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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, December 14, 2021
(This is earlier than usual because of the Christmas Holiday)

Cedar Falls Woman's Club
3rd and Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Hors d'oeuvres: 5:30 pm

Bring an hors d'oeuvre and/or Julefest cookies to share.

Dinner: 6:30 pm Cost: \$14.98

Menu

Beef Stroganoff, Dinner Roll and Butter
Tossed Salad, Rice Pudding

Julefest goodies, brought by members

(There will be an almond imbedded in one of the pudding dishes!)

Program

Norwegian Music

Joel and Linda Haack, presenters

Dr. Joel Haack, our November presenter, and his wife, Linda, will share the joy of Christmas and Norwegian Christmas music with us!



Reservations by Tuesday, December 7th.
Cancellations by Thursday, December 9th. If your caller misses you, or if you are not a member and would like to attend, please call **Karolyn Haugebak, 319-277-2294**. Also call **Karolyn** for cancellations. Remember, if you reserve and do not attend, you will be asked to pay for your meal.

Our December Viking Ship sponsors are **Pam Flanders** and **Bill Hanson**. If you haven't already, please send \$35 to our treasurer, **Jim Miller**, at 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. The sponsors for January are **Dottie Roiseland** and **Carol Pett**.

Fra Presidenten

Holiday Greetings!



Our Sons of Norway mission statement includes the phrase "to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of

Norway." Some of you will make a special effort to do this during the festive season through special Norwegian/Scandinavian customs and family traditions. (A friend's family sings around their Christmas tree after a delectable holiday dinner. Their dessert includes a special rice pudding with one hidden almond in the serving bowl. The one who gets the portion with that almond gets a prize!)

In your intergenerational gatherings try to include stories of your family's past, especially ones that celebrate your Norwegian and Scandinavian connection. Let the younger ones hear those stores so they can appreciate their history and heritage. (Perhaps you can entice the children with special Norwegian treats as you share your interesting memories) Sharing family stories is one way of preserving the heritage and culture of Norway

Whatever you do, savor the time you spend together with conversation, special meals, games, music, and all the activities that bring you joy as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

God Jul og Gott Nytt Ar!

Clare Palmer, President

Solglimt Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, November 9, 2021

Members Present: **Clare Palmer, Jon Tehven, Jim Miller, Keith Jorgensen, Gloria Tehven, Beeks Downing.**

President Palmer called the meeting to order. Minutes of the October 12th Executive Committee meeting were approved as printed. The Treasurer's Report was approved as printed.

Treasurer Jim Miller presented our 2022 budget, which was approved. Note: He later sent the Executive Committee an update with some corrections.

Jon Tehven reported that *Solglimt* Lodge has 84 members. **Nominating Committee Chair Keith Jorgensen** reported that the committee had not met but would have a slate of 2022 candidates shortly.

The 2022 District 1 Convention is scheduled for Brainerd, MN on June 2-4th. *Solglimt* Lodge is allowed three delegates. **Clare Palmer** and **Jon Tehven** indicated that they would be delegates. One more delegate is needed. **Gloria Tehven** is willing to serve as an alternate. The delegates will be voted on at our December meeting.

Sturgis Falls Days: we are in need of a booth coordinator. **Joel Johnson** will no longer be the coordinator.

We will hold a Memorial Service at our January 2022 Lodge meeting.

Keith will order 2022 Calendars. Cost is \$12 each. We are still looking into SofN T-shirts.

Jon has contacted 2022 **Program Chairs Pam Flanders** and **Linda Benson** about 3 possible programs: Author Eric Dregni and his new book, Wartburg College Players presenting "Amal and the Night Visitors" (they had contacted **Jon**) and the St. George string quartet from Wartburg.

Our members will vote on the *Solglimt* Lodge Bylaws at the November Lodge meeting.

The Executive Committee voted to present to our membership a vote on changing the meeting dates as follows: The fourth Saturdays on February 26, March 26, and April 23 at 10:30 a.m. The Woman's

Club can accommodate the change. More details will be presented at the November Lodge meeting.

The Executive Committee reviewed the current *Solglimt* Lodge Policies and Procedures and voted to recommend changes to them. This will be voted on at the January 2022 Lodge meeting.

We will take a 'tip' collection for the Women's Club serving staff at the December meeting.

Jon and **Gloria Tehven** will set up our *Solglimt* Tree at the Wartburg College Festival of Trees.

Beeks Downing has a new phone number: 319-961-6256.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Tehven, Secretary Pro Tem

Wartburg College Festival of Trees

Our *Solglimt* Christmas tree, plus many other trees, can be seen at the Wartburg Festival of Trees beginning on Wednesday, December 1st through Tuesday, December 14th from 9am to 9pm. This would be a pleasant thing to do as you celebrate the Christmas season!



Book Club

The *Solglimt* Book Club will be meeting on Monday, December 13th at noon at New Aldaya. We will be discussing the chapters we read from "Keeping Christmas: Yuletide Traditions in Norway and the New Land" by Kathleen Stokker. Note: this is one week earlier than our normal meeting day. If you have questions, contact **Betty Butler**, 319-231-0612.



