

# Restauration Lodge

## July-Aug 2026

### Fra Presidenten,

Dear Lodge Members,  
It was a perfect day for our  
Midsommer Picnic The weather  
was cooler and the humidity  
was tolerable. The food was  
delicious and the conversation  
was lively.

There was a great turnout of 46  
participants. Many thanks to  
Cindy and John Monroe for  
hosting us!

Look at these smiles!



### BIRTHDAYS

#### July

Nancy Thorkildson  
John Arthur Albertson  
Beverly Robeck  
Evelyn Monroe  
Jonathan O'Neill  
Ulla Wall

#### August

Charles Holecek  
Leif Albertson  
Lisa Kenyon  
Anna Collins  
Diane Ogann

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 14, 2026 at 7 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church , 2210 Grand Ave, Marion.

Cindy Monroe will present "Reflections on District 1 Convention" from June in  
Wilmar, MN.

***There is no meeting in August.***



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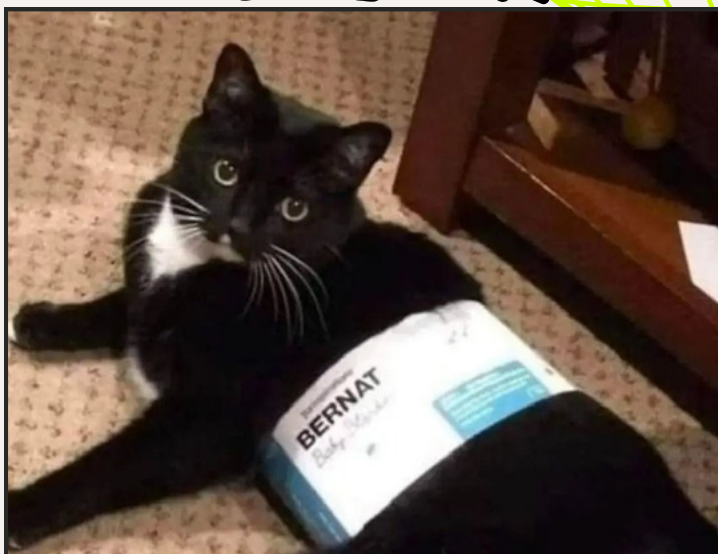




sKandanavian Knitters  
We are never not knitting!

We meet every Monday 10-12  
Feedwell Bakery and Kitchen  
560 Boyson Road NE  
Cedar Rapids

In the picture below, we were more  
than happy to visit with Ellen  
Holstein (third from the right),  
friend, knitting designer, and  
Restauration Lodge member from  
Slater, Iowa.



## SONS OF NORWAY BOOK CLUB READING SCHEDULE MAY 2026 – MAY 2027

**MEETINGS:**  
**LAST THURSDAY OF  
MONTH AT 8 PM & LAST  
SATURDAY OF MONTH AT  
4 PM**

**Th, July 30, 2026**

**Sa July 25, 2026**

**The Girl in the Woods**  
**by Camilla Lackberg**

**and**

**The Birds**  
**by Terjei Vesaas**

**To see the entire book list**  
**Click Here**



**Restauration Lodge  
Book Club  
July 15, 2026**

**Hosted by Kari Harper**  
**This month's book is**  
**Scenes from a Childhood**  
**by Nobel Prize author**  
**Jon Fosse**



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TO WORK WITH.**

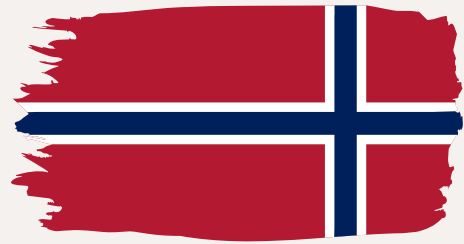


**August Book is Last Rituals by Yrsa Sigurdardóttir**





**Fra Presidenten**



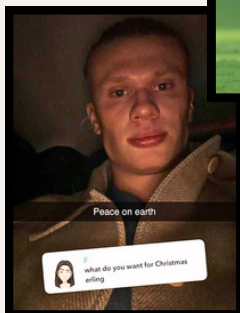
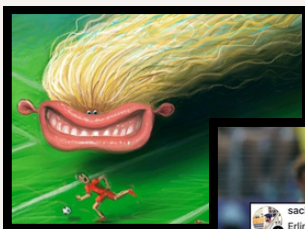
**Hello again Members,**

**This newsletter is not complete if we forget to mention the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Have you seen how well Norway's football team is doing?**

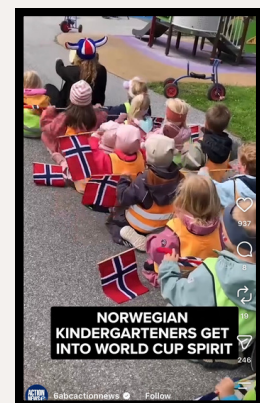
**It's been interesting to see the Viking Ro and to see the highlights of Erling Haaland, their famous talented striker!**

**Members have been glued to the TV watching every Norway game and I must say, it has been exciting. Their next match is Saturday at 4 PM on FOX, and I will certainly be watching. Will you?**

### **Erling Haaland**



### **Viking Ro**



## **May 2026 Minutes**

**28 attending, 1 visitor - Amos Eldred.**

**83 members**

### **Treasurer report:**

**Checking" \$4,195.30**

**Savings: \$2,881.61**

**Midsommer Picnic to be the third Tuesday of the Month, June 23. Please call Lois if attending.**

**Cindy Monroe has kindly volunteered to host the picnic at her house**

**Her address: 449 Dows Road, Cedar Rapids, IA**

**Please bring either a side dish or dessert, and your own chair.**

### **Book Club:**

**Due to several conflicts, no meeting in May,**

**Next meeting June 17 at Kari Harper's house,**

**Book: Hidden in Shadows.**

**No new news from Norway.**

**Ann Gesme has passed at the age of 98. Ann was one of the original founding members of our lodge. A memorial service will be held at First Lutheran Church, 1000 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 in Cedar Rapids on June 6th at 1:00 pm and a reception afterward at Cottage Grove Place, 2115 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids Iowa from 2:30 – 3:30 pm.**

**Kathleen and Jim Almelien's son Andrew passed April 25, 2026.**

**Our condolences to both families.**

**Lori Lane gave a very interesting presentation on her cousin,s Norman Borlaug.**

**[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norman\\_Borlaug](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norman_Borlaug) Click here for website.**

