Valhall Lodge Newsletter

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Sons of Norway Lodge # 5-168 Rockford, IL.

President's Letter:

I would like to first thank you all that supported me for President of Valhall Lodge. I am very honored.
Because we have a lot of senior members that do not like driving at night, your board approved my idea that we meet on Sunday afternoon during the winter months of January, February and March on the second Sunday of the month from **1:30-3:30pm.**

Your Social Committee met in early December and has been working hard on bringing you some outstanding programs for the upcoming months. So mark your calendars**. We will not be having pot lucks** but coffee, drinks and refreshments will be provided for these afternoon meetings. Come and join us!!

In January, Darlene Arneson, our Fifth 5th District Secretary will join us for our installation of officers ceremony. I am asking that all officers to come for our installation ceremony.

Please check our calendar of events for all of our upcoming events. One very important event that will take place in February will be the selection of three members to attend our 5th District Convention this year. The convention will be held in June in Appleton, Wis. More details to follow.

This year we are planning an active year with many events including a picnic, a baseball game, and another bus trip to Stoughton. Many of the plans for these events are well under way.

In February, we will again need your help in baking cookies for the Barnebirkie. Bring them to the February lodge meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2012.

Gary Melby, President

Upcoming Events

Social Committee Meeting:
Betsy Fish, Chairperson 815-226-4884
Email fishb@att.net

Saturday, January 7th at 8:30am at the Stockholm Inn in Rockford

January 8th Program:
1:30pm - We will be have installation of the new officers.
Bring some cookies to share – No pot luck

January 28th and 29th:
12:00 - Norge Ski Jump competition in Fox River Grove IL.

February 12th Program:
1:30 - Program on the Sons of Norway Barnebirkie Ski Race. We will also will be collecting cookies to be sent to the Barnebirkie Ski Race for kids in Hayward WI on February 23rd.
We will also be electing three delegates to the District Convention in Appleton WI from June 20-24.

March 11th Program:

1:30 - Program to be announced

Valhall Lodge Board Meetings

Will be the last Saturday of the month at 8:00am

January 28th
February 25th
March 31st
May 26th
August 25th
September 29th
October 27th
November 24, 2012.

Breakfast is at 8:00am and the board meetings are at 8:45am.

Below is a list of the new Lodge Officers for 2012-2013. Their contact information including phone numbers and email addresses are in the membership directories.

President - Gary Melby
Vice President - Greg Ragan
Secretary - Iolyn Beers
Financial Secretary - Cathy Melby
Treasurer - Darrell Ropp
Social Director - Betsy Fish
Cultural Director - Barbara Palm
Sports & Recreation Director - Harold Palm
Publicity / Photographer Director - Vicki Rudh Jones
Foundation Director - Kristy Iverson
Editor - Christina Fairchild
Auditors/Trustees-RayKnutson,RayPederson, Kristy Iverson
Webmaster - Chris Anderson
Musician - Karin Ropp
Marshall / Greeters - Henry Anderson and Harold Palm
Librarian / Historian - Betsy Fish
Sunshine Person - Barbara Palm

Vice President's Letter

The V.P. is the officer who is in charge of membership growth and retention, with focus on innovating and nurturing lodge recruitment campaigns and strategies, as well as helping devise programs which encourage current members to stay active in Sons of Norway.

Growth in membership produces new talent, ideas, and more volunteers. It also enhances our lodge's ability to raise funds, to gain visibility and to be a positive force within our community.

In the coming months, I will be forming a committee to explore some things we can do to find new members. If you would like to be on this committee, feel free to give me a call.

Greg Ragan – Vice President
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