

# Restauration Lodge #1-548



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**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids**

**PROGRAM** The program for this month is "Norman Borlaug: A New Face in the Capitol", by Darrel Morf, whose mother was a cousin of Nobel Prize winning Borlaug... Hosts for the meeting are -Cheryl Zaph, Barbara Erickson

## **FRA PRESIDENT**

There are two opportunities to increase our Nordic cultural experiences this month. One is an organ concert by James Hicks featuring Nordic compositions on Sunday April 8 (see separate article), and the other is our program Tuesday April 10 on Norman Borlaug, a Norwegian native Iowan. Please bring a guest with you to either of these events. Our lodge marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade (vikings settled Ireland) and Milt won first place for Best Original Male Costume! (see photo). Barbara

## **SYTTENDE MAI**

Our 17th of May celebration will be held at our May 8 meeting, a few days early. Cost for the catered meal by LJ's is \$10 so bring your check books or wallets to buy tickets. Members are asked to bring Norwegian desserts. Officers are to help set up. .

## **LEKEPLASS**

June 12 at 5:00, Lois Shindoll and Marilyn Olson will give a demonstration on making Kransakaka.

## **PROGRAMS**

May, 2018 "Germany's Invasion of Norway and Escape of the Royals " by David Christ

June, 2018 "Churning Butter" by Mette Gro Kelley

July, 2018 "American Humor: Ole and Lena in America" by Norm Carlson

August - No Meeting

September, 2018 "About the Artist Herbjorn Gausta" by Dr. Kate Elliot of Luther

## **LOCAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE AT St. MARK'S CHURCH**

Organist James Hicks, well known for his recordings of Nordic organ compositions will be performing at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6800 C-Ave NE, Marion (C-Ave NE and East Robins Road) on Sunday, April 8 at 3:00 PM. The performance is open to the public and there will be a free-will offering. There is a reception afterward with Scandinavian treats. Hicks who lives and works out of Califon, NJ, has eight commercial recordings of organ music and dedicates his tour to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation



### NAME TAGS

If you want the magnet-backed version of nametags, they are \$8.25 and are ordered by our Vice President, Lois Shindoll. See her at the meetings or call her at 377-2890.

### 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 319-536-4979

### LANGUAGE CLASS

Language class is every Wednesday at 6PM at Tom Næsse's home.

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club Wednesday, 18 April, 2018, Gesme's apartment at Cottage Grove Place, 1:00 pm. Barbara Erickson will furnish refreshments and lead the discussion of "How to Hygge-The Nordic secrets to a Happy Life" Please let Ann know if you are planning to come at 319-362-6910 or e-mail her at [augdhg@gmail.com](mailto:augdhg@gmail.com).

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Name	Birth Day	Name	Birth Day
Quin Cornell	4	Ann Gesme	29
Zachery Williamson	7	Isabelle McCormick	29
Espen Anneling	10	Owen Hanson	30
Patricia Knutson	16	Ryal Hanson	30
Richard isaacson	25	Larry Kurth	30

### 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

Without ruining your routine, remember to eat moderately, especially sweets. Then in this new year get down to really toning up, taking off a few pounds, and feeling great when spring rolls around. And along the way, earn some Sons of Norway sports medals. One new medal award pending VerI Lekwa

### SONS OF NORWAY MISSION STATEMENT

*FYI A review of the Sons of Norway mission statement::*

*The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.*

### INSURANCE

For insurance and other financial matters, consult Sons of Norway Headquarters, [lcarslson@sofn.com](mailto:lcarslson@sofn.com) or call (800) 945-8851

### STORY OF METH WICK MANOR VerI Lekwa

From "Between the Rivers," a history of the Methodist Church in Iowa: "Meth-Wick Manor in Cedar Rapids developed as a joint project of the North Iowa Conference of The Methodist Church and the B. L. Wick Foundation of Cedar Rapids. The story began with Barthinius Wick, a Norwegian immigrant who came to the United States in 1876 as a

twelve-year old boy. He attended academies in Blairstown, LeGrand, and Iowa City, and earned his B.A., M.A., and law degrees from the University of Iowa. Mr. Wick moved to Cedar Rapids in 1894 to begin the practice of law. Wick remained single and had no close relatives. Living alone, he learned the disadvantages of having no family in later life. During his latter years he drew his will so that his property could be used to establish a home where aged men could live in comfort with others who were congenial. The will provided for a foundation with five trustees who were to use the funds either alone, 'or in cooperation with other bodies,' to found such a home. Wick died in 1947. The Methodist Church approached the Wick Foundation and together they organized the manor, with groundbreaking in 1960. It operates today with spacious grounds in Cedar Rapids.

