



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

November 2018

Notes from Lodge President

Greetings to you all as we make our way into November and enjoy the last days of Fall. First off, the Board extends its gratitude to Lois Evensen for always keeping our website up to date with news of meetings, posting newsletters and pictures. Take a look at all the new photos posted on the website from our gatherings since May.

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

Takk from all of us, Lois.

We have had great gatherings the past two months. Our concert in September was a great success. Thanks to so many of you who attended, or invited guests, those who helped with programs, greeted guests, helped at info and food tables, and to all who baked cookies! And it couldn't have been possible without our own member Alisa providing her beautiful voice and connecting us to our heritage and culture through song. Takk everyone.



Our recent October meeting was a rare treat. It was exciting to hear Elisabeth Pettersen Sonoff's presentation and visually see what she was explaining through pictures. The coup de gras was the presentation of food and the sensory tasting of each of the different sandwiches and desserts she made for us. What a glorious experience! Takk Elisabeth.



Members & guests enjoying the tasty sandwiches & sweets.

If you haven't had time yet to check out the November Viking issue, a small version of our Summer Solstice lodge picture (full picture is posted on our website) got in on pg. 40. Thanks to members who have taken pictures at recent lodge events (Connie & Tim Holmen, Brandi Norman, and myself). Special thanks to Karl Halvorson for submitting pictures to the District 5 editor, who in turn submits to headquarters for Viking. Karl does a tremendous job as our Newsletter Editor. Takk Karl.

There are many opportunities to help out and get to know fellow lodge members a little better! Julefest is fast approaching on December 8. Help is always needed (and welcomed) unloading cars and setting up, packing up and loading cars, presiding at the bake sale table, cleanup, kitchen help, coffee making, tree decorating, greeting... If you would like to get a bit more involved, please contact our Social Director, Jim Herman (see more under Julefest).

Hilsen, Susan Herman

November Lodge Meeting

Please join us to enjoy viewing 2 short DVDs with discussion after each! A 20 minute one on “The History of SoN: Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future”. Also, a 9 minute journey on “An Expedition of the Senses”. Both are from SoN headquarters and give great information for new as well as seasoned members about our origins and history. Lots of info and pictures on our organization, as well as our homeland. (This is a change in programming. We are planning the folksongs/dance for Spring '19.)

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 2:00pm
Sharonville Library, 10980 Thornview Drive,
Cincinnati, OH 45241.

Bring an appetizer or snack to share. Drinks provided by the Lodge.

RSVP to Jim Herman, Social Director at
jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com

December 'Julefest 2018'



Please join us for the celebration and event of the season! For many (most?) of us, the holiday season is the closest connection to our heritage, and it is fun to share food, music and fellowship at this special time of year.

Join us Saturday, December 8 at Mason United Methodist Church (look for flags for door entrance), 6315 S. Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040. (At the corners of Tylersville Road and Mason-Montgomery Road. There is a driveway entrance into the church parking lot from both of these roads.)

4:00pm: Gather for Appetizers, Norsk Butikk Items for sale, Baked Goodies for sale.

5:00pm: Dinner, followed by short program and singing.

Meatballs, potatoes and lefse are provided by the lodge. Please bring an appetizer, side or vegetable dish, salad, or dessert.

There will be lefse for sale. The yummy baked goods never disappoint, and you can do some Christmas shopping at the Norsk Butikk tables! If you have any Norwegian items that you would like to contribute to the Butikk, please contact Esther Charlton or bring them to Julefest.

RSVP by Dec. 5 to Esther Charlton, 513-923-3798 or esthersofn@aol.com (the earlier the better for planning). When you RSVP, please include the number attending, plus the food item you will bring. \$5 for ages 12-100, \$3 for ages 6-11.

Reading Circle & Board Meeting (Jan. 2019)



Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019
2:00pm Reading Circle followed by 3:00pm Board Meeting.

All members are welcome at either or both meetings.

Location: Forest Park Library (meeting room), 655 Waycross Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45240.

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

Future lodge meetings

Saturday, January 19 at 2:00pm
Symmes Township Library
Program under construction. Stay tuned for more info.

