



**SONS of
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Budstikken

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Fra Presidenten



We look forward to the beauty of a Wisconsin winter and the Holiday Season. People in our area celebrate this season with a variety of traditions, but for myself with the Norwegian Heritage that I enjoy, the celebration time revolves around Christmas. Our ancestors from Norway loved the many traditions that we still hold dear. The lighted trees and candles helped bring light to the dark winter season. The sweet treats, that we enjoy, were created in a warm and cozy kitchen. We warm up our kitchens and roll up our sleeves and make at least seven kinds of cookies!

Our Christian Christmas is an important part of this celebration. As we sing together our favorite carols, the one that remains my favorite is "I am so glad each Christmas Eve." Many of you can sing it in Norwegian, I'm sure. It was written by Peder Knudsen in the 1800's. The first verse says, "I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus birth. Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.

Merry Christmas to all, Ramona J.

**Next meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the
Radisson Center, 300 Front St S., La Crosse, WI**



PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Heritage Dinner

Program: Bardu: Christmas in Northern Norway



Our annual Heritage Dinner is December 2 at the Radisson Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Come and spend a social hour with our Wergeland Friends. At 6:00pm, dinner will be served by the Radisson catering service. It will be festive to have some Scandinavian sweet treats at this time. **Bring some of your favorite baking to enjoy, such as rosettes, krumkake, sugar cookies etc.** (The dinner will be available for you if you have reserved or purchased a dinner ticket)

At 7:00, we will have our lodge business meeting, electing officers that will serve in 2022. There is a special program planned, that will be presented by Shirley Schoenfeld. Maybe we can really get into the holiday spirit and sing some Christmas Carols!

Menu: Caesar Salad, Beef Tips over egg noodles, Fresh Vegetables, Dinner Bread, and Tiramisu for dessert, Coffee, Tea and Water. (**Tickets required—sales ended Nov 18**)

Bring some of your favorite baking to enjoy!

Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ Dec 2—Banquet: 5:00 Social Hour, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program, Radisson Center, 300 Front St S.
- ♦ Dec 6—Bell Ringing at Walgreens on Mormon Coulee
- ♦ Dec 7—CANCELLED: Rotary Lights Wergeland Program
- ♦ Dec 14—5:30 Board Meeting at Perkins
- ♦ Dec 20—Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ Dec 30—Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ January 6—Wergeland Lodge Meeting 6:00 pm Radisson Center, 300 Front St S.



December Birthdays

- 1 Jerome Smith
- 4 Paul Williams
- 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 Carol L Marking
- 14 Hudson Schmitt
- 15 Rebecca Johnson
- 19 Karen 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
- 26 Peter H Gullickson
- 27 Logan J Y Curtis
- 30 Arlan W Henderson

Program for January

Officer Installation and "Spillekveld" (Game Night)

Sekretær Notater...

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING .

The Wergeland Lodge of Sons of Norway gathered for lunch and fellowship at 6PM at the Radisson Center. There were 79 people in attendance.

The business meeting was called to order at 6:35 by President Ramona Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance and the three national anthems were sung. Two guests were introduced and those with November birthdays were asked to stand for the happy birthday song.

The secretary report was not read as it was printed in the Budstikken. Shirley Schoenfeld gave the treasurer report. The foundation cans were passed around.

Ramona announced the 2022 Calendars are now available for \$12.00.

She read the positions for officers and committees that are still open for 2022. Election of officers will be held at our December meeting. It is important that we have a full slate of officers to insure a successful 2022 and still keep our lodge operating in 2023. Ramona read the positions still needed for 2022.

Our annual Heritage Dinner will be held December 2. It will be a buffet catered by The Radisson Hotel and members are encouraged to bring their favorite Christmas treats for dessert. Tickets are available tonight for \$25.00.

The raffle drawing was held and two people each won \$40.00, and \$40.00 was given to our scholarship fund. We thank you very much for continued use of our raffle.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to contribute \$250. from our lodge treasury to the troll replacement at the Norwegian Garden at Riverside Park.

David Glomstad gave us closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Shirley Schoenfeld introduced Mike Palecek, who presented our program titled "Henry Hendrickson, the Blind Broom Maker". Henry came to America with Mons Anderson, who became a very successful business owner in La Crosse.

- Adrian Johnson, Lodge Secretary



Treasurer's Report as of Oct 31:

Checking: \$1251.06 + \$2739.58 income* - \$549.70 Expenses = \$3440.94 Balance

Scholarships: \$861.50 balance

Savings \$17,302.32 Balance

Total in accounts: \$21,604.76

*\$2000 was transferred from the SON Savings account to bolster the checking account.

