

Restauration Lodge #548

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Next Social Meeting:

May 10, 2006

Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.

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

Program:

Kolrosing

The program will feature a film about Kolrosing. Kolrosing is a form of folk art that involves incising a pattern into an object made of wood, and then rubbing a colorant into the incised design.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

Well, Spring is slowly making its appearance. A little cold and a little warm. But I'm sure we are all glad it's here. I spent time over Easter in Pennsylvania with my son and his family. My daughter and family also went. I spent one day in Washington, D.C., one day in Alexandria, one day in Philadelphia and the rest of the time at my son's home in Coatesville, Pa. So, enough about me.

The program at our April social meeting was very interesting. We have purchased a book by the speaker for the lodge. The name of the book is *Astri, My Astri*.

Now to May. I am looking forward to our May social meeting as well as the May 17th celebration dinner and program. I hope to see you there.

Address or Phone Number Changes

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please contact Mavis Lovik. She can be reached by phone, 393-6679; by U.S. mail, 2603 Falcon Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or by email, maalovfalcon@msn.com. It is important we know of any changes of address (either traditional or email) or telephone numbers!

Syttende Mai Banquet program:

Henrik Ibsen:

the Father of Modern Drama

A Biographical History

Presented by
Carolyn Rushton

And

A Doll House

"The play that changed theatre forever."

Excerpts read by Restauration Lodge Members

Eileen Kjonaas Merle Kjonaas
Cheryl Zapf Verl Lekwa
Sarah Gunderson Wally Sundet

Ibsen changed theatre from a place of entertainment and occasional catharsis into a place from which people emerged compelled to re-examine basic principles which they had rarely before seriously considered.

Gone were the old plot lines of mistaken identities, overheard conversations and intercepted letters. Instead Ibsen's characters tell the story themselves. His plays were written about ordinary people using ordinary language and his greatness was due to his keen understanding of human nature. In fact, *A Doll House* is based on a true story.

In this centennial year of Ibsen's death, come for a celebratory evening commemorating Norway's greatest playwright.

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.

Kaffe tid in May will be Wednesday, 24 May at the home of Gladys Aakre. Please call Gladys at (319) 369-0572 if you plan to attend the meeting.

The deadline for newsletter submissions for June is Wednesday, May 26th 2006. You may email me at jonrwhite@hotmail.com.

A Message from the Cultural Director:

You are all invited to attend this year's syttende mai celebration! Come and celebrate our Norwegian heritage with a dinner, educational program, and entertainment! Invite friends and family to join in the fun as well!

When: Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Time: 6:00pm—Socializing

6:30 PM—Dinner

7:00 PM—Program—Henrik Ibsen

Where: BPO Elks Lodge 251

801 33rd Avenue SW

Cedar Rapids, IA

Cost: \$20 per person

Tickets will be available to buy at the next two Sons of Norway meetings on April 11, and May 9, 2006. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you can buy tickets by contacting (for Cedar Rapids area):

Ann & Dean Gesme

Phone: 319-362-6910

email: augdhg@mchsi.com

or for Iowa City area:

Ruth & David Christ

Phone: 319-351-7717

The dinner will include two entrees, side dishes, and Norwegian desserts. Thus, those who would like to share a Norwegian dessert can sign up at the Sons of Norway meetings in April and May. Carolyn Rushton will be presenting a program about Henrik Ibsen, who was a famous Norwegian author and playwright. Come and enjoy the festivities!

Other Notes from the Cultural Director

We will be having a regular meeting in May on Tuesday, May 9th at 7 pm. The program will feature a film about Kolrosing. Kolrosing is a form of folk art that involves incising a pattern into an object made of wood, and then rubbing a colorant into the incised design. It was very popular from 1700-1850.

This video will show many beautiful examples of kolrosing and give technical instructions on this art form frequently referred to as "drawing with the point of a knife."

In addition, there have been changes made regarding the program schedule this fall. Professor Kathleen Stokker, from Luther College, will be presenting at the Sons of Norway meeting in October 2006. Verl Lekwa will be presenting his presentation, "Growing Up Non-Norwegian," in November 2006.

