



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

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God Paskedag! (Happy Easter)

Welcome Back. Snowbirds!!

April meeting: **Saturday, Apr. 8, - 5:30 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church**
 Program: Resources for Tracing Ancestors/ Elvesvingen 25th Anniversary Celebration
 Serving Committee: Pam Borchert (Chair) and Members (Ho-K)
 Transportation Available for non- night time drivers: call Dick Norland at 625-6060

Hilsen Fra Presidenten- Audrey Morken Thanks to the Olson's (Paul and Phyllis), the Vikers (Dorothy and Owen) and Stan Halvorson for presenting their trips to Norway at last month's lodge meeting! There was a wonderful turnout! I was surprised to see that many of our members have already been to Norway! I think it's time for some of us, including me, to start thinking about another trip!

Elvesvingen's 25th Anniversary- and April lodge Meeting You are cordially invited to the 25th anniversary celebration of Elvesvingen Lodge on Saturday April 8th starting at 5:30pm in the Heritage Room at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Come meet some of the past presidents and charter members. Our regular program/meeting will follow the short celebration. Please come and join us!

Program For April 8th Lodge Meeting

Ok, so you made a New Year's resolution to get going on the family tree but somehow in the grand undertaking, you have run out of steam or have hit a brick wall. Well, have no fear. Our next lodge meeting will feature Helen Softchalk from the Church of the Latter Day Saints in North Mankato. Helen will offer her expertise in resources for tracing and searching for your Norwegian ancestry and record keeping.

We Salute You... The following charter members have been continuous members of our lodge for 25 years:

Lester Anderson	Yevonne Flatgard	Alf Odegaard	Marlin Spangrud
Lois Anderson	Roger W. Hanson	George E. Patchin	Linda Stelter
Arnold Bentsdahl	Millicent Hanson	Mary Jane Patchin	
James Bristol	Charyl Korpel	Harold Rodning	
Linda Bristol	Elizabeth Mueller	Orville Sampson	

The following charter members are presently members of our lodge:

Opal Helberg	Richard Norland	Cleon Tollefsrud
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In Remembrance- Please remember Janette Schave in your thoughts and prayers. Janette was a 30 year member of Sons of Norway and one of Elvesvingen's charter members.

Syttende Mai Celebration in Hanska Can't believe it's that time of year again to celebrate May 17. On **May 20**, the Elvesvingen Lodge is planning a trip to **Hanska** to celebrate **Syttende Mai**. The celebration this year will be to the tune of Lawrence Welk. We will be taking several carloads to partake in this celebration of our heritage. We will leave from Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 3:00pm and return at 9:00pm. There will be a dinner at Zion Lutheran Church at 4:00pm followed by the variety show, which will be held at the school, at 5:30pm. **The ticket price for the meal and show is \$30.** If you are interested, and/or have questions please call Linda Stelter @ 388-7139 to sign up. Please send us your name and make checks payable to SON and send to P.O. Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002. Deadline is April 20. **Tickets are limited.** First come, first serve. Don't miss this "wuneful, wuneful" show!

And the winner is.....- Congratulations to Dorothy Viker for winning the lodge contest for best theme for the 2008 Convention "**From the Norse Star to the North Star.**" Dorothy won a \$25 gift certificate to Swedish Kontur. In her acceptance speech, Dorothy was, shall we say, 'Speechless'! We'd like to thank all who threw their hat into the ring with wonderful theme ideas! With 30 themes sent in, it was a hard decision!

Did you know? Norway is tops in coffee drinking?

Nearly 41 tons of coffee was imported to Norway last year, meaning the country of just 4.5 million people is in the top ranks of coffee consumption on a per capita basis.

SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR April, 2006

- **April 8- (5:30pm) Lodge Meeting- Resources for Tracing our Ancestors and Elvesvingen and Lodge 25th Anniversary celebration, Bethlehem Lutheran Church**
- April 12-15- Princess Martha Louise visits Minnesota
- April 23, (11am-4pm) International Festival at East High School
- **May 13- (5:30pm) Lodge Meeting- Norwegian /American Attorney, Ole Martin Wasstrand**
- May 20- Syttende Mai trip to Hanska- (sign up by April 20)
- **June- Midsommar's Picnic- time and place TBA**
- July 9 Bus trip to Norway Day at Minnehaha Park, MPLS (7:30am-6:00pm) more info later.

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