



Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5
Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio

The First Lodge in Ohio
Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway
October 2010

Meeting Schedule:

Sat. October 16, 2010 2 p.m.

"Variety Show - Waffles -- Raffles"

Join us for a fun filled afternoon as we celebrate our Youth with a Variety Show, Waffles and a Raffle.

New this year will be a "Variety Show" showcasing our youth; toddlers thru the teen years. Encourage your child or grandchild to participate in this casual meeting with a family friendly audience.

Singing, dancing, telling a joke, reading a poem, artwork or a magic trick, might be some of the selections performed by the youth.

Two waffle stations will be open for your tasting pleasure prepared by our very own chefs Nina and Anders. All donations from the waffles and raffle will go towards the Sons of Norway Foundation and our new projector.

The meeting will be held at the Clubhouse in the Mallards of Mason Community at the corner of Mason-Montgomery Road & Cedar Village Drive east of Mason-Montgomery Road. Go 1 block on Cedar Village Drive & enter the community on Mallard Creek Drive. The clubhouse is on that corner. Parking is available at the next right (Somerset Road) by the pool area and beyond or along Cedar Village Drive. (No parking on Mallard Creek Drive).

Please contact Carol Luiso CHLuiso@aol.com
Tel 513.683.3631 for more information or to sign up for the Variety Show.

Contact Carol or Sandra Nelson
snell1234@fuse.net Tel 513.336.9810 to RSVP for driving directions.

Reading Circle

Reading Circle is meeting Sat., Nov 6 at 2:30 p.m.
at Panera Bread 5095 Deerfield Blvd Mason, OH
45040.



Archived from last year, at Jungle Jim's

Julerefest

Coming up soon, Saturday December 4th, from 4 to 7 pm. at Friendship United Methodist Church on Springfield Pike in Wyoming. This will be the sixth time this fantastic event has taken place. Cost will be

\$5.00/person with children under 5 free. This is a real bargain, the food is fantastic. Also at this event, **Norsk Butikk**, where all of your special Christmas shopping can be completed with one stop. Details can be seen at: www.evensens.net/sons/sons.html RSVP; Esther Charleton



Archived photo of President Jerry Elvrund, with Pam and Conrad Nelson at the White Elephant sale.

President's message

Dear Edvard Grieg Members,

It's with sadness that I write my last President's Message to you as your President. I have been offered an amazing opportunity with Cintas to return to our home state of Colorado, and by the time you read this I will have begun my new position there.

While I'm very excited for this new opportunity, I'm very sad to leave our wonderful lodge behind. My family and I have enjoyed every minute as Sons of Norway lodge members here in Cincinnati, and we can only hope that our new lodge in Colorado will be just as welcoming.

Our lodge is coming up on one of busiest times of the year with several fun lodge meetings and our annual Jultrefest celebration. Your participation and support will be more important now than ever, as the board loses myself and Tillie as secretary. I encourage you all to reach out and assist where you can and remember that we only get out of our lodge what we put into it. Our lodge is actively seeking out new board members -- this is your opportunity to serve your lodge in a new and exciting way. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Tillie at elvrundjtj@aol.com or at 513-683-5826. We would like to have our new board members installed at Jultrefest.

Again, thank you all for the wonderful memories. It has been a pleasure to learn and share our

Norwegian heritage with you, and if you ever find yourself in Colorado, please don't hesitate to look us up and stop for a visit!

Fraternally,
Jerry Elvrund

October is Foundation month.

"The Sons of Norway Foundation awards scholarships and grants to promote heritage and culture of Norway, and provide assistance to our members, lodges and their communities." *Mission Statement.*

Since 1966, Sons of Norway has awarded over \$900,000 in 335 grants and over 2,000 scholarships to our members, lodges and their communities.

All that is necessary to qualify for a Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship is being a current Sons of Norway member, child or grandchild of a current member. The scholarships start at \$1,000.

To find more information on the Sons of Norway Foundation, go to www.sonsofnorway.com and click on foundation.

Fraternally,
Carol Luiso
Foundation Chair

Raffle request

Hei, we are still in need of Raffle items for our monthly meetings. If you have something Norwegian or not that you would like to donate please contact me or bring to the next meeting. If you need me to pick up the things you have, I will be glad to do that. Just send me an email or a phone call (see back page of newsletter) and we will make arrangements for a pick up.

