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by Thea O'Grady



# SONS of NORWAY



RESTAURATION  
LODGE 1-548

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*Due to the pandemic, April 2021 in-person meeting is avbrutt.*

**March 9 at 7:00, we will meet on Zoom!  
Our program features author, Glenn Borreson.**

**Information for signing  
into zoom:**

**CLICK HERE!**

Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and click on  
JOIN A MEETING, then  
enter Meeting ID  
777 3044 4484

Password: SofnCR

Or by phone  
312 626 6799.

Enter same ID and Passcode 568029

Vi feirer våren! The days are longer, the sun is shining, and the snow is melting - I'm so excited about the arrival of spring and to have the chance to visit with our lodge members via Zoom. Tuesday, March 9, Glenn Borreson, a noted author, retired Lutheran pastor, and graduate of Luther College will be our speaker. His program is about the Norwegian immigrant experience crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a "coffin ship," and specifically the story of one of Glenn's ancestor families and their struggle to begin a new life in America. It is titled, "THE COFFIN SHIPS: Death on the Ocean Crossing and One Family's Story." Glenn's Author Page on Amazon: [www.amazon.com/author/glennborreson](https://www.amazon.com/author/glennborreson) and his Three Retired Pastors Blog: [thelastchapterdotblog.wordpress.com](https://thelastchapterdotblog.wordpress.com). Please join us (via Zoom). Barbara



# WHAT WE LIKE!

## March Birthdays

Name	
Gerard Rushton	3
Kathleen M Paltrineri	4
Robert J Erlandson	5
Kerith Lucille St Louis	6
Mary M Durspek	11
Ellen Susanne Holstein.	11
Chad Walker	15
Karl M Knutson	18
Travis E Cleveland	25
Susan M. Johansen	27
Ingrid Naesse	28

## News from Norway from Tom Næsse

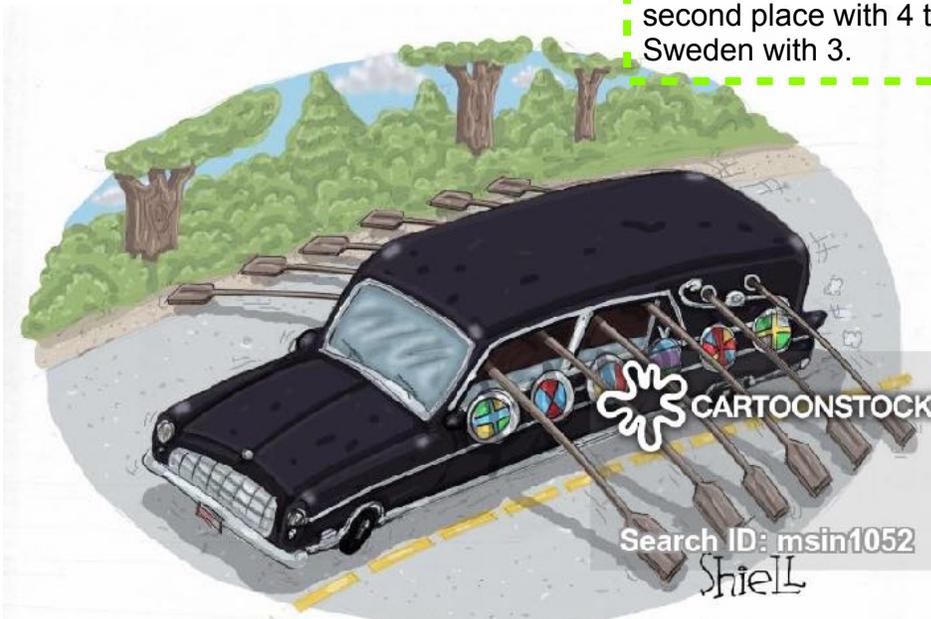
As of February 27th-

New infections: 551 upward trend  
Vaccinated: 468,344  
Hospitalized: 94  
Dead from virus: 622

In other news:

Two American B1 bombers have arrived in Norway and are stationed outside Trondheim. It is part of NATO exchange. All personnel had been tested for COVID-19 and cleared.

In Ski World Championship Norway leads with 14 medals to date. Slovenia is in second place with 4 total followed by Sweden with 3.



