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The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Lodge Meeting No Lodge *Frokost* this January

If we were able to have our traditional Saturday *Frokost*, we would have been entertained by **Kris Meyer** sharing Norwegian and other stories, and we would have laughed and loved the event. However----well, you know why we aren't meeting.

Our January Viking ship sponsor is **Marcia Klinefelter**. (I think she has already sent her \$35 to our treasurer, **Jim Miller**. If not, send it to him at 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls IA 50613.) The sponsors for February are **Linda** and **Percy Slattenow**. I'm glad our ship has a place to keep warm during the winter! We will need folks to sign up to be sponsors starting in April. Let me know if you can help! March is taken care of.

Fra Presidenten

Happy New Year!

We begin 2021 with bated breaths. Will it be an improvement over the last year or will we be faced with additional surprises or challenges?

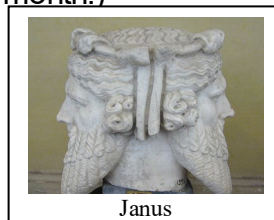


January 2020

As I mulled over an introduction to my January message, I thought of the origin of the month's name and discovered that it is not Janus, but Juno. (According to Wikipedia, Janus in ancient Roman religion and myth is usually depicted as having two faces – one looking to the future and the other to the past. It is conveniently thought that the month of January is named for Janus, but according to ancient

Roman farmers' almanacs, Juno was the guardian deity of the month.)

The image of the two faced ancient mythological god does, however, remind us of our thoughts as we begin another year.



Janus



Juno

Even though we are not gathering for scheduled meetings, the business of the Lodge continues. The executive committee meets monthly to review and plan. We look back to see what strategies/events

were effective of successful and what can be improved. We look forward to new ideas and programs.

Even though Lodge events have been put on hold, we are hopeful that they will resume sometime this year. We welcome your comments and input and encourage communication among the members. Let us begin this new year with both reflection and hope!

Clare Palmer, President



January 2020

Secretary's Notes, December 15, 2020 Business Meeting

President Clare Palmer called *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting to order on Tuesday, December 15, at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls with **Keith Jorgensen, Jim Miller, Jon Tehven, Gloria Tehven** and **Eunice Becker** attending.

November's meeting notes were approved as written. (**Jon/Keith**).

Treasurer Jim Miller reported a balance of \$4,502.24 in the Lodge operating account as of November 30, with receipts of \$135.40 and disbursements of \$207.24 for the month. Treasurer's report accepted and placed on file.

A donation will be sent to the 1st District Scholarship Trust Fund in memory of **Howard Braden** who passed away on November 13.

Jim shared correspondence from the new owner of the facility where the Lodge Viking ship float is stored. No changes are anticipated. He also shared a thank you letter from the Sons of Norway Foundation for the Lodge contribution of \$500 to the October Matching Fund.

Jon Tehven reviewed the November Activity Report which listed Lodge membership at 86.

Editor Gloria Tehven conducted a drawing of names of those who had contributed content to the POSTEN from September – December. The winners of a plaque depicting the Nativity were **Ron and Sharon Lance**.

Winners of wooden ornaments were **Dottie Roiseland, Bev Haugen, Hovey Brom** and **Don Meyer**. All items were *rosemaled* by **Gloria**.



In addition to reports and news items, **Gloria** invites members to continue sending in their stories, jokes, family history of observations for publication in the newsletter. The deadline for the next issue is January 1, 2021.

Old Business

The redesign of the Lodge Logo has been tabled for the time being.

Members are encouraged to maintain contact with others by telephone or call to stay in touch.

Having determined that the current Lodge officers are willing to extend their terms in office for another year, the current slate will remain the same in 2021.

New Business

Jon reported that the 2021 Yearbook is nearing completion and will be ready for publication before the year is ended.

Budgeted year-end donations were reviewed and approved (**Keith/Jon**). They include the Danish American Museum, NAGC-NL, Vesterheim, NAHA and Ski for Light. An amendment to include newsletter, yearbook and web page expenses was also approved.

Revised Lodge By-laws were also reviewed and will be presented to the members by **Jon** at a future Lodge meeting (date undetermined). A vote will be taken at a following meeting.

A review of Lodge Policies and Procedures will be taken up at a future business meeting. No revisions have been made since February, 1997.