A Little Humor

Do you know why Norwegian boats have a bar code on them? So they can Scandinavian. (Scan the Navy in). From Austen Kelderman, **Dave** and **Karolyn Haugebak's** grandson.

Lodge Meeting, November 16th 2021

President Clare Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. **President Clare** led us in the national anthems, pledge of allegiance, and the table prayer, with **Kathy Schuhmacher** accompanying us on the piano.



Joan Meany gave instructions on Silent Auction proceedings.



New member **Marilyn Rasmussen** was introduced.

Guest Linda Haack, wife of our speaker was introduced. **Bev Haugen** had no illnesses to report. **Betty Butler** reported that the Book Club meets at New Aldaya on the second Monday of the month.



Neils Downing introduced our speaker, Dr. Joel Haack, who shared information about the Abel Prize and the life of Neils Henrik Abel.

Abel was a Norwegian mathematician, born in 1802 and died in 1829. He is credited with solving many mathematical problems in his short life, and he is considered a Norwegian intellectual hero. The Norwegian government established the Abel Prize for Mathematicians in 2003 and has funded it ever since.

Business Meeting: **Jon Tehven** reported that the SofN Foundation "Together We Are the Future" fundraiser was now at \$101,000 and thanked Lodge members for their donations. **Jon** also reported that the SofN Foundation was now taking applications for scholarships.



Jon reviewed the October 26th Lodge minutes regarding voting on updating the *Solglimt* Lodge bylaws. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated *Solglimt* Lodge bylaws as printed. The motion passed.

Keith Jorgensen reported changes in our meeting dates. We will meet on Saturday mornings in February and March. There will be more information about the time and meal.

Keith also reported that the Nominating Committee, (**Keith, Dottie Roiseland** and **Linda Benson**) would have a slate of candidates at the December meeting.

Other business: We need three delegates to the District 1 Convention on June 1-4 in Brainerd MN. **Clare Palmer** and **Jon Tehven** have indicated that they wish to be delegates

November birthdays were serenaded by the singing of "Happy Birthday".

Dottie Roiseland won the drawing for a free meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Tehven, Secretary Pro Tem

Silent Auction Report from Joan Meany

Thanks to all who participated at November's Silent Auction! There were about 50 items donated to four tables, with a wide variety of items. All but six had bids.

Special thanks to our treasurer, **Jim Miller** (who had double duty that night). He reported a total of \$455.00 profit! This compares to 2019 with a \$40.00 increase in total income this year. We should bid early, bid bigger, and bid more often each year!

Calendars

2022 Calendars can still be ordered, but the order must be received by December 7th by **Keith Jorgensen**. Contact information: **319-277-1537**, cell phone: **319-240-0173**, or email: kjorgensen@cfu.net.

Keith should have them available at the December Lodge meeting. Cost is \$12 each, payable upon receipt.

More Humor!

Lars asked Ole: Vat do yew call a belt made of vatches?

Ole replied: A vaist uff time!

(Contributed by **Clare Palmer**)

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An Ole and Lena Joke

Lars said to Ole, "Your first wedding anniversary is coming up. How are you and Lena going to celebrate?"

Ole said, "I was thinking about taking Lena back to the Old Country."

Lars said, "Dats a pretty big thing that most people would do for a milestone anniversary like 10 or 20 years. If you do this big thing now what will you do for the milestone anniversary?"

Ole said, "Maybe I'll go back and get her."
(Contributed by **Joan Headington**)

A Norske Saga from the South
By Ole and Lena (a.k.a. Ron and Sharon Lance)

Hi Folks!

We had a safe trip down here to the Valley. We left Cedar Falls at noon on Thursday and got to South Haven, KS the first night and to Schulenburg, TX on Friday night and then we got to our park and unhooked from our travel trailer at 5 pm.

We got our utilities turned on and flushed the water lines and had a bite to eat, took showers, and "hit the sack". Sunday we listened to Christian Crusaders and had brunch with friends Lyle & Marlene Brim and Frank Conroy (who stays in our park year around) at Diaz' Diner downtown Mission and had a great time visiting and catching up on the summer happenings. Frank will miss our first streets Wednesday Morning Breakfast at Danny's #1 on Tom Landry downtown Mission as he has back problems and needs surgery to fuse 3 more vertebrae in his back to alleviate his pain.

We've been 85-90+ degrees every day so far and no rain and it's been really nice down here. We've pretty much got everything washed and we're able to settle down. I had a new cabinet built here and it was sitting on our deck when we arrived. Now I need to stain and varnish and bring it in to our home so I can get some of the clutter cleaned up. This should have our place looking as good as it can be for us.