Tusen takk

Kudos to both Alisa Jordheim (lodge member) for a splendid concert in September, and to Elisabeth Pettersen Sonoff (lodge member) for a magnificent program and culinary spectacular in October. Alisa's concert was amazing, and Elisabeth's sandwiches were a true delight.



"Concert of Scandinavian Songs" Alisa Jordheim, Soprano; Brenda Portman, Pianist. Photo courtesy of Brandi Norman.



Elisabeth Pettersen Sonoff describing the Round Sandwich Torte.

Edvard Grieg Lodge is proud of our members and grateful for their generous sharing of talents.

Jim Herman, Social Director

Membership

Our membership keeps growing with new members, which is really great. There are now 88 members in the lodge, and with some effort from all of you, we can get our membership over 100. If you encounter

anyone that enjoys their Nordic roots, pass their name along to me.

David Bratten has joined our lodge online. This is one of the ways to join Sons of Norway. David's paternal grandparents immigrated to the United States from Bergen, Norway in the early 1900's. David has relatives currently living in the St.Paul/Minneapolis area. He is looking forward to learning more about his heritage.

Skip and Susan Wicklund joined Sons of Norway at our last lodge meeting. Skip spent his early years in Minnesota with many Norwegians, Swedes and Finns. When he was ten his family moved to Kettering where he learned that Scandinavian words were not accepted as English. His interests include design, travel and reading. Susan grew up in Kettering and as a teen sang at many places around the state. Her life focus is creativity and education. Susan is an avid reader, loves to travel and enjoys researching her ancestry. It sounds like we need to get them both to attend our reading group.

Let's beat the bushes to find some more Norwegians to join our Edvard Grieg Lodge.

Esther Charlton , Membership Secretary

Birthdays

November

Dario Sedler[1], Dianne Clark[5], Nina Downs[9], Evelyn Rewerts[10], Glenn Mikaloff[14], Thomas Johncox[15], Trine Wernes[15], Michael Luiso[29], Shelby Sansom[29].

December

Peach Norman Owen[3], Lois Evensen[5], George Kaufman[5], Lyndsey Heatherton[6], Susie Mikaloff[7], Charlotte Ellingson[9], Esther Charlton[12], Leah Sedler[12], Nicholas Chandler[13], Ed Charlton[13], Teresa Lowen[15], Aida Storetvedt[26], Konrad Nelson[29].

January

Connie Holmen[10], Kelly Lawson[28].

Foundation

October was Foundation month, and we collected \$149.98 at our meeting on the 20th. The Board will send our lodge donation to headquarters in the next few weeks. Thanks to those who contributed. Please keep saving coins/bills in mind for future Foundation donations. There are wonderful opportunities for scholarships and grants from the Foundation, and we reaped the benefit of one of those grants to support Alisa Jordheim's concert this year.

Norwegian Flag Days

November

none

[however, 11.nov is Farsdag or Father's Day in Norge]

Desember

25 - Juledag

Baked Goods for Sale at Julefest



As we do each year at Julefest (and many of us look forward to seeing the beautiful cookies, cakes and breads as well as purchasing them), we will be filling a table with Scandinavian or American baked goods to sell. If you enjoy baking and would like to donate baked goods, please bring your labeled items to Julefest on Saturday evening, Dec. 8 between 4-5pm. Any donations will be very much appreciated! Contact Susan Herman (susan.herman3501@gmail.com) with any questions.

Decorate a table at Julefest

It is fun to see beautifully decorated, as well as creative ideas displayed, at the eating tables at Julefest. If you would like to decorate a table for Julefest, please contact Sharon Smythe (shanannohio@gmail.com) by Nov. 26. The tables are 5' round, and the lodge provides plastic

tablecloths, paper dishes, napkins, cups, and silverware.

Program Ideas

If you have ideas for future lodge meetings, or know someone who might have an interesting program to present, please let our Social Director know. Contact Jim Herman, jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com.

Ole and Lena

Ole and Lena were getting on in years. Ole was 92 and Lena was 89.

