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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

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Picnic: 6:30

Cedar Falls Island Park Boat House
218 Center Street, Cedar Falls

(Note: Go north on Franklin Street, cross the Cedar River. The Boat House is left, on the west side. There is a driveway that takes you to the Boat House. If coming from the north, turn right (west) before you cross the river.)

Menu

Bring one or two dishes to share (with serving utensils and also your own table service.)

Program

Heritage Night. Member will have the opportunity to share stories about their heritage and how it shaped their lives. So, if you would like to share, come prepared!

Our August Viking Ship sponsors are **Mardell** and **Duane Lindberg**. **Beverly Haugen** is the sponsor for September. The rent for the storage has been increased and the executive board will be discussing this at our August meeting on August 10th. Until we know more, please send \$35 to our treasurer, **Jim Miller**, 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613.



Sturgis Falls Days 2021

Fra Presidenten

Greetings!



June and July have now passed and we are now approaching the end of summer. My last message heralded our lodge's involvement in the 2021 Sturgis Falls Celebration. Then came the planning, preparation and participation reflecting your commitment and hard work.

A few key people were involved in the planning and preparation stage, but **many** were responsible for the overall success of this project. *Mange Takk* to all of you who contributed you time, ideas, skills, materials, baked goods and cash donations. Special recognition should be given to **Joel Johnson, Keith Jorgensen, Jon Tehven, and Jim Miller** for their long hours of service. This event provides not only needed funds for the operation of the lodge but offers an opportunity for members to become better acquainted with one another.

Our presence in the park reminds the public of the history of Norwegian/Scandinavian immigration to this area and our desire to preserve and promote that culture. There was not only work involved, but opportunities for fun and laughter!

We will have another opportunity to gather for relaxation and sharing of fine food at our Lodge picnic on **Tuesday, August 24th**. Hope we have fun, fine weather and much friendly conversation!

With warm regards,

Clare Palmer, President

**Secretary's Notes, June 8, 2021
Business Meeting**

President Clare Palmer called *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting to order on Tuesday, June 8, at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls. Present were **Jon Tehven, Gloria Tehven, Jim Miller, and Eunice Becker.**

The Secretary's minutes of the May meeting stand approved as they appear in the POSTEN.

Treasurer **Jim Miller** reported a balance of \$3,863.71 in the Lodge operating account at the end of May with receipts of \$1,000.40 and disbursements of \$1,136.70. Treasurer's report was approved as corrected. **Mike Butler** and **Dave Palmer** had conducted their annual audit and found financial records in order.

Jon Tehven reported on Lodge activity in May. Membership remains at 85.

Discussion followed on the Lodge's *Syntende Mai* meeting. Thirty-six members had attended. A total of \$88 had been collected for the NE Iowa Food Bank.

There will be no POSTEN issued in July; however, **Gloria Tehven** encourages members to continue to submit items of interest. Reports for the August issue are requested by August 1.

Sturgis Falls preparations are nearing completion. Staffing and food donations are still needed. **Jon** is checking on information from Social Directors **Beebs Downing** and **Lori Devries** regarding programs so a flyer can be completed for the hand-outs at the booth.

Clare will also be checking with Social Directors on preparations for the August Picnic. The site has been reserved. More details in the August POSTEN.

Plans for a memorial service for deceased members will be taken up in the fall.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls. Lunch at 11:30, meeting at noon.

The August Picnic at the Cedar Falls Boat House is planned for August 24, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, **Eunice Becker, Secretary**

Lodge Member News

Our sympathy is extended to **Leslie Reinertson** and his family on the death of his wife, **Arlene**. She passed away on July 12th. Services for her were held on July 16th at First Presbyterian Church in Jesup.

Chris and **Joel Johnson** have moved to Eisenach Village in Waverly. Their new address is 1127 Elizabeth Drive. Their telephone numbers and email address remain the same. At some point they will be moving again to a different place at Eisenach, probably in October.

Gloria and **Jon Tehven** will also be moving to Eisenach Village in a few weeks. Their address will be 1103 Bach Drive. They'll report later on whether or not phone numbers or email addresses change.

Welcome to new member **Glenda Timmer**, 402 Pfaltzgraff, Allison, IA.

John Wilson and family have moved to Sweden. He can continue his practice electronically. Before leaving he gave us a Norwegian sweater and hand carved Viking ship. They'll be on the Nov auction!

