

# Restauration Lodge #548

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The November social meeting will be  
Tuesday, November 13, 2007

7:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
3634 1st Avenue SE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Hosts: Don and Norma Kvindlog, Darlene  
Lidvall, Joe and Jean Reed

Norwegians have a long history of knife making, and knives were very useful tools in daily life. However, many of these knives were also decorated with ornamental carvings. Thus, a unique art form emerged that is still celebrated today. David Christ, who has studied this type of Norwegian folk art at Vesterheim in Decorah and has spent time with master knife makers in Norway, will be sharing this information at the November social meeting. Knife making is one of the Norwegian folk arts. It has its origins as a utilitarian craft but has evolved to a true art form. He will be showing some of the methods of making these knives and also will show pictures of many fine knives.

Congratulations to Flo and Merrill Ludvigson, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October. They are charter members of the lodge and Merrill has served as President and has held other offices over the years.

New Members We are pleased to announce the addition of six new members in October. They are: Barbara Ann Myers, Marvel A. Titone, Muriel Logan, Linda Nelson, Barbara L. and Alan Erickson. Please make an effort to welcome them at the November meeting.

## President McCormick's Corner

I want to thank Judy Fitzgibbon for her very informative presentation on nutrition and Norwegian cooking at our October social meeting. I had several positive comments from those attending the meeting. This month we will have a presentation by David Christ on "Norwegian Knives" which should be very interesting.

We will be electing the new officers for 2008 at the meeting this month. The nominating committee will present the nominees.

We have a few more Norwegian calendars left and they can be purchased at the November meeting. We will also have an opportunity to sign up for Lutefisk, Lingonberries and Herring if you are interested in purchasing any of them.

I want to again thank Bob Thorkildson for the new Restauration Lodge brochure that we now have available for interested members. Thanks Bob.

See you at the Social Meeting.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!  
A huge THANK YOU to Ron and Ann Larson, Bill and Mary Durspek, and Lois McCormick for their help in setting up the cabinets and moving the S of N library and other possessions to our meeting place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Kaffe Tid will not meet in November since the third Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving. See you in December at Ann Gesme's.

Newsletter Deadline will be Tuesday, November 27.

## October Social Meeting Minutes

The October social meeting of Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge was held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church October 9 with 46 in attendance. After saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing patriotic songs the treasurer reported a checking balance of \$1568.39 and a savings balance of \$7713.25. It was noted that the secretary had failed to include Paula Schulte as an attendee at the September board meeting.

Servers are needed for next year's meetings. Please sign up.

Orders for lingonberries (tyttebær), herring, and lutefisk will be taken at the November social meeting. November newsletter deadline is October 30. Wally Sundet gave a short talk about the Sons of Norway Foundation and collected contributions.

Sunshine: Cards have been sent to Merle and Eileen Kjonaas, Norm Erickson, and Ardy Erickson. Please return any library books you have. Five new members joined.

Language classes will be held 7:00 PM Mondays starting October 15. They will be led at Gesme's. Eleven have signed up so far.

Calendars are still available at \$12.00. Younkers Community Day coupons are still available.

Jennifer Rand gave the report of the nomination committee (Jennifer, Verl Lekwa, Jean Murray). Ann Gesme has been nominated for Cultural director and Jennifer Rand for Membership Secretary. They are still looking for people for Secretary and Vice President. Contact any of the committee if you are willing to serve.

October board meeting is 7 PM October 16 at Lois McCormick's. November social meeting is 7:00 PM November 13 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Program will be David Christ speaking on Norwegian knife making. Servers will be Don and Norma

Kvindlog, Darlene Lidvall, and Joe and Jean Reed.

Thanks to Carolyn Rushton, Mavis Hovden, and Paula Schulte for refreshments.

Judy Fitzgibbons presented a talk titled From your mother's kitchen: Taking the best from Nordic tradition. David Christ, Secretary

## October Business Mtg. Minutes

The business meeting of Sons of Norway Restauration Lodge was held October 16 at Lois McCormick's. In attendance were: Mavis Lovick, Bob Thorkildson, Ding Sather, Jennifer Rand, Mary Durspek, Lois McCormick, Ann Larson, Cheryl Zapf, Ann and Dean Gesme, and David Christ.

