



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

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Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

December 2015

From the President

Happy 15th Anniversary to our lodge! It is time to wish each of us at Julefest a Happy Anniversary. It was December 27, 2000, when our lodge had its Institutional Meeting and was formalized by the District 5 officers. We still have 26 of the charter members from the first year on our membership list. We appreciate your dedication to the lodge and Sons of Norway.

Our last two lodge meetings were great fun. If you were not able to attend you missed some excitement.

On October 17, we had a White Elephant Auction at Susie and Glenn Mikaloff's. Our proceeds from the auction went to the Sons of Norway Foundation. The lodge has benefited from the Foundation for a couple of special events. The auction is a blast! Some items can create very intense bidding. Glenn is a fantastic auctioneer. We thank the Mikaloff's for hosting the auction.



White Elephant auction: Glenn Mikaloff as auctioneer & Sharon Smythe. David Johnson with his dog wearing a Norwegian sweater.

We had quite a crowd of over two dozen people for our Lefse making meeting on November 14. A big thanks to Karl Halvorson and Susan and Jim Herman for being the lefse bakers. They each explained their traditions with lefse. They then made lefse for us all to eat. Everyone tried the various toppings with their lefse. Have you tasted

cloudberries? Yum! We thank Sandy Nelson and Carol Luiso for arranging the meeting.



Lefse Making: Karl Halvorson, Jim & Susan Herman, Joann Krugh and Lyndsay Heatherton

Our Julefest is almost here. I trust you have marked Sunday, December 6 for Julefest. There is a note elsewhere in the newsletter with all the details for Julefest.

See you at Julefest, Esther

Upcoming Meetings

Mark your calendar and save the dates for these meetings:

Dec 6: Julefest, 4 PM Augsburg Lutheran Church, 11676 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati

Jan 16: "Today's Library" 2:30 PM Symmes Township Branch Library, 11850 Enyart Rd, Loveland

Feb - No meeting. Enjoy winter!

March 19 - TBA

Julefest Bakers Needed!



Krumkake, fattigman, sandbakkels, pepperkaker, kringle, lefse, breads,.....do these delicacies remind you of Christmas?

If you enjoy baking and would like to donate any of the above baked items, or another favorite baked item (it doesn't have to be Norwegian), please bring it to our Julefest on Dec 6.

Tusen takk!

Reading Circle

Saturday, Jan 9 - 2-3PM



We'll begin our 8th year of Reading Circle on Saturday, Jan 9 from 2-3 PM. Panera Bread, across from the Tri-County Mall, has proven to be a good location for the meeting. Address is: 405 East Kemper Rd, Cincinnati 45246.

If you enjoy reading Scandinavian books, join us! This will be a 'free choice' to read whatever Scandinavian book interests you.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Carol Luiso 513.683.3631 CHLuiso@aol.com.

Julefest

Sunday, December 6 – 4 p.m.



Our annual Julefest this year will be on Sunday December 6. It will begin at 4 p.m.

The lodge will provide the meatballs, potatoes, and lefse. You all will need to bring the other food items: appetizers, salads, vegetables, and desserts. Please RSVP with what you plan to bring by December 2, to Esther.

The Julefest will be at Augsburg Lutheran Church, 11676 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45240. This is exit 33 off of I-275. The church is about a quarter mile north of I-275, just past the Speedway gas station on the east side of the road.

The cost of Julefest will be \$5.00 for ages 12 thru adults, children 6 – 11 will be \$3.00 and five and under are free.

Our Norsk Butikk will be open for your Christmas shopping. We will accept donations for our Butikk if you have any extra Norwegian items that you would like to contribute, bring them to Julefest.

There will be a Bake Sale and we need contributions. You may bake anything; it does not need to be Norwegian.

We need some helpers to come early and help set up for Julefest. If you can come early please let Nelda, Carol, or Esther know of your availability to help. RSVP to Esther Charlton, esthersofn@aol.com or 513/923-3798

January Lodge Meeting

"Today's Library"

Saturday, January 16 - 2:30 PM

Are you finding it difficult to keep up with all the new technology?

Join us at the Symmes Library Community Room when Tara Kressler, Sr. Branch Librarian, will be our guest speaker.

The topic will be "Today's Library: how the library and technology are intertwined".

There will be time for Q & A.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Coffee and other beverages will be provided.

The Symmes Township Library is located at 11850 Enyart Rd, Loveland, OH 45140. (Enyart Rd is south of Fields-Ertel off of Montgomery Rd).

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Norwegian Potato Lefse Recipe

By Karl Halvorson

8 medium potatoes (Idaho russet or white)
1 tsp salt
1 Tbsp granulated sugar
1/3 cup heavy cream
3 Tbsp butter
2 cups flour (plus-or-minus)

Peel and quarter potatoes, boil in water until tender, then rice.

Mix in cream, salt, sugar, and butter and whip until smooth.

Cool for 2 to 3 hours.

Sift and mix in just enough flour to make a dough. Keep covered in a bowl.

Pinch off a small portion of dough, roll in palm, pat with flour, and roll out on a floured pastry frame with cloth covered and floured roller.

Cook on 400 degree lefse grill until small golden brown spots appear on griddle side of lefse. Flip and cook other side the same way.

Cool between a few slightly moistened and folded clean white dish towels (flour sack towels).

Birthdays

December

Lois Evensens[5], Lindsey Heatherton[6], Susie Mikaloff[7], Esther Charlton[12], Leah Sedler[12], Nichollas Chandler[13], Ed Charlton[13], Teresa Lowen[15], Carol Olson[16], Aida Storetvedt[26], Konrad Nelson[29].

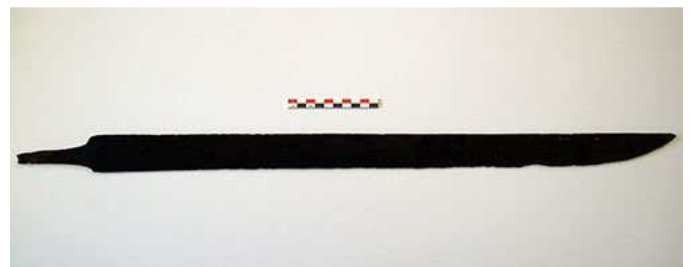
January

Francis Kosobud[1], Connie Holman[10]m Anna Reeder[11], Kelly Lawson[28].

February

Sylvia Casas[15], Robert Bowman[17], Linda Burge[17], Mark Kosobud[20], Karl Halvorson[21], James D. Herman[22].

Man in Norway Finds 1,265-Year-Old Viking Sword While Hiking



Goran Olsen was on a hike in Haukeli Norway in October when he stumbled upon a 30-inch, 1,265-year-old, wrought iron Viking sword after stopping to rest along an old road. Norway's Hordaland County Office says it's in unusually good condition, with some rust from being buried under frost and snow for centuries. "It might be used today if you sharpened the edge", Hordaland County Council Conservator Per Morten Ekerhovd told CNN in October. The sword is now at the University Museum of Bergen for conservation and study. Hordaland archaeologist, Jostein Aksdal, told the English site *The Local* that he planned to search the site of the sword's discovery in the spring. "If we find several objects, or a tomb, perhaps we can find the story behind the sword," he said and added, "This was a common sword in western Norway. But it was a costly weapon, and the owner must have used it to show power".

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