



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

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**Elvesvingen Lodge Welcomes the Following New Members :**  
**Del and Norma Ellanson, Jim and Shirley Moody,**  
**Dave Godin**

May meeting: **Saturday, May 13, - 5:30 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
 Program: "Stark Poverty to Unbelievable Wealth" – speaker Ole Wasstrand,  
 Norwegian/American Attorney  
 Serving Committee: Steve/Nancy Rolfsrud (Chairs) and Members (L-Mi)  
 Transportation Available for non- night time drivers: call Dick Norland at 625-6060

**Hilsen Fra Presidenten - Audrey Morken** - Happy Spring! With summer around the corner and many of us planning on where America's scenic routes will take us, next month will be our last formal meeting until September. I want to thank all of you for your continued and growing support of my leadership within the lodge. It has been fun, not as hard as I thought it would be. It does help when a lodge comes together in any way to help as many of you have. I have the best group of helpers and supporters that I could ever ask for. Thanks to all of you. Here are a few of our great upcoming programs that you don't want to miss:

- May 20 - Hanska Syttende Mai trip;**
- June - Midsommar Picnic (time/place TBA);**
- July 9 - Norway Day bus trip to Minnehaha Park;**
- September Lodge meeting- Ola and Per comic review;**
- October - Membership Event at Applewood.**

Hope to see you at these events, but until then, have a safe and wonderful summer!

**Last month's meeting** - We had a terrific turnout at the April meeting. Gene Brandvold- the SON International Director of Board of Directors awarded the Elvesvingen Lodge with a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque. Arnie Bentsdahl spoke briefly about the history of Elvesvingen Lodge. The Easter Bunny arrived bearing gifts! Selma Braun drew the lucky egg with the jelly bean in it! She won a beautiful crystal plate from Swedish Kontur. The program ended with Helen Softchalk who offered much advice in researching ancestries.

**International Festival at East High School** - The Elvesvingen Lodge had an information table at the annual International Festival on Sunday, April 23. There was a fabulous turnout. The Kransekake made by Hal and Marsha Natvig was a big hit. Visitors were drawn to this unique traditional cake. Of course, all who stopped by had to have a sample taste! "Wow" and "This is really good!" were the most popular comments of the day. We still have samples left over that will be available at the May meeting.

**Program For May 13th Lodge Meeting** - May's lodge meeting will feature Norwegian /American attorney, Ole Wasstrand who will speak about Norway and its road to wealth. As many of us who research our heritage know, Norway hasn't always been the richest of the world's countries. It wasn't until the 1960's when Norway discovered oil in the North Sea. Mark May 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as this will be an interesting program you won't want to miss.

**Sons of Norway Garage Sale** - Don't throw out those old golf clubs!! The Elvesvingen Lodge will be having a fundraising garage sale in the Fall, so if you have started your annual spring cleaning, save some stuff that would make 'good selling' items! Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping out, please call Audrey at 387-2223. Proceeds will go to the 2008 Convention Fund. A date time and place hasn't been set yet. Keep your eyes posted!

**Hot Dog Stand** -We have reserved May 22-25 (Monday through Thursday from 11:00am-7:00pm) to use the Hot dog stand at Cub Foods on Madison Avenue. We will be needing volunteers to help out in shifts of 2 hrs. Please call Audrey at 387-2223 if you would like to help out. Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Proceeds will go to the 2008 Convention Fund.

Check out the Information Table at our monthly meetings - pick up information on area events, travel, or SON financial products; sign up for lodge events/volunteer opportunities; view a copy of recent lodge minutes/treasurer's report; check out the SON magazine for children under 15; purchase gift items offered by the District One Sons of Norway fundraising committee; or simply ask questions.

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**Fra Pam Borchert** – Mange tusen takk to all that helped with the April Anniversary Dinner; hubby Dave for baking the hams, the salad gals, Jan Hoffman, La Vonne Iverson, Pat Johnson, Linda Stelter, and Irene Mickelson, the dessert bakers, Arnie Bentdahl, Linda Bristol, Lois Kitzmann, and Hal Natvig. All the donations were also greatly appreciated.

Those of you that asked for the stuffing recipe, will be happy to know that the board approved a lodge cookbook and you will find “Pam’s Pineapple Stuffing” at a later date.

STAMMTISCH/DEUTSCH/AMERIKAN-ISCHER/CLUB bus trip to U of MN Landscape Arboretum, Pepsi Museum, and a Montrose buffet (of course)! A few seats available for May 11 for \$40. For information call tour director Pam Borchert at 931-1511.

### **NORWAY DAY**

The Norwegian National League of Minnesota will hold its annual NORWAY DAY Sunday, July 9, 2006 at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. This day-long brings together some of the best and brightest entertainment talent in the Norwegian-American community.

An open air Christian worship opens the day at 10:00 AM. The entertainment begins at noon with the fun loving *barnetog*, a children’s parade where the young at heart can join their children in waving Norwegian and American flags while parading to a traditional Norwegian march. Music, song and dance follow for the remainder of the afternoon.

Sons of Norway have chartered a bus to transport attendees to this event. The bus will leave Mankato at 7:30am – from the Madison East Mall parking lot – near the Dairy Queen – and return by 6pm. Cost is \$20 for SON members and \$25 for non-members – make checks payable to Sons of Norway. Register by June 10 – call 388-7139 and send check/name/phone number to P O Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002.

Beat the high cost of gas – leave the driving to us! Celebrate our heritage – eight here in Minnesota – bring your Norwegian & American flags!

## **SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR** May, 2006

- **May 13- (5:30pm) Lodge Meeting- Norwegian /American Attorney, Ole Martin Wasstrand**
- May 17- Syttende Mai ( Norwegian Independence Day)
- May 20- Syttende Mai trip to Hanska
- **May 22-25- hot dog stand at Cub Foods East. Volunteers needed asap!**
- **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 above.