



February Lodge Meeting: Saturday, Feb 9, 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Program: "Island Hoppers - Vikings in the Orkney Islands" by Claudia Tomany *Note: February and March's programs have been switched around.*
Serving Committee: Ann Carlberg & Virginia Goetzke and Members F-Ha.

Hilsen fra Presidentene Phil Wold og Paul Olson

Mange takk to Nathan Harstad and Mark Harstad for their presentation on the man known as Store Per. Reviewing one family's experiences often gives us some perception of what our own ancestors experienced. Store Per was an interesting man and his story was enjoyed by the many who attended the January meeting. Also, mange takk to those (led by Dorothy and Owen Viker and Phyllis and Paul Olson) who provided the **Great Food!** There are always many reasons to attend a SON lodge meeting! The CD included with the SON's new member materials emphasizes the **JOY OF CONNECTING**. So we look forward to connecting at our February meeting when **Claudia Tomany** relates her travels in the **Orkney Islands** last summer. Her presentation will touch on WWI and WWII matters, both informing and refreshing our memories.

Work is continuing on the **Distict One Sons of Norway Convention** to be held at Mankato's Alltel Center on June 12-14. We're excited about this opportunity to showcase our lodge and city. We hope all lodge members will participate. The convention committee members include Karen Abbott, Joel Brude, Curt Eidhammer, Audrey Morken, Dick and Kris Norland, Clancy Olson, and Jodie Wallschlaeger. Welcome their calls for assistance.

You can always **Invite a Potential New Member** to any lodge meeting. When you ask them, specifically mention the date and time of your invitation--such as the next meeting--which is February 9th at 5:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Heritage Room. See you there!

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Orkneys, Shetlands, Faeroes, the islands between Scandinavia and the Great Britain, gave the Vikings and later Norsemen places to explore, raid, and settle, before finally making their way to Iceland, Greenland, and North America. Our own Claudia Tomany, professor at Minnesota State University-Mankato, visited Viking sites and sites from the two World Wars in the Orkney Islands (off Scotland) last summer. The Scandinavian connection with these islands is still strong, and the language and culture still exhibits a strong Scandinavian influence.

March Program: "Ole Rølvaag's use of religion in his novels" by Øyvind Gulliksen. Giants in the Earth by Ole Rølvaag is a classic in immigrant literature. Øyvind Gulliksen, professor from Bø in Telemark, Norway, is a visiting professor at Luther College again this year. He will discuss Ole Rølvaag's use of religion in his novels.

2008 Convention Planning Committee Update As a fundraising project, gift items will be available at our 2008 lodge meetings - stop at the Information Table to purchase or order mugs, tee shirts, or souvenir pins. The Mankato community (and area lodges) will be invited to attend the convention's Vendor Fair held June 12-14 at Alltel Center - we anticipate close to 100 vendors offering a variety of Scandinavian products. Delegates attending the June convention will be bringing silent auction items from their home lodges - items such as: Scandinavian items, rosemaling, hardanger, pewter, jewelry, lefsa griddles, quilts, gift certificates from national chain stores/restaurants, time shares, hotel stays, Norwegian cd's, books, and the list could go on. - if members of our lodge have items they wish to donate, please contact Audrey Morken at 388-2223.

Our Elvesvingen Lodge Cookbooks! The reviews are just in: The Cookbook is a Hit. So the question is "Have you purchased yours yet"? We have just about sold enough to cover the cost and soon the profits will be going toward the convention costs. Hurry and get yours before they are gone. We will have them again at our next lodge meeting. This cookbook contains 400+ tried and true recipes from our members. Purchase yours for \$12.00 each. The cookbooks are on sale at Bethany College Bookstore and at Bathrooms and Beyond 1804 Riverfront Dr or call Irene - 387-7045, Clancy - 345-7818, or Linda - 388-7139.

Our sympathy to Carol Severson and family. Carol's husband, Tom, passed away Jan. 6, 2008. Tom & Carol have been members of our Lodge since November, 2006. Tom was proud to have served our country in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960's. He was a mechanical engineer for Kato Engineering from 1967 to his retirement in 2007. He loved music, Rosemaling and being involved with church activities - most of all, he loved his family. Tom will be missed.

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Valentinsdagen—is the name given to Valentine's Day in Norway. Valentine's Day in Norway has been 'imported' from the Scottish and English origin. People do not celebrate Valentines Day in much a grandeur style as compared to the other parts of the world. However, the expression of emotions and ardent love does not change with the grandness of celebration. It remains the same. The most important, is to spend time together and discover more about each other's lives. No doubt, people take time to be romantic in Norway, but they do celebrate the occasion of love and express it with cards and flowers in chocolates.

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.
Skogfjorden for Adults - Skogfjorden, located in Bemidji, MN, is a Norwegian language camp run by Concordia College-Moorhead. The language villages are known world-wide for its summer programs for youth. Skogfjorden also offers programs for adults and families. Here are some of their offerings in 2008: January 18-21 Norwegian Family Fun Weekend \$230 / \$115 / \$55 = Adult / Child 6-17 / Child 0-5 April 24-27 Norwegian Adult Weekend \$335 (\$295 - Commuters) September 21-24 Rosemaling Fall Workshop \$335 (\$295 - Commuters) September 25-28 Norwegian Genealogy Seminar \$395 (\$355 - Commuters) September 28-Oct 4 Norwegian Elderhostel \$645 (\$545 - Commuters) For more information go to: <http://clvweb.cord.edu/prweb/norwegian/default.asp>
Mark DeGarmeaux has attended the Adult Weekend several times. Feel free to contact him with any questions

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- 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**
- Feb 8 - Sissel in Concert 8 pm at the Pantages Theater in downtown Minneapolis**
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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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