Manga Takk to those who have donated already.
Have a Good Day
Nelda Chandler

Membership

Please welcome our new member Christine Butterworth. She and her husband Manning, found our booth at the Dayton International Festival in May. They came to Kari's for our May 17th celebration, and the June picnic at the Mikaloff's. At our September lodge meeting at the IHOP we received her application for membership.

As we have some members leaving us, we need to step up our publicity efforts. Articles will be submitted to the newspapers, (The Enquirer & Community Press), promoting our lodge meetings.

Then we are at their mercy as to whether our notice is put in the paper.

If you have suggestions on venues/locations where we can post information about our lodge, contact me.

On a final note, please pay your dues promptly when you receive the statement.

Much thanks, Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

Holiday Craft/Boutique

This Boutique will be at the Colerain Community Center, 4300 Springdale Rd, on November 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our lodge will have a couple of tables at the Boutique as a fundraiser for the lodge.

Do you have any craft items, or Norwegian items that you would like to donate for our tables at the fundraiser?

Could you help at our tables at the Boutique for two hours on November 13 before going to the lodge meeting at Trine's?

If you are able to donate items or wish to help that day, contact Esther Charlton.

The Viking

Did you all see our lodge photo on page 32, in the October Viking? Considering that only four photos are published every month, we have done quite well over the years for getting our lodge photos in the Viking. There are around 60 lodges in our district so you can see that they try and put in photos from all lodges over the year. In the bottom photo on the district page, Shirley Gronlund is Susie Mikaloff's mother.

Remember Fornebu?



This coastal area used to be off-limits to everyone but authorized personnel and the jets landing at Oslo's old airport at Fornebu. Now it's been converted into a park and sandy beaches, perfect for a sunny summer day along the Oslo Fjord. From Views and News

Facts (and fiction) from Nordic Mythology and Norwegian History

Election time is coming again in America. I thought that would be a good excuse for explaining about the political parties and the political system in Norway.

The political system is called Constitutional Monarchy. There is a king, but he has mostly ceremonial duties. He is formally in charge of the government when they meet every Friday for formal deliberations at the Royal Castle. He will also be present at the start and end of each session of the Parliament (Stortinget). His role is written into the Constitution.

As in USA there are also three branches of the government in Norway. The Judicial Branch is the Supreme Court and the judges are appointed for life. General elections for members of the Parliament (Legislative Branch) take place every four years. The number of members has increased over the years. When I grew up it was 150 members of the Parliament, but now it is 169. They are elected proportionally from each of the 19 counties. The government (Executive Branch) is established by the political party (or coalition of parties) who have a majority in the Parliament. Since the early 1960's no single party has had the majority, they have either had to rule in a coalition with other parties or as a minority government seeking a majority from case to case.

This system has forced the political parties to work together. If a party refuses to work with the governing party, the governing party will seek help from someone else.

Currently there are 7 parties represented in the Parliament. They are (from the right to left on the political scale):

- Fremskrittpartiet – 41 representatives
- Høyre – 30 representatives
- Kristelig Folkeparti – 10 representatives
- Senterpartiet – 11 representatives
- Venstre – 2 representatives
- Arbeiderpartiet – 64 representatives
- Sosialistisk Venstreparti – 11 representatives

The ruling coalition consists of the three parties Arbeiderpartiet, Senterpartiet and Sosialistisk Venstreparti – also known as the red-green alliance. The largest party (Arbeiderpartiet) is a sister party to the British Labor Party, and it is a typical European social-democratic party.

Political parties emerged in the late 19th century, and the first political party (Venstre) still has two representatives in the Parliament. The second oldest

is Høyre which is a classical European conservative party.

Anders Marstrander

October in Norway



Thermometers dipped below the freezing point for the first time in the Oslo area last week, with the main airport at Gardermoen and the historic community of Hakadal among those reporting minus-1C. The chill is bound to bring forth even more fall colors, as the greenery of summer gives way to the red and gold of autumn.

It's all just in time for the annual *høstferie* (autumn vacation) that has closed many schools around the country this week. The traditional autumn holiday began decades ago, when local farmers needed help harvesting potatoes and the schools responded by sending students from the classroom out to the fields. What started out as a few days away from school eventually expanded into a week, which stuck around long after the need for potato-pickers subsided.

Now families take off for everywhere from Thailand to Italy during the *høstferie* week, but many head for the hills or the mountains for hiking before the snow sets in, perhaps some hunting or just quiet evenings at a *hytte* (cabin) with a good book in front of a crackling fire. Mountain hotels have been advertising for weeks, hoping for some extra business as they lure city folks to the high country.

