



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

Blue Earth
Minnesota River

It was great to have so many new members at our October meeting. Debra Seitz's talk about the Hjemkomst was terrific. And our November meeting will be very special, also. It will be on Nov. 8th, our regular meeting time, the second Saturday of the month, at 5:30. p.m.

Both Sidney Rand and his wife, Lois, have very prestigious backgrounds. Sidney has been a parish pastor, a college teacher, a national church administrator and president of four colleges. Those years are most widely associated with St. Olaf College, where he served as president for nearly seventeen years. His education at Concordia College, Luther Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago prepared him in theology, and specifically, church history. The highest point of his career was when he was the United States Ambassador to Norway in 1980-81. Have you been a classmate of his at any time, or have you been a student when and where he was a college president? If so, you may be interested in the memoirs he has written, entitled "In Pleasant Places."

His wife, Lois, is an accomplished musician and has been the vice-president of a public relations firm. She has been very active in the Norwegian American Historical Association, currently serving as the president. NAHA promotes the publishing of Norwegian immigrant experiences and Norwegian history. Lois has been Sidney's right hand in supporting him in college administration and as an ambassador's wife.

We have three videos of His Excellency Knut Vollebaek and his wife Ellen Sofie's visit in Mankato on September 12th and 13th. They are for sale for \$15.00 each, or three for \$35.00. Add \$3.00 for mailing one video. Though it seems too early to think about it, wouldn't they make a wonderful Christmas gift for that someone who has everything? They will be shown in the St. Peter area on SPPA and in the Mankato/North Mankato area on CCTV. See directions at the end of the November calendar for ways to find out when they will be shown. You may make copies from the TV programs but they will not be as good quality as those made from the original master. The contents of the videos are as follows:

Video #1 – Reception hosted by Bethany Lutheran College and ambassador's speech to students and professors there.

Video #2 – Banquet at MSU with Part One of Lin-Hans-Rud dancers' 2003 program and the ambassador's speech.

Video #3 – Booth interviews at the Sons of Norway Heritage and Cultural Fair and Part Two of the Lin-Hans-Rud dancers' program at the banquet.

The titles on these videos have background music by Adrian Lo's Riverbend Consort. They play Adrian's arrangements of "Per Spellman," "Reunion Waltz." and "Coming Down From Red Lodge."

You may send orders for these tapes to Sons of Norway, P.O. Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002. Make checks payable to Sons of Norway.

On Nov. 1st the Third Annual South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo will be held at the Centennial Student Union at MSU. This includes sessions on a variety of genealogy related topics as well as a room where local organizations, including our Elvesvingen Lodge, will be sharing information about their resources and services. Pre-registration of \$15 must be postmarked by Oct. 24th. Registration after that or onsite is \$20. For additional information call Daardi Sizemore at 389-1029. Other events are listed on the November calendar.

Sons of Norway Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, November, 2003

Oct. 23 (Thursday) – Lutefisk dinner at Bethany Lutheran College. Call 344-7000.

Oct. 23 (Thursday), 10:30 p.m. – Channel 7 (SPPA) - Video #3 of Ambassador Vollebaek in Mankato

Oct. 24-26, 10:30 p.m. – Channel 7 – Video #1 of Ambassador Vollebaek in Mankato

Oct. 25 and 26, 1:30 p.m. – Channel 7 – Video #1 of Ambassador Vollebaek in Mankato

Oct. 30 (Thursday) – Lutefisk dinner at Elks Lodge. Call 947-3378.

Nov. 1 (Saturday) – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Genealogy Fair in Centennial Student Union at MSU

Nov. 1 (Saturday) – Lutefisk dinner at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church. Call 507-246-5195.

Nov. 2 (Sunday) – Pop concert featuring Bradley Ellingboe, bass-baritone, at Lakeville Art Center in Lakeville. 1:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres; 2:30 p.m. - Concert

Nov. 5 (Wednesday), 10 to 2 – Bazaar at Bethlehem Lutheran Church; 11 to 1 – BLC Lunch

Nov. 8 (Saturday) - 5:30 p.m. – *Elvesvingen Lodge meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.*

Nov. 9 (Sunday) – Lutefisk dinner at Medo Lutheran Church. Call 507-869-3165

Nov. 11 (Tuesday) – Program about Edvard Grieg at Mindekirken, Mpls. Call 612-874-0716.

Dec. 13 (Saturday) - 5:30 p.m. – Elvesvingen Lodge traditional Christmas Julebord (Christmas dinner) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Check CCTV weekly schedule in Saturday Free Presses for times the three videotapes of Ambassador's Visit to Mankato will be shown on CCTV (channel 13).