Viking Funeral

The strength of history, the promise of tomorrow



is pleased to present

## Restauration Lodge 1-548

with this Founders Award Certificate, recognizing lodge members met the  
2020 Recruitment Challenge



Sons of Norway salutes this lodge for their  
outstanding member recruitment efforts for 2020.

Ron Stubbings, International President

Christopher H. Pinkerton, Chief Executive Officer



### **Recruitment:**

Restauration Lodge has been recognized by Sons of Norway HQ for our Lodge's 2020 new member recruitment. We received a "Founders Award" certificate and a check for \$125.

Thank you, members, for extending those personal invitations to friends and family to join our SON lodge. Recruiting members (identified by putting their name on a new member's application) are Eldon Wohlleben signing up Cathy Wohlleben, Alison Galstad signing up Maya Warren, and Ellen Holstein signing up James Davig. Keep up the good work.



Member Feature - Barb Taylor

Sitting at the back tables of our meetings, this quiet, friendly woman does much to support our lodge. It's about time to know more her about her.



Born and raised in South Bend, Indiana

Heritage - Maternal grandparents were Norwegian and born in Chippewa Falls, WI. Grandfather worked as a saw-filer for a lumber mill and family moved to South Bend in 1928. Their parents came to America about 1880 and were from the Drammen area. Paternal grandparents were German and emigrated to South Bend from Poznan, Poland, Grandfather in 1916 and Grandmother and father came in 1920. Family came to South Bend for work for Studebaker and to become US citizens.

Graduated from Purdue University with a BS and MS in Science. She met Larry at PU where he earned his BS, MS and PhD in EE. Their son was born in Lafayette, IN when they were in grad school.

Taught High School Biology in South Bend, Indiana and Muskego, Wisconsin.

Taught in Cedar Rapids for 25 years with the last 15 at Jefferson HS teaching Chemistry and served as Science Dept. Chair. After retiring in 2005 continued to substitute teach at Jefferson for 9 years.

Joined Sons of Norway in 1984 and served on Social committee and served a couple of terms as President. Currently co-chair of the Social Committee. Also in the 80's family belonged to the Soap Box Derby Assn and Barb served as Pres.. Member of Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club and serves as co-chair of Kid-Sight Vision Screening committee also a member of PEO, TTT and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Member of 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational United Church of Christ and currently serves on Diaconate Committee and is in the Handbell Choir.

Received Lion of Year Award in 2015 and was inducted into the Jefferson Teacher Hall of Fame in 2016

She enjoys bowling, reading, sewing, glass fusing, crafts, baking, traveling - especially to see family in TN.

She has been married to Larry Taylor for 57 years and they have lived in Cedar Rapids for 43 years. They came to Cedar Rapids when Larry joined Rockwell-Collins

They have one son, Jeff, who is married and lives in White House, TN and has 7 children (4 sons and 2 daughters) and one daughter Lisa, who is married, lives in Cedar Rapids and has 1 daughter.

**Our book club meets  
every 3rd Wednesday  
via ZOOM from 1-3 PM.**

**This month we will meet March 17.**

**You are invited to participate even if  
you have not read the book!**

**Please join us  [ZOOM LINK](#)**

## Books for Restauration Book Club for 2021-2022

We still need presenters for June 16, ~~July 21, August 18, Sept. 15,~~ and Dec. 15. Please choose a book and month that would work for you if you haven't signed up yet. I will ask you at the next meeting for your choice.

March 17, 2021 Cindy Monroe

Norwegian Wood Chopping, Stacking, and Drying Wood the Scandinavian Way by Lars Mytting

Cindy says,  
I love this  
book!

