGE MEETING will follow.
Jul	12	Fri	5:30 PM	BRATS AND KRAUT DINNER by Tim Karppinen
			7:00 PM	PROGRAM: A SHORT LODGE MEETING will follow.
Aug	10	Sat	9:00 AM	BREAKFAST/BRUNCH PICNIC AT PERE MARQUETTE PARK (or at the Lodge, in case of rain).
Sept	13	Fri	5:00 PM	STEAK FRY.
			7:00 PM	PROGRAM: THE BRIEF LODGE MEETING will follow.
Oct	8	Tue	1:00 PM	SOCIAL CALENDAR SETUP.
Oct	11	Fri	7:00 PM	PROGRAM w/Dessert & Coffee, followed by THE REGULAR LODGE MEETING, present slate of officers
Oct	19	Sat	5:30 PM	LEIF ERIKSON PARTY & POT LUCK DINNER
Nov	8	Fri	5:30 PM	LAPSKAUS DINNER by Inger Johansen
			7:00 PM	PROGRAM & ANNUAL MEETING, election of officers.
Nov	17	Sun	6:00 PM	THANKSGIVING FEST, Potluck Dinner.
Dec	2	Mon	5:00 PM	DECORATE THE HALL, Pizza following.
Dec	8	Sun	6:00 PM	JULE FEST, Potluck Dinner.

Lodge meeting times may be rescheduled, for programming purposes.

Games and cultural events to be scheduled later.

Programs to be scheduled quarterly.

Bring a friend to a dinner meeting.



CHARTER MEMBERS (LIVING)

DECEMBER

4 Cliff Johnson
4 Tom Potts
5 Janine Riisberg
9 Don Hanson
13 Inger Johansen
14 Merle Hanson
14 John Strahl

JANUARY

3 Jim Hagen
4 Al Hubbell
9 Saleena Millet
11 Clara Hanson
16 Deborah Gundy
16 Susan Lathrop
24 Joann Swanson
26 Roger Terryn
30 Dawn Rude



OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2013

Co-President	Merle Hanson
Co-President	John Thorson
Vice President	Gordon Gutowski
Secretary	Donald Matthews
Financial Secretary	Jordis Hutchins
Treasurer	Jane Gates
Counselor	Einar Ness
Editor	Bill Rood
Cultural Co-Director	Maurine Gutowski
Cultural Co-Director	Barbara Moodt
Social Director	(vacant)
Sports Director	Tom Potts
Publicity Director	Eloise Cihos
Trustees:	
3 Years	Charles "Al" Fisk
2 Years	George Lindblom
1 Year	David Rudnick
Inner Greeter	Roger Lemieux
Outer Greeter	John Thorson
Marshall	Eloise Cihos
Assistant Marshall	Jan Mjovig
Musician	Maurine Gutowski
Historian	Jane Gates
Librarian	Bill Rood

HOLDING CORPORATION OFFICERS

George Lindblom	Jerry Chambers
Jane Gates	Wayne Kahrs
Merle Hanson	Jerry Lahnala
Bill Rood	Roger Terryn
John Thorson	

*Remember your Lodge,
in your estate plans, please.*

David Bringedahl
Dewey Bringedahl
★ Hazel Bujak
Crystal Holtrop
Inger Johansen
Jack Johnson
Charles Matthews
Donald Matthews

★ Carolyn Ness
★ Einar Ness
★ Nellis Riisberg
William Sponaas
Marion Stokes

★=Those who attended the 40th Anniversary
and Leif Erikson Dinner, October 20.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of member Ronald L. Decker, who died November 19, 2012. He was 76. Ron and his wife, Sheree, were active in our Lodge activities and Golf League. Ron will be greatly missed by his family and his many good friends.

SKI FOR LIGHT

The SON annual SKI FOR LIGHT activity will be held at Michigan's Shanty Creek lodge from January 27 – February 3, 2013. Volunteers are needed to assist and if you are able, your participation would be very much appreciated. There will be a fund raising auction at Shanty Creek and if you have an item to donate, it would be appreciated to help fund this worthy activity. For additional information, please go to web site: www.sfl.org

The mission of Ski for Light is to enhance the quality of life and independence of visually or mobility-impaired adults thru a program of cross-country skiing. Your assistance is also needed at the Ford Airport in Grand Rapids to greet the participants and the guides, until their transportation arrives. President Hanson has additional information for you.

