

RESTAURATION LODGE #548



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The July social meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, 2016
at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids

Travis Cleveland will be speaking about Vesterheim celebrating "50 years of Folk Art".

FRA PRESIDENT

Thank you to Cindy Monroe for her tremendous leadership and organization in planning and heading up the convention. A special thank you to each and every member who helped to make it a great success. There is no lodge meeting or newsletter in August. In September John Hanson will share his year in Norway with us. Other opportunities for the summer include the Nordic Fest in Decorah, Friday July 29 and Saturday July 30, and Hoover Fest at West Branch on Saturday, August 6.

Barbara

LANGUAGE CLASS

Tom Næsse's class meets Thursdays at 6 pm at Tom's place. Three now attending.

PROGRAMS FOR EARLY 2016

June - August - No meetings

July - Travis Cleveland - *Vesterheim*

September - John Hanson will tell us of his *Year in Norway*

FESTS - CELEBRATIONS - REMINDERS FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Nordic Fest in Decorah, Friday, July 29, 2016.

Hooverfest, Westbranch, IA, Saturday, Aug 6, Parade

OUR SCHOLAR-MEMBER JOHN HANSON IN NORWAY

Our lodge member, John Hanson, who received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Norway during this school year, can be followed on his blog at

<https://johnlhanson.wordpress.com/> .

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Mavis Hovden	2	John Albertson	18
Sharon Kay Stang	4	John White	18
Laurie Johnson	6	Beverly Robeck	19
Don Kvinldlog	7	Fred Amundson	25
Delaine Sather	15	Ulla Wall	29
Nancy Thorkildson	15		

SCANDINAVIAN KNITTING

All who are interested in knitting are invited to the Scandinavian Knitters which meet Mondays 9:30 - noon at Thea O'Grady's home 5870 Stags Leap Lane, Marion, IA 52302 tel 402-617-0332

FACEBOOK LINK

Link to our Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/SonsOfNorwayRestaurationLodge1548>

District One now has a facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Norway-District-1-148130308566588/>

EXERCISE

The time to get healthy or stay healthy is before the doctor frowns and says, I think you need to make some changes. Diet, exercise, do the whole business. DO SOMETHING!

NEWS FROM NORWAY

Tom Næsse writes from Norway:

"The midsummer festivities fizzled out (rain) this year, though Anne braved the weather and managed to get a picture of the bon fire on the hill top in Mandal where we were staying at the time. A few people showed up and they had the usual "guess the number of rocks in the glass jar" and Anne won. The prize is a pewter Viking ship that she gets to keep until next year's event. Lately we have had rain and wind and cool temperatures to the point that Ingrid fired up the wood stove. Lot's of work awaits us every year when we get here. The tall grass has to be cut, it was two feet tall when we arrived. Several trees had to be cut down and hauled away and the hedge needed trimming. However, my vacation(??) is quickly coming to an end, just 10 days left at this writing. I'll see you all at the meeting on July 12. "

"The big story now is the vote Great Britain took to leave the European Union. What will Norway's next step be? It is a member of the European Economic Union and more and more people are frustrated with it and would like to sever that tie. Next year is an election year that could prove interesting."

BUS TRIP TO NORDIC FEST IN MINOT, ND

The Kong Sverre Lodge of Story City, IA has scheduled a bus trip to the Nordic Host Fest in Minot, North Dakota, Friday, September 27-30. the bus will depart from Story City and travel up interstate 35 to interstate 90. There is room for others to join us. We can stop to pick up at points enroute. Information flyers are available, contact Dean Sampson at (515)-509-7932 if you are interested.

OLE AND LENA

Ole was on an airplane trip. His seat partner was a gorgeous young woman who made Ole's heart skip a beat. "Where are you going," asked the young woman. "Minneapolis," answered Ole. "Same here," said the gal. I'm going to Minneapolis to meet the man of my dreams... because I read in a magazine that the sexiest, most romantic men in the world are Norwegians and American Indians. By the way, what is your name?" Said Ole shyly, "Ole Red Feather."



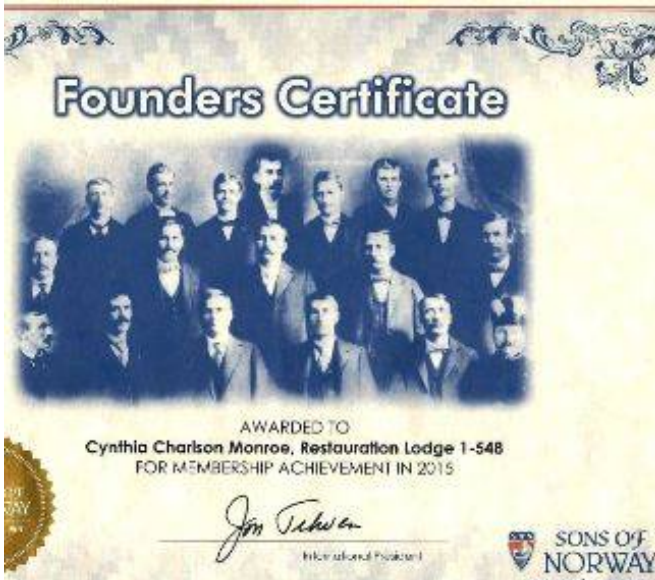
Bell ringers from area churches performing at the convention



Ann Gesme giving her program on Norsk composers along with her dau Karen Brunssen who sang some of the songs



Artists Jean Murray and Judy Blank who along with Mary Durspek and Lois Shindoll decorated the Convention table "Birds"



Founders Certificate given to Cindy Monroe for her service to SON



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