

Restauration Lodge #548

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The March social meeting will be
Tuesday, March 11, 2008

7:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3634 1st Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Hosts: Linda Nelson, Mary Neuhaus,
Jean Murray

The program for March 11 will be "Pictures of Norway," presented by Jean Murray, our very own artist, humorist and long time member of the lodge. Her father was Wier Nelson, who came from Norway as a child in 1892, and was a charter member of our lodge. Jean and her husband went to Norway in 1994 to visit her father's birthplace. She will show us pictures and describe Norway as seen through the eyes of an artist as well as an immigrant's daughter. Don't miss this most interesting presentation.

President McCormick's Corner

Thank you to Fred Amundson for his enlightening presentation about how nationalities blended on the Dakota prairie where he grew up, at last months social meeting.

At the February social meeting the following delegates and alternates were nominated and voted on to represent our lodge at 1st District Convention in Mankato, Mn. on June 12, 13, and 14. Delegates are Lois McCormick, Dean Gesme and Ann Gesme. Alternates are Robert Thorkildson, Nancy Thorkildson and Sarah Gunderson.

There will again be a Folk Art Exhibit and Competition at District 1 Convention. Every

category for adults will have three classes of competition: 1. Adult Amateurs, 2. Intermediate and 3. Professional All items must have been made by the person who enters and must have been finished within the past two years. The categories are: 1. Rosemaling 2. Fibers 3. Woodworking 4. Photo/Pictures (Norwegian Motif), Knife making (Norwegian Motif), and Wheat weaving. 5. Genealogy for display only.

Anyone wanting more information for the various categories should contact me. Entries are due by May 1, 2008. I will be glad to transport your entries to Mankato.

The next board meeting will be at my house on March 18th. Maybe no ice or snow!!!!!!!

Hoping to see you at the next social meeting.

The Cultural Skills Program The Sons of Norway Cultural Skills program is a great resource for learning about historic and contemporary Norwegian culture, such as:

- x [Traditional Norwegian Cooking](#)
- x [Reading Norwegian and Norwegian-American Authors](#)
- x [Norwegian Rosemaling](#)
- x [Hand Knitting](#)
- x [Norwegian Language and Culture](#)
- x [Hardanger Embroidery](#)
- x [http://www.sofn.com/members/PDF/Cultural Skills/CS9.pdf](http://www.sofn.com/members/PDF/Cultural%20Skills/CS9.pdf) [Weaving](#)
- x [Woodcarving](#)

This program is available to members only, and can be done on an individual basis or as a group. To learn more about the program open the Sons of Norway Website, <http://www.sofn.com/home/index.jsp> then

click on Member Benefits, and then on Cultural Skills. To learn more about a specific skill, click on the skill to learn more about the program.

For more information contact the Cultural Director, Email - augdhq@mchsi.com
Phone – 319-362-6910.

Restauration Lodge Membership

The easiest way to have someone join us is to "ASK SOMEONE". Visit about the benefits, our programs, and heritage. The prospect will evaluate their situation in relation to our lodge and their activities.

Experience dictates that several, or many membership opportunities may be needed to achieve success.

We do want new members in our lodge and welcome them. Dean H. Gesme. VP

Newsletter Deadline: March 25, 2008

Syttende Mai Dinner Our Syttende Mai Dinner will be held on our regular meeting night, May 13 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The dinner will again be catered by A Taste Above. Members will be asked to bring Norwegian desserts. Tickets will be \$20.00 and will be on sale at the April Social meeting or you can contact Ann Larson or Ardy Erickson. The program will be a drama written by Carolyn Rushton (a member of our lodge). Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this special dinner.

Viking King's Farm Found in Vestfold

Archeologists say the find is sensational and that history has to be rewritten. The find was made in connection with scanning of the area with geo-radar in autumn 2007. Archeologists have for several decades searched for the structures that correspond to known gravesites in Borre. Earlier searches have not yielded the expected results. The new research has led to the finding of two hall buildings that were

between 30 and 40 meters long and 10 meters wide. This would be an aristocrat's ballroom, not just a graveyard.

Much of the history of the Viking Age is already being rewritten. Kaupang's role as a seat of power in the 700 and 800's must be seen in light of a strong power center farther north. The image of the Viking Age is becoming more complex, and we see more traces of international connections, say the archeologists.

"This is proof that this site was a center of royal power during the Viking Age," says archeologist Terje Gansum. The find is sensational and strengthens the theory that Borre was an important center for Vikings living in the Oslo fjord area.

Grandmother's Fish Soup

Ingredients: 3 quarts fish stock

3 tbsp. butter

1/3 cup flour

2 cups buttermilk

4 apples

3/4 cup sour cream

2 carrots

2 cups leek

1 1/3 lbs. fish fillets

2 tbsp. chopped chives

Place stock in pot and bring to a boil. Melt the butter and stir in the flour in a separate pot. Gradually add the boiling stock. Return to a boil and add the buttermilk. Simmer for 30 minutes. Peel and core the apples. Add to the soup and simmer about 15 minutes. Strain and whisk in the sour cream. Slice the carrots and leek and cook each separately until tender, about 6 minutes. Add to the soup. Cut the fish into very thin slices and place in individual soup bowls or in a terrine. Reheat the soup almost to boiling and pour over the fish. Sprinkle with chives. Serve with flatbread.

