

Restoration Lodge #548

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**Next Social Meeting:
February 14, 2006
Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.
First Lutheran Church
Luther Fellowship Center
1000 3rd Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401**

**Program:
The Restoration**

Presented by
David Christ

Hear about the sloop that sailed from Stavanger, Norway to America in 1825, a voyage which is widely considered to be the "official start" of Norwegian immigration to the United States.

February Kaffe Tid will be on February 15 at Marcella Martinson's at 1326 J Ave NE, Cedar Rapids at 1 PM. Call her at 362-5391 if you plan to attend.

Younkers' Community Day Sale March 4th

We will be selling the Younkers' Community Day coupon booklets at the February social and board meeting. If you wish to purchase one or more and will not be at the meeting, please call Lois McCormick at 377-2890 and she will send or deliver them.

THIS IS A WIN, WIN fund raiser. Everyone who buys a booklet will pay \$5 and will receive a \$10 coupon, plus eight additional coupons good for 20% off merchandise throughout the store. There will also be a bonus of \$30 off entire stock of men's and women's Clarks shoes as well as other bonus buys.

Don't forget that you can pre-sale before March 4th. Remember, you pay \$5 which stays in the lodge and Younkers gives you \$10 to spend in the store. WHAT A DEAL !!!!!!!!!!!

We have a new baby in the lodge: Linda and Espen Anneling had a baby girl born September 29. Ella Marie Anneling joins two older brothers, Karsten and Erik, at their home in Coralville.

Address or Phone Number Changes

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please contact David Christ. He can be reached either by phone, 319-351-7717; email, dchrist@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu; or by U.S. mail, 1335 Emily Court, Iowa City, IA 52246. It is important we know of any changes of address (either traditional or email) or telephone numbers. This is especially critical now that the newsletter is being sent electronically.

The deadline for newsletter submissions for March is Wednesday, March 1st 2006. You may email me at jonrwhite@hotmail.com.

For Security Reasons, the doors in the drive-through entrance at First Lutheran Church will be locked while our Sons of Norway meeting is in progress. Therefore, if you arrive late, you will have to enter through the door to the Administrative area. It is the single door located to the left (as you face the rear of the building) of the drive through area.

The main doors will be locked at about 7:00 P.M. and the Administrative door will remain unlocked until about 7:45 P.M.

Hometown Perry at the Carnegie Library Museum in Perry, Iowa is celebrating the various ethnic groups and cultures who have settled in our country. During the months of January and February they are highlighting the Norwegian heritage in conjunction with the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. They have artifacts from Vesterheim on display as well as some local Norwegian artifacts. Tova Brandt, the curator for the Vesterheim, will be doing a presentation on February 9th at 7 PM entitled "Norwegian Immigration To Iowa: History and Interpretation." Contact Shirley Keenan at 515-465-7713 for further information.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

First of all, I want to thank Sarah Gunderson for her presentation on Ole Edvart Rolvaag. I was not present, but have been told that it was a very good program. Thanks again, Sarah.

On Saturday, January 21st, I attended the 2006 workshop for District 1, Zone 7 lodges. It was held in Coralville at their Public Library from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. One of the objectives was to assist lodge officers in the duties of their office. It was also a time to get acquainted with other lodge representatives and share ideas. I will be sharing the information that I learned at the next board meeting.

In February, we will be electing delegates to the District 1 Lodge Meeting and Convention to be held in Bloomington, Minnesota, June 15, 16, and 17th. We have been informed that we can have 3 delegates. Please check your calendars if you are interested in being a delegate from our lodge.

We will again participate in the Younkers Community Day sale on March 4th. See information about the sale in another part of the newsletter.

Last, but not least, we have another member of our lodge presenting the program in February so come and hear what David Christ has to tell us about the ship named Restauration. It was the sloop that sailed from Stavanger, Norway, to America in 1825.

The February board meeting will be at the president's home on February 21st beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing lodge goals for 2006 and also devote a portion of our meeting to leadership information for officers.

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Board Meeting January 17, 2006

The January board meeting of Restauration Lodge convened at 7:00 PM January 17, 2006 at the home of President Lois McCormick. Present were Ann and Dean Gesme, Sara and Larry Knutson, Ruth and David Christ, Mary Durspek, Mavis Lovik, Sarah Gunderson, Wally Sundet, Lois McCormick, Ann Larson, and Bob Thorkildson.

The Membership Secretary reported that the current total active membership is 152.

The Treasurer sent a report that the current checking balance is \$2610.80 and the current savings balance is \$8319,78.

The Cultural Directors are looking for people to help on the Syttende Mai Committee. February Social Meeting Hostesses are Jean Murray, Gloria Larson, and Anna Marie Klein.

The deadline for submissions for the February newsletter is 6:00 PM January 26.

The President, Social Director, and Cultural Director will jointly develop the meeting schedule and setup requirements for First Lutheran Church. Reminders will need to be sent before each meeting.

Moved by Dean Gesme and seconded by David Christ: There will be a Social meeting on Tuesday May 9 as usual in addition to the Syttende Mai celebration.

Membership Roster, Program List, and List of Hosts/Hostesses will be mailed with the February newsletter. Those receiving the newsletter by e-mail should pick up their copy at the Social Meeting.

The 2006 budget was discussed. A surplus was shown for 2005 due to lower than usual speaker costs. This will be balanced out in 2006.

Number of years remaining in office for elected officers will be added to office list on the back of the newsletter.

Memorials for Emory Toresdahl and Clair Munson have been sent to Vesterheim. A thank you has been received from Joyce Munson.

Due dates for lodge reports, etc. were read. District 1 convention is June 15-17 in Bloomington, Minnesota. International convention is August 16-19 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Younkers will have a coupon day March 4. It was decided to participate. This time \$5.00 gets a certificate good for \$10.00 off and also 8 20% off coupons. Restauration Lodge gets to keep the \$5.00.

Officer training is in Coralville on January 21. Lois McCormick and the Christs said they would try to participate.

The lodge has both DVD and VHS copies of a short promotional video for Sons of Norway.

A Tusen Takk Award will be presented at the February Social Meeting.

Kaffe Tid is on January 18 at Mary Durspek's.

Scholarship applications are due at Ruth Christ's February 1.

The treasurer's report will be audited following the February board meeting.

Next Social Meeting is February 14 at 7:00 PM at First Lutheran Church. David Christ will speak about the ship Restauration. Next Board Meeting is February 21 at 7:00 PM at Lois McCormick's home.

Lodge Secretary,
David Christ