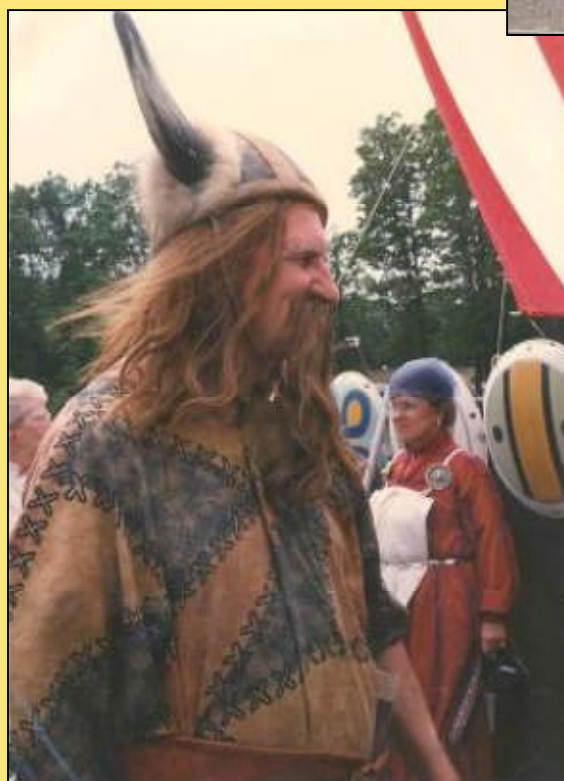
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MEMORIES WITH HAGAR'S FOLLY



ALLEN JONES,
EDITH MARK,
BRANDY HEME (GATES)
8-17-96 GREENVILLE

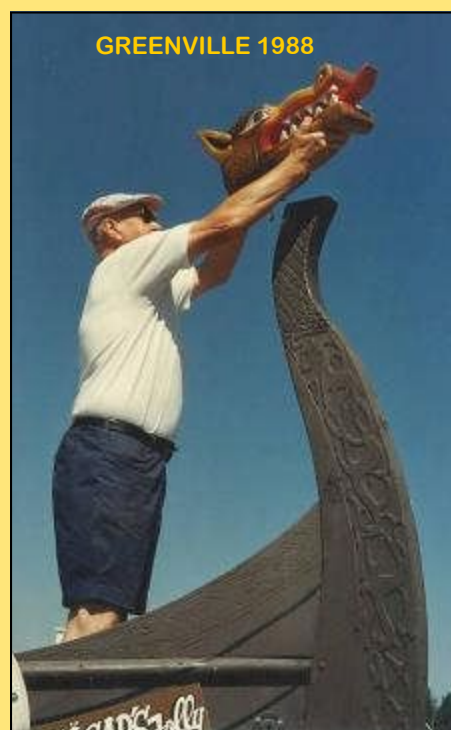


*Frankenmuth
June 14, 1992*



Harold (at left) and
Mary Lovdahl, from
Appleton, WI, drove
to Muskegon for the
first parade 5-25-87
at Fruitport.

Photographs are
from our historical
archive and infor-
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on the prints.



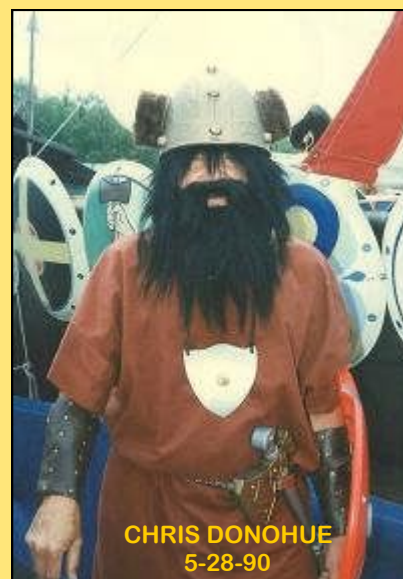
GREENVILLE 1988



*Bob
Gunn*

Steve

*Bob
L. Gunn
5-28-90*



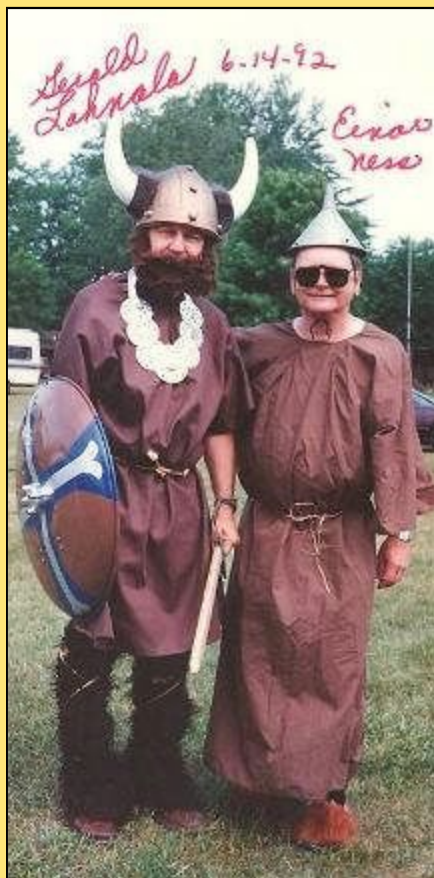
CHRIS DONOHUE
5-28-90

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MEMORIES WITH HAGAR'S FOLLY

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NORTH MUSKEGON, AUGUST 12, 2004