While the weather was stunningly sunny and clear over most of southern Norway this week, the forecast for the week wasn't as good. Rain was expected through Friday in southern Norway, meaning snow was likely at higher elevations. Prospects for sunshine in northern Norway were much better.

In the Oslo area, the local ski and trekking associations were nonetheless urging folks to head into the local forests known as *marka*, where snow was unlikely and trails abound. Good starting points include *Stryken*, *Mylla* and *Tverrsjøen* in northern *Nordmarka*, *Damtjern* and *Kleivstua* in *Krokskogen*, and *Losby* and *Bysetermåsan* in *Østmarka*. Closer to town, public transport can take hikers deeps into the valleys of *Sørkedalen* or *Maridalen* west and north of downtown, for example, or to *Skullerud* or *Ellingsrud* in the east. And there's always the T-bane (metro) to Sognsvann. From these trailheads (look for signs and trail markers in blue), *marka* is just steps from the bus or metro stop.

It's also still possible to [jump on a fjord ferry](#) out to the islands, or even just take the ferry over to the Nesodden peninsula. But that's another story.

Royal repairs



The Royal Palace in Oslo went through extensive and costly renovations during the 1990s, but the roof reportedly was left out. Now it's said to be in such bad shape that it's leaking in some places.

Repairs are supposed to start next year and the government has allotted NOK 112 million to do the job. Officials clearly hope the work won't involve the same sort of controversial budget overruns that occurred during the palace renovation.

King Harald and Queen Sonja, meanwhile, received an extra NOK 307,000, boosting their annual royal grant (*apanasje*) to NOK 9.3 million next year (USD 1.55 million). That amounted to an increase of around 3.4 percent.

Their son, Crown Prince Haakon, and his wife, Crown Princess Mette-Marit, received a raise of around 15 percent for this year but that was pared to 2.6 percent for next year, according to newspaper *Aftenposten*. The government's budget proposes

raising their current annual royal grant from NOK 7.5 million to NOK 7.7 million.

From Views and News from Norway

Message from Editor

The newsletter is late, and it is my fault! Perhaps it is more my computer's fault since it contracted a serious virus, a triple legged version that resisted every virus, spam, and computer medicine known to man. It required a lobotomy, erasing all of its memory and starting over again. Fortunately I installed a new drive a few weeks ago so I had a back-up of all my important files, but it still took 5 days at the computer hospital to make a recovery. I didn't realize how much I rely on my computer to do mundane tasks.

While I have your attention, please come to Juletreffest in December. Bring your family and friends for the best time you can imagine.

Finally, I want to thank Jerry Elvrum for his work in being President of our Lodge, and Tillie as Secretary. Their good humor, and tireless efforts in the Lodge's behalf are sincerely appreciated. Colorado will be a better place with the Elvrum family in residence there.

Per Flem

Birthdays

October

Brian Rudie[6], Sally Lund[8], Chris Buselmeier[9], Roby Bowman[12], Curtis Anderson[13], Judy Pieper[15], Sandra Hoskins[19], Ken Soberg[19], Jens Basberg[20], Catherine Berberich[20], Nelda Chandler[25], Bailey Stone[28].

November

Peter Olson[1], Caroline Schoenig[1], Dianne Clark[5], Nina Downs[9], Ed Vallette[11], Ann Christiansen[12], Glenn Mikaloff[14], Thomas Traut[14], Trine Wernes[15], Michael Luiso[29], Shelby Sansom[29].

December

Lois Evensen[5], Kari Poe[8], Carole Hanson Burge[10], Esther Charlton[12], Yvonne Iverson[12], Leah Burge Sedler[12], Nicholas Chandler[13], Ed Charlton[13], JD Elvrum[13], Dick Monson[14], Teresa Lowen[15], Neil Sorum[15], Carol Olson[16], Konrad Nelson[29], Iver Bradley[30].



Taken last spring, this picture of Hellysylv, near Geiranger, is one of my favorite places to visit in Norway. The ferry to Geiranger starts from here. Around the corner to the left, perhaps 5 miles north, is the farm where my mother's family originally came from. Situated on the side of the mountain, with no telephone, electricity or municipal water, the closest neighbor was 2-3 miles away, or across the fjord (where a great great grandmother came from). Nearest road was a 6 hour trip over the mountain, rowboat was the most convenient method of transportation.

From webcamsfromnorway

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KALENDER

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