

# Restauration Lodge #548

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The September social meeting will be  
Tuesday, September 11, 2007

7:00 pm

**\*\*Our Savior's Lutheran Church\*\***

**3634 1st Avenue SE**

**Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403**

Hosts: David and Ruth Christ, Bob and  
Nancy Thorkildson, Verl Lekwa, Sarah  
Gunderson

The program for the next social meeting is, "Tokheim: Inventor of the Modern Gas Pump." Our guest speakers, Steven Johnson and James Hippen, worked together researching the life story of John J. Tokheim. Steven Johnson is currently the deputy director of the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, IA. James Hippen is currently an active volunteer at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, but had previously worked as curator at the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum in North Andover, Mass., and had taught history at Luther College in Decorah, IA from 1970 to 1992. John J. Tokheim emigrated in 1887 from Odda, Norway, which is located at the head of the Sør fjord, which eventually extends into the Hardanger fjord. Tokheim came to the community of Thor, IA and worked as a farm hand. He eventually attended business college in Des Moines, IA. John Tokheim and his family lived for a period of time in the small town of Thor, IA prior to moving to Cedar Rapids, IA. This is the location where Tokheim began his business, which was named the "Tokheim Manufacturing Company." However, this is only the beginning of the life story of John Tokheim. He was a great inventor and he obtained numerous patents during his lifetime. Come to the meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 7 pm to learn more

about the life of the inventor John J. Tokheim.

## President McCormick's Corner

First of all, I know that this information is elsewhere in the newsletter, but just a reminder that our lodge will now be meeting permanently at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3634 1st Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids.

I am really looking forward to our September meeting for two reasons. First, our program on John Tokheim who was a Cedar Rapids resident born in Norway will be very interesting. He invented the gasoline pump. Second, I look forward to meeting many new people of Norwegian or Scandinavian descent. Yes, we have invited several interested people to come and see what Sons of Norway is all about. I hope that you members have also thought of someone to bring that might be interested in the Sons of Norway organization.

I understand that our social committee is planning on special Norwegian goodies for after the meeting.

We will be participating in the November 10th Younkers Community Day as a fund raiser. Booklets will be \$5 again and you receive a \$10 coupon towards merchandise and eight 20% off coupons. It's a good time to do some Christmas shopping for some great deals. Our organization keeps the \$5 as well as getting an additional amount from Younkers for selling at least 50 booklets. Soooooooo, I hope you will want to participate in this.

The next board meeting will be at my home on September 18th at 7:00 p.m. See you at the September Social Meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

## An Update on the Rand Girls !!



## Sports and Recreation

**Golfers:** The Uff Da Open will be held at Story City on Monday, Sept. 17. It is a 2-person, best shot tourney at the River Bend Golf Course in a good Norwegian town. If you don't play, send a family member or friend. Story City is just north of Ames. Contact Verl Lekwa for details ([vlekwa@lisco.net](mailto:vlekwa@lisco.net))

**Kaffe Tid** will meet Wednesday, September 19, at 1:00 pm at the home of Ellie Reeder, 1006 29<sup>th</sup> St. N.E., Cedar Rapids, IA. If you plan to attend, please call Ellie at 363-4753.

## Norwegian Language & Culture Class

Anyone interested in Norwegian Language and Culture Class again this year, please contact Ann Gesme at 319-362-6910 or [augdhg@mchsi.com](mailto:augdhg@mchsi.com). If enough interest is shown, we will continue for another year.

## District Leadership Meeting

On September 22nd, we will host the District Leadership Meeting. The meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will meet at Ann and Dean Gesme's. The Cedar Falls and Davenport lodges will be joining us. The President, Vice President and Membership Committee are asked to be present. Other interested members are welcome.

## Recipe of the Month

### Soft Gingersnaps -- Jennifer Rand

I modified this recipe from one I printed from the Taste of Home

1 1/2 cup butter (no substitutes), Softened  
2 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup light molasses  
4 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
3 t baking soda  
2 t ground cinnamon  
1/4 t ground ginger  
1/8 t ground cloves  
1/2 t salt  
1/4 t ground nutmeg  
additional sugar

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in molasses. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, salt and nutmeg; gradually add to creamed mixture. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until dough is easy to handle. Roll into 1-inch balls; roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on un-greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 for about 11 minutes or until puffy and lightly browned. Cool for 1 minute before removing to wire racks.

Yield: 11 dozen

NOTES: I tallied the Weight Watcher Points and found them to be 1 point per cookie. (The cookies are fairly small to get the 11 dozen yield.) I successfully substituted one stick of light butter for regular. They turned out fine.

## **Just a reminder!!**

Restauration Lodge 1-548 meeting place has been changed. Beginning September 2007, we will meet at: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3634 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 52402.