CANCELLED! The Wergeland Program and Norsk Caroling event at the Rotary Lights warming tent on Dec 7 has been *cancelled* and we will not have a decorated tree on the boulevard. BUT still try to go through the lights and support the area food pantries and volunteer efforts! The display is open from Nov 26—Dec 31.

Gratulerer...

...til **Arlan and Doris Henderson** on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 14! On the 14th, they celebrated with their wedding party and on the weekend the family got together.

Tusen takk...

...til **Eugene Johnson** for bringing his Rømmegrøt to share at the November meeting!

...til those who have volunteered to Ring Bells for the **Salvation Army** and who will be ushering at the Weber Performing Arts Center's production of the **Sound of Music**.

...til **Kathy Anderson, Tom Munson, and John Munson** for contributing \$750 to the fund to replace a Troll in the La Crosse Friendship Gardens.

This money, along with \$250 from Wergeland Lodge, will pay for one of the trolls that was damaged. The troll lives in the Norwegian Area of the garden. Thank you for making this a garden that we can be proud to show to the community. Og Tusen Takk til **Tom** for also submitting an application for a matching grant from the SON Foundation.



(pictured—cute little troll found in a Flåm giftshop)

2022 Sons of Norway Conferences

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.



Coincidentally, Sangerfest 2022 will be held at the same time in the same location!

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. The convention will be held August 31st to Sept 1st 2022, with first time delegates arriving on the 30th of August for the First Timers Training. Delegates will depart the 2nd of September.

Here is the information about the venue; watch the virtual tour of the site! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZTljcinVCU> Omni Hotels and Resorts, Omni Viking lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, MN 55121

December Program: "Christmas in Bardu in Troms Fylke"

Bardu, Norway was settled in 1791 by Shirley Lokstad Schoenfeld's ancestors. Shirley will show beautiful videos of Christmas in Bardu, Norway - the place where her Grandparents emigrated from in 1888, which includes the church they were married in before they left Norway.



This is the Lokstad home in Bardu. Shirley will also have a

little information about her Grandparents Johannes and Elen Lokstad and their family, who lived at this farm. Bardu is North of the Arctic Circle in the Troms Fylke.



From the November Program: "Henry Hendrickson: The Blind Norwegian Broom-maker"

Mike Palecek, President of Racine's Nordlyset Lodge and District 5 Treasurer researched and presented the story of Henry Hendrickson, a blind man who emigrated to the Midwest from the Valdres area of Norway.

Henry was a youngster at the time, and, on the voyage, befriended a teen, Mons Anderson, who settled in La Crosse. Henry's story is one of perseverance through a number of set-backs in the broom-making industry, calling upon his friend Mons at times. Henry eventually found success in the music industry and published his story, "Out from the Darkness: An Autobiography."

Mike (and assistant, Ruth, both pictured to the right) gave a

great account of Henry's

story. Ruth and her husband Dave are members of the Westby Solvang Lodge and were guests at the November meeting.

Kent Sween (left) led the singing of *Hils Aftensolen* (*The Evening Sun*).





Dis og Dat



Dave and Becky Glomstad spent five days in Door County camping, hiking and spectating as their daughter Kristin and her boyfriend ran in the Door County Fall 50 Run.

Lloyd Hoff, Carol Pestel, Dick Marking, and Kathi Beane traveled to Lexington, VA. They stayed at Kathi's sister's house in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Their first stop was at Art Encounter in Williamstown, KY; then they traveled to Virginia Beach, Norfolk to see the USS Wisconsin battleship, and on to Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. Then they returned to Lexington and visited the Virginia Military Institute and the D-Day Memorial in Bedford and Natural Bridge and Peaks of Otter. A great time was enjoyed by all. Their "bed and breakfast" included their "personal chauffer:" Deb, Kathy's sister, a retired history high school teacher who knew the way and added much to the history.



Tom Monson's business partner, Ilene Kernozek, is the 2021 Mrs. Oktoberfest! Tom and Ilene are business partners at the financial services investment firm of STIFEL in La Crosse. Ilene is a Certified Trust and Fiduciary Advisor (CTFA) and Tom is a SR VP of Investments. Their business is called Monson and Kernozek Wealth Management. They both specialize in retirement planning and investments. Between the two of them, they have 50 years of experience helping clients with their investments. Tom adds, "We love it when our clients can use some of their investment earnings to travel to Norway!!"



Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2016

As has become a yearly holiday tradition of Wergeland lodge, we will again be providing ushers for two showings of the Christmas production at La Crosse Community Theatre. This year's show will be "A Christmas Carol" done in the form of a live radio show.

The program for December will be our traditional Christmas banquet on Thursday, December 1 at Drugan's Supper Club at 5:00 PM. Following the meal we will be entertained by our own Wergeland dancers.

Karen Hankee of Westby provided a program titled, "Making Heirlooms Usable Again and Creating New Heirlooms."

