

Restauration Lodge #548

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The March social meeting will be
Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7:00 pm
at

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

Hosts: Mavis Lovik, Sarah
Gunderson, Cindy Monroe

Sarah Gunderson will be presenting the program at Restauration Lodge's March social meeting. The presentation will discuss the history of the stave churches in Norway. The stave churches have a distinctive Nordic-style construction with their roofs being compared to Viking ships. Furthermore, some of these churches have stood for more than 800 years and depict the finest artifacts of medieval art in all of Norway. This program will travel to different parts of Norway in order to explore several of these churches in more detail and to learn more about these beautiful structures

The main doors of the church will be locked at about 7:00 pm, for security reasons, but the Administrative door will remain unlocked until about 7:45

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be
Wednesday, March 28.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

Well, we are definitely getting winter. I've shoveled enough. Let the sunshine come. Sorry that we had to postpone February's social meeting, but I don't think that it would have been safe to come out. We can look forward to hearing Sarah Gunderson's program on the history of stave churches in Norway sometime in the future.

We will finally get to present the Tusen Takk award at the March meeting. I will also share with you any information that I have received through the mail, that is of interest.

We will also be informed if we have any representatives going to Language camps as those applications were due on Feb. 1.

Dean Gesme has completed the Lodge of the Year Form as it is due to the Zone director by March 1. Thank you, Dean.

We will have been two weeks in Baldwin, La. on a mission trip with others from the First United Methodist Church in Marion. Since I'm writing this before I go, I don't know what the weather will be like, but I am hoping warmer. Don't need any tornadoes though.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the March social meeting.

MARCH BOARD MEETING will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00 pm at the home of Lois McCormick, 2990 18th Avenue, Marion.

NO SILENT AUCTION IN MARCH

First Lutheran Church has begun a remodeling project this spring in the Luther Fellowship room and adjoining kitchen. Therefore, we will be displaced to another room in the church for our meetings until the remodeling is complete. As a result, we will not be having the silent auction in March because we will not have enough space available in the temporary location. The silent auction will take place during one of our meetings this fall. You may contact Lois McCormick, Ann Gesme, or Sarah Gunderson if you have any items you would like to donate.

NORWEGIAN BAKING CLASS IN MARCH

On Saturday, March 24, our lodge is offering another baking class to learn how to make more delicious Norwegian desserts. This class will focus on either krumkaka or strull. The class will be located in a home next door to Lois McCormick. Lois lives at 2990 18th Ave. in Marion. Call Lois at (319) 377-2890 if you are interested in participating in the class.

SKOGFJORDEN SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDED Congratulations to Giulliette and Fred Meraz, 2007 Skogfjorden scholarship winners. Giulliette and Fred will receive scholarships from Restauration Lodge which will be matched by the First District Sons of Norway. Giulliette will attend a one week session for the first time and Fred will be returning to attend a two week session at Skogfjorden, the Norwegian language village operated by Concordia College near Bemidji, MN. They are the children of Paula Miller and Matt Meraz, grandchildren of Jan and Jack Miller.

Ruth Christ, Scholarship Chair

A STORY SUBMITTED BY VERL LEKWA
Hans Tollefsrude came to America in 1844 and walking from Chicago, he went to southern Wisconsin. Lured by gold fever, he spent five years in California. He began farming in Iowa in 1868, and is buried west of Fort Dodge. He had many adventures in life, including a trip back to Norway just after the Civil War.

On that trip, his ship wrecked off the west coast of Scotland and most of those aboard were lost at sea. A few clung to pieces of wreckage and made it to an island shore, where they were cared for by the locals. Tollefsrude was among the lucky, and he finally made it to Norway to see his aged father. What he did for money to get home from Scotland is not recorded. Next time you complain when you have to take off your shoes at the airport security checkpoint, think of poor Hans floating in cold water off Scotland!

BEST OF RESTAURATION

Thanks to Ann Gesme for the following recipe.

