



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



God Jul og Godt Nyttaar!!!

Welcome new members: Arlo and Carolyn Hovick and Joseph Wallschlaeger

December Lodge Meeting: **Saturday, Dec. 8, 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church,**
Program - "Julebord and Norwegian Christmas Sing-Along"

Potluck: See information below

Serving Committee: Audrey Morken and members (A-Br)

Hilsen Fra Presidenten - Linda Stelter: First of all, I would like to take some time to thank all of the members who have supported me this year. I would have been quite overwhelmed were it not for your incredible encouragement. Thanks to all the board members that are "retiring" Irene Mickelson, Audrey Morken and Pam Borchert and to those staying on, Clancy Olson and Mark DeGarmeaux. Also thanks to Kris Norland for playing the piano at every meeting and for many other contributions. I wish I could name everyone personally, because certainly everyone has played a part in the success of our lodge this past year.

This past month, Kathleen Stokker spoke on her book, "Keeping Christmas: *Yuletide Traditions in Norway and the New Land*" at the November meeting. Her explanation of why customs started and how they compare to the customs of our day was very interesting. It certainly shed a new light on the age-old traditions that have been passed down over the years.

Don't forget to come to our December meeting! This is the perfect time to wear your favorite Norwegian sweater, or other festive (red) clothing. We promise good food and fellowship.

December Meeting - December 8. Please join us in the annual Elvesvingen Lodge Julebord, fellowship and sing-along .

We all look forward to our annual *Julebord* (Christmas table). We have made plans for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and music - all members assist with this special potluck dinner. Please have your name on your dishes and utensils. Social hour will begin at 5:30pm with the dinner and program following. If you have a traditional Nordic Food you serve during the holiday season, please bring some to share. Use "tried and true" Scandinavian recipes or "tradional" American recipes! If you wish, label food items with their Scandinavian name or American translation. **Serving Committee will provide Meat, Appetizers, and Beverages. Audrey Morken and Members (A-Br) Members (Bu-M): Potatoes, Breads, and Desserts. Members (N-Z) Fruits, Vegetables, and Salads.**

Mark **December 8** on your calendar.. "Julebord and Norwegian Christmas Sing-Along" We will learn some traditional Norwegian Christmas songs along with our Julebord dinner. Be prepared to volunteer for this interactive event, and practice your Norwegian, or at least your Norwegian accent. Kathleen Stokker taught us a lot in November. How much do you remember? There will be a quiz! -- a fun quiz! God jul! (Merry Christmas!)

Celebrate the founding of the Sons of Norway: The Metropolitan Joint Committee of Lodges is hosting a luncheon to celebrate the founding of the Sons of Norway on January 12, 2008, at noon at the Fred Babcock VFW Post in Richfield. The VFW Post is located on Lyndale Ave. So. between 67th St and Lakeshore Drive. Following the musical entertainment, lunch will be served. All meals are \$10 which includes beverages of coffee or tea and includes the gratuity. RSVP to Caroly Hagen with a check and your choice of meal by January 4th 5720 Olinger Road, Edina, MN 55436 Questions: (952) 920-2602

Language Camp Scholarships - Scholarships are now available from our local lodge for parents or grandparents interested in sending their children or grandchildren to next year's summer language camps (Skogfjorden in Bemidji, MN or Masse Moro in Eau Claire, WI). The deadline for applications is Feb 1, 2008 and must be sent to our Elvesvingen Lodge first. Please contact Linda Stelter @ 388-7139, if interested. We would like to see more of our members take advantage of this opportunity.

Looking for some great holiday gifts? Stop by our info booth to see the new 2008 Norwegian calendars. We have the Ekte Norse Jul books available again. They are full of crafts, recipes, songs, poems, and stories.

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2008 Convention Planning Committee Update For those who have volunteered for various committees, mange takk! You will be contacted with specific details - sometime between now and Spring 2008! If you haven't volunteered yet, we definitely need more volunteers (ticket takers, security staff, direction givers, etc) - call Dick Norland 625-6060!

If any of our lodge members are interested in renting a vendor booth at the June 12-13-14 convention, please contact Karen Abbott at 507-726-2724!

Holiday Gifts will be available at our December and January meetings! As a fundraising project, convention mugs will be sold for \$9 each or 2 for \$17. Tee shirt orders will be taken for \$10 each!

Craft and Bake Sale: Thanks to all of you who so willingly helped make our bake sale a successful fund raiser again this year. It takes a lot of hands to get it all done. The four people on the committee did the calling and organizing, two members mixed up all the dough for two lefse bakes at Grace Lutheran Church where twenty-two people gathered to roll and flip over 400 lefse. Four members got together to make about 200 kringla and two people prepared 50 buttered lefse to sell. Thirteen people worked at the bake sale and at least forty-one contributed baked goods or contributed money in lieu of baked goods. Members were good shoppers, too. In some cases, individuals fit into two or more of these groups. To sum it up, a lot of members were involved and had fun working together. So far our profits are over \$1000, and we expect more sales and donations. As they say in Minnesota, "Not too bad."

SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR December, 2007

Dec 7 – Swedish Club Christmas Potluck Dinner - Grace Lutheran Church – 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Dec 8 - Lodge Meeting – “Julebord and Norwegian Christmas Sing-Along” – 5:30 pm in the dining room at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Jan 12 - Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 5:30 pm Program- Store Per

Jan 12 - Luncheon to celebrate the founding of the Sons of Norway at the Fred Babcock VFW Post in Richfield MN

Feb 1 - Deadline for applications for District and local lodge scholarship funds for camps at Skogfjorden and Masse Moro. Applications must go through our Elvesvingen Lodge first. Contact Linda @ 388-7139

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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