### NEWS FROM NORWAY

Siberian cold brings record low temperatures to Norway. Sweeping in from Siberia, the winter storm has brought bitter winds to Norway. Temperatures plummeted to as low as minus (-)30 degrees Celsius. The cold snap is thought to be the most severe cold weather in the past years. So far the coldest temperature was measured in the mountains of southern Norway with – 33.3 degrees. This kind of Siberian cold is due to a high pressure with cold air blowing from Russia, but the state meteorologist says to VG that it is not abnormal to have such cold at this time of year.

Oslo is among Europe's worst for drug use. Traces of amphetamines are revealed in Oslo's sewage—and levels are the third highest of 56 European cities tested. Only Bratislava and Prague passed Oslo in amphetamine use. The latest findings from the largest European project in the emerging science of wastewater analysis were presented recently by the Europe-wide SCORE group, in association with the EU drugs agency (EMCDDA). The project analyzed wastewater in 56 European cities in 19 European countries in March 2017 to explore the drug-taking behaviors of their inhabitants.

### OLE AND LARS

Lars asked Ole, "Do ya know da difference between a Norwegian and a canoe?" "Na, I don't," said Ole. "A canoe will sometimes tip," explained Lars.

### MINUTES

Retouration Lodge 1-548 Sons of Norway Social Meeting minutes for March 13, 2018  
Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Vice President Lois McCormick at 7:00.

Attendance 42

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of *America* and *Ja, Vi Elsker*.

Treasurer: Expenditures included \$137 honorarium to speaker Hayley Jackson, \$200 to Our Savior's for use of room, and \$500 to Our Savior's new flooring in fellowship room (this was met with applause). Checking has \$1,768.80. Savings has \$12,887.37.

Secretary: Minutes, distributed at meeting, were approved as corrected.

Membership Secretary: 134 members as of February 13, 2018. Note: annual dues now \$60/Individual, and \$95/Family

What's New in Norway; Tom Naesse reported on grocery store ownership, lack of spring, etc.

V.P: No Report

Social Directors: Tickets for Syttende Mai are available and cost \$10. Our catered dinner will take place at 6:00 pm on May 8. Members are encouraged to bring desserts to share for Syttende Mai. Guests are welcome. March hosts are Ann and Ron Larson and Bill and Mary Durspek.

Cultural Director: Next month the program is John Hanson, will speak on Outdoor Life in

Norway. In May, (Syttende Mai), David Christ will speak on the invasion of Norway by Germany.

**Book Club:** Book Club will meet on March 21, at 1:00, at Ann Gesme's home. The book to be discussed is The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Jumped out of the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson. The April 18 books is How to Hugge: The Nordic Secrets to a Happy Life by Signe Johansen.

**Sunshine:** One card to Terry Brende.

**Sports and Recreation:** Have one in the hopper.

**Scholarship:** Scholarship forms are available for children or grandchildren of members interested in attending Norwegian summer youth programs. Please see Cindy Monroe for more information.

**Scandinavian Knitting:** Meets Mondays at 9:30 - Noon at Thea O'Grady's house.

**Sons of Norway Representative:** No report.

**Business**

2 Convention Delegates are needed. Cindy Monroe is one of the three delegates. Please let President Erickson know if you are interested in attended.

**Announcements:** We will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cedar Rapids on March 17 , spending day at Linn County Fair on Friday, June 29, 2018. Information about additional opportunities to share our Lodge information will be shared as it becomes available.

**Next board meeting:** Monday, March 19 at 3:00 pm at Cindy Monroe home

**Next social meeting:** Tuesday April 10, 2018 7:00 pm

**Program tonight:** Hayley Jackson, Archivist at Luther College, shared information about preserving family items.



Restauration Lodge 1-548 marchers in the SAPADAPASO St. Patricks Day parade in Cedar Rapids on March 17 2018



**Hayley Jackson of Luther presenting in March How to Preserve Family Archives**



**Judge and Milt Knutson in his prize winning Best Original Male Parade Costume**



**The Monroes, Cindy, John, and grandson Marcus in their parade outfits**



**Lisa Kenyon and John Monroe ready to march**

**Marilyn Olson shown below set for cold**



**Thea O'Grady in Marching gear**



**Elected Officers:**

President – Barbara Erickson	377-1707
Vice President – Lois Shindoll	377-2890
Secretary – Cindy Monroe	363-7420
Treasurer – Arden Shindoll	377 2890
Membership Secretary Alan Erickson	377-1707
Cultural Director – Marilyn Olson	393-5531
Social Directors --Barbara Taylor	393-0844
Sue Speicher	364-8607

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Web master: Robert Thorkildson 721-9902

**Appointed Officers:**

<b>Auditors:</b>	
Verl Lekwa	738-2847
Ruth Christ	351-7717
Bob Thorkildson	721-9902
Language Facilitator Tom Næsse	841-2311
Past President- Cindy Monroe	363-7420
Librarian- Lois Shindoll	377-2890
Musician-Sharon Kay Stang	351-5133
Newsletter Editors-Mary/Bill Durspek	377-4480
Scholarships- Cindy Monroe	363-7420
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