



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



**March Lodge Meeting: Saturday, March 8, 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Program: "Ole Rølvaag's use of religion in his novels" by Øyvind Gulliksen.**  
**Serving Committee: Warren & Irene Mickelson and Members (F-Ha)**

**Hilsen fra Presidentene Phil Wold og Paul Olson**

**Velkommen** to our newest members: **Matt Grothe, Mark and Peggy Harstad, Orrin Ausen and Lynnell Pemble.** We look forward to seeing you at our Lodge meetings as we celebrate our heritage and culture. Our Membership Committee (Phil Wold, Linda Stelter and Clancy Olson) encourages all Lodge members to invite potential new members to visit our monthly meetings. Mange tusen takk to Claudia Tomany who presented a wonderful program on the Orkney Islands and the fascinating Viking history connected to that area. There were many interesting questions during the followup discussion. Each month, Mark DeGarmeaux, our Social / Cultural Director, plans to continue leading us in fun & enjoyable activities as we learn more about the Norwegian language. Thank you, Mark!

A delicious meal helped offset the cold evening at our last meeting. Thank you to our Serving Committee - Ann Carlberg, Sharon Hanson, Bob & Ginny Goetzke, Jerry & Helen Hansen, Yevonne Flatgard, Jan Ulness & all others who contributed.

The District 1 Convention is fast approaching (June 12-14). The Planning Committee has been working very hard making the myriad arrangements necessary for an event of this size. Our Lodge delegates to the Convention are Linda Stelter, Hal Natvig and Tom Sheimo. We thank them for their willingness to serve as our representatives. Please give thoughtful consideration if you are asked to help in preparation for, or during, the Convention activities. At the Convention there will be a Silent Auction with proceeds going to the District 1 Scholarship Trust Fund. If you feel you may like to contribute an item, but need more information, please contact Audrey Morken.

The Lodge goals for 2008 will center around growing our membership (all ages), increasing opportunities to share traditional Scandinavian cooking, skills & art, learning more about the Norwegian language & promoting community outreach. **We hope also to begin collecting a series of "heritage stories" from our members & publish them in a booklet.**

To our Lodge friends who have traveled to warmer climates for a portion of the winter, it will be good to see you again & wish you safe travel home.

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**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. The entertainment for the Friday night banquet has been selected - **Multe Group** from Northfield MN, specializing in Scandinavian folk music. Ticket information will be available at a later date to lodge members interested in attending the Friday night banquet. 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 North Riverfront Dr or call Irene - 387-7045, Clancy - 345-7818, or Linda - 388-7139.

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**Easter in Norway** is dominated by Easter chickens, Easter eggs in all colors and occasionally Easter bunnies. Yellow chickens are everywhere at Easter time. Drawn chickens, plastic chickens, cotton chickens, chickens made of all sorts of materials can be seen in private homes, shop windows, newspapers and magazines, on plastic bags and on television. It's no wonder yellow has become the color of Easter in Norway. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday are national holidays in Norway. School children however have 6 days of Easter vacation (not counting the weekends). The Norwegians in general do not pay much attention to the religious aspect of Easter. Of course they know the story, but only some will go to church services. At Easter there are more religious programs on TV than usual, but there is an other genre that dominates far more: detective series. Nobody quite knows why, but for some reason Easter is the high time for reading crime stories and detective novels in Norway. The TV stations all have at least one detective series going at Easter. The series and the books are referred to as "Easter-crime". Going skiing in the mountains is for many Norwegians what Easter holidays are all about. Getting away from the city, enjoying the snow and the weather and not to mention getting a tan to show off when back at work are popular things to do during the vacation. The daffodils are usually blooming around Easter, and that's how they got their Norwegian name "**Påskeliljer**" - or "**Easter lilies**" in English.

**Norwegian Experience 2008 Membership Recruitment Contest**

Sons of Norway & Borton Overseas Travel are offering you & a guest the chance to win the ultimate 10-day trip to Norway. Entering the contest is easy! All you have to do is be a current member of the Sons of Norway who recruits a new, dues-paying member between January 1 and December 31, 2008. There is no limit to the number of entries allowed – the more you enter, the greater your chances of winning. Membership applications for the new members, with the recruiter's member number indicated on the application, must be received at the Sons of Norway headquarters by 12/31/08 to qualify for an entry.

**SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR**  
**March 2008**

- Mar 8 – Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 5:30 pm Program "Ole Rølvaag's use of religion in his novels" by Øyvind Gulliksen**
- Apr 12 – Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 5:30 pm Program "Norseland 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Craig Ferkenstad**
- Apr 20 – International Festival 11am – 4pm at East High School, Mankato, MN**

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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