Sissels's Secret USA Success Sissel

Kyrkjebo was a singing sensation last fall in the U.S. In Norway, though, her success has been somewhat less.

In September 2007, Sissel topped the sales lists in the U.S., the world's largest music market. With the album "Spirit of the

Season” the singer from Bergen topped the charts with the help of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The album stayed on the official classical charts for nine weeks and topped five of them. The disc was nominated for two Grammy’s, one for best classical crossover album and one for best produced classical album. Yet this has nonetheless attracted very little attention in the Norwegian media.

The Norwegian black metal band Dimmu Borgir’s debut at number 43 on the Billboard chart earlier in the year was duly discussed in the Norwegian media. And ever since the first time that Sondre Lerche went to the U.S. to plow some new ground, Norwegian journalists have given him countless column inches. So why is it so quiet for Sissel?

“You should ask the Norwegian press about why that is, not me,” said Sissel’s manager Barry Matheson to the net magazine Side2.no.

Norwegian Experience 2007 was a very successful year for recruiting within Sons of Norway and we want to congratulate all the recruiters on their hard work. Because 2007 was so successful we want to keep up the encouragement, so Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas have decided to continue the Norwegian Experience recruitment contest for another year.

From January 1 through December 31, 2008, members who recruit new, dues-paying Sons of Norway members will be entered into the drawing to win a new Norwegian Experience of a lifetime for two. What’s even better is that the winner and their guest will be able to select their own adventure, courtesy of Borton Overseas. Similar to last year, the winner of this year’s Norwegian Experience membership recruitment contest will have a variety of guided tours and cruises in Norway to choose from! Whether a relaxing, pampered cruise or a more active tour of

Norway is preferred, Sons of Norway and Borton Overseas will work with the winner to provide the ultimate experience in Norwegian travel. No matter which experience the winner selects, they will travel in style including business class international air travel, deluxe accommodations, and U.S. \$500 in spending money!

The winner will also enjoy an exclusive excursion to Hadeland Glassworks near Oslo, complete with a private guided tour to see how some of the world’s finest glass and crystal are made, an opportunity to blow their own glass, a special three-course lunch, and a NOK 1,000 gift certificate to purchase a keepsake from Hadeland’s glass shop, all compliments of Hadeland Glassworks.

Also, this year Sons of Norway and Borton are working to add new elements to make the 2008 Norwegian Experience even better than last year. Be sure to keep checking the Sons of Norway website for updates and additions to this year’s Norwegian Experience recruitment contest!

New Members to Restoration Lodge

Jean Seery, 1232 Robinwood Ln NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, 364-3642

David W. Solberg, 175 N. 17th Ave, Hiawatha, IA 52232, 378-1742

Erik and Kerith St. Louis, 719 Huntington Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245, 319-338-0555
Erik’s e-mail is at erik-stlouis@uiowa.edu, Kerith at stlouis@mchsi.com.

Susan M. Johansen, wife of David L., 5 Mt. Vernon Court, Iowa City, IA 52245, was inadvertently left off the member list mailed in February.



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

March 11

Social Meeting

March 18

Board Meeting

Elected Officers:

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| President-Lois McCormick | 377-2890 |
| Vice President-Dean Gesme | 362-6910 |
| Counselor-Dean Gesme | 362-6910 |
| Secretary-Jennifer Rand | 366-6659 |
| Treasurer-Ding Sather | 393-7310 |
| Assistant Treasurer-Dean Gesme | 362-6910 |
| Membership Secretary-Jennifer Rand | 366-6659 |
| Cultural director-Ann Gesme | 362-6910 |
| Social directors- Ardy Erickson | 365-4926 |
| Ann Larson | 373-1891 |

Sons of Norway representative:

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

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

Appointed Officers:

Auditors:

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| TBD | |
| Ruth Christ | 319-351-7717 |
| Bob Thorkildson | 319-721-9902 |
| Foundation-Wally Sundet | 393-6971 |
| Greeters-Sharon Mow | 366-3202 |
| Ruth Berger | 365-4979 |
| Historian-Paula Schulte | 396-1076 |
| Language Facilitator: | |
| Ann Gesme | 362-6910 |
| Librarian-Sarah Eness Gunderson | 319-330-3153 |
| Marshalls-Lloyd Holecek | 377-4438 |
| David Johansen | 319-338-0414 |
| Musicians-Carolyn Rushton | 319-351-8604 |
| Jennifer Rand | 366-6659 |
| Newsletter Editors-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 |
| Trustee | |
| Paula Schulte | 396-1076 |

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