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Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 and the Scandinavian Studies Program at MSU are proud to host His Excellency Knut Vollebaek, Ambassador of Norway to the United States, on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have not ordered your banquet reservations, take time to do so today!!

We need to let MSU know how many they should plan to serve at the banquet, so please order your reservations by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a "triple treat" with the Ambassador's speech the Hanska choir and dancers and a delicious apple brandy pork loin banquet. Don't worry about parking. PARKING IS FREE. Look for Norwegian flags and signs to direct you to the Centennial Student Union. The fair is on first floor and the banquet on the second floor.

Don't forget our special offer -- pay \$31.50 for a NEW membership and you get to attend the banquet for free and also the reception on Friday night. The membership is good for a year from the time it is recorded at our International office in Minneapolis. Use the order form at the bottom of this newsletter and send your check to Linda Stelter. When she gets your check she will send you membership forms, and after you return the completed forms to her, she will send them to Minneapolis for their records.

Name cards will be made out for everyone who pays for a banquet reservation or gets a free one. Starting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, you may get your name card from someone at one of the tables by the entrance to the ballroom. This name card will be your ticket to the banquet.

Mange takk to Bethany Lutheran College for having a reception for the Ambassador and his wife, Ellen Sofie, on Friday. This will be for Elvesvingen Lodge members and the faculty, friends, staff and students from Bethany. It will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in their Great Room (cafeteria). There will be good signage to help you find it. Be sure to take notice of the Norwegian flag on display on their campus. They are very proud of this!!

Every day we get more confirmations from people who will have table displays at our Heritage and Cultural Fair, which will be from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday on the first floor of the Centennial Student Union at MSU. It would take many hours of your time to drive to see all of these things on your own, and this is free. There will be story-telling, displays of Norwegian kiksleds, rosemaling, hardanger, weaving, sweaters, Viking Age history, etc. and information about travel to and in Norway, language camps, genealogy, cooking, art and more!!

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 reservations (if no membership purchased) @ \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for total of \_\_\_\_\_.

Make checks out to Sons of Norway and send them to Linda Stelter at 228 Bittersweet Lane, Mankato, MN 56001. Her phone number is 388-7139 and e-mail is sltms228@chartermi.net If you use email, give us your address and we'll email you a confirmation of your order.

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ann Carlberg, Editor

## **Sons of Norway Elvsvingen Lodge 1-582 Calendar, September, 2003**

September 12 (Friday) – His Excellency Knut Vollebaek, the Ambassador of Norway to the United States will speak to students at MSU and Bethany Lutheran College during the day and there will be a reception for him and his wife, Ellen Sofie, at Bethany Lutheran College. The reception will be for Elvsvingen Lodge members and Bethany Lutheran College faculty, friends, staff and students from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Great Room, their cafeteria. There will be good signs to help you find the Great Room.

September 13 (Saturday) - 11:00 – 5:30 – Free Heritage and Cultural Fair on the first floor of the Centennial Student Union at Minnesota State University. Over 35 tables of displays about everything Norwegian from genealogy to cooking, travel, language camps, arts, crafts, and more – even a Norwegian kiksled. Visit with His Excellency Knut Vollebaek while enjoying the fair.

September 13 (Saturday) - 6:30 p.m. – Banquet in the ballroom on the second floor of the Centennial Student Union at MSU with the Ambassador as the keynote speaker. Also, the Hanska Choir and adult and children dancers will perform the program presented in Norway and Sweden recently.

October 4 (Saturday) – Scandinavian Food Fest at Decorah, Iowa at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. Enjoy your favorites, taste something new, or learn to make your own.

October 8-12 – Norsk Hostfest in Minot, North Dakota. Reservations must be made far in advance.

October 11 (Saturday) – 5:30 p.m. – Social meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Lunch provided by some members, followed by a short business meeting and program. Debra Seitz will talk about the Viking ship, the Hjemkomst, which was built in Moorhead, Minnesota by her father, Robert Asp. She rode on the ship when it was sailed to Norway, so can tell about first-hand experiences.

November 8 (Saturday) – 5:30 – Social meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Lunch provided. Program by Sydney and Lois Rand. He was an Ambassador from the United States to Norway. They will talk about their experiences in Norway.