



Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5
Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

Recipe for a Merry Christmas

Take the crisp cold of a December night, add two generous parts of snow, stir in air so clear it tinkles. Into a generous heart, mix the wonder of a little girl, the sparkle of a young boy's glance, the love of parents, and set gently before the chimney side. Add the lightest touch of a reindeer's hooves, a sprig of holly, a scent of fir. Set the mixture to rise in the warmth of a dream of good will to men. It will be almost ready to serve when it bubbles with warmth and good feeling. Bedeck with the light of a star set in the East, garnish with shining balls of gold, silver and red. Serve to the tune of an ancient carol in the middle of the family table. This recipe is sufficient for all men and women you will ever meet.

Merry Christmas!

The First Lodge in Ohio Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway December 2012

Meetings

January 19 – Maple Syrup at Pinebrook

From the President

Hallo Allesammen,

A big heartfelt thank you to Sandy Nelson for a wonderful October Foundation Meeting! We had a great turnout and thoroughly enjoyed the talent displayed by all the children! Takk Sandy, and to all those who helped and were involved in the Talent Show.

In November we had a Meatball Dinner. I was unable to attend, but understand it was a well attended event. Thanks to all who helped make it a nice evening!

As I sit here and write this it is almost 70 degrees outside so it is hard to think it is December. It is strange to think we will not be having our Julefest this year, a tradition my family had come to look forward to. This is also my last message as President of our lodge.

Like many of you, I am very proud of my Norwegian heritage. Growing up spending three summer

months in Norway and having my Norwegian grandparents live with us 3-4 months during the winter I have many "ways" that are Norwegian. Although, many things influenced me growing up, it is at Winter that I feel "Most" Norwegian. It is time to bring out my hand knit Norwegian sweaters and mittens, bake Norwegian cookies, and decorate in light wood and red hearts. Warm candlelight glows as much as possible making my home cozy as well as welcoming.

This message brings you all big wishes for a winter season filled with warmth and love. May your Christmas be filled with something Norwegian...God Jul allesammen!

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your Lodge President these past two years.

Mange Takk!

Med Vennlig Hilsen og Stort Klem till alle,
Nina

Report from October Meeting

Nina and Carol made the most yummy Norwegian waffles and raised \$170.00, which we donated to the Sons of Norway Foundation. The raffle raised \$108.00, which was deposited to the lodge treasury.

To all of you who attended this meeting “thanks” for your generosity! WE DID GOOD!

Holiday Potluck

By all the comments, everyone enjoyed our Holiday potluck with a nice selection of all the food. We will be discussing and evaluating what we did and what we should do for the next holiday season at our board meetings.

January Lodge Meeting

Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 2 p.m.

“The influence of maple syrup on our early Norwegian settlers,” by Dick & Willie Schorr.

Have you ever wondered how our Norwegian ancestors sweetened their coffee? Was it ever with their own maple syrup? When they journeyed West, did they bring with them the things they’d need to do that? After all, the awareness of the process was foreign to them when they arrived in this land.

Our lodge meeting will be at the Pinebrook Retirement Living, which is at 5877 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Rd, Milford, Ohio 45150. After you enter the receptionist will point you in the direction of the McCormick Room.

Call Carol Luiso to RSVP for the meeting, and bring a snack to share

Directions to Pinebrook

Take rt.#28-east of I-71, it is exit 57, then turn south at Wolfpen-Pleasant exit. Pinebrook is at the corner as you exit from 28.

Put January 19 on your calendars now!

Service Pins

We will present service pins at the January lodge meeting. We have 10 members receiving a 5-year pin, one member a 10-year pin and one member a 15-year pin.

We will be having the installation of our new officers. We have just finished a two year cycle and have a new president for the next two years.

Tell someone about Sons of Norway and our Edvard Grieg Lodge!

Reading Circle

Our Reading Circle has expanded the choice of books to Scandinavian authors. For the past four

years, we have concentrated on Norwegian authors and books relating to Norway.

You’re welcome to join us to discuss any other Scandinavian books you’ve read.

We meet at Panera Bread, across from the Tri-County Mall. (405 E. Kemper Rd 45246). The next meeting is Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. We welcome new members!