### **Silent Auction at October Meeting**

In addition to having our speaker, Judy Fitzgibbons, speaking about nutrition and Norwegian food, we are also having a silent auction that evening. Thus, if you have an item(s) that you would like to donate for the silent auction, you may contact Sarah Gunderson by phone (cell # 319-330-3153) or email: [sarah.gunderson@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gunderson@gmail.com). Persons donating an item need to arrive at Our Savior's Lutheran Church thirty minutes prior to the start of the meeting. In the past, people have donated items such as books, movies, posters, paintings, music records, CD's, or tapes—all of these relating to Norwegian heritage or Scandinavian heritage. In addition, others have donated Norwegian baked goods, Norwegian knick-knacks, and even furniture. If you have any questions, just contact Sarah.

**September Board Meeting** will be September 18, at 7:00 pm at the home of our president, Lois McCormick, 2990 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marion.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be Wednesday, September 29.

### **September Membership Drive**

The September meeting will be a membership drive event. Thus, we are encouraging everyone to bring a guest to introduce them to all of the activities and educational opportunities in Sons of Norway. We have a great group of people in this organization and we need to spread the word about the educational opportunities within our lodge. Our lodge offers a variety of activities such as Norwegian language classes, baking classes, assistance with genealogy, and educational presentations about our Norwegian and Scandinavian heritage. These are only a few examples of opportunities for our members. Share this information with others!

### **Address and Phone Number Changes**

If you have a change of address (either U.S. mail or e-mail) or telephone number, please contact Mavis Lovik. She can be reached by phone, 393-6679; or by mail at 2603 Falcon Drive, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or by email, [maalovfalcon@msn.com](mailto:maalovfalcon@msn.com). It is important if you want to continue to receive your newsletter.

**Update on Myrtle Heuston** Ann Gesme had a note from Myrtle's daughter, Laura, who said Myrtle is living in an assisted living facility 5 minutes from her home. She has made a good adjustment and is happy to be there. She enjoys being close to both daughters and has made some new friends. Her address is: Myrtle Heuston  
1320 Songbird Court  
Boulder, CO 80303

### **Norway in Red, White and Yellow?**

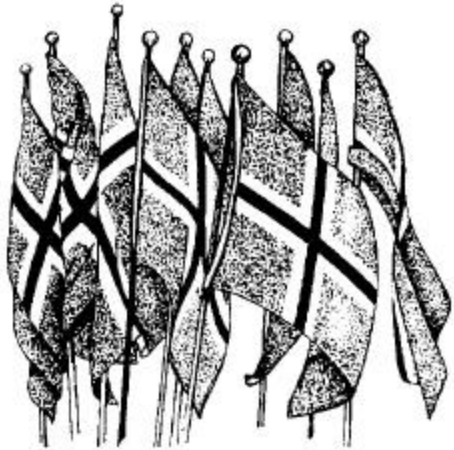
Imagine children dressed for Syttende Mai in black, white and gold. Or a victorious Norwegian skier crossing the finish line waving a pirate flag with a red cross on a black field. These scenes could have been reality if the Norwegian parliament had not chosen the flag we know today from the 20 proposals brought forward in 1821. Most of the rejected flags are kept in the parliament's archives.

It was Fredrik Meltzer, a member of parliament for Bergen, who proposed a cross flag with something red from Denmark, something blue from Sweden and freedom's white color. Another politician also proposed a cross flag, but wanted a white cross on a dark blue field with gold edging.

Meltzer's design was approved by a strong majority. The Swedish king, then regent of Norway, approved the decision, but later decided that the new flag could only be used in waters north of Cape Finisterre in Spain. Everywhere else, the king declared,

Norwegian ships must bear a version of the new flag with Swedish colors incorporated in the upper left corner. This was meant to protect Norwegian ships from North African pirates, with whom the Swedish crown had a treaty. This amended flag became known as sildesalten (the herring salad) because of the mix of colors.

Once Norway ended the union with Sweden in 1905, the original three color flag was hoisted once again.



### **Stiff Sentences for Munch Robbers**

“We must react strongly to such a serious offense. The pictures have a value of 750 million kroner, and are two of the cornerstones of Munch’s production,” said Judge Dag Stousland of Borgating district court.

Petter Tharaldsen, BjornHoen and Stian Skjold were found guilty for the Munch robbery on August 22, 2004. The three were sentenced to prison for periods from five and a half years to nine and a half years. They are also sentenced to pay a total 1,570,000 kroner to the city of Oslo.

The sentences were slightly milder than the prosecution requested. District Attorney Elisabeth Ramstad thought Bjorn Hoen was the organizer of the armed robbery and asked the court to imprison him for twelve years.

Tharaldsen is said to have been the driver who waited outside, something the prosecutor thought should get ten years in prison. Stian Skjold was, according to the state’s attorneys, a newcomer who was going to prove that he had become something in the criminal world. He allegedly ran into the museum together with a now deceased man and tore the two paintings down from the wall.

### **Court Case Over Sami Rights**

Property owners in Tydal in South Trondelag County will fight for their right to deny free fishing to Norway’s indigenous people, the Sami. Property owners insist that Sami must pay for fishing licenses like everyone else, while the Sami argue that they should be able to maintain the tradition of many generations, newspaper Adresseavisen reports.

“The Sami culture is built up around hunting, catching and fishing. It has been natural for us to fish for many hundred years. Why should this right be contested now?” asked reindeer herdsman Idar Bransfjell. Bransfjell represents about 40 Sami from the local reindeer grazing district.

