



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

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Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

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Notes from Lodge President

Godt nytt år! As we look forward to beginning the New Year, I wish to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your lodge president these past two years. It has been an exciting time to take part in so many different meetings and activities within the lodge as well as District 5, and especially to see the growth and energy taking place in our lodge.

A few days after Julefest, I visited member Evelyn Rewerts and shared some cookies and lefse with her, along with greetings from our lodge. She asked me to pass along her regards to all of you and says she misses us.

I am delighted to write that since our last newsletter, we have been able to send support to the Sons of Norway Foundation, Ski for Light Inc., and Barnebirkie.

Lastly, a grateful thank you to the members who have served on the Board these past two years, for your time, ideas, input and support. Thanks to you members for your participation and friendship in and outside of lodge activities. Please remember to share (with any board member) thoughts or ideas you have on programs or activities so that we may create things that may be of interest to you, your families, and others. Invite friends or family to our lodge meetings. Tusen takk!

Susan Herman

Membership Notes

Let me introduce the lodge to our newest member, Marilyn Lau. Marilyn is the sister of Kathy Skinner who gave her the gift of membership. Kathy writes "Marilyn and I visited Norway with my daughter Sara, for the first time in May, 2017. We loved seeing our Fathers native land and can't wait to

return for a longer visit". Marilyn does live in Northern Ohio, but hopefully may arrange a visit for one of our lodge meetings.

We have had a tremendous year, gaining new members for the lodge. There has been an ongoing recruiting contest for lodges to gain 10% new members. For the second year in a row we have met that goal and will receive some awards/prizes for our efforts.

Now is time to start gaining new members for 2019. Remember, if you recommend someone for membership in Sons of Norway you will receive a lovely pin. If you do know of someone that might be interested in our lodge, please contact me with their info. I will then send them brochures and other materials on Sons of Norway. Should you have any questions about membership, please contact me.

The lodge has 88 members now, let's set our own goal for 100 members by the end of this year.

Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

Birthdays

January

Connie Holmen[10], Anna Reeder[11], Kelly Lawson[28].

February

Nancy Johnson[2], Richard Vinnece[7], Lee Luiso[12], Adam Sokol[14], Sylvia Casas[15], Mark Kosobud[20], Karl Halvorson[21], James D. Herman[22].

March

Nancy Cooper[2], Bob Charlton[11], Elisabeth Sonoff[12], Larry Bannick[17], Kathy Johncox[19].

Julefest '18 Recap

Julefest 2018 was a great experience: wonderful food (as always), great music (highlighted by a beautiful 'O Holy Night' sung by Maria Luiso (and joined by Carol Luiso!)) and our annual dance around the Christmas tree!



It was great fun for our members and guests, and always a highlight of our yearly lodge activities! Additional photos are posted elsewhere in the newsletter, on Facebook and will be on our website shortly. Thank you to everyone for making it a success.

Jim Herman, Social Director

January 2019 Reading Circle & Board Meeting



Saturday, January 5

2:00pm Reading Circle & 3:00pm Board Meeting
All members are welcome at either or both meetings.

Location: Forest Park Library (meeting room), 655 Waycross Road, Cincinnati, 45240

Contact Susan Herman, 513-227-8790 or susan.herman3501@gmail.com

January Lodge Meeting

Saturday, January 20, 2:00pm

Location: Symmes Township Library (meeting room) 1850 Enyart Rd., Loveland, OH 45140

RSVP to Jim Herman, (513) 919-5218 or jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com

There will be 1 or 2 varieties of soup. Bring a salad/snack or dessert to share. Beverages provided by the lodge.

We will install 2019-20 lodge officers. Our program theme will be on immigration of our parents and ancestors: come prepared to share immigration stories, items of interest and/or genealogical information on our Norwegian families and friends.

February Social

Saturday, February 2

Nationwide Arena in Columbus, OH

Scandinavian Heritage Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets game. This event is being organized by Herkko Pollanen, ticket sales consultant for the Blue Jackets (as well as a Finn). The goal is to get Ohio Scandinavian societies and organizations together for a fun reception prior to the hockey game. You will have the opportunity to win autographed items by various Scandinavian players. Several of us have already expressed interest in attending and have elected the next to least expensive ticket option (\$55).

