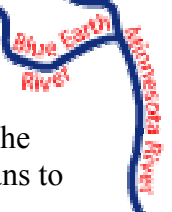




Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 P.O. Box 1091 • Mankato, MN 56002



We are honored and thrilled that His Excellency Knut Vollebaek, the Ambassador of Norway to the United States, has confirmed his plans to be in Mankato on September 12th and 13th. He will be the keynote speaker at our banquet. Don't miss this great event!

This will be a membership banquet and we are making an unbelievable offer. Those new members who have joined our Elvesvingen Lodge recently and other new members who send their membership payments on or before August 29th will get to attend this banquet for free. There are many demands for our time, but preserving our wonderful heritage should have a high priority. If you have ever considered joining our lodge, you certainly should take advantage of our present offer. See the form at the bottom of this letter for more information.

Other exciting news for this area is that the Tronvold log home has been restored and it is being moved to Garden City in time for the Blue Earth County Fair, which is July 31st through August 3rd. This home was built by immigrants from Norway, so it is very fitting that our Elvesvingen Lodge staff it at the fair. In addition to giving people information about the log home, the spinning wheel and other historic furnishings, we have permission to promote our organization and tell of our efforts to keep our Norwegian heritage and culture alive. We even will be selling lefse! (Have arranged to use the kitchen at Grace Lutheran Church on July 18th, 19th and 20th to make the lefse Come and join in on the fun there!)

Mange takk to Addie Felch for the beautiful hardanger sign she made for our hot dog stand and to Joe Resner for his computer signs for the hot dog stand and also for the trailer used in parades in Nicollet and St. Peter. The darling Resner granddaughters and their friend rode on the float. They wore colorful outfits and "crowns" and waved at the spectators.

We want to give the Ambassador the royal treatment he deserves. Our lodge is working very well as a team to make all the plans and arrangements and raise money to carry them out. We really need and will appreciate any help others can give, even if just for a few hours. We have fun working together and am sure you would enjoy being a part of this great celebration. Please call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 if you would be willing to help, even if just for a few hours, at the hot dog stand, at our lefse making "parties" or at the fair. And even if you're not able to help, be sure to come and enjoy these special times with us. **Places for the banquet will not be sold after August 29th or at the door the night of the banquet, so order them soon.**

Orders for memberships and for places at the banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Centennial Student Union at MSU in Mankato on September 13th, 2003:

Orders should be postmarked on or before August 29, 2003, checks made out to Sons of Norway, Mankato, and sent to Linda Stelter at 228 Bittersweet Lane, Mankato, MN 56001.

- _____ One year memberships for Elvesvingen Lodge @\$31.50 _____
 - _____ Spouse one-year membership for Elvesvingen Lodge @ \$28.00 _____
 - _____ Memberships for ages 16 – 23 for Elvesvingen Lodge @ \$19.00 _____
- (Each new membership will include a free place at the banquet.)
- _____ Banquet tickets (if no membership purchased) @ \$19.00 _____
- Cash or check # _____ enclosed for total of _____.

If you use email, give us your address and we'll email you a confirmation of your order.

Sons of Norway Elvsvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar

Now through August 18, 2003 – “Norwegian Americans in the Civil War” in the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa

July 13 (Sun.) – Norway Day in Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis from 10:00 to 4:00

July 18, 19 & 20 – Make lefse at Grace Lutheran Church, starting at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1:30 on Sunday.

July 20 (Sun.) – Lutefisk Golf Open in Owatonna, 9:30 a.m. Contact Nina Zak, 507-451-5841.

July 24-26 (Thurs.- Sat.) – Nordic Fest at Decorah, Iowa

July 31 – Aug. 3 – Staff Tronvold home at the Blue Earth County Fair in Garden City.

July 25 and 26 (Fri. and Sat.) – Hot dog stand at Hy-Vee Downtown.

August 12-15 – Winnipeg Folklorama District 1 Tour. Contact Gene Brandvold, 952-831-4361.

August 15, 16, 22 and 23 – Hot dog stand at Hy-Vee Downtown

August 22 (Fri.) – Kumla Klassic Golf in Des Moines. Contact Howard Heggen, 515-279-0136

September 12 & 13 (Fri. & Sat.) See newsletter on other side of this page for more information about this special weekend. His Excellency Knut Vollebaeck, Ambassador of Norway to the United States has accepted our invitation to come to Mankato!!

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