



We enjoyed hearing Dr. Odell Bjerkness's presentation on the Vikings at our October meeting. If anyone is interested in a copy of his presentation and bibliography, contact me, Jodie, at 388-2303.

Fra Presidenten:

Most Photogenic

At our October meeting, Emmet Iverson received special recognition as "Most Photogenic for Elvesvingen Lodge for 2004." He was photographed with Alicia Helling, the leader of the Norwegian dancers from Hanska, at our Midsummer celebration in June. He was presented a framed picture and a Sons of Norway cap. Congratulations, Emmet!

2008 District Convention

Our lodge approved hosting the 2008 District Convention in Mankato. The Midwest Wireless Center and Holiday Inn have made commitments for this event. This will be a large gathering and a GREAT opportunity for our members. Assistance will be needed at all levels and we will also seek assistance from other lodges surrounding Mankato.

Bus Trip on November 6th

Don't miss this opportunity to see the historic Turnblad mansion, the American-Swedish Institute. Entering the grand entrance hall is an experience in itself, especially when the sun is shining through the window depicting a famous Swedish painting. When we are there it will be decorated using Christmas customs from Scandinavian countries. After lunch we will travel to Ingebretsen's, an old world marketplace of gifts, clothing and food. Bring a cooler so you can take home some famous ethnic treats. Call Wendingers by Nov. 1st, or mail the orange form sent with the Oct. newsletter to reserve places for you and your guests. They do not need to be members to participate in this fun-filled day. Help support this fundraiser for our lodge.

Bake and Craft Sale

Please remember the bake and craft sale on Nov. 20th at the Madison East Mall. We need craft makers, bakers and customers to make this a success! If you cannot contribute crafts or food, you may make monetary donations. A BIG THANK YOU in advance to all who participate in this event.

Snowbirds

To our Snowbirds - We wish you safe journeys to your destinations, and for those hearty folks who stay here, we hope to see you at our upcoming meetings and events.

Jodie Wallschlaeger, President

Don't forget the lutefisk dinners!

Fra Vice-Presidenten:

At our November 13 meeting, we will share ideas for Scandinavian holiday preparations and discuss various options for traveling in Norway. As meal chairpersons, Kris and I will contact members whose last names begin with Br to E concerning the lunch.

Adopt a School

We have a great start on this partnership - assisting Kennedy Elementary students in the Walk About Program. Additional volunteers are needed. If you can volunteer one hour per week, please contact Kris Norland at 625-6060.

Calendars and Raffle Tickets

Our Norwegian calendars make excellent gifts at \$12 each. At our next meeting \$5 raffle tickets will be available for the King Harold medallion. The drawing will take place at our December meeting. Proceeds from the tickets will go towards the Elvesvingen Lodge Scholarship Fund.

Harvest in Norway

In Norway the fall harvest is done and the last odds and ends are being completed before winter comes. In the Hadeland area north of Oslo, my relatives write that they had a good crop although the crop of barley and straw took longer than normal to mature.

Golfing in Norway

The news around the community of Gran is that golfing is slowly but surely catching on. Most of the local Norwegians have stopped by to view it even though many have not yet given it a try.

Politics in Norway

As for the politics in the Hadeland area, there are 7 or 8 parties in Norway to choose from. When they all meet for a debate the candidates all talk at the same time! In the Hadeland area they vote for members of the municipality and the Oppland County for 4 year terms. This election won't take place for three more years. The members of the county then vote in the ruling party and leaders. As in many European countries, alliances among political parties are sometimes formed to gain control of the Storting (parliament).

Dick Norland, Vice-Presidenten
Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast
on Nov. 23. See calendar for information.

Ann Carlberg, Editor, 388-7334

SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR

November, 2004

October 23 (Saturday) – 8 am – 3:45 pm – Genealogy Expo at Centennial Student Union, MSU.

November 1 (Monday) – Deadline for reservations for bus trip to Swedish Institute and Ingebretsen's on November 6th. Call Wendinger Travel at 507-359-3111 or mail form sent with October newsletter.

November 5 (Friday) – 7:30 pm - Swedish Club at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 East Main. Program – Video about Ambassador Knut Vollebaek's visit to Mankato in 2003. Visitors welcome!

November 6 (Saturday) – Bus trip to Minneapolis to American-Swedish Institute and Ingebretsen's.

See information for November 1st, above, concerning reservations.

November 6 (Saturday) – Lutefisk & Swedish Meatball Dinner at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, 10 miles west of St. Peter on Hwy 22, then ½ mile north on County 53. 11 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.

November 13 (Saturday) – 5:30 pm - Elvesvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Program – Scandinavian Holiday Preparations and discussions about options for travel in Norway.

November 14 (Sunday) – Lutefisk dinner at Medo Lutheran Church, 3 miles south of Pemberton. 1 pm, 3 pm and 5 pm settings. Call 507-869-3056 for reservations for settings.

November 20 (Saturday) – 9 am to 5 pm – Craft and bake sale at Madison East Center.

November 23 (Tuesday) – 7:00 am – 9:15 am – 20th Annual Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast at Sheraton Bloomington. \$15.00. Reserve with Sons of Norway Foundation, 612-827-3611 by 11-10-04.

December 3 (Friday) – 6 pm -Swedish Club smorgasbord potluck at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 East Main Street, Mankato. Visitors welcome. Bring a dish to pass and a dozen Christmas cookies.

December 11 (Saturday) – 5:30 pm – Elvesvingen Lodge meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Julebord (Christmas Potluck) and Entertainment by Mary Carlson and her violin students.

December 16 (Thursday) – 6:30 – 8 pm - Lotsa Lotsa Lefse and Fruit Soup, Too! At St. Peter Food Co-op.

Free. Register by Thursday, December 9. Discussion about mixed marriages of Swedes & Norskies.

Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 meetings for September, 2004 through June, 2005 have been scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. Most are held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Any changes will be noted in newsletters.