

April 2020

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RESTAURATION
LODGE I-548

Due to the pandemic, April and May's meetings are cancelled.



Dear Restauration Lodge members: Due to Covid-19 and recommendations from Sons of Norway HQ, we will not be meeting in April nor in May. HQ has also announced that all District conventions and the International meeting in Ringsaker, Norway will be postponed until 2022. The new CEO of Sons of Norway, Chris Pinkerton, has announced that Sons of Norway will reimburse lodges up to \$200 to support local food shelves or other community needs. Our board will be making such a donation. I'm so glad we had such a good turnout in March for a fun time with all those bearded Norwegians. Looking forward to seeing everyone again as soon as possible. Barbara



We are happy to have new members!

Marsha Bergen, Gwen Jones, Linda Tellberg, Kathleen Paltrineri, Ellen Holstein, and Cathleen Wohlleben.



Any Restauration Lodge member who feels like they want to talk or wants assistance in any way please contact one of the board members.

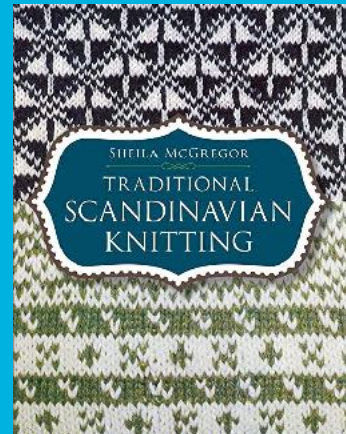
OUR ACTIVITIES

A Lesson in Norwegian

The Norwegian is a person of few words.

English	Norwegian
Excuse me, I didn't quite catch what you were saying. Will you please repeat?	Hæ?
Sorry for bumping into you like that. So terribly clumsy of me.	Oi!
It's you! How lovely to see you!	Nei, men!
And how are things with you and your family?	Ellers?
Excuse me, may I disturb you for a second?	Du?

April Birthdays	
Quin M Cornell	4
Espen C H Anneling	10
Patricia R Knutson	16
Richard K Isaacson	25
Ann M Gesme	29
Isabelle McCormick	29
Owen Hanson	30
Ryal Hanson	30



BOOK CLUB
Our book is
Traditional
Scandinavia
Knitting by
Sheila
McGregor.
Book Club
and
Skandinavian
Knitters are
cancelled until
further notice.



We are saddened to learn, charter member, Merrill Ludvigson, age 99, passed on March 29. [Click here to read his obituary.](#)

SON Social Meeting Minutes

(For Restauration Lodge 1-548)

March 10, 2020/ 7:00 / Our Savior's Lutheran Church

- ❖ Welcome and Introduction of Guests by President Barbara Erickson
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance and Singing of Ja Vi Elsker and America
- ❖ Treasurer's Report by Arden Shindoll: \$3644.89 in checking; \$10988.59 in savings.
- ❖ Membership Secretary (Alan Erickson) 115 Attendees - 43
- ❖ Vice President - Lois Shindoll - no report
- ❖ Sunshine - Cheryl Zapf
- ❖ Social Directors (Barb Taylor, Sue Speicher) Thanks to Becky Cleveland and Lisa Kenyon
- ❖ Book Club read for March - Traditional Skandanavian Knitting by Sheila McGregor --
Hosted by Ann Gesme. Date changed to March 25, 2020.
- ❖ Cultural Director (not in attendance)-- announced the speaker for next month.
- ❖ Sports and Recreation (Verl Lekwa) --thinks lifting steins of akvavit is exercise
- ❖ Skandanavian Knitters - Thea O'Grady - hosts a weekly get together. See her for details. No announcements.
- ❖ Publicity by Thea O'Grady. No announcements.
- ❖ Tom Næsse (What's New in Norway & Norwegian Class) not in attendance.
- ❖ Recruitment Award Certificates given to Arden Shindoll, Anna Collins, Dick Isaacson, and Thea O'Grady
- ❖ 2020 is District convention (June 4-6 in Brainerd, MN); need 3 delegates (Cindy plus 2 others)
- ❖ International Convention Aug 16-21, 2020 in Ringsaker, NO
- ❖ Multicultural Celebration at Cedar Rapids Public Library - Marilyn Olson (dressed as Nisse) photo is in The Cedar Rapids Gazette.

Action Items

- ❖ March 10 - Speaker Pat O'Grady presented "All About Akevitt"
- ❖ Mustache and Beard Contest - Grand Prize to Greg Collins
- ❖ Board meeting - conducted by email to all board members
- ❖ Watch Survivor at 7pm Wednesdays on CBS where member Lois Shindoll's daughter, Denise Stapley, is a competitor.

Next Social Meeting

- ❖ April 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- ❖ Program -- Sons of Norway video, How It All Begun
- ❖ Refreshments by Judy (Dale) Fitzgibbons) and Lois (Arden) Shindoll

Recent Speakers

Mette Kelley tells us about **Fritjof Nansen**. **&** **Pat O'Grady** tells us aaaall about Akevitt.



Elected Officers:

- 👑 **President – Barbara Erickson 319-377-1707**
- Vice President – Lois Shindoll 319-377-2890**
- Secretary – Cindy Monroe 319-363-7420** 📧
- Treasurer – Arden Shindoll 319-377-2890**
- Membership Secretary— Alan Erickson**
319-377- 1707
- Cultural Director – Marilyn Olson 319-393-5531**
- Social Directors — Barb Taylor 319-393-0844**
Sue Speicher 319-364-8607
- SON Financial Benefits Counselor**
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Appointed Officers:

- Auditors:**
- Verl Lekwa 319-728-2847**
- Ruth Christ 536-351-7717**
- Bob Thorkildson 319-721-9902**
- Language Facilitator**
Tom Næsse 319-841-2311
- Past President**
Cindy Monroe 319-363-7420
- Librarian—Lois Shindoll 319-377-2890**
- 🎵 **Musician—Sharon Kay Stang 319-351-5133**
- Publicity Director } Thea 319-536-4979**
- Newsletter Editor } O'Grady**
- Scholarships**
Cindy Monroe 319-363-7420
- Sports/Recreation/Youth**
Verl Lekwa 536-728-2847
- ☀️ **Sunshine- Cheryl Zapf 319-363-5326**



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Lots of Pictures!!!
Lots of Wool Winders!



We marveled at
Kathleen's handwoven
braid on her jakke!



The 1st Annual Restauration Lodge Mustache and Beard Contest



Full Beard contestants - L to R

Milt Knutson

Dale Fitzgibbons

Verl Lewka

Alan Erickson

Partial - Young man Beard
contestants!

L to R

Travis Cleveland, Isaac Kurth,
Greg Collins, and Ryan Erickson





Full Beard contestants - L to R
David Christ, Arden Shindoll,
and Bob Anderson.



The Unusual and/or Humorous
Facial Hair Contestants
Cindy Monroe and Jim Almelien



The FINAL

L TO R: Greg Collins, David Christ, and Verl Lewka

(notice Verl has already hidden his prize beneath his jakke, what are we to do with him?)

THE WINNER GREG COLLINS!