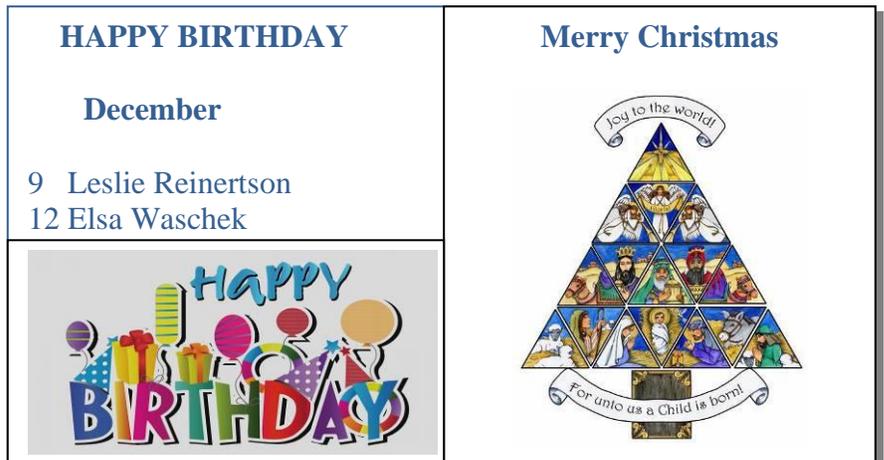
Sharon went yesterday with her brother to his eye doctor appointment and the place was really busy and it took them about 6 hours to get everything done. They brought home each of us a Jumbo Jack eat. Those are good sandwiches---almost as good as a Whataburger which are the best!

We've had our first Monday Morning Meeting which was short and sweet, just the way we like it. They already had tickets on sale for the Thanksgiving Dinner at our Rec Hall. All is going well here in the Valley for now.

Take care, and "tanks for all of yur verk."

Ole and Lena

(Received on November 2, 2021)



Painting Donated to Sons of Norway Foundation

Arthur Frick, Wartburg College professor emeritus, gave his painting "Geiranger Fjord, Norway, Nearing Sundown 2017" to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Professor Frick presented the painting to Jon Tehven, Past Sons of Norway International President and current Sons of Norway Foundation Vice Chair. The painting will be on exhibit at the Sons of Norway headquarters in Minneapolis.



Professor Frick taught art 40 years at Wartburg College and 20 years at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He is listed in Who's Who in American Art. His works have been exhibited in Mexico, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Chicago, St Louis, Detroit, Milwaukee, New Orleans and New York City. Some of his paintings are on permanent exhibit at the Waverly Area Veterans Post and Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. His sculptures are located in Waverly, Miami, Beirut and Los Angeles.

About the painting, Frick says, "The grandeur and mysterious presence of the Norwegian Fjord has always intrigued me, as well as the ways Norwegians have so closely integrated their farms and towns in the topography of place, creating a sense of oneness. Color relationships and an embracing atmosphere are unique, thus enhancing many artistic possibilities of personal interpretations."

Kalender

- Dec. 1-14: Wartburg Festival of Trees
- Dec. 7: Lodge Business Meeting
Orders due for Norwegian or Swedish 2022 Calendars
- Dec. 13: Book Club
St.Lucia's Day
- Dec. 14: Lodge Meeting
Norwegian Music
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas!
- Jan.1: Happy New Year!
- Jan. 22: Lodge *Frokost*

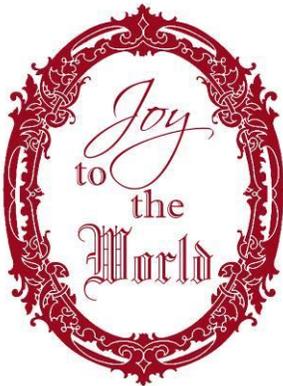
Editor's Note: Thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's POSTEN! Items for next month (year!!) can be sent to me by January 1st.

At the December meeting, the names of the folks who have volunteered to pay for our Viking Ship's storage will be in a drawing for a Viking Ship!!!

Items for the POSTEN can be emailed or sent by regular mail to me. My email address is:

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My regular address appears at the top of this page.



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Plans for “authentic Viking settlement” on Island

A Manxman is hoping to give up his life working in technology to become a “Viking full time” by creating an authentic settlement from the Viking era. Chris Hall has applied to turn four acres of land in Sandygate [Yorkshire, England] into a place where people can visit and learn about the island’s Norse history.

The plans include building a number of wooden structures to emulate a traditional settlement. Mr. Hall said he wants people to come in and “step back over a thousand years”. Vikings are thought to have arrived on the Isle of Man in the 800s, trading at first before settling

Mr. Hall said the development is set to include an area known as “*Folkvangr*” meaning “field of the people”, for visitors to go to after taking part in activities within the woodland on the land, including shield building.

The area would be used to stage re-enactments with people trained in weapon fighting, as well as provide an opportunity for children to try out their own creations.

Plans include the building of a farmhouse, barn and pens for animals, where farmers in authentic dress would teach children about traditional practices.

<https://www.nsb.cin/en-us/news/world/plans-for-authentic-viking-settlement-on-island/ar-AAQRoXL?li=BBnb7Kx>