Bob Laban 2005



Lucky Eddie & Qvak 7-23-88

Hagar's Folly and Sognefjord Lodge

The story starts at the Fifth District Convention in June of 1986. At lunch one day, the delegates from our lodge were dining with those from Appleton, Wisconsin; and they mentioned that a boat, or rather a parade float they had rebuilt, was for sale. They were asking \$2,500 for her (all boats are of the female gender). They had put many hours into outfitting her including carving a fierce dragon head for her bow, done by an artisan in their lodge.

While the members from Sognefjord were intrigued with the idea of our lodge obtaining the boat/float, there were many obstacles to overcome. They brought the subject up at the next regular lodge meeting. Member Dick Worra mentioned he was going to Minnesota soon and he could swing by and bring the old girl to Muskegon. So the membership offered to buy it for \$2,000. The folks in Appleton accepted our offer and Dick pulled Hagar's Folly the long way, from its former home over the Mighty Mac bridge to her new home.

The men and women of the lodge proceeded to make costumes, weapons, and shields, etc. for the first parade. This would be the Fruitport parade on Memorial Day, 1987. One of the most fun times we had was watching the different folks come out in their version of what a Viking warrior or lady was supposed to look like. We entered the parade and we had a nice surprise as two of the people from the Appleton Lodge, Harold and Mary Lovdahl, drove over from Wisconsin to help us get off to a good start, with the boat they had so many happy memories with. Well, we had a great time and we won the trophy as the best float in the parade.

Over the next 25 years our lodge entered Hagar's Folly in many parades in the

Muskegon area and many distant sites such as Traverse City, Ionia, Lansing, Greenville and Frankenmuth and were always well received. Some of these parades necessitated overnight stays and gave the participants a chance to enjoy activities with their fellow lodge members. Hagar's Folly and its crew always represented its Lodge and the Sons of Norway well.

At all of the parades, it was especially nice to see the faces of the kids as our people greeted them and gave them high fives. Everyone liked it when the ladies with their rolling pins chased the brave Viking warriors. We even had Hagar's faithful but hapless companion Lucky Eddie and his duck, Qvak, at several of our parades. Later we had a bunch of trolls who delighted our parade watchers.

Alas, the old saying that a boat is a hole in the water that you throw money into held true, even though Hagar's Folly never got wet (except during a couple of parades). We did make several improvements to the old girl, and there were ongoing expenses like insurance and storage. Keeping the crew up to full strength was another consideration. Over the years we must have had over a hundred of our people, families, and friends participate in the many parades we entered.

When we reluctantly had to sell Hagar's Folly we were happy to find a buyer who would take good care of her. The North Muskegon Booster Club has already entered her in their Homecoming Celebration and ran her around the football field.

So many people helped make her time with us successful, and rather than forget anyone, we have deliberately omitted names. We know who you are and your Lodge appreciates your efforts. Also, the support from the membership was total.

- (Penned by Einar Ness)

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

MANGE TUSEN TAKK

“Many thousand thanks” to those who make our programs interesting, our meetings informative and brief, and our dinners delicious.

Thank you to Jane Gates who served Cake and Coffee at our October 12 meeting when we greeted new members Dawn Rude and her husband James Stuberg. Welcome, folks!

Thanks to these folks who worked on the 40th Anniversary & Leif Erikson Party: Jane Gates, Jordis Hutchins, Lucy Riley, George Lindblom, Linda Hanson, Merle Hanson, Ellie Cihos, and Barb Moodt. And thanks to the Pour Boys, who furnished the music: Jerry Chambers, George Lindblom, Jerry Lahnala, and Tom Lahnala.

Thanks to Inger Johansen, and her helpers Ellie Cihos and Jan Mjovig, for her Labskaus Dinner on Nov 9th. Inger, that was a real treat. **Thank you!**

DUES INCREASE

At the 2011 spring meeting of the Sons of Norway International Board of Directors, the decision was made to increase the international portion of membership dues by \$1.00, effective January 1, 2012; and another \$1.00 effective January 1, 2013. The new amount will be: for a member \$42.75, and for a spouse \$35.75. Thank you.