



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

Blue Earth
River
Minnesota River

**Don't forget to sign up for the bus trip!
Deadline is Jan. 7**

Godt Nyttaar!

Lodge Meeting: Saturday, Jan. 13

Program: Film of HRH Crown Princess Martha.

Serving Committee: Audrey Morken, George and Mary Jane Patchin and members (E-G)

Transportation Available for non- night time drivers: call Audrey Morken 387-2223.

Hilsen Fra Presidenten- Linda Stelter. Godt Nytt Ar! (Happy New Year!) I hope all of you had a God Jul! (Merry Christmas) We have scheduled many interesting programs and activities for 2007, including preparing for the District Convention that will be held in Mankato in June, 2008. It will take a lot of planning and we will need many people to donate their time to make the convention successful. The Elvesvingen Lodge is looking forward to a fun year in 2007!

January Lodge Meeting: What could be better during the long, snowy, cold month of January than dinner and a movie? We will be showing a film about the story of Crown Princess Martha who fled from Norway with her children on the eve of the German invasion in 1940. HRH Crown Princess Martha of Norway will forever be remembered as a graceful leader and a strong advocate for the well-being of her people. In honor of the princess and the five years she spent living in the U.S., the Norwegian American Foundation commissioned a documentary entitled "Crown Princess Martha: the American Story."

Bus trip planned for Sunday, Jan. 14. Several of you have been asking about our next bus trip. We have one planned to go to the Mindekirken Church and to see the Viking film at the Omni Theatre in the Science Museum on Sunday, Jan. 14. The bus will leave from Madison East Mall parking lot next to Dairy Queen at 9:00am and return at 5:30pm. **The cost for the bus fare and admission to the Omni Theatre is \$36 per person.** Make check payable to: Sons of Norway and send to PO Box 1091, Mankato MN 56002. The Norwegian church service starts at 11:00am followed by coffee hour at 12:00pm. We will then head to the Science Musuem for the one hour Viking movie which starts at 2:00pm. Lunch will be on your own- you may want to even bring a sack lunch with you. The science museum has a few places to eat as well. There will be a light snack on the way back. This will be a fun trip. **The deadline is Jan.7.** For more info and to sign up, please call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 or Kris Norland at 625-6060.

Wanted: Are you energetic and giving of your time? Do you have good ideas for programs and how to attract more members to our lodge? If so, we want you! We are looking for new future board members to lend us a hand. Please contact any of the following Nominating committee members: Dick Norland, Linda Stelter, or Audrey Morken if you would like to help us out.

Julebord- Thanks so much to serving chairs, Kris Norland, Jan Prehn, and members who helped make this year's Julebord a success! The food and fellowship was fabulous!

Men's Choir- If any male members are interested in forming a Norwegian Men's Choir please call Orrin Ausen at 387-7509 or Joel Brude at 278-3506.



Welcome new member: Ruth Forrey

Tusen takk to incoming and outgoing officers- A big thanks goes to our outgoing officers Dick Norland (Past President) and George Orvick (Cultural and Social Director.) Their service to this lodge has been greatly appreciated. Bittersweet is a word that comes to mind as we are sad to see the 'changing of the guard'. We are delighted to announce our new officers: Linda Stelter, Clancy Olson, and Mike Lokensgard. Linda will fill the role as our new Lodge President! Linda (an original charter member) has belonged to Elvesvingen Lodge since 1981. In her 25 years with our lodge, she has worn many "hats" such as Social Director, Treasurer, and lastly, Financial Secretary. We are very fortunate to have someone so knowledgeable to lead our group. Clancy Olson joined Elvesvingen in November of 2005. With an Accounting background, as Financial Secretary, Clancy will be assisting Irene Mickelson with bookkeeping duties. Mike Lokensgard, our new Social/Cultural Director, will no doubt be great at his new role in maintaining our heritage through great programs. When you see these new officers, wish them luck and encouragement in their new positions! We know they will do a great job!

Tubfrim Stamps. If you have received extra mail over the holidays, please save those envelopes/stamps! Our lodge supports the Tubfrim organization in Norway. Cancelled postage stamps are sold to collectors and dealers- the profits assist disabled children via the Norwegian Health Service. We have a former lodge member living in an area nursing home who is willing to trim the stamps to be forwarded on to Tubfrim. We are also looking for a local business interested in donating monthly billing envelopes. If your business or family can assist in this project, please call Jodie Wallschlaeger, 388-2303.

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, 2007. Please contact Audrey Morken @ 387-2223, if interested. We have 3- one- week scholarships to offer. We would like to see more of our members take advantage of this.

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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SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR

January, 2007

- Jan. 13- Lodge Meeting- Crown Princess Martha 5:30pm
- Jan. 14 -Bus trip to Mindekirken and Omni Theatre (9:00am-5:30pm) Deadline Jan. 7
- Feb 1st - Language scholarship deadline
- Feb 10- Lodge Meeting- Norwegian Women in the Upper Midwest
- Feb. 24, 2007, 4th Annual Nordic Gala "It's Grieg to Me"- Hjemkost Center, see www.ScandinavianHjemkostFestival.org