The next business meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, at New Aldaya. Lunch at 11:30; meeting at noon.

Due to COVID guidelines, no *Frokost* is planned for January.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eunice Becker, Secretary

Addendum

A proposal by **Linda Slattenow** to make a year-end donation to the Northeast Iowa food bank was turned into a motion by **Jim Miller** and seconded by **Keith Jorgensen** via e-mail from St. Louis. Motion approved by phone and e-mail. (This is how business is conducted during these times!)

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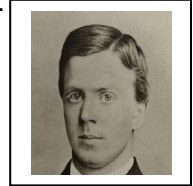
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**Treasurer’s Report
12/1/20 – 12/31/20
Jim Miller**

1. Checking/Savings Accounts
Balance on 12/31/2020...\$4502/76
Receipts.....(+)
323.40
Interest.....(+)
20.45
Sub Total.....\$4846.61
Disbursements.....(-)1300.29
Balance on 12/31/2020...\$3546.32
2. Certificates of Deposit
4 \$1000 Certificates.....\$4000.00
3. Savings Bonds (none)
4. Cash on Hand.....\$50.00
Total Assets 12/31/2020. \$7596.32

A Little History about Norway’s National Anthem, *Ja, Vi Elsker*

Rikard Nordraak, together with the poet Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, were responsible for the words and music of “*Ja, Vi Elsker*”.



Nordraak was born on June 12, 1842 in Christiania. His family had a piano and Rikard started playing early. In 1850, his cousin, Bjørnstjerne, who was in town to study, moved in with his relatives.

Bjørnstjerne observes that the young boy has musical talent.



The lyrics for “*Ja, Vi Elsker*” were written by Bjørnstjerne. When the poem needed to be set to music for the Constitutional Jubilee in 1864, Bjørnstjerne, of course, gave the assignment to his dear cousin, Rikard.

The first official performance took place at the Jubilee on May 17, 1864. The men’s choir conductor said that at the first rehearsal “the song was immediately beloved and that everyone felt: ‘Now, this is our national anthem!’ “

The timing was perfect. It was said, “*Ja, Vi Elsker*” inhaled the breath of an entire people, a few decades prior to Norway becoming independent. It quickly became a “national anthem” by virtue of its popularity. At 21 years old, Rikard Nordraak had managed something incredible.

In November of 1865 Nordraak contacted pneumonia. After five months of illness, surrounded by doctors and his landlord, he died on March 10, 1866. Although we can later read about him, his funeral was unnoticed, and is a testament to a lonely young man. Two people showed up at the funeral procession: his landlord and a friend.

In the 20th century, Nordraak’s ideas gained new relevance when Norway became independent. He is honored with memorials in Berlin, Copenhagen, and Oslo, and his urn was moved to The Cemetery of Our Savior in Oslo in 1925.

In December 2019, “*Ja, Vi Elsker*” was officially voted Norway’s national anthem by the Storting, after having been in use for over 150 years!



(Ed. Note: I don’t know the source of this article—it was in my newsletter file without any source mentioned. Some of you may know that when our lodge was first organized, they wanted to be called the Elsker Lodge. Sons of Norway objected—they thought being called the “love” Lodge wouldn’t be a good idea. *Solglimt* was selected instead—a glimpse of the sun is a good name. I love to see the sun shining!!)

Kalender

- Jan. 12: Lodge Business Meeting
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 23: Lodge *Frokost* (cancelled)
- Feb. 9: Lodge Business Meeting
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
Norway: Mother's Day
- Feb. 15: President's Day
- Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 23: Lodge meeting (maybe)

A Little Sunshine

If you know of anyone who could use a little sunshine, contact:

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Editor's Note

This newsletter is a little shorter than usual. Please send me your Norwegian/Scandinavian stories, reports, jokes, what you're doing to "cope" with covid, etc. for the February POSTEN by February 1st. Send to the address above, or email me at

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or phone me at 319- 352-6094.

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HAPPY NEW
2021
YEAR

A colorful graphic with the words 'HAPPY NEW' in a row of multi-colored letters (red, green, yellow, blue). Below that, '2021' is written in large, bold, multi-colored numbers (blue, yellow, blue, red). At the bottom, 'YEAR' is written in a row of multi-colored letters (green, red, blue, yellow).