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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 Meeting this Month

Don Meyer was scheduled to give us a talk about Scandinavian Architects. It would have been great to learn more about our Scandinavian heritage—maybe Don will share with us at a meeting in the future!

Our Viking Ship sponsors for September are **Ron and Sharon Lance**. They have already sent their \$35 to our treasurer **Jim Miller, 1727 Four Winds Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613**. We have sponsors signed up for October-December, plus February! If anyone wants to take January, March, April, or May please contact **Gloria Tehven**: email, snail mail or telephone. The response for sponsors has been great! Thank-you!



Fra Presidenten

Greetings!

“Things certainly have changed; they’re not the same anymore.” Does this sound familiar? We are reminded of these changes—most of them as a result of conditions over which we have no control—via our news media,

conversations, church services, etc.

In the July 2020 issue of the *Viking* magazine International President Ron Stubbings addresses the issue of “tremendous changes,” the challenges that accompany them, and the need for adaptation and flexibility within the organization and within each lodge.

You may be experiencing a sense of separation or some sadness as a result of the coronavirus crisis and are gradually realizing its impact on *Solglimt* Lodge. We’ve always enjoyed our social gatherings – our Lodge picnic in August and our monthly meetings. Due to the coronavirus concerns and the need to keep our members safe, the Executive Board voted to **cancel** the picnic and the September 22nd dinner meeting.

The Board will meet in September and will determine whether or not we can move forward with plans for our October meeting. You can be assured that when we do meet, there will be a homecoming atmosphere and joy in seeing our dear friends!

Even though we are sensing more restrictions, we can use the time we have to reflect on the wonderful memories we’ve shared as a lodge: friendships, educational/entertaining programs at our dinner meetings, cultural projects, service projects, conventions, trips to special events, Sturgis Falls events, etc.

We should connect with and support each other during these challenging times with **patience**



(tålmodighet), perseverance (utholdenhet), and hope (håp). We will continue to move forward as a Lodge and as an international organization.

Thinking positively,

**Clare Palmer, President
Secretary's Notes, August 18th
Business Meeting**

President Clare Palmer called *Solglimt's* monthly business meeting to order on Tuesday, August 18, at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls with **Jon Tehven, Gloria Tehven,** and **Eunice Becker** attending.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as they appear in the current newsletter (**Jon/Gloria**).

There was not Treasurer's report available.

Jon reviewed the July's Lodge Membership Activity report. Membership remains at 91.

A drawing for five names was conducted by **Editor Gloria Tehven** to determine winners of the readers' riddle contest and those who contributed news and stories to the *POSTEN*. Winners receiving items *rosemaled* by **Gloria** were **Dave Palmer**, first prize winner,



John Sundet, JoAn Headington, Helen Rostad, and Lois Osnes received these



Gloria gave an update on the Viking ship sponsor list and obtained two additional sponsors at the meeting.

Deadline for reports and news items for the next issue of the *POSTEN* is September 1.

Research continues on the redesign of the Lodge logo.

Connecting with members via telephone continues and has been well received. If you have a story to share about coping during COVID or something about your Norwegian ancestry, we would like to hear from you!

Lodge By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Goals are being reviewed and revisions and/or amendments discussed.

Keith Jorgensen sent word that a Lodge foursome had been registered to participate in Valley Lutheran School's annual Golf Outing/Fund Raiser.

Further discussion was held on the use of memorial funds from **Dorothy Sundet's** family.

A return to scheduled Lodge events was tentative set for October, Foundation Month. This will depend upon the virus situation at that time and is subject to change. **Clare** continues communications with the Woman's Club as to their plans for reopening.

At the request of the International Office, a survey of past Lodge programs resulted in five educational programs selected for submission by **Jon**.

Jon also had been in contact with the Home Office regarding Humanitarian Relief grants to members who may be in need of assistance.

The Lodge acceptance of the offer of monetary aid "to be used to strengthen the Lodge during the pandemic" had been granted. Further suggestions as to how this money could be used were discussed.

