November and December 2026

RESTAURATION NEWSLETTER

TUSEN TAKK

TO OUR LOYAL MEMBERS!

60+ years

Thorlief "Tom" Næsse

50+ years

Ingrid Næsse
Ulla Wall
Enid Benda
Joan Bredeson
Ardith Erickson
Mavis Lovik
Patricia Knutson
Karl Knutson
Wilmer Mickelson
David Christ.
Ruth Christ



MEETINGS

GOT LEFSE?

Krumkake and Lefse Tasting with Anna Almelien Canton

November 10, 2026 7Pm

Pea Soup Dinner

December 8, 2026 6 PM

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

HELEN ANDERSEN
LESLIE ELLIS STOKKE
LINDA M TELLBERG
THEA O O'GRADY
MILT L KNUTSON

DECEMBER

MAVIS I LOVIK
LEIF GALSTAD
BRITTA FITZGIBBONS
MARTHA DIANE ELLINGSON
ELYCE SANTERRE
JASON GAMBACH
ARDEN R SHINDOLL
THORLEIF NAESSE
ROBERT J THORKILDSON
JOAN E BREDESON
ELISE HEXUM



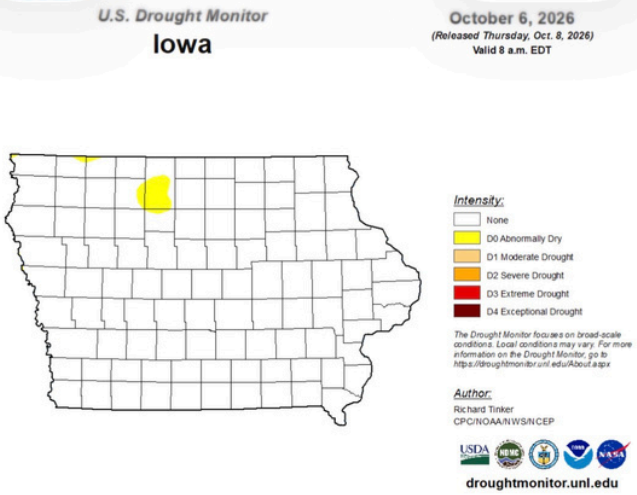
Members from Kathleen's fan club!
L to R, Jim Almelien, Barbara Erickson, Kathleen, and Thea O'Grady

Our lodge member, Kathleen Almelien was chosen to display her two woven bands in a juried exhibit at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. This exhibit, "Threading the Needle -Fiber Art in Iowa" will continue till January 17, 2027. Kathleen's two bands woven on a band loom include many Norwegian symbols of historic motifs.

Contact us here

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GOOD NEWS FOR IOWA:



U.S. Drought Monitor map showing drought conditions across Iowa

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DES MOINES – For the third consecutive year, Iowa's Water Year ended with a statewide precipitation surplus, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

The 2026 Iowa Water Year, which covers October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, concluded with a statewide precipitation surplus of 2.82 inches. This surplus was significantly



As a special favor for our lodge members, Anna is taking preorders of lefse, each order is 10 rounds for $10. You can email orders to Anna.almelien@gmail.com with 'lefse' in the subject.



Calendars For Sale!

See Lois Schindoll for yours!

$10

Book Club
3rd Wednesday of the month at Kari's home
November book:
Faceless Killers
by Henning Mankell

December book:
The Arrow Collector
by Cristian Perfumo

HVA SKJER?

WHAT'S UP?





In Tombstone, AZ, Arnold Erickson aka Wyatt Earp is giving pointers to the posse.

SKANDINAVIAN KNITTERS

START IN THE MORNNGS

ON MONDAYS

10-12

AT FEEDWELL KITCHEN AND BAKERY

PAJAMAS ARE OPTIONAL



You can't knit all day

..if you don't start in the morning

Sept 8, 2026

Treasurer Report:
Checking: $4,247.10
CD $2,923.26

Current number of members: 79

In attendance: 32

Welcome back Milt!!!

Cultural report: Programs have been set for the rest of this year and next.

Book Club: at Kari Harper's House, 3rd Wednesday of the Month:
September book: The Boy and the Mountain by Torbjorn Ekelund
October book: The Moon Turned to Blood by Ruth J. Tiger
November book: Faceless Killers by Henning Mankell
December book: The Arrow Collector by Cristian Perfumo
Please feel free to attend in person or by Zoom. Contact us at www.Sofncedarrapids@gmail.com

Kathleen Almelien is currently in Norway - weaving

Funeral was held 9/9/2023 for King Harald
Per Tom Næsse, over 46,000 people passed by his casket to pay respects, including Tom's daughter
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A Russian trawler ship was in Svalbard and seized by Norwegian authorities 9/2.

9/13 The Lions Club Variety Show was held at the SCPS Hall.