

Restoration Lodge #548

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**Next Social Meeting:
December 12, 2006**

Julebord

Meeting time: 6:00 P.M.

Pot Luck Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

First Lutheran Church

Luther Fellowship Center

1000 3rd Avenue SE

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Program:

**Christmas in the Norwegian
Immigrant Community**

By

Ann Gesme

Ann is the author of *Between Rocks and Hard Places*, a history of traditions, customs and conditions in Norway during the 1800s, emigration from Norway and the immigrant community in America. She has authored four family histories as well as numerous articles. In this presentation, Ann will tell us about the traditions and customs of celebrating Christmas in the Norwegian immigrant community in America.

Remember to bring a dish to share, and to bring your own plates and silverware.

Also, there was a request from our last pot luck: if you are willing to share the recipe of the dish you bring, please bring along a number of copies of the recipe and place them on the table next to your dish. That way anyone who is interested can pick up a copy.

Kaffe tid – there will be no kaffe tid in December.

Our Lodge dues will be increased to \$39 per year after January 1, 2007. This is the result of action by the Sons of Norway International Convention in August.

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!

December Board Meeting/Julefest Tuesday, December 19, 7 p.m.

All elected and appointed lodge officers and their spouses are invited to attend the Board Meeting on Tuesday evening, December 19th at Gesme's home, 2119 Lincolnshire Dr. SE. Please RSVP by Sunday, December 17. augdhg@mchsi.com or 319-362-6910

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.

A message from the Cultural Director:

On December 12th, our Sons of Norway lodge celebrates the holiday season with the annual Julebord. The presenter for the special event will be Ann Gesme. Ann will educate us about the traditions and customs of celebrating Christmas in the Norwegian immigrant community in America. Her presentation may remind you of the Christmas traditions of your parents or grandparents, and bring back memories of your childhood. You may become inspired to incorporate more of the Norwegian-American traditions into your household for this Christmas season, and for years to come as well!

The meal will be a potluck, thus bring a dish to share with everyone. However, lutefisk will be provided at a cost of \$4 per person. Please bring your own plates and utensils. The evening begins at 6 P.M., and we will begin eating at 6:30 P.M. Guests are welcome to attend and share in the meal and program. This will be a fun and festive evening for all!

The deadline for newsletter submissions for January is Wednesday, December 27th 2006. The new newsletter editor is Mary Durspek (with technical assistance from her husband Bill), and she will let you know her email address at the upcoming social and board meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our Sons of Norway lodge will be having a silent auction during the social meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Thus, start saving items that you would be willing to donate for this event. In the past, members have donated a variety of items, such as books, furniture, pictures, knick-knacks, and even baked goods.

An interesting movie is coming to Wynnsong 12 Theater in Cedar Rapids starting January 19, 2007. It is titled, "Sweet Land." A brief synopsis from the internet:

"Olaf (Tim Guinee) is a Norwegian-American farmer looking for a wife to share his home on the Minnesota prairie, and with eligible women in short supply locally, he sends away for a mail-order bride. Inge Ottenberg (Elizabeth Reaser) soon arrives at Olaf's doorstep, but while she's pretty, smart, and amiable, he's taken aback to discover she's not Norwegian but German, which after several years of anti-German propaganda does not make her popular with her new neighbors. Inge isn't very good with English, making it even harder to keep her background a secret, and the local pastor, Rev. Sorrensen (John Heard), is so outraged at the presence of a presumed Hun he refuses to perform their wedding."

For more about the movie and to view some short clips, see:

<http://www.sweetlandmovie.com/>.

International Summer School

The International Summer School at the University of Oslo will be holding its 61st session June 23-August 3, 2007. This is an opportunity to spend 6 weeks in Norway with students from over 90 countries. Last year the oldest student was 73 and that was not a record. Age is not a barrier. The cost is very reasonable – less than the daily cost of staying in most Oslo hotels. Several Restauration members have attended the ISS. For more information contact David Christ.

PRESIDENT McCORMICK'S CORNER

First of all I want to thank Verl Lekwa for his program last month. I was not in attendance, but have been told that his program was entertaining. Thank you, Verl.

I can't believe that this year is about over. I am looking forward to our annual Julebord on December 12th and hope that I will see many of you there.

I will be enjoying holiday decorations of family and friends this year as I am in the midst of a remodeling job in my kitchen and family room. No inside decorations or outside lights this year. For those of you that have seen my house during the holidays know that I am looking forward to being able to decorate next year.

I am looking forward to being your President in 2007. Some programs have already been planned.

See you at Julebord.

Restauration Lodge 548 Social Meeting notes November 14, 2006

49 members were in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and songs.

Checking balance is \$1676.04, savings is \$7428.85.

December 12 Julebord starts at 6:30. Please have your food in place by 6:15. Bring your own table and serving service.

Language class is meeting on Monday evenings with 13 students. Over the last 15 years 91 different students have attended.

Three books have been added to the library.