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2011

At the Heritage Night Dinner held December 1, Kent Sween and Elaine Nelson accompanied by Ray Mattison, led the singing of some Christmas carols by members. There were 135 people present.

Rachel Grippen Storlie, a former Wergeland dancer, is teaching voice as an adjunct professor at Luther College in Decorah, IA. Rachel danced for 11 years with the dancers.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2006

New members were Hans. L. Amundson of Sparta who is retired from the U.S. Postal Service and Kenneth and Norma Piper of West Salem. Kenneth is retired from Trane Company and Norma from teaching.

A recent gift to the Lodge has circled the U.S. "Folklore Fights the Nazis" was published in Wisconsin, sold at a Norwegian festival in Ohio, then it traveled to California and ended up at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Hemet, CA. It then passed to Fred and Dee Johnson, recent visitors at Hemet Lodge. The Johnson's donated it to our Lodge the night the author, Kathleen Stokker, was presenting a program based on one of her other books. Ms. Stokker inscribed it a second time and the traveling book about humor during WWII now belongs to our Lodge.

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.



Bell Ringing

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

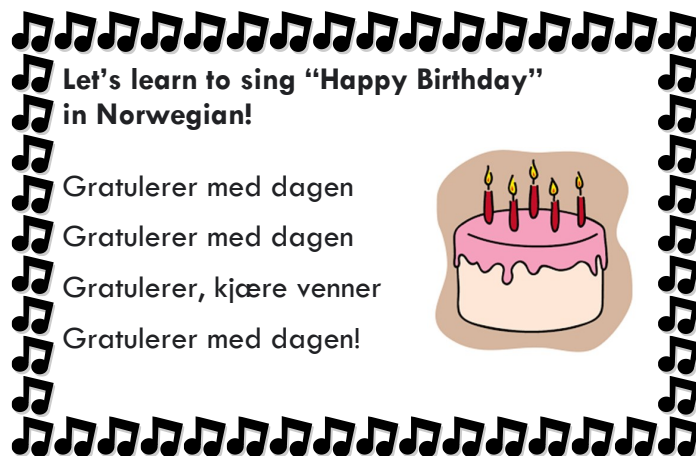
The following Wergeland members have signed up to ring bells for the Salvation Army.

Tuesday, November 30, Festival Foods Onalaska

2:00-4:00 Dee & Fred Johnson
 4:00-6:00 Kathi Beane & Dick Marking
 6:00-8:00 Shirley Schoenfeld & Carla Burkhardt

Monday, December 6, Walgreens on Mormon Coulee

12:00-2:00 Karen Broadhead & Bev Ranis
 2:00-4:00 Adrian & Ramona Johnson
 4:00-6:00 Mary Pesta



A Sons of Norway Santa Sighting in West Salem

Ilene Pavelko shared scenes from Dick Marking's yard and writes, "This eye catching display has been a Marking family project since 2013. He named different people who found the designs, built, and painted it. So just say it's 'a Marking Family collaboration.'"



Norskedalen Old Fashioned Christmas and Julefest

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

Start the Christmas season right with crafts, jule-log hunt, wagon rides and more at Norskedalen!

Julefest

Old fashioned Christmas becomes Julefest as Christmas draws nearer. The fun continues through the month of December with activities such as a winter-themed nisse hike, take-and-make crafts, the continuation of the yule log hunt, and letters to Santa! So if you can't make it for Old-Fashioned Christmas, be sure to stop by for Julefest!

Regular Admission Rates Apply to these events.



Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship applications are now open!

Do you know a student heading off to college soon who could use some help with tuition? Do you have a child or grandchild who wants to study abroad in Norway? The Sons of Norway Foundation offers 16 different scholarship opportunities for a variety of students, including international study, adult learners, vocational programs and more. For many recipients, these awards are a life-changing opportunity to explore educational passions in the US, Canada or Norway.

Many opportunities are available to members or their children or grandchildren, and awards range from \$1000 to a full year's tuition. Applications are due **January 15** for international opportunities, and **March 1** for domestic opportunities.

International Study/Travel Scholarships with a January 15, 2022 Deadline applications due to Sons of Norway Foundation:

- * Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship
- * Helen Tronvold Adult Learner 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.

*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

**Membership with Sons of Norway required (social or insurance)

Keep Recruiting New Members!!

Our 2021 Recruitment challenge ends on December 13. That's when paper enrollment forms are due to Sons of Norway headquarters. You can still sign up members online until December 30. Be sure to give your member number to people who are interested in joining, to earn a limited edition **2021 Recruiter pin!**

Transferring a Member into your Lodge: If someone contacts you about transferring their membership into your lodge, and your lodge is happy to accept them as a member:

You do not need to collect any money when a member transfers in, unless their membership is suspended or cancelled.