If you would like to attend, contact me no later than January 3rd so that we can book seats together.

Jim Herman, (513) 533-3501 or jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com

March Lodge Meeting

Saturday, March 16, 2:00pm

Details TBA on website prior to next newsletter.

Lodge Member Wins Award

Congratulations to member Jamie Herman, an emerging fine woodworking/custom furniture designer, on winning his second woodworking award in 2018. It was announced on December 3 that Jamie won the Alden Artisan Advancement Award from the New Hampshire Furniture Masters.

To read more and see photos, click on this link: https://furnituremasters.org/fm/wp-content/uploads/2019-Alden-Artisan-Advancement-PR_FINAL.pdf

Pictures from Julefest 2018



Edvard Grieg members singing the National anthems at Julefest 2018. (Photo by Brandi Norman)



Wonderful goodies to purchase at the Bake Sale table! Volunteer workers: Elisabeth Peterson and Adam Sokol.



Sandy Nelson, Kelly and Rob Lawson, and other members enjoy conversation before dinner.



Esther Charlton talks with JoAnn and Laura Krugh about her grandmother's bunad (made in 1905).



Guests Carol Stone and her father Roald H., with members in background, enjoying the Christmas carols, perhaps after singing "O Lutfisk"?! (Photo by Brandi Norman)



Susie Mikaloff (Cultural Director) leading the carol singing! (Photo by Brandi Norman)



Carol Luiso and Carol Stone enjoy a moment to catch up before dinner.



Bob Charlton (back left), Willie Schor (guest), Laurie Johnson, Carol Luiso



Gravlaks (by Kjell Evensen), lefse and salads!



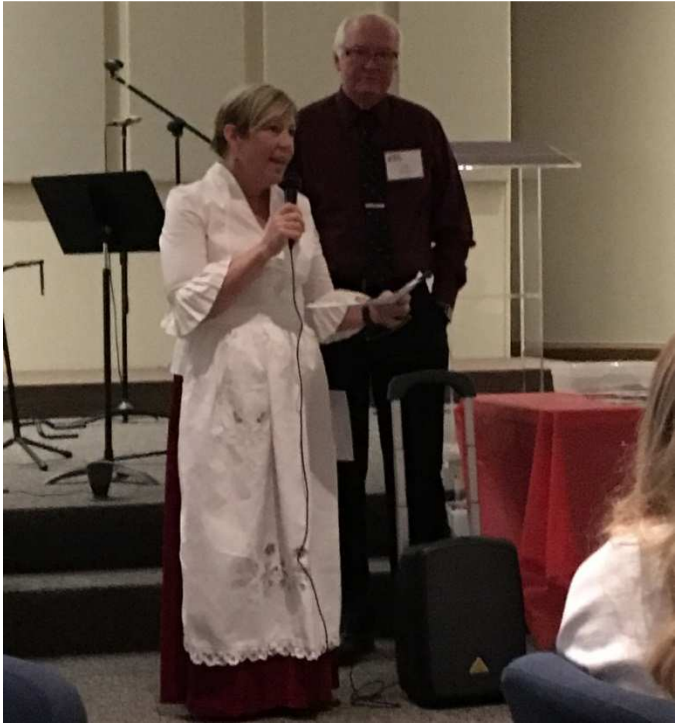
Kransekake!



Member (and Treasurer) Liv Ramstad enjoying Julefest.
(Photo by Brandi Norman)



Member Lois Evensen (webmaster). Butikk table in background.
(Photo by Brandi Norman)



Susan and Jim Herman welcome everyone to Julefest 2018.
(Photo by Brandi Norman)

Julefest 2018 Sampling of table decorations



Three generations of Luiso's celebrate Julefest.
L-R: Maria, Michael, Carol, Tracy & Lee, Megan



Carol Luiso with granddaughter Maria Luiso. A beautiful moment for us when Maria sang 'O Holy Night' (and Carol joined in harmony on the refrain).

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