Jennifer Rand is looking for Norwegian names for the twins she is expecting. A prize will be given if she chooses your suggestion.

Sunshine cards were sent to Paula Schulte and David Tesdahl.

The nominating committee reported the following slate:

President: Lois McCormick

Counselor: Dean Gesme

Treasurer: Ding Sather

Social Director: Ann Larson and Ardith Erickson

Moved by David Christ, seconded by Jon White that the slated be elected by acclamation. Motion passed.

Restauration Lodge 548 Business Meetings Notes November 21, 2006

Attending were Dean and Ann Gesme, Mavis Lovik, Ding Sather, Mary Durspek, Bob Thorkildson, Sara and Larry Knutson, Sarah Gunderson, Lois McCormick, David and Ruth Christ.

Larry and Sara Knutson hosted the meeting at their home.

Lois McCormick opened the meeting at 7:01 with a welcome.

Ding Sather reported checking balance was \$1863.97 and savings balance was \$7428.85.

Mavis Lovik reported the current membership is 160 including 10 juveniles. New members this month are: William and Yvonne Cary, Wendy Christian, Dan Legrand, and Sherrie Waite.

Larry and Sara Knutson reported more servers are needed for social meetings. If you haven't volunteered yet contact them.

They also had information regarding the Julebord on December 12. Please bring your food at 6. Eating will commence at 6:30. Bring all your own eating and serving dishes and flatware. Be prepared to clear your table before the program. Kitchen clean up helpers are needed. Thanks to Mary Durspek for volunteering for kitchen cleanup and to Larry Knutson, Bob Zapf, and Wil Mickelson for cooking the lutefisk. There will be a charge of \$4.00 for those eating lutefisk and \$1.00 for those not.

Sarah Gunderson reported Ann Gesme will be in charge of the Julebord program. The silent auction has been moved to the March meeting. All are asked to try to find something decent to contribute. Any books weeded from the library will be included. Arrangements for baking classes are ongoing. Please contact Sarah if you are interested.

Mary Durspek reported that 11 attended the last kaffe tid where Jennifer Rand presented a program on Hardangersom.

\$229 has been collected for the Sons of Norway Foundation. Dean Gesme moved, Ruth Christ seconded \$300 be sent to the foundation. Motion passed.

David Christ moved, Larry Knutson seconded that a book on stave churches be purchased with the Clair Munson memorial funds with the lodge making up any shortfall. Motion passed.

Dean Gesme moved, Larry Knutson seconded that as International has increased its per member assessment by \$3, that Restauration dues be increased from \$37 to \$39 as of January 1, 2007. Motion passed.

Mary Durspek will do the newsletter with Lois McCormick's help.

Tusen Taakk awards are due in to Wally Sundet. This award is meant for someone who contributes more than their job requires.

A group of officers will be weeding the Restauration supply cabinets.

An invitation was received from the Ryfylke Lodge in Ragaland to participate in a Brekke tour June 2-3, 2007. This is the group that visited Norway, IA this fall. See Ann Gesme for details.

David Christ, Secretary



October meeting speaker Kathleen Stokker



Some of the group from Norway visiting Norway, Iowa

Calendar of Coming Events:

December 12

December 19

No kaffe tid in December

Social Meeting

Board Meeting

Kaffe Tid

Elected Officers:

President-Lois McCormick	377-2890
Vice President-Ann Gesme	362-6910
Counselor-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Secretary-David Christ	319-351-7717
Treasurer-Ding Sather	393-7310
Assistant Treasurer-Dean Gesme	362-6910
Membership Secretary-Mavis Lovik	393-6679
Cultural director-Sarah Eness Gunderson	319-330-3153
Social directors-Sara & Larry Knutson	395-0621
Greeters-Sharon Mow (2 year)	366-3202
Gloria Larson (1 year)	377-2373
Marshall-Lloyd Holecek (2 year)	377-4438
Jon White (1 year)	393-9430
Trustees	
Wally Sundet (1 year)	393-6971
Merle Kjonaas (2 year)	319-338-0414
Paula Schulte (3 year)	396-1076
Sports/Recreation/Youth-Verl Lekwa	319-728-2847

Auditors:

Ruth Christ (1 year)	319-351-7717
Jean Oxley (2 year)	364-5340
Bob Thorkildson (3 year)	319-436-4542

Appointed Officers:

Foundation-Wally Sundet	393-6971
Historian--Paula Schulte	396-1076
Kaffe Tid-Mary Durspek	377-4480
Language Facilitator:	
Ann Gesme	362-6910
Sarah Gunderson	319-330-3153
Librarian-Judy Argo	319-247-2479
Musician-Carolyn Rushton	319-351-8604
Newsletter Editor-Jon White	393-9430
Publicity- Sandra Van Amburg	223-5331
Scholarship-Ruth Christ	319-351-7717
Sunshine-Ann Larson	373-1891

Sons of Norway representatives:

David Tesdahl	319-286-9447
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