

Restoration Lodge #548

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Next Social Meeting:

June 13, 2006

Meeting time: 7:00 P.M.

**First Lutheran Church
Luther Fellowship Center
1000 3rd Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401**

Program:

Hardanger Lace: Then and Now

By Jennifer Rand

Jennifer loves to create Hardanger lace. In 2004, she entered one of her Hardanger lace pieces in the Folk Arts Exhibition at the District I Convention and won a ribbon. She will show examples of lace artistry as well as discuss the history and background of this very popular and admired Norwegian art form.

Mange Takk

There have been and will be many professional productions worldwide of Henrik Ibsen's plays commemorating the centennial of his death, May 23, 1906, but, for me, none will be as memorable as the production by our Lodge members at the Syttende Mai banquet. Seven talented and dedicated members did an outstanding job of bringing passion, energy and understanding to *A Doll's House*, a play that is as powerful today as it was when first performed in 1879. Many thanks to Eileen Kjonaas, Cheryl Zapf, Sarah Gunderson, Merle Kjonaas, Verl Lekwa, Wally Sundet and Gerry Rushton for a spirited and remarkable performance.

Carolyn Rushton

For security reasons, the doors in the drive-through entrance at First Lutheran Church will be locked while our Sons of Norway meeting is in progress. Therefore, if you arrive late, you will have to enter through the door to the Administrative area. It is the single door located to the left (as you face the rear of the building) of the drive through area.

The main doors will be locked at about 7:00 P.M. and the Administrative door will remain unlocked until about 7:45 P.M.

Address or Phone Number Changes

If you have a change of address or telephone number, please contact Mavis Lovik. She can be reached by phone, 393-6679; by U.S. mail, 2603 Falcon Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or by email, maalovfalcon@msn.com. It is important we know of any changes of address (either traditional or email) or telephone numbers!

Kaffe tid for June will be on Wednesday, June 21st at Ann Gesme's at 2119 Lincolnshire Drive in Cedar Rapids. Please call Ann at 362-6910 if you plan to attend.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

The June board meeting will be held at Vice President Ann Gesme's home. The meeting date is June 20th at 7:00 PM.

The deadline for newsletter submissions for August is Wednesday, July 26th 2006. You may reach me by email at jonrwhite@hotmail.com.

53rd District 1 Lodge Meeting and Convention will be June 15th - 17th

Restauration lodge will have three delegates and three alternates at this year's Convention. Your delegates will be Lois McCormick, Dean Gesme and Bob Thorkildson. Alternates are David Tesdahl, Nancy Thorkildson and Ann Gesme.

Golf Outing

Lutefisk Golf Outing at Owatonna, Minnesota on July 16th. Play 18 holes or 9. Players need not be a SON member, so tell a child or grandchild to get friends to sign up for a Sunday of golf with lunch provided. Contact Verl Lekwa for details.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

My hat is off to all the members that planned and carried out the activities for May 17th. It truly was an enjoyable evening and in a nice setting. Tusen Takk. The program written by our own Carolyn Rushton on Henrik Ibsen with members of the lodge acting out parts of his play *A Doll's House* was enjoyed by all. Tusen, Tusen Takk.

I look forward to the June 13th program by Jennifer Rand on Hardanger Lace: Then and Now. Jennifer will be sending an entry of Handanger handwork to District 1 Convention. Good luck, Jennifer.

Just a reminder that we will not have a July social or board meeting. We will be combining the July and August newsletter. The next social meeting after June 13th will be on August 8th. Mark your calendar now so you don't forget to come back after our July vacation..

State Fair Sons of Norway Booth

From August 10th to August 20th we will be participating with other lodges in District 1 at a State Fair Sons of Norway booth. This is a great opportunity for lodges to let people know about the Sons of Norway. It is also a time to increase membership in our own lodge as we meet people from our area. The booth will be in the Iowa Bureau of Tourism Building which is air conditioned.

We will be looking for volunteers from the lodge to man four hour shifts. The volunteer will pay their admission to the fair which is \$10. After your shift you have the rest of the time to enjoy the fair. Please call Lois McCormick at 377-2890 if you and a friend or spouse would like to do this.

Our own Bob Thorkildson will be developing a brochure about our lodge to use during our shifts. This is a great opportunity to increase our membership.

May 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Restauration Lodge 1-548 met at the home of Lois McCormick May 24th 2006. The meeting was opened by President McCormick welcoming those present.

Attending were: Lois McCormick, David Christ, Mary Durspek, Ann and Dean Gesme, Ann Larson, and Paula Schulte.

April minutes were approved as printed.

Dean Gesme presented the treasurer's report. The current checking balance is \$1788.74.

Bills were received from Sarah Gunderson and David Christ.

There was no membership report.

Paula Schulte presented the Social Director's report. June servers are Paula Schulte, Carolyn Rushton, and Cheryl Zapf.

The written report for Syttende Mai has not been presented, but Dean reported that preliminary figures indicate that receipts for this event will exceed expenses by a small amount.

The June program will be on Hardanger Lace (Hardangersom) Presented by Jennifer Rand. Two young men (Eric and Ryan Jenkins) may be asked to play Grieg at a future meeting.

Newsletter deadline for June is May 25.

Mary Durspek reported that Kaffe Tid for May was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21 at Ann Gesme's. Call if you are planning on attending.

Ann Gesme read a letter the Lodge received from a group working on improving diversity in the Corridor area. They are planning a series of meetings. After discussion, it was decided that they have a commercial/employment focus so there was nothing of interest for our Lodge.

Zone 7 is planning a Sons of Norway membership drive booth at the Iowa State Fair (August 10-20). It will be located in the air conditioned Iowa Tourism building. Participating lodges will share the \$250 booth rental and members will be asked to staff the booth. A shift will be 4 hours so you will have 8 hours left to spend at the fair on the day you help. Fair entrance is \$10.00. Let Lois know if you can help or you can sign up at the June social meeting.

The October meeting where Kathy Stokker will be speaking is a potential membership drive. Members are encouraged to identify potential new members. We received multiple copies of the Sons of Norway DVD *The Joy of Connecting*. They may be checked out for personal viewing or showing to prospective members. Sons of Norway brochures with maps are also available.

Ann Gesme moved and Paula Schulte seconded a motion that David Christ be authorized to purchase a video projector for approximately \$900.00 as well as a spare bulb. Motion passed.

Further plans for meeting with the Norwegians coming in October to visit Norway, IA were discussed. Tentative plans include having a delegation from Restauration Lodge meet them for dinner. The lodge will pay for the visitors and the members will pay for themselves. Final plans will be completed in August.

Lois and a few others are going to Sangerfest at the end of June. This festival of singing groups promises to be spectacular. If you are interested contact Lois. Some car pooling and lodging may be available.

If you are doing any volunteering in a school contact Lois. It may be eligible for credit in the Adopt a School Program.

Lois will take the Lodge banner to the District Convention.

Dean offered to take Tubfrim stamps to the convention.

Lois discussed the last Younker's Community Day.

Possible meeting places for 2007 Syttende Mai Banquet were discussed.

A number of people have received a letter about Taste of Norwegian Culture.

An announcement about the inaugural banquet for the new Hundreårsjubileum Lodge 1-671 in Oklahoma City was passed around.

There will be no meetings in July.

Next board meeting will be at the Ann and Dean Gesme home on June 20 at 7:00 PM.

David Christ, Secretary