For more information or to RSVP for Reading Circle, contact Carol Luiso, 513.683.3631 or CHLuiso@aol.com

Board Meeting – Saturday, January 5 – 4 p.m.

Our lodge board will have its first meeting of the new year at the Panera after reading circle. It has worked out well to have the two meetings piggy back each other. We invite your thoughts and suggestions for us to discuss at our board meeting. There are some special projects for which we are looking for people to join in the fun. Contact Esther if you would like to be part of the fun.

No Lodge Meeting in February

Enjoy some skiing for winter sports in February. Watch for information on our March lodge meeting in the next newsletter around February 1.

Drapes Needed!

For four years now, the lodge has had a booth at the Dayton International Festival the third week of May. We really need some help with getting drapes for our booth. We have been renting them, but would really like to have them made and keep them with our lodge supplies. Do any of you have some extra material that we could use for the drapes? We need a basic color and the drapes are very simple to hang at the back of our booth. Would any of you be able to sew the drapes if someone does donate the material? If you could help with this project, contact either Esther or Nelda.

Note “The Recipe for a Merry Christmas” is from the pages of the *Farmer’s Almanac*

Interim!

Are you creative with the computer? We need you **now** to help with the newsletter.

As you may have noticed, there are no photos in the newsletter. This interim editor needs some help in learning how to put photos in the newsletter. Actually it would be far better if one of you would volunteer to be our lodge newsletter editor. If you would like to find out more about being editor of our lodge newsletter contact Esther Charlton. Please!

Birthdays

December

Lois Evensen[5], Susan Mikaloff[7], Kari Poe[8], Carole Hanson Burge[10], Esther Charlton[12], Leah Sedler[12], Nicholas Chandler[13], Ed Charlton[13], Teresa Lowen[15], Carol Olson[16], Olivia Leigh Dillon[17], Kim Pillman[25], Aida Storetvedt[26], Konrad Nelson[29], Iver Bradley[30].

January

Francis Kosobud[1], Rod Krokum[3], Connie Holmen[10], Anna Catherine Reeder[11], Kelly Lawson[28].

February

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

Remember to go to:

website: www.evensens.net/sons/sons.html

Member Notes & News – On a Sad Note

Our lodge extends our heartfelt sympathy to two of our lodge families.

Richard Glatfelter had a fatal stroke and passed on October 17. He had been a member of our lodge since 2009 and joined Sons of Norway, in May of 1990. Several of our board members went to his Memorial Service on October 27, and we learned of his dedicated life in the ministry.

Marolyn Halverson died on October 21 at the age of 83, after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Halverson who was knighted by the king of Norway for his effort of translating work by Edward Grieg. Bill and Marolyn were charter members of our lodge and Bill was very instrumental in helping us select the name for our lodge.

If you have news or wish our thoughts, let the editor know, or ask any officer to pass it along for the newsletter.

Ole and Lena went on a trip to Europe. When in Ireland, they travelled on a tour bus. The bus driver was explaining, "On your left, you will see the battleground where the Irish defeated the Norwegians in the year 982." Later on, he described another battle scene: "On your right, you can see where the Irish defeated the Norwegians in 1966." "Vait a minute," protested Ole. "Didn't da Norwegians vin ANY of da battles?" "No on MY bus they didn't," responded the Irish bus driver.

Tubfrim

At this time of year, let us all remember to save our stamps for Tubfrim. Bring your stamps to a lodge meeting leaving a ½ margin around the stamp. To you newer members, here is some info on Tubfrim. Tubfrim is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Association. Used postage stamps and used telephone cards are collected, packaged and resold to wholesalers and philatelists worldwide. The profits earned from these activities are used to provide care and aid to handicapped children in Norway.

When Little Ole was small, Ole used to entertain him with stories, not all of which were entirely true. So, when Ole spun a yarn about the early days in Fairbanks, Alaska, when all the dogs were banned from that city, Little Ole expressed some skepticism of Ole's tall tale. "Surely," responded Ole, "you've heard of Dogless Fairbanks, Junior."

Tell a friend about Sons of Norway

Lena had been gathering her nerve to take her first airline flight. But when she went to the airport and bought a ticket, she stood in line at the flight insurance counter and discovered the man in line ahead of her was the PILOT.

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