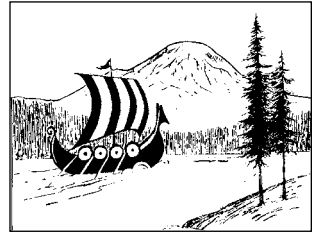


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## Hilsen Fra Presidenten

### IT'S BEEN A BLAST

When a "simple man" with Northern Norwegian heritage has the honor to serve for two years as the president of a stable Sons of Norway Lodge like Vesterdalen, it can only and truly be labeled an adventure.

Over these many months there have been so many folks on the Board and from among the membership who have played supportive roles that it is better not to start with names. Board Meetings were never just routine. What may appear on the surface to be "a five-minute topic" could sometimes become an exciting thirty minute round-robin discussion. Yes, they were never boring.

Part of the responsibility of the president is to contribute a column for the *Vikingskip*. That again has been a learning experience. My brain and my fingers had to learn how to help my computer communicate with those computers at the editors' and proofreader's desks. I want to thank the five folks who have been bold enough to make comment on those columns. The first I received was from **Marit Kristiansen**. She shared that we had some common Ballard fishing history. The last was a variation of "of course I know something about you, I read your column every month."

From a different vantage point, this presidential experience has provided me with a respectful view of the challenges facing fraternal and similar organizations. The government's tax policies are concerned with how we serve our community as volunteers. The demographics of our membership have us in a culture that is accustomