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ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT

(Words from your Lodge President)



Hello Lodge Members,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer weather. All the outside activities we enjoy is part of living in the Midwest. First of all, we want to thank Judy Johnson, Sue Faber and her crew for their organization of this year's Taste of Norway at Syttende Mai. Our annual picnic was at the home of Lyle and Babe Jacobson and we thank them for hosting and to Sue Faber for her special help.

Summer is a time for family reunions and picnics ... and a time to reminisce and talk about our family heritage stories. It is important that these are passed on down to the younger generations. If you wish to become better educated about genealogy, find a Stevne Lag Convention in the area. Each district in Norway has a Lag represented by descendents of that area. They hold yearly meetings featuring classes and special speakers. Genealogy experts are always in attendance with books and computers.

Masse Moro Camp in Fall Creek, WI., is coming up on July 16th. This is a great opportunity for young people to learn more about Norwegian traditions and spend two weeks meeting others and enjoying some camp life. Abby Olson and Jackson Wigant (grandchildren of Sandra and Tom Olson) and Thea Bentley (granddaughter of Betty and Telford Norvold) will be attending. *(Read about our Masse Moro campers on page 3.)* Our upcoming July 24th Lodge Meeting will feature a YouTube video relating the hardships of a Norwegian immigrant, Ragnild Christiansdatter. She settled in the Baldwin area and died in 1894. The video was made by Hamar National Archives by a researcher studying the cultural norms of the time.

Remember our Book Club prior to the meeting.

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Coming Events

JULY

Monthly Lodge Meeting:
Monday, July 24th
Refreshments starting at 6:30PM

Program:
Featuring the story of
Ragnild Christiansdatter who
settled in the Baldwin area in the
1800's.

Servers: Carol Forsythe
Audrey Halverson

Coming Events

AUGUST

Monthly Lodge Meeting:
Monday, August 28th
Refreshments starting at 6:30 PM

Program:
Game Night
Norwegian Bingo

Servers: Sandra Calvert
Pat Schumacher



Coming Events

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Lodge Meeting:
Monday, September 25th
Refreshments starting at 6:30 PM

Program
Hoffman's Germany Trip
Octoberfest Celebration

Servers: Sue Faber
Betty Norvold

Sons of Norway 2017 Member Recruitment Campaign

With our 125th anniversary approaching in 2020, this campaign reinforces the vision of the Sons of Norway's founders for an organization that provides mutual support for its members and celebrates its roots while continuing to look toward the future.

The "Growing to 2020 Campaign" comes from the 2017 goals established by the Sons of Norway International Board of Directors which are:

- Attain: 375 New Insurance Members
- Achieve: \$5.5 Million in Total Life Ins. Premiums
- Accomplish: \$20 Million in Total Annuity Premiums
- Acquire: 3,500 New Members
- Arrive At: \$200,000 Foundation Funds Raised



To reach our goal of 3,500 new Sons of Norway members, we are issuing a simple challenge to each lodge:

Recruit a 10% increase in new members in 2017

(From Sons of Norway's District Communication—FFFN)

P.S. Remember, our Lodge needs to recruit 5 new members this year.

The Recipe Corner



BRUNKAKE

This special cookie was a real treat at one of our recent lodge meetings. Thank you, Pat Sandom, for sending it on to us.

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|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 cup butter | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 1 cup sugar | 2 Tbsps. vanilla sugar * |
| 2 cups flour | 2 Tbsps. Lyle's Golden Syrup ** |

Mix in order given. Finish mixing with hands if necessary. Divide the dough into 6-8 pieces (*I like 8*). Roll into long rolls (*about the diameter of a hot dog*) and the length of an ungreased cookie sheet, 2 strips per pan (*I use a 10" x 15" jelly pan lined with parchment paper and flatten slightly with the heel of your hand*). Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown in color. Slice diagonally while warm about 1" apart. Cool slightly on the pan as they could stick if left too long. Remove from pan while still warm or they may stick. (*I use parchment paper and slide cookies on paper off the pan onto cooling racks. I do 8 rolls.*)

* Bought vanilla sugar (vaniljsocker) at Engebretsons (it is in a jello type box)

** Available at Lunds/Byerlys in the syrup aisle. Also available on Amazon.com

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Masse Moro Norwegian Camp—2017

Hei Hei, jeg heter Abby. Jeg kommer fra Hudson, Wisconsin. I am 13 years old and this will be my third year at Masse Moro Norwegian Camp. I will be in eighth grade at Hudson Middle School. I enjoy science, math, drawing, sports and playing the violin. I enjoy dressing in my Norwegian bunad for the Woodville Syttende Mai parade. I have marched in every parade since I was born. I love my Masse Moro Camp experience and I again thank Valkyrien Lodge and Sons of Norway for supporting me and helping me fund my camp trip.

I look forward to seeing my friends that I have met there and making new friends. The two weeks goes by so fast! I again look forward to the food, learning about the culture of Norway enjoying the games and singing the songs of Norway.

Mange Tusen Takk ! Fra, *Abby Olson*



Abby Olson
Syttende Mai 2006



Abby Olson
Syttende Mai 2017



Abby & Jackson
Syttende Mai 2009



Jackson with Nana
Syttende Mai 2008



Jackson Wigant
Syttende Mai 2017

Hei mitt navn er Jackson Wigant. I am 10 years old and my Nana & Papa are Sandra & Thomas Olson.

This will be my first year at Masse Moro. I will be going into the 5th grade at Grey Cloud Elementary School in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. I enjoy baseball, basketball and camping with my family. I have also marched in every Syttende Mai Parade at Woodville since I was born.

I am looking forward to camp and making new friends, learning about my Norwegian heritage and having fun.

Mange Takk to the Sons of Norway for the scholarship so that I can go to camp. Fra, *Jackson Wigant*



Hei mitt navn er Thea Bentley.

Thea (left) is the Granddaughter of Betty and Telford Norvold.

This will be her first time at Masse Moro Norwegian Camp. *“I am excited to attend this camp. I hope to learn more about the Norwegian culture. This event will be a learning and fun experience at the same time,”* she said.

Thea is 13 years old and attends Hudson Middle School. Her activities include Cross Country, Destination Imagination, Hudson Middle School Ambassadors, Choir and Orchestra.



*Thea, (l) with her Grandmother
Betty Norvold*



LODGE LINES

Our “Taste of Norway” Event For

SYTTENDE MAI - 2017

The morning of May 20th, 2017, began with a drizzle and continued throughout the day—even with some heavy showers at times! However, the Syttende Mai festivities at Woodville went on! Although getting quite wet during the parade, people were happy to get back indoors and partake of some warm Lefse, Rømmegrøt, a meatball dinner and coffee. Then they sampled one of the many types of cookies or other Norwegian “goodies” including Rosettes, Kransekake, Almond Kake, Fattigmann, Krokaner, Pølse in Lefse, Sandbakkels and more. We had wood carvers and even fiddle players. All in all, it turned out to be a great day as even the weather could not dampen the spirits of those who came to celebrate Syttende Mai. Special thanks to Judy Johnson and Sandy Olson for taking these photos—your editor was too busy making Lefse!



*All set up ... ready for our
“Taste of Norway”*



*Chuck Britson shows off his
fabulous Kanskake*



*Lefse-making is underway—Pat Sandom (front)
Don and Arlys Olson*



*Abby Olson plays a
Norwegian tune*

LODGE LINES

More photos from our Syttende Mai celebration—2017



**They
came
from near
and far ...
even from
NORWAY!**



The two couples above were in the USA visiting with our Lodge President, Audrey Severson and are second cousins of her husband, Clair. Of course, what would **YOU** do with visiting relatives during mid-May but take them to a Syttende Mai celebration? Pictured above are: (Left) Anne Karin Asseng and Brynjulv Løkken and (right) are Else and Torbjørn Løkken. They come from northern Folldal in Hedmark County. Audrey told us that they went to another type of Syttende Mai the very next day at the Mindekirken in Minneapolis.



Dave Fowler, New Richmond, displays his word carvings



Our “walkers” in the parade—perhaps wet but happy!



Michael Holtz and two of his students entertain us.



From left—Tom Olson, Don Olson and Einar Sandom taking a well deserved break!

LODGE LINES



This space, normally reserved for a message from our Financial Benefits Counselor, Tom Kunkel, will not appear in this issue. I received an e-mail from him yesterday where he apologized for not being able to do one.

He continued by saying, *“While driving to the office several weeks ago, my world started to spin. NOT a fun experience! Luckily, I was able to get help to the Mayo ER. I spent several days in the hospital for tests. Fortunately, no signs of stroke or tumors were found. I am now slowly recovering at home. I no longer am requiring a walker, but the dizziness has not gone away. I am being treated for vertigo with physical therapy and medications. Prayers for a full recovery will be appreciated.”*

Valkyrien Lodge sends best wishes to you, Tom, for a speedy and full recovery. Take care.



Best wishes to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays during the period of July 11 through September 12th. **(Belated birthday wishes to Sandra Calvert and to Judy Otterson.)**

JULY:

Sandra Calvert 11
Judy Otterson 11
Norris Waalen 16
Audrey Halverson 16 *

Audrey Severson 17

Suzanne Kramer 24
Clair Severson 30

AUGUST:

Delores Jacobson 16 *
Betty Norvold 16 *

* Designation of **Golden Members**

AUGUST : *(Continued)*

Edward Rice 18
Ila Gillis 25
Erling Lesterud 30

SEPTEMBER:

Paul Vandersteen 02
Rebecca Elsbernd 06
Betty Vandersteen 11
Marilyn Olson Lear 12 *

HOW TO TYPE THOSE NORWEGIAN LETTERS !

WINDOWS on your computer allows you to compose characters not found on the keyboard by holding down the ALT key while keying in a sequence on the numeric keypad to the right of the keyboard. For some of the Norwegian characters, there exist both 3-digit and 4-digit sequences that seem to work and for some only the 4-digit sequences will work. Here they are:

Character	3-Digit	4-Digit
Æ	146	0198
æ	145	0230
Ø	—	0216
ø	—	0248
Å	143	0197
å	134	0229

A Special Thank You ...

To those of you who sent cards or called with your expressions of sympathy on the loss of my brother, Rodney.

Your concern and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Arlys Olson, Editor