April 21, 2021 Marilyn Olson

Walking One Step at a Time by Erling Kagge

May 19, 2021 Thea O'Grady

The Half Drowned King by Linnea Hartsuyker • Free ebook (HOOPLA, cloudLibrary) through your library

June 16, 2021 Verl Lekwa

Hedda Gabler by Ibsen

July 21, 2021 Helen Anderson

Pictures of Longing Photography and the Norwegian Migration by Sigrid Lien

August 18, 2021 Ruth Crist

Big Sister by Gunnar Staalesen • Free ebook (HOOPLA, cloudLibrary) through your library

September 15, 2021 Thea O'Grady

Letters Written during a Short Residence in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark (1796) by Mary Wollstonecraft • Free through eBook Downloader, Gutenberg (for iPad)

October 20, 2021 Ann Gesme

Between Rocks and Hard Places

November 17, 2021 Ellen Holstein

So Much Longing in so Little Space by Karl Ove Knausgaard • Free ebook (HOOPLA, cloudLibrary)

December 15, 2021

Norske Fields by Anne Schroeder

January 19, 2022 Marilyn Olson

The Iron Chariot by Stein Riverton • Free ebook (HOOPLA, cloudLibrary) through your library



## Linn Mar's Hanson engages with class online

Marion Today, February 2021

SON member, Dr. John Hanson, had an opportunity to explain the Jan. 6 capitol insurrection to Sigrid Sjøstad's eighth grade students in Bergen. "Although Norway is also a Democracy they struggle with the distinctly unique "winner take all" voting system of the electoral college..." explains the article. Hanson says, "Its weird to them because in most other democracies in the world, it's the proportional who rules. For them, it's like Finnemark is the northern bulb, which holds a minority, electing the next leader, over the southern bulb of their country is where most of the population lives."



### **Scholarships:**

There is still time to apply for camp scholarships both from the SON Foundation and the lodge. Please contact Cindy Monroe ([cmonroe1947@gmail.com](mailto:cmonroe1947@gmail.com)) for application forms.



What is  
TUBFRIM?

Postmaster Ditlef Frantzen in Nesbyen established TUBFRIM in 1928. The aim was to collect and sell used stamps and use the proceeds to aid the eradication of tuberculosis among Norwegian children. The first profit was made in 1929 and amounted to NOK 1.500,-. Profits varied in the following years from NOK 8.000,- in 1940 to NOK 25.000,- in 1947. TUBFRIM has made good progress since from then and profits in 1970 were NOK 150.000,- growing to NOK 650.000,- in 2018.

TUBFRIM has from the start in 1928 donated over 23 million NOK to charity

TUBFRIM is owned by the Norwegian Health Association (Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen). Today the profits are used to help children and youth with disabilities, and children and youth with handicaps in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

Used postage stamps and telephone cards are not to be thrown in the waste basket, but should be sent to:

TUBFRIM

Box 1, NO-3541 Nesbyen, Norway

We sincerely thank those of you who loyally send us stamps and telephone cards, and we heartily welcome new collectors.

## How to help us.

Send your used stamps and phonecards to TUBFRIM, Box 1, NO-3541 Nesbyen, Norway.

Please, never throw away canceled stamps and phonecards. Stamps and phonecards from any country in the world can be used.

Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelopes, leaving a slight margin (approx. 1/2 inch) to keep the perforation intact. Damaged stamps (damaged perforation, edges etc.) are worthless and are to be thrown away. (Damaged phonecards are also to be thrown away.)

We are also happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes, covers and postcards. If envelopes, postcards etc. are more than 50 years old, then please do not cut off the stamp, but send us the whole envelope/postcard!

Save used stamps and phonecards for:  
TUBFRIM  
Box 1, NO-3541 NESBYEN, NORWAY.

All type of stamps and phonecards are received with thanks. We give them a "new" value.

## **Participate in our work.**

Most Norwegian Embassies, Consulates, Seamen's Churches and many private persons and groups participate in the TUBFRIM program. Outside of Norway, the greatest collection takes place in the United States through the organization Sons of Norway.

Used postage stamps and phonecards may be sent as surface mail directly to:  
TUBFRIM  
Box 1, NO-3541 Nesbyen, Norway

In USA you may also send stamps and telephone cards to the nearest participating Sons of Norway lodge, or to the Norwegian Seamen's Church in San Francisco or in San Pedro. The material is sent to Norway by DSV Air & Sea free of charge at very low costs.

We sincerely thank those of you who loyally send us stamps, and heartily welcome new collectors.

**RESTAURATION LODGE**

**COLLECTS STAMPS!**

**Start collecting now and bring them to the next in-person meeting!**

**Cindy Monroe will be glad to accept your stamps.**

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