Rice Porridge (Risengrøt)

1 ¼ c. rice	5 c. milk
2/3 c. water	½+ tsp. salt
2 ½ Tbsp sugar	¼ tsp vanilla

Place all ingredients in a sauce pan and cook on medium heat, uncovered, about ½ hour, stirring frequently to keep from sticking. If it is too thick, add more milk and heat. Makes about 5½ cups porridge. Serve with a pat of butter in the center and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

This is NOT rice pudding, it is rice porridge, and the main dish at a meal. It is a favorite Saturday night meal, served with a glass of cranberry juice, hard salami and flatbrød.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Restauration Lodge 548 Business Meeting was held at 7:00 PM February 20, 2007 at the home of Dean and Ann Gesme

Attending were Ruth and David Christ, Sarah Gunderson, Ann Larson, Mary Durspek, Ardy Erickson, Bob Thorkildson, Mavis Lovick, Ann and Dean Gesme, and Paula Schulte.

The meeting was opened by Vice-Prsident Ann Gesme. No corrections were made to the January business minutes. No social meeting was held in February due to inclement weather.

The treasurer's report was not available. Ding Sather has submitted financial form 17.

Membership now stands at 145 including juveniles with active insurance.

Communication was received from Janet Gilchrist indicating that she enjoys reading the lodge newsletter. She has a new address.

Bob Thorkildson is continuing to work on a lodge brochure.

March social meeting hosts are Mavis Lovick, Sarah Gunderson, and Cindy Monroe.

Due to remodeling at First Lutheran, our meeting room will change. We will still meet at First Lutheran but in a different room.

Due to the February cancellation the program schedule has changed. The silent auction in March is replaced by Sarah Gunderson. Bob Thorkildson will present in April. The program for the May social meeting is to be announced later. The silent auction will be held in the fall.

Syttende Mai arrangements were discussed. The speaker will be Blaine Hedburg from the Norwegian American Genealogical Center. The social directors are making final arrangements for the location and menu.

The next baking class will be held March 24. The subject will be krumkake or strull.

A new book has been donated to the library by Dave Johansen: *Runestone* by Don Coldsmith.

We have awarded two scholarships to Skogfjorden. The campers are Giullietta and Fred Meraz children of Paula Miller and Matthew Meraz. Their grandparents are Jan and Jack Miller. Also attending camp will be Jeffery Christ, grandson of Ruth and David Christ.

KAFFETID will meet at Lois McCormick's home at 2990 18th Avenue, Marion on Wednesday, March 21 at 1:00 pm. Please call Lois at 377- 2890 if you plan to attend.

Myrtle Heuston's address, while she recovers, is Centre Avenue Health and Rehab Facility, Room #140, 815 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526.

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES If you have a change of address (either U.S. mail or e-mail) or telephone number, please contact Mavis Lovik. She can be reached by phone, 393-6679; or by mail at 2603 Falcon Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or by email, maalovfalcon@msn.com. It is important if you want to continue receiving your newsletter.



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

March 13
March 20
March 24

Social Meeting
Board Meeting
Cooking Class

Elected Officers:

President-Lois McCormick	377-2890
Vice President-Ann Gesme	362-6910
Counselor-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Secretary-David Christ	319-351-7717
Treasurer-Ding Sather	393-7310
Assistant Treasurer-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Membership Secretary-Mavis Lovik	393-6679
Cultural director-Sarah Eness Gunderson	319-330-3153
Social directors- Ardy Erickson	365-4926
Ann Larson	373-1891

Sons of Norway representative:

David Tesdahl	319-286-9447
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Lodge web site:

www.sofn-cedarrapids.org	
web master- Robert Thorkildson	319-721-9902

Appointed Officers:

Auditors:	
Ruth Christ (1 year)	319-351-7717
Jean Oxley (1 year)	364-5340
Bob Thorkildson (2 year)	319-721-9902
Foundation-Wally Sundet	393-6971
Greeters-Sharon Mow	366-3202
Ruth Berger	365-4979
Historian--Paula Schulte	396-1076
Kaffe Tid-Mary Durspek	377-4480
Language Facilitator :	
Ann Gesme	362-6910
Librarian-Judy Argo	319-247-2479
Marshalls-Lloyd Holecek	377-4438
David Johansen	319-338-0414
Musicians-Carolyn Rushton	319-351-8604
Jennifer Rand	366-6659
Newsletter Editor-Bill/Mary Durspek	377-4480
Newsletter Mailer- Lois McCormick	377-2890
Publicity-Sandra Van Amburg	223-5331
Scholarship-Ruth Christ	319-351-7717
Sports/Recreation/Youth-Verl Lekwa	319-728-2847
Sunshine-Ann Larson	373-1891
Trustees	
Merle Kjonaas (1 year)	319-338-0414
Paula Schulte (2 year)	396-1076

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