Treasurer's Report, Jim Miller

1. Checking and Savings Accounts	
Balance on 7/31/2021.....	\$3863.71
Receipts.....	(+)7414.15
Interest.....	(+) 20.22
Sub Total.....	\$11298.08
Disbursements.....	(-)4249.14
2. Certificates of Deposit	
4 \$1000.00 Certificates.....	\$4000.00
3. Cash on Hand.....	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total Assets on 7/31/2021.....	\$11098.94

**Treasurer's Report on Sturgis Falls
(Comparing this year with 2019 & 2018)**

	2021	2019	2018
Booth Sales	\$5,313.60	\$3,968.50	\$4,596.00
Expenses, Booth and Parade			
	\$3,211.06	\$3,145.44	\$3,300.00
Booth Net	\$2,102.54	\$823.06	\$1,295.50
Donations	\$1,125.00	\$1,752.00	\$945.00
Total Gain	\$3,227.54	\$2,575.06	\$2,240.50

Sturgis Falls Report From Joel Johnson

Thank-you to all who were able to spend some time working at our booth, and making treats and rolls. Your efforts have paid off with the best net profit since the records I have kept going back to 2013. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your efforts!!! Please see **Jim Miller's** notes elsewhere in the newsletter for sales numbers.

Here are some interesting sales statistics from 2021:

- 224 pulled pork sandwiches sold (56 pounds—only four pounds were left).
- All 280 sausages were sold.
- All 200 rounds of *lefse* (or 800 pieces) were sold.
- 276 cans of pop sold.
- All 600 bottles of water sold
- 17 dozen sweet rolls sold
- Almost all of member provided treats sold
- 440 pounds of ice melted!
- 3.5 pounds of coffee was brewed

So 2021 has been closed out, the book updated and put away. The 2022 book has been set up and is ready to go with all the notes, schedules and inventory set to be pulled out and put to use, starting next February.

Thanks, again, to all of you for making 2021 Sturgis Falls really great!



More Sturgis Falls Information From Jon Tehven

Thanks to all of our members who served in leadership roles in preparation for Sturgis Falls Days, all who staffed the booth, baked pastries, donated money, etc.

Here are some preparation and staffing numbers:

- 62 work hours from Thursday set-up to Sunday take-down,
- 220 hours staffing the booth (not including below)
- 50 hours baking pastries

Leadership hours

- **Joel Johnson:** 20 hours prep and 33 hours at the booth
- **Keith Jorgensen:** 36 hours prep and at the booth
- **Jon Tehven:** 20 hours prep and 12 at the booth
- **Jim Miller:** 20 hours prep

So, if we add the leadership the total is 411 hours that our *Solglimt* Lodge members donated to make our Sturgis Falls Days successful. A big *TUSEN TAK* to all!!!

The Parade

Thanks to **Keith Jorgensen** for preparing our Viking ship and **Jim Miller** for pulling it. Riding in the ship were **Keith Jorgensen, Gloria and Jon Tehven,** and **Jim Miller's** daughter and two grandsons. Walking trolls were **Dave Haugebak** and his son **Tony**.



Kalender

Aug. 10: Business meeting

Aug. 24: Lodge Picnic

Sept. 14: Business meeting

Sept. 28: Lodge Meeting
Dr. Joel Haak—the Abel Prize
in Mathematics

A Little Sunshine

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

Beverly Haugen

Western Home Communities
5300 Main Street #5
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
bhaugen@cfu.net
319-266-2269

Editor's Note

Send your news to me for the September POSTEN by September 1st. I'm 99% sure that my email address will remain the same if we have moved before then. If you have any questions, email me---. As indicated elsewhere, our address will be changing to 1103 Bach Avenue when we move to Eisenach Village. We will notify the Post Office of the address change, so mail should be forwarded.

The *Lefse* Catechism was written by Pastor Daniel Bowman, a Lutheran Pastor in Sacred Heart MN. Pastor Bowman is the son of John and Verneda Bowman from my home town, Goodland KA. They served many years as missionaries in Japan, and I knew them as a child.

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The *Lefse* Catechism

What is *lefse*? *Lefse* is Norwegian flatbread created from true potatoes, flour, and a shortening agent – all from God's creation—given with butter and sugar, instituted by Norwegian men and women for all of us to eat and to grow in kinship with each other.

A *lefse* is round. What does this mean? The circular *lefse* reminds us that God is eternal. Just as a circle never ends, God has no beginning or end. Our eternal God broke into time and space and created heaven and earth. And it was very good.

An ungrilled *lefse* is spotless. What does this mean? The spotless *lefse* reminds us that God is holy and perfect. When God created Adam ("human") and Eve ("living one") in God's image, they too were without sin and lived in harmony with God. God desired that these creatures would worship and love God above all things and live in a loving relationship with God. *Ya, sure, you betcha!*

A grilled *lefse* is spotted. What does this mean? The *lefse* spots remind us of sin. Adam and Eve disobeyed God when God commanded them to not eat of one of the trees in the garden. But instead of choosing God's way, they opted for their own way. Therefore sin entered the world. When we love ourselves more than God and try to take over God's rule, we call that sin. On the *lefse* we see some spots are small; others are larger. But no matter how big or small, these spots mean we are no longer perfect. Because of our sin, we are separated from our holy and perfect God. This separation is spiritual death. (This is copy written and used with the author's permission. To be continued in future *POSTENS*)