One evening they were sitting on the porch in their rockers and Ole reached over and patted Lena on her knee.

'Lena, vat ever happened tew our sex relations?' He asked.

'Vell, Ole, I just don't know', replied Lena. 'I don't tink ve even got a card from dem last Christmas.'

Norway Allowing Dual Citizenship

Article from SoN Newsletter Service

The Norwegian government wants to let Norwegians belong to two countries. They want to give people the chance to have dual citizenship. Norwegians must be allowed to have passports from two countries. This is what the government wants. That is to say, people who live in a country outside Norway can have dual citizenship. "It will be possible for Norwegians to keep their Norwegian passports. They can do that even if they become nationals of another country. The same will apply to foreign citizens who wish to become Norwegian. We are open to dual citizenship. This ensures that Norwegian law follows developments around the world. Connections to other countries are ever-increasing." So says Jan Tore Sanner in a message to the press. He is the Minister of Knowledge and Integration. All of the other Nordic countries have opened up for double citizenship. So have most of the countries in Europe. The rule today is that only Norwegians can have citizenship. But there are several exceptions to the rule. Many foreigners seeking to become Norwegians have received dual citizenship, while Norwegians who become citizens of another country have not had the same opportunity. The government's proposal makes it so people are treated more equally, says Sanner. Norwegian citizens can regain their citizenship with

this proposal. That is, if they lost their Norwegian citizenship when they became citizens of another country. The government says that security is also an intention of the proposal. People convicted of terrorism may be deprived of their Norwegian citizenship. However, if they do not have dual citizenship, they cannot be sent out of Norway.

Wooden Skyscraper Rises in

Norway *From SoNE-post by Amber Frost*



Image by Moelven

If all goes according to plan, Mjøstårnet will become the world's tallest wooden skyscraper in March 2019. The 18-story high-rise is being built in Brumunddal, about 90 minutes north of Oslo. At 81 meters tall, the building will include apartments, a hotel, a restaurant, offices and common areas.

Up until 1997, buildings taller than three stories were not allowed to be made of timber in Norway. A fire devastated the city of Ålesund in the early 1900s. This new building is not in jeopardy of causing the next major fire. Because of the use of glue laminated timber, it is safer than most buildings in Norway when it comes to fire safety. The use of this glue doesn't allow the beams to burn the way traditional wooden beams do. They simply form a layer of charcoal which stops the fire from spreading and helps keep the structure intact.

In a 5-part video series by Moelven, Arthur Buchardt, the project initiator, describes the reasoning behind using locally sourced timber. "That's part of our sustainable movement being put into practice," he said. Sourcing spruce locally can decrease the carbon footprint of a building by up to 85%. "Sustainability and climate are just a few of the many things to take into account," says Buchardt.

If being fireproof and sustainable weren't enough, Mjøstårnet has yet another feature that makes it stand out. The crew is building it in five stages without any external scaffolding; the beams and columns are assembled on the ground and then put in place with a crane. You can learn more about the project by watching the video series, available on YouTube in English and Norwegian. Each episode highlights a different aspect of the building project.

Kringle

Submitted by Christopher Mohs, Vikingland Lodge 1-495, Detroit Lakes, MN



Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 tsp baking soda (added to the buttermilk)
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 3 cups flour (may take more)

Directions:

In a mixer, add sugar, melted butter, egg, salt, cardamom and the buttermilk mixture (that includes the baking soda). Mix together well and then add the flour, 1/2 cup at a time until the dough becomes stiff. (It will still be a little slack, slightly looser than sugar cookie dough.) Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

The next morning pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees and remove the dough from the refrigerator. On a floured board roll out approximately 1 1/2 tbsp. of dough into ropes that are approximately 6-8 inches in length. Dipping your finger in water lightly, wet both ends of the rope and seal together to make a ring or circle. Give the ring one twist to form a figure eight and place on a parchment lined baking sheet, leaving approximately 1/2 inch between each one to allow for the rise while baking (they will double in size). Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until just starting to brown. Remove and let cool before enjoying.

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