

Restauration Lodge #548

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Next Social Meeting:

March 14, 2006

Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.

**First Lutheran Church
Luther Fellowship Center
1000 3rd Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401**

Program:

Ole Goes to Norway... Really

Presented by

Eileen and Merle Kjonaas

Merle and Eileen, who starred as Ole and Shannon in two Restauration Lodge pantomimes last year, will tell us about their 2005 summer trip to Norway, where they toured many areas by tandem bicycle. Did they meet up with any trolls or huldras? Come and find out.

March Kaffe Tid will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at Myrtle Heuston's at 190 Cottage Grove Ave SE #202 in Cedar Rapids. Please call Myrtle at (319)-866-9588 and let her know if you are planning to attend.

The 2006 Tusen Takk Award

This years Tusen Takk Award was given to Carolyn Rushton at the Social Meeting on February 14th. The lodge appreciates your wonderful efforts over the past several years.

Tusen Takk Carolyn!!!!

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.

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.

FOLK ART EXHIBIT & COMPETITION

On June 15th they will be having a Folk Art Exhibit & Competition at the District 1 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Delegates may bring the items to the convention for lodge members interested.

A Pre-Registration Form needs to be sent before May 1st. Any Sons of Norway member is eligible to exhibit and/or compete.

Youth ages 16-20 may enter if they are a Sons of Norway member. Entrants are allowed to enter a maximum of two articles in each category. Items submitted must have been made by the person who enters and have been made within the past two years.

Categories are A. Rosemaling, B. Fiber arts (Textiles and Stitching), C. Woodworking (with hand tools), D. Optional which includes Photo, Knife Making, Folk Painting, Furniture, Collage (all these items need to have a Norwegian motif) and E. Genealogy (for display only).

Adults have three categories to enter. 1. Adult Amateurs 2. Intermediate 3. Adult Professional.

Anyone interested in entering please call Lois McCormick at 377-2890 and she will send the complete letter and pre-registration form. She will also be glad to take them to convention for you.

The deadline for newsletter submissions for April is Wednesday, March 29th 2006. You may email me at jonrwhite@hotmail.com.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

Where did February go? It went too fast anyway. Is that a sign of my age?

If you did not attend the February meeting, you missed an excellent presentation by member David Christ. His presentation about "The Restauration" told us a great deal about the trip to America in 1825. The use of props helped us visualize the size of boat, the area each passenger could occupy and the size of trunk they were allowed to bring with them. Thanks David for a great job.

A committee for planning the May 17th event was selected at our February board meeting. They are Sarah and Larry Knutson, Ann Gesme and Sarah Gunderson.

District 1 Convention delegates and alternates were elected at the February Social Meeting. Delegates are Lois McCormick, Dean Gesme and Bob Thorkildson and alternates will be David Tesdahl, Nancy Thorkildson and Ann Gesme. The convention will be in Bloomington, Minnesota June 15th - 17th.

At the February meeting I mentioned a Norwegian Genealogy Seminar Weekend. It will be May 18-21 at the Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Village, Bemidji, Minnesota. The cost is \$305 which is due by April 15th, 2006. For more information please call Lois McCormick, 377-2890.

Hoping to see you at the March meeting.

SANGERFEST 2006 in DECORAH, IOWA

THE PARADE OF CHORUSES is Thursday, June 29. Tickets are \$5.00

SANGERFEST GRAND CONCERT is Saturday July 1 at 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00.

There will be 350 men from Norwegian-American choruses in the Midwest performing at these concerts. The Grand Concert will include guest performers from Norway. Elisabeth Tandberg from Oslo who is an opera singer will perform. The Sangerfest piano accompanist also comes from Oslo. Her name is Jorunn Marie Bratlie. The Norske Mannsoktett from Lillehammer will demonstrate their musical prowess.

For additional information about Sangerfest go to www.nsaaonline.org. Call Paul & Carol at 563-382-9392 for tickets.

There is a special group rate for 20 or more persons at \$8.00 each for the Grand Concert. Let Lois McCormick know if you are interested and maybe we can get the group rate.

Sounds like fun.

First District is hosting a bowling jamboree in Alexandria, Minnesota on Saturday, May 6. Bowlers do not need to be SON members. Get up a group of relatives or friends and have fun bowling and seeing the area sights, such as Big Ole, a large statue, and the Kensington Runestone, a controversial stone some feel is a pre-Leif Erickson Viking memorial. Let Verl Lekwa know before April 20 if interested.



Carolyn Rushton receives her Tusen Takk award from Wally Sundet



David Christ presented the February program on the ship our lodge is named for: the Restauration

**Restauration Lodge 1-548 Board Meeting
Minutes: February 17, 2006**

The February board meeting of Restauration Lodge convened at 7:00 PM February 21, 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, Paula Schulte, Jon White, Ding Sather, Lois McCormick, Ann Larson, and Bob Thorkildson.

Welcome was given by President Lois McCormick.

The January board minutes were approved.

Treasurer Ding Sather reported the checking account balance is \$2581.77 and the Savings account balance is \$8319.78. He will be sending memorials to Vesterheim for Munson and Toresdahl. Books will be audited after the meeting.

Social Directors Larry and Sara Knutson said the meeting schedule has been given to First Lutheran. Syttende mai plans were discussed. Sarah Gunderson will help. David and Ruth Christ will work on programs and tickets. Right now it looks like the venue will be the Elks club with a ticket in the \$20 range. March social meeting servers will be David and Ruth Christ, Lori Meyer, and Marlis Windus.

Cultural Director Sarah Gunderson announced that the March program will be Merle and Eileen Kjonaas presenting their bicycling trip to Norway. She now has information on the Cultural Skills program for those interested. Estimated cost for this year's outside presenters (Gourley and Stokker) is about \$330. She also would appreciate program suggestions for 2007.

Newsletter editor Jon White announced March 1 is the submission deadline for the March issue.

Vice President Ann Gesme has volunteer applications.

Sunshine chair Ann Larson sent a get well card to Nancy Thorkildson.

Kaffe Tid chair Mary Durspek reported February's attendance was 11. Volunteer hostesses are already signed up for the rest of the year. Myrtle Heuston will host in March.

Scholarship chair Ruth Christ reported we have two repeat Skogfjorden campers this year: Fred Maraz and Jeffery Christ.

Historian Paula Schulte took pictures at the last meeting.

New Business

President McCormick reported on the leadership training in Coralville. She has 10 copies of Viking for Kids. She presented goals for 2006. Anne Gesme moved they be accepted. Second David Christ. Passed on a voice vote.

David Christ and Jon White are to investigate video projectors.

Old Business

David Christ, Jon White, and Mavis Lovik will work on a way to make sure the membership list is accurate and up to date.

President McCormick has chances for the District convention (\$2 each)

President McCormick will bring the lodge banner to the convention.

Moved by Jon White, Second Ann Larson: \$250 per delegate to be allocated to defray their costs. If International is paying his living expenses again, David Tesdahl will only receive \$165 to cover his registration and the other \$95 to be split between the other two delegates. Passed by voice vote.

Next board meeting is 7:00 PM March 21 at Lois McCormick's house.

Lodge Secretary,
David Christ

Since he was attending anyway, Ole was asked by the local newspaper to report on the keynote address at the Sons of Norway International Convention. At a pre-speech briefing for the press, the speaker, a well known Lutheran minister, asked reporters not to say anything about the several anecdotes he was planning to use as he expected to give the speech several more times.

In his article, Ole wrote "Reverend Oleson told several stories that can't be repeated here."