Treasurer reported a checking balance of \$1502.95 and savings \$7713.25. Eighteen calendars have been sold so far for \$216.00. More are available. The silent auction took in \$273.50. The Foundation collection so far is \$238.00. We will collect at the November meeting as well.

Membership Secretary reported one new juvenile member. She was given the applications from six additional new members.

12 people attended the first language class meeting. Others are expected. There is a great interest in genealogy.

Motion-Dean Gesme second-Cheryl Zapf: Set dues starting January 1 to \$40. Motion passed.

Prices for food orders were set.

Frozen lutefisk \$8.50 per 1-3/4 lb. package

Lingonberries \$4.00 per jar

Herring \$4.00 per jar

These all come in cases of 12. No part cases will be ordered. ALL items must be ordered and paid for at the November meeting for delivery at the Julebord in December. Contact Ann Larson (373-1891) for more information.

Ann and Dean Gesme, Sarah Gunderson, Dave Tesdahl, and Lois McCormick attended a September 22 membership workshop conducted by Norm Carlson.

Dean Gesme agreed to be a candidate for Vice President. Jennifer Rand volunteered to be assistant secretary. A person to be secretary is still needed. David Christ, Secretary

**November Board Meeting** will be November 20, at 7:00 pm at the home of Ann and Dean Gesme at 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids.

### **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](mailto:maalovfalcon@msn.com). It is important if you want to continue to receive your newsletter.

Change of address:

Myrtle Heuston  
Frasier Meadows Asst Living  
4900 Thunderbird Dr Rm 636  
Boulder Co 80303

### **Missing Library Books**

The following books are missing from the Sons of Norway library. If you have forgotten to return them, please bring them back to the next meeting, or contact Ann Gesme at 362-6910 or [augdhg@mchsi.com](mailto:augdhg@mchsi.com) and I will pick them up. Many of these books are out of print and are very valuable!

*Description of a Journey to North America 1837*, by Ole Knutsen Nattestad.  
*Journey to America* (Norwegian with Translation)  
*Norway From the Air*.  
*Norwegian American Wood Carving in the Upper Midwest*, Vesterheim Museum  
*Norwegian American Studies*, Vol 28, NAHA.

*Norwegian Migration to America*, by Blegen.

*Norwegian Recipes* (Collection).

*Theodore Kittelsen*, by Leif Østby  
*Time Honored Norwegian Recipes*, by Xan & Marustrander.

*Twenty-five Hundred Miles on the Norwegian Coastal Steamer*

### **Vesterheim Presents Traveling Exhibition**

A traveling exhibition from Norway, "Round Trip to America", opens at Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum on October 4 and will run until December 2, 2007. The exhibition will be on view in the Hauge Gallery of Vesterheim's Westby-Torgerson Education Center from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. The exhibition is sponsored by Kate Nelson Rattenborg.

"Round Trip to America" is the result of a project of 163 ninth-grade students from Kvinesdal, Lista, Lyngdal, and Marmadal, Norway.

From the end of the nineteenth century to 1970, thousands of men and women left Vest-Agder County in southern Norway for the United States. What is unusual about these emigrants compared to most Norwegian emigrants is that many returned after a few years, or sometimes decades. After one or several stays, said Laurann Gilbertson, Vesterheim textile curator and coordinator of this exhibition, they came home to Norway with tons (literally) of goods, and with memories of new experiences. There are many traces today of the lively exchange, evident in language, architecture, and the interior decoration of both rural and urban areas of Vest-Agder, but it is only a matter of time before many of these disappear. Vesterheim is offering "Elvis Meets Inga: Lista and the Setesdal Valley" a tour to southern Norway in the summer of 2008. Tour participants will see the Americanized Lista, and also enjoy more traditional Norwegian communities in Setesdal and Telemark.