The Lodge budget review was postponed for a future meeting.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, at New Aldaya in Cedar Falls. Lunch at 11:30, meeting at noon.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Becker, Secretary

Lodge Member News

From Duane and Mardell Lindberg:

Mardell and I have enjoyed spending some time with our family at our lake cabin in Minnesota. However, this fun—time has been interrupted by my three stints in the hospital. I'm thankful that I was able to regain my strength to officiate at our grandson's wedding in Bermidji, MN on August 8.



Since both the bride and groom's families have a Norwegian heritage connection, the couple requested that the wedding be concluded with a Norwegian blessing. Of course, I was happy to oblige!

We are in prayer for the health of our Lodge members and looking forward to face-to-face meetings again when the pandemic is lifted.

Venlig hilsen fra, **Mardell and Duane Lindberg**

From Ron and Sharon Lance (Ole and Lena):

(Ed. Note: This is a combination of two "letters" from the Lances, Aug. 7th and one on Aug. 27th.

On Aug. 27th: At 7:05 am today our oldest granddaughter gave birth to a baby boy! Damian James Terrell---he has more hair than either of his grandpas on our side of the family. Danielle says he's doing well and so far "no fussing" and all of his plumbing works!



I can remember a show where Larry Gatlin of the Gatlin brothers was interviewed when they had a baby boy and he was asked if he changed any of the diapers and he said, "He poops" and that is good! If they can't do that something is wrong!

All is good with Damian. We hope to see him soon after the weekend as Danielle said she'd be in the hospital until sometime Saturday as they do a lot of testing on newborns. He has a sister Adelynn who is 5 ½ years old so she'll probably "mother him" too. He's our first great grandson!

It's great that he was born before we leave for Texas again at the end of October. We are both doing well and so are all of our family members "doing the physical distancing" thing. (To me that's more correct than saying "social distancing") That's what you get from a "corn fed country kid".

There is getting too much of this society having to be "politically correct" all of the time---. That's the thing I love about us Scandinavians: we can have a sense of humor with our "Ole and Lena" jokes.

We call my wife's brother "Lars" and I have a good friend whom I call "Uncle Torvold" and we have a lot of fun together. Sharon and I always go by "Ole and Lena". Lena was actually my birth mother's middle name. We never know if she had a middle name as she passed away when I was 5 years old.

I was adopted and since we've been retired Sharon had been doing a lot of genealogy and found my mother's birth certificate, with her full name on it.

A Little Humor

It's 2053. Lena was just getting up to a beautiful morning. She had to go to the bathroom. When she gets there, she finds she's out of toilet paper. She goes to the closet and gets the last roll...the last roll she bought in 2020.

Sven has just been hired by the Police Department. He is very proud of the first arrest he made on his first day on the job.

He arrested a quack who was selling an elixir that he claimed would extend your life for an unlimited number of years. Sven was proud when he learned that this wasn't the first time the man had been arrested.

He had been arrested three times before, first in 1749, again in 1823, and again in 1972. Sven thinks the guy must be really dumb to think he can get by with it again in 2020.

From the Kristiania Lodge newsletter - Aug 2020

Kalender

- Sept. 7: Labor Day
- Sept. 15: Lodge Business Meeting
- Sept. 22: Lodge Meeting (Canceled)

POSTEN by October 1. Contributors will be entered in a drawing for a rosemaled nativity picture. Address above right, or send it to: gtehven@live.com

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Treasurer's Report **7/1/2020-8/31/2020** **Jim Miller**

- 1. Checking/Savings Accounts
Balance on 7/1/2020.....\$4737.27
Receipts:.....(+)670.80
Sub Total.....\$5408.07
Disbursements.....(-) 445.72
Balance on 8/31/2020.....\$4962.35
- 2. Certificates of Deposit
4 \$1000 Certificates....\$4000,00
- 3. Savings Bonds (none)
- 4. Cash on Hand.....\$50.00
- Total Assets 8/31/2020...\$9012.35

A Little Sunshine

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

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Editor's note: Send news about your activities during this pandemic, your Norwegian stories, and/or humor for the October

From Dottie Roiseland



Celebrating Grandson's graduation
May 2020 - Wilmar, MN



Fun at our cabin on Axehandle Lake, New Auburn, WI in July!!