

# Restoration Lodge #548

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## Next Social Meeting:

**January 13, 2004**

**Meeting time:**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

## Marilyn Cornell will present a program on “Smør” (butter).

**Kaffe Tid will meet on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Ruth Berger, 1124 33<sup>rd</sup> St SE. Call Ruth at 365-4979 to let her know you'll be coming.**

**The next board meeting will be January 20, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. The location will be announced later.**

If you are reading the newsletter on-line, you may receive it in time for a reminder about the Documentary that is to be aired on the History Chanel. It is the story of Jan Baalsrud's escape from the Nazis during WWII. His story is told in *Defiant Courage*, a book co-authored by Astrid Carlsen Scott and Tore Haug, and filmed in Alaska. It is set to air on January 4 [*ed note: the date may have changed*] - so watch your local TV listings for the time. An article about it appeared on page 21 of the November Viking Magazine.

The deadline for February newsletter submissions is Wednesday, January 28, 2004. Please have all articles to Jon White by then.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Christmas 2003 has come and gone. 2004 is now here and with it a whole new year of activities at Sons of Norway. But first I must thank last year's officers. We had a good year at our lodge and it was their efforts that made it possible. A special thanks goes to the outgoing officers. It was a pleasure serving with you all. I also wish to thank the officers for this coming year. Why thank them at the start of their term? Thanks are in order for their willingness to serve even though many of them already have a full schedule of activities.

What is on tap for this coming year? I have not seen the entire list but I know there will be many fine programs at our monthly social meetings. All will have Norwegian themes and are sure to be informative and enjoyable. We will have a festive Syttende Mai banquet with an excellent program on Ole Bull, that superb violinist who also found himself involved in many non-musical activities. Rumors have us involved in genealogy trips and Vesterheim workdays again this year. And of course a Julebord to end the year.

With all this how can we not want to share it with others who have an interest in Norwegian heritage? So here is the task for members and officers alike. Find someone to share this with. Invite them to one of our social meetings. Invite them to become Sons of Norway members. If you are not comfortable asking them yourself then pass their name to our Membership Chair, Ann Gesme, and she will issue the invitation.

## Scholarships

Don't forget that scholarship applications for Skogfjorden are due February 1. For information contact Ruth Christ, 319-351-7717

**Restauration Lodge 1-548  
November 18, 2003 Board Meeting Report**

President, David Christ, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the home of Ann and Dean Gesme on December 16, 2003.

The following members were present: David Christ, Ruth Christ, Lois McCormick, Dean Gesme, Ann Gesme, Cheryl Zapf, Sue Shimon, Mary Durspek, Jon White, Wally Sundet, Sara and Larry Knutson, Ann Larson, Carolyn Rushton, Bill Windus, Lloyd Holecek, Will Mickelson, and Bob Thorkildson.

The Secretary's minutes from the last Board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Ding Sather, was not present so no up-to-date account was given. Dean Gesme will act as the Treasurer in Ding's absence.

Financial Secretary, Cheryl Zapf, handed out reports for the months of November and December: the membership stands at 181 members with one new member.

Vice President, Ann Gesme, had nothing to report this month.

Social/Cultural Director, Mary Durspek, announced plans for the next social meeting: Marilyn Cornell will present a program on "Smør" (butter). There was some discussion regarding hosting assignments.

Counselor Dean Gesme mentioned that he has the Restauration Lodge Bylaws completed and signed and will submit them to the International Lodge.

The Scholarship Director, Ruth Christ, remarked that it was time to start thinking about scholarships for next year. She has forms for applicants to fill out. The campers in the age group of 7 to 11 years may go for one week and those in the age group 8 and above may go for 2 weeks.

**Old Business:**

Regarding the Younker's Community Day event, Lois McCormick reported that she sold

fifty nine \$5 tickets from which the Lodge made \$100.

Lois McCormick reported that she has sold all of the 2003 calendars from which the Lodge has made over \$82.

The International Lodge is sponsoring a Sons of Norway, Norway Cup and encourages local lodges to adopt a Norwegian "football" team. Our Board has decided not to participate in this activity.

Plans for the Syttendemai Banquet are progressing well.

**New Business:**

The Sub-District 7 New Officer Seminar will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made and seconded stating that our Lodge will pay for the any officer's registration fees if they attend. The Sub-District pays mileage for one car to the seminar, also.

The Board voted for paying for the two Ethernet lines that were brought into the church basement and used in our Genealogy Workshop. The final cost is \$240.

Wally Sundet will check on room availability at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran for next year's Board meetings.

Will Mickelson submitted a bill from Olson Fish Company for the Julebord food. He reported that he and his team of chefs (Dale Hovden and Bob Zapf) cooked 40 pounds of lutefisk and that there were less than 6 pounds left over. Attendance at the Julebord was between 77 and 83 people.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Bob Thorkildson, Lodge Secretary

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**Calendar of Coming Events:**

**January 13**  
**January 20**  
**January 21**

**Social Meeting**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Kaffe Tid**

Elected Officers:

President-David Christ	351-7717
Vice President-Ann Gesme	362-6910
Counselor-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Secretary-Robert Thorkildson	436-4542
Treasurer-Ding Sather	393-7310
Financial Sec.-Cheryl Zapf	363-5326
Social/Cultural Committee:	
Mary Durspek	377-4480
Sara & Larry Knutson	395-0621
Tom & Sandra Van Amburg	223-5331
Greeters: Gloria Larson	377-2373
Clair & Joyce Munson	365-1375
Marshall-Lloyd Holecek	377-4438
Jon White	393-9430
Trustees: 3 year-Sue Shimon	364-7735
2 year-Tom Brennom	377-7473
1 year-Rod Simonson	365-3139
Auditors: Ruth Christ	351-7717

Jean Oxley	377-2089
Wil Mickelson	743-0575
Sports/Recreation/Youth-Bill Windus	365-1533

Appointed Officers:

Foundation-Lois McCormick	377-2890
Historian-Lois McCormick	377-2890
Kaffe Tid-Mary Durspek	377-4480
Language Facilitators:	
Ann Gesme	362-6910
David Christ	351-7717
Librarian-Ruth Berger	365-4979
Tom Van Amburg	223-5331
Musician-Carolyn Rushton	351-8604
Newsletter Editor-Jon White	393-9430
Publicity-Marlis Windus	365-1533
Scholarship-Ruth Christ	351-7717
Sunshine-Ann Larson	373-1891

Sons of Norway representatives:

Gary Speicher	286-9447
David Tesdahl	286-9447

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