Sarah Gunderson

Bring a Guest

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve, and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries. Restauration Lodge is doing a fine job of carrying out this mission; however, we need to reach out in the community and share this valuable heritage with our friends, relatives and others. All of you must know women and men of Nordic descent—and others wishing to explore Norwegian culture. They are most cordially invited to come to our lodge meetings! Please contact them and invite them to visit us.

Our programs are consistently outstanding - and of an ethnic nature - offering entertainment and information not found anyplace else in Cedar Rapids or the surrounding communities.

Invite a guest to the meeting May 9th, and especially to the SYTTENDE MAI banquet and program which will be held at the Elk's Club on May 17, 2006. Please turn in names and addresses of prospective members who would like to receive the newsletter. For more information phone 362-6910 or e-mail augdhg@mchsi.com.

Restauration Lodge 1-548 Board Meeting

Minutes: 18 April 2006

The April meeting of the Restauration Lodge board was held at the home of Ann and Dean Gesme on April 18, 2006.

Attending were Sarah Gunderson, Mavis Lovik, Carolyn Rushton, Ding Sather, Wally Sundet, Ann Gesme, Dean Gesme, Verl Lekwa, Paula Schulte, David Christ, Ruth Christ, Ann Larson, Bob Torkildson, Lloyd Holecek.

Vice President Anne Gesme called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants.

The previous month's minutes were reviewed.

Treasurer Sather reported the checking balance was \$1984.75 and savings balance was \$8388.98. All bills presented to that point have been paid.

Membership Secretary Lovik reported our current active membership including juveniles with insurance is 146. We have one new member, Gerry Rushton and Shirley Spading is now a Golden Member.

Secretary Christ is to order membership applications, membership brochures and Joy of Connecting DVDs.

Creating a local membership/recruiting brochure was discussed.

Social Directors Sara and Larry Knutson reported that May 9 hosts/hostesses are Mary Brubaker, Sandra Van Amberg, and Merle and Eileen Kjonaas. They also said more volunteers are needed to make Norwegian desserts for syttende mai.

Cultural Director Gunderson reported the May 9 program will be a film on Kolrosing, a traditional form of wood decorating. May 17 is the syttende mai banquet. Carolyn Rushton will be presenting a program on Ibsen. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by May 10. New song sheets will be printed with fun songs to sing at meetings. Kathy Stokker is now scheduled to speak at the October meeting.

Kaffee Tid is at Ann Larson's on April 19. The May meeting at Gladys Aakre's will probably be moved from May 17 to May 24 because of the banquet.

Library: Several books were donated by Ellen Sunde. Some will go into the Lodge Library and some will be used by Kathy Stokker for research for her projects.

Newsletter: Deadline for the May issue is April 26. How to keep the file size of the newsletter from being too large was discussed. A specific model of video projector was presented (InFocus X3) for possible purchase. The Friendly First Posten district newsletter was discussed along with other web resources.

Since Kathy Stokker is speaking on October 10, using that date as a membership drive event was discussed. This idea was received with positive comments.

The Story City Kong Sverre lodge Fjord Horse Therapy project and their request for donations was discussed. Dean Gesme moved and Paula Schulte seconded a motion that Restauration Lodge donate \$50. Motion passed.

Anne Gesme has been corresponding with Odd Harald Olson, president of Ryfylke Lodge 8-23 in Hjelmeland, Norway. About 12 of their members will be on tour in our area about October 4-5. Because of connections between some of the Ryfylke Lodge members and the original founders of the town of Norway, Iowa, there is a desire to visit the town while in Iowa. It was suggested that they arrange lodging in Amana and that a dozen or so Restauration Lodge members treat the Ryfylke Lodge members to dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn. Ann will correspond further to see if this will work.

Meeting was adjourned to cookies and coffee graciously provided by the Gesmes.

David Christ, Secretary.

Lodge Secretary,
David Christ



Ann Gesme holds the cake which was presented to her by students at the final session of this years Norwegian Language and Customs class