“I compare this with when the white man came across the water and took the land of the Indians because they had no deeds. The Sami also have very little written down, but as the native people of Norway we have rights above those that are written,” Bransfjell argued.

Bransfjell also believes that the Sami fishing has no negative effect on the 540 disputed lakes.

The dispute has gone on for nearly ten years, and finally the Tydal association of property owners has taken the matter to court. They argue that the fish in the area’s attractive lakes are worth a great deal.

## August Social Meeting Minutes

Twenty eight members and guests attended the meeting held at First Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. Guests were introduced and the secretary's reports were accepted as published.

### Announcements

Social Director: September hosts are David and Ruth Christ, Bob and Nancy Thorkildson, Verl Lekwa, Sarah Gunderson, and Ardy Erickson.

Cultural Director: Tonight's documentary film is on the *Televåg Tragedy*, the destruction of an entire community by the Nazis for involvement in the resistance during WW II.

September is new member night with a special program on the Tokheim family of Cedar Rapids who invented the gasoline pump. The presenters will be Jim Hippen and Steve Johnson from Vesterheim Museum. This is an open meeting for the public so everyone is urged to invite guests.

October will feature a silent auction. Bring Norwegian related items, baked good, books, etc. If you are bringing things please come 30 minutes early.

Membership secretary: Current membership is 143. Also a thank you for sending in address updates, both Postal and Email.

Editors: Newsletter deadline is August 29.

No Kaffe Tid this month

Sunshine: Condolences were sent for Daniel Christ and Larry Moe.

Sports and recreation: Two golf tourneys coming up. Sept 9 in Minnesota and Sept 17 in Story City. This will be a 2 person best shot.

Members were urged to read the article in the *Viking* about membership recruitment. Those who bring in a new member will be eligible for a trip drawing.

The Lodge had a booth at the Linn County Fair. Names of people interested in membership were collected.

Yonkers coupons for Nov 10 will be sold again. Cost is \$5. You get a \$10 coupon plus several 20% off coupons. These are good at all Yonkers stores and some others. The lodge gets all the proceeds.

Activity pictures and correspondence were available for inspection.

## August Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the home of Lois McCormick and was attended by Ann Larson, Mary Durspek, Ardy Erickson, Ann and Dean Gesme, Sarah Gunderson, Ding Sather, Wally Sundet, Mavis Lovick, David Christ, and Lois McCormick.

Ding reported checking has a balance of \$1919.27 and savings \$7642.73. Lois presented bill for fair expenses, postage, and printing.

Lois reported current membership is 143.

September hosts bringing Norwegian treats are Christs, Thorkildsons, V. Lekwa, A. Erickson, S. Gunderson, and L. McCormick. September program is on the Tokheim family from Cedar Rapids. Presenters are Steve Johnson and Jim Hippen from Vesterheim.

October meeting is a silent auction and Norwegian food and nutrition presented by Judy Fitzgibbons.

September newsletter deadline is Sep 26. Note that this is earlier than usual and must be observed.

After discussion, it was decided to move the lodge meeting site to Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 3634 1st Ave NE.

Nominating committee time is here.

Language class was discussed. How much interest is there? Is anyone interested in hosting the class this year?

The lodge brochure was discussed. Samples printed for the fair were passed around. Suggestions for changes were gathered. Preparations for the September meeting were discussed. It was decided to order Norwegian calendars for sale again this year.

District leadership meeting is at Gesme's September 22. Lois passed some books around and asked if they should be in the library. Norm Erickson donated some items that will be placed in the silent auction in October.

Ellie Reeder plans to host Kaffe Tid in September.

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

**September 11 Social Meeting**  
**September 18 Board Meeting**  
**September 19 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- Ardy Erickson	365-4926
Ann Larson	373-1891

**Sons of Norway representative:**

David Tesdahl	319-286-9447
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**Lodge web site:**

www.sofn-cedarrapids.org	
web master- Robert Thorkildson	319-721-9902

**Appointed Officers:**

Auditors:

Ruth Christ (1 year)	319-351-7717
Jean Oxley (1 year)	364-5340
Bob Thorkildson (2 year)	319-721-9902
Foundation-Wally Sundet	393-6971
Greeters-Sharon Mow	366-3202
Ruth Berger	365-4979
Historian-Paula Schulte	396-1076
Kaffe Tid-Mary Durspek	377-4480
Language Facilitator :	
Ann Gesme	362-6910
Librarian-Judy Argo	319-247-2479
Marshalls-Lloyd Holecek	377-4438
David Johansen	319-338-0414
Musicians-Carolyn Rushton	319-351-8604
Jennifer Rand	366-6659
Newsletter Editor-Bill/Mary Durspek	377-4480
Newsletter Mailer- Lois McCormick	377-2890
Publicity-Sandra Van Amburg	223-5331
Scholarship-Ruth Christ	319-351-7717
Sports/Recreation/Youth-Verl Lekwa	319-728-2847
Sunshine-Cheryl Zapf	363-5326
Trustees	
Merle Kjonaas (1 year)	319-338-0414
Paula Schulte (2 year)	396-1076

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