Serinakaker

Makes about 2 dozen

INGREDIENTS:

2 large eggs
1 cup sugar
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
3 sticks salted butter, softened
1/2 cup pearl sugar, or coarsely crushed sugar cubes

To make:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Beat together 1 egg and sugar with an electric mixer until thick and pale. Sift in flour and baking powder and add butter. Beat on low speed until mixture forms a dough. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill until firm, at least 1 hour.

Lightly beat remaining egg. Roll level teaspoons of dough into balls and arrange 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Press thumb into center of each ball to flatten, leaving a depression, and brush lightly with egg. Sprinkle crushed sugar in centers and bake in batches in middle of oven until golden, 12 to 18 minutes. Transfer to racks to cool completely.

This and more recipes from: <https://www.epicurious.com/>



Get their name and member number, and the names and member numbers of any other family members who are transferring into your lodge.

Send an email to fraternal@sofn.com with the word "Transfer" in the subject. Include your lodge's name and number, your name and officer position and the names and member numbers of the people transferring in.

Sometimes an Individual Member wants to change to a Family Membership by adding a new person to their household. Or, sometimes an already existing Family Membership needs to include a new person. At sofn.com, click Join/Renew button in the upper right corner, select "Add a Family Member" which is the third button down. They will be given the same due date as the member signing them up, and they will be listed as their recruiter.

Please contact Sherry at fraternal@sofn.com with questions on either of these processes.

Thank you for helping to grow our Lodge!

A little in English...

After Christmas baskets were used for gifts

Today, woven Christmas baskets are just used for decorating the tree. But originally they were meant to be used.

Years ago, Christmas presents hung in baskets on the Christmas tree. We still hang up the woven decorations. The history of the Christmas basket begins with the Christmas tree, says Beate Lindseth. She has written the book "Julekurver" (Christmas Baskets).

"The Christmas tree is a German tradition from the 15th century. In the beginning, the tree was a gift tree. Unwrapped cakes, sweets and gifts were hung on the tree. Eventually, cakes and sweets were placed in paper cornets and baskets," she tells Klar Tale. There are still many who do this.

In the 19th century, the Christmas tree came to Norway. Eventually, it became common to place the gifts under the tree instead. But we have kept the Christmas baskets as ornaments.

"Especially in Scandinavia, we have a tradition of making homemade Christmas tree decorations. In other countries, people started buying ornaments instead," Lindseth says.

Today, the heart-shaped Christmas basket with a chess pattern is the best known. But the earliest we have in our care are from the 1860s," says Lindseth.

"Earlier, they had other types of baskets. They've almost died off now. In Denmark, they have always had many different patterns in their baskets. They use a lot of symbols at Christmas. Like stars and angels," she says.

Do you want to learn how to make Christmas baskets? This YouTube **video** shows you how:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5JcOfXBJac>

Written instructions: <http://www.stavanger-web.com/baskets.php>

For interesting variations, see:

Nissekurv: <http://www.julekurver.no/julekurvmaler/maler/julekurvmal-nissekurv.gif>

Stjernekurv: <http://www.julekurver.no/julekurvmaler/maler/julekurvmal-stjernekurv.gif>

Vikingskip: <http://www.julekurver.no/julekurvmaler/maler/julekurvmal-vikingskip.gif>

Litt på Norsk...

Julekurver ble brukt til gaver

I dag er julekurvene bare til pynt på treet. Men opprinnelig skulle de brukes.

Før lå julegavene i kurver på juletreet. Fortsatt henger vi opp den flettede pynten. Julekurvens historie starter med juletreet, forteller Beate Lindseth. Hun har skrevet boka «Julekurver».

– Juletreet er en tysk tradisjon fra 1400-tallet. I begynnelsen var treet et gavetre. Kaker, godterier og gaver som ikke var innpakket, hang på treet. Etter hvert ble kaker og godteri lagt i kremmerhus og kurver, sier hun til Klar Tale. Fortsatt er det mange som gjør det.

På 1800-tallet kom juletreet til Norge. Etter hvert ble det vanlig å legge gavene under treet isteden. Men julekurvene har vi beholdt som pynt.

– Spesielt i Skandinavia har vi tradisjon for å lage hjemmelaget juletrepynt. I andre land begynte folk å kjøpe pynt isteden, sier Lindseth.

I dag er den hjerteformede julekurven med sjakkemønster mest kjent. Men de tidligste vi har tatt vare på, er fra 1860-tallet, forteller Lindseth.

– Før hadde de andre typer kurver. De er nesten borte nå. I Danmark har de hele tiden hatt mange forskjellige mønstre i kurvene sine. De bruker mye symboler på jula. Som stjerner og engler, sier hun.

Vil du lære å lage julekurver? Denne videoen fra YouTube viser deg hvordan:



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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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