



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

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- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

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From the President

It is with great pleasure that I will serve as your lodge president for the next two years. We have some great people on board. We have Carol Luiso as vice-president, Sandy Nelson as treasurer, Nelda Chandler as secretary, Trine Wermes as Foundation Director, and Alene Rice to take care of Tubfrim for us.

Karl Halvorson, one of our new members, will be our newsletter editor. We thank Karl for stepping forward to help us.

There are a few positions that we still need to fill. The social director is the liaison between the program and venue and takes the RSVP's from the members for the meeting. We need some help with publicity as we would like to get notices in the newspapers about our meetings. We also need a membership secretary. This person will answer questions about membership and welcome new members into the lodge.

It will be the goal of this biennium to increase our lodge membership. If you have any ideas to help increase our numbers please let us know.

We wholeheartedly thank Nina Downs for all her years on our board. Her Norwegian heritage and knowledge has been very helpful to the lodge. With two active boys and a full time job, Nina just needs to lighten her schedule a bit.

We try to vary our lodge meeting locations since we have members who live in many different directions. There are a few venues that we use on a regular basis, but we are always open to new locations to try. If you know of a meeting room in a church or restaurant that would hold 25-40 people, let us know and we could schedule a meeting at that location.

If you have an idea for a program, let one of the board know about it. We will work out the details.

Come to our lodge meetings and enjoy your Norwegian heritage.

Esther Charlton

Meetings

March 16 - Bring a Thing (Details on page 5)

April 20 - Glenn & Sonja Kinney, Highlights of our trips to Norway (Details on page 5)

May 17 - Syttende Mai at Glenn & Susie Mikaloff

Installation of Officers & Chairpersons



From left to right: Trine Wermes - Foundation, Susie Mikaloff - Cultural Chairperson, Sandra Nelson - Treasurer, Nelda Chandler - Secretary, Carol Luiso - Vice President, Esther Charlton - President. Missing are Karl Halvorson - Newsletter Editor, Lois A. Evensen - Webmaster, and Siri Timo-Publicity.

Obituaries

Two of our longtime dear members have passed in the last month; Kari Poe and Bob Hippert. See their stories elsewhere in the newsletter.

Remembering Kari Poe

A faithful member of our lodge passed away January 3. Kari Poe joined our lodge in 2001 after moving to Loveland from Virginia. Kari will be remembered as a gracious and elegant hostess, always welcoming us into her home for many meetings, but especially for hosting Syttende Mai



eight times! Preparing for Syttende Mai took several weeks. All the silver and copper had to be polished, windows washed and flowers planted. On the dessert table was an Oslo Kringle. There wasn't a potluck meeting when Kari didn't bring her Oslo Kringle. "I've

made hundreds of these!" she once told me and "I host my lodge with pleasure".

Kari shared many stories with us all about her growing up in Oslo, meeting her husband on a boat returning from Copenhagen to Oslo, living an exciting military life and moving eighteen times!

In 2010, I interviewed Kari for a Cultural Skills project I was working on and she shared some memories with me.

Kari grew up in a home not far from Holmenkollen, the famous ski jump in Oslo. Her parents built the home and included a tennis court. Kari would walk or ski to school or take a street car with her two older brothers and friends. One day during the war, a German came to the door of their house and told them to move out and leave everything. Kari's family moved to an apartment building. The Germans built a two story building on the tennis court for a German officer...General Falkenhorst. Falkenhorst worked directly for Hitler and became commander of the German troops in Norway between 1940 and 1944.

While living in the apartment, Kari attended school in the basement of Ris Kirke (church). A German medical doctor lived in their house and several times he would invite Kari's family back to their house so they could see everything was in good condition and nothing was stolen.

Summers were spent on the island of Gaasøen in the Oslofjord. The children on the island would meet every day at the dock at 11 o'clock when a boat would bring the mail and passengers. The children brought packed lunches, and spent the afternoons swimming and playing. The furniture in the home was built especially for the house and the previous owners had an artist paint all the furniture. Every summer when Kari returned to Norway, she would spend time in this home now owned by a niece. Kari remarked that the house was just as pretty today as when they bought it in 1936 and the furniture never needed to be repainted. It was one of her favorite places and I'm sure brought back many fond memories.

Kari was married at Ris Kirke, the same church where she attended school during the occupation. After a year, Kari left Norway with her husband on the Oslofjord ship bound for America and their first home in Los Angeles.

In 2008, Kari and I were in Norway together and took the train from Oslo to Bergen and then a cruise on the Hurtigruten to the North Cape and Kirkenes. Kari loved seeing her homeland and enjoyed all the Norwegian food, especially the varieties of fish served on the ship.

Kari died peacefully in her lovely home and will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, next to her husband, General Bryce Poe.

Tusen takk, Kari for all you did for our lodge. You'll be missed.

Fraternally,
Carol Luiso

First Lodge Meeting

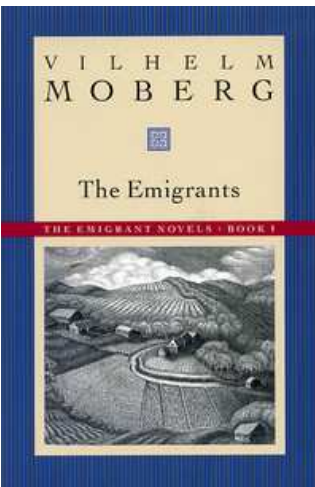
Our first lodge meeting of 2013 was well attended with an excellent program titled "The Influence of Maple Syrup on Early Norwegian Settlers". Mange takk to Willie and Dick Schorr for sharing their expertise, equipment, and providing samples of maple syrup for us to taste. Thanks, also, to Laurie and Paul Johnson for arranging the program.



Willie and Dick Schorr

Reading Circle

The Emigrants by Swedish author, Vilhelm Moberg, is the book suggested for our next meeting, Saturday, March 2 at 2:30 p.m. This story portrays the joys and tragedies of daily life for early Swedish pioneers in America. Liv Ullman and Max von Sydow starred in the 1971 Swedish film based on the book.



Several copies of *The Emigrants* are available through the Cincinnati Library system.

You're welcome to join us to discuss any other

Scandinavian books you've read, also.

We meet at Panera Bread, (across from the Tri-County Mall) 405 East Kemper Rd, Cincinnati 45246

For additional information, contact Carol Luiso 513.683.3631 or CHLuiso@aol.com

Kringel Recipe

Our beloved lodge member and friend, Kari Poe, always brought an Oslo Kringle to a pot luck meeting.

Here is her recipe:

Oslo Kringle (Norwegian pastry)



Kringle ingredients

1 stick butter

1 c. water

1 c. flour

4 eggs

Boil together the butter and water. Add flour in the same pan and stir. Allow mixture to cool slightly and add eggs

one at a time, mixing thoroughly after each egg.

Shape the mixture into a figure 8 on a cookie sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 25 minutes.. Turn the oven off, and leave the Kringle in for another 15 minutes.

Icing ingredients

1 stick butter

1 lb powdered sugar

1 Tbsp almond extract

Coffee or milk

Slivered almonds

To make the icing, mix butter, sugar and almond extract together. Add coffee or milk to taste (Kari used coffee). Ice Kringle after it has cooled. Top with slivered almonds.

Robert Hippert

March 13, 1920 - December 22, 2012.



Robert Delacy Hippert. passed away, at the age of 92, at his daughters' home in Denton, MD. His beloved wife of 69 years, Helen Hippert, died in 2011.

Bob was raised in Cincinnati, graduated from Hughes HS in 1938, and attended University of Cincinnati before joining the Army Air Corps. He served in WWII as a

navigator on a B25 with the 11th Bomber Group stationed in India and China. He was awarded the Silver Star. Bob completed active duty in 1946, continued military service in the Air Force Reserve and retired as a Lt. Col. In 1968.

After completing active duty, he continued his education at UC, graduated in 1948 and attended graduate school at Syracuse University. He worked for Naval Intelligence/Targets in Washington, DC, Martin in Baltimore, Bunker Ramo in Canoga Park, CA and retired from the Federal Railroad Administration in Washington.

Bob and Helen retired to Santa Rosa, CA where Bob spent time studying real estate, viticulture and enology. In 1992 they returned to Cincinnati where Bob enjoyed taking and teaching classes at UC Lifetime Learning Institute, attending Hughes HS reunions and Sons of Norway. In retirement Bob and Helen traveled throughout the U.S. on Elderhostel trips and visiting family and friends.

Birthdays

February

Aaron Nelson[5], Patsy Bannick[6], Lee Luiso[12], Sylvia Casas[15], Robert Bowman, Jr[17], Linda Burge[17], Cassi Rice[19], Mark Kosobud[20], Helge Bjorvik[21], Karl Halvorson[21], James Herman[22], George Bjorvik[28].

March

Kari Watts[2], Bob Charlton[11], Megan Luiso[15], Larry Bannick[17], Alene Rice[23].

April

Sonja Kinney[1], Katherine Sanders[2], Braden Watts[8], Logan Opals[13], David Johnson[19], Sharon Smythe[22], Donna Kent[25], Robert Price, Sr[26], Walter Varland[27], Laurie Johnson[30].

Humor

Down at the Sons of Norway, Ole likes to spin a few yarns about his days as a sailor in the Norwegian Merchant fleet.

"Yah, I remember vell," said Ole, "When a Norwegian tanker filled vid red paint collided vid a Danish tanker loaded vid blue dye. Da two ships sank and left 500 men MAROONED."

Norwegian Goat Cheese Fire

About 27 tons of caramelized brown goat cheese, a Norwegian delicacy known as Brunost, recently caught fire as it was being transported through a tunnel near Tysfjord Norway.



According to the BBC, when the driver noticed that his cargo was on fire, he safely abandoned the burning truck about 1,000 feet from the tunnel's southern entrance. The tunnel and two miles of road were shut down as firefighters attempted to battle the blaze. Brunost isn't your typical cheese. Some might say it's more like sweet salty goat fudge. Packed full of sugar and fat, it is also a perfect fuel for a raging fire. The local fire department battled the tunnel fire for nearly five days. Their efforts were slowed by toxic gases and now the tunnel, which is reportedly badly damaged, is likely to remain closed for several weeks. No one was hurt in the incident.

Cultural Events

A World A'Fair May 17-19, 2013

Soin International and Dayton International Festival, Inc. present the 40th annual International Festival, A World A'Fair — Global Pastimes. The festival is a celebration of diversity that showcases the food, dancing, music, costumes, and cultural exhibits representing the ethnic backgrounds and cultures of Dayton and the greater Miami Valley.

<http://www.aworldafair.org/index.html>

Ashville Viking Festival April 27-28, 2013

Presenting a living history event that reenacts a Viking All-Thing from a thousand years ago. There will be a variety of entertainment, including music, dance, and sword play. Also on hand: crafts demonstrations, period merchandise to buy, a variety of food, and a children's area with crafts and storytellers.

<http://www.ashvillevikingfest.com/>

Membership

We have two members to introduce to the lodge.

Jerry Edwards lives in New Richmond. He is Scottish on his father's side and Norwegian on his mother's side. We met Jerry at our January lodge meeting.

Karl Halvorson is our other new member. He has been in the Cincinnati area around fourteen years and before that lived in Wisconsin.

March Lodge Meeting

On March 16 at noon we will do one of our favorites "Bring a Thing". You bring something; it can be an object or just a story from your Norwegian background to share with the others.

We will be at the meeting room of Integrated Protection Services, 5303 Lester Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45213. Lester Rd. runs between Montgomery Rd. and Highland in Pleasant Ridge. The parking lot is on the north side of the building and we will have Norwegian flags on the door leading to the meeting room.

This will be a lunch potluck. We will need you to bring a salad, soup or dessert. Please let us know which item you will bring when you RSVP. You may RSVP to Esther at 513/923-3798 or esthersofn@aol.com

April Lodge Meeting

On Saturday, April 20 at 4:30, a couple of our members will be the program. Glenn and Sonja Kinney will give us highlights of their trips to Norway. They made a trip in 2008 and then again last year.

We will be in the Community Room at the IHOP at 9540 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45251.

RSVP to Esther at 513/923-3798 or esthersofn@aol.com

Newsletter Email List

If you want to be on the email list for the newsletter, send Esther (Esthersofn@aol.com) your email. It will save the lodge a stamp.

All Newsletters can also be read or downloaded from the website at:

<http://www.evensens.net/sons/sons.html>

Contribute to Future Newsletters

We are always interested in hearing from our members. If you have news worthy information that you think would fit nicely in future newsletters, please send to Karl Halvorson (karl.halvorson@yahoo.com). March 25th is the next deadline for material.

The wolf is back in the Oslo forests

Excerpt from the Norway Post

The wolf has been extinct in Norway for many years, but recently several strays have been observed on the Norwegian side of the border with Sweden.



This has led to a heated debate between those who welcome the wolves back, mostly environmentalists, and those who are strongly opposed, mainly sheep farmers.

In the latest development, two wolves have teamed up in Østmarka, east of Oslo, and at least one of them is marking the turf. This could mean that Østmarka get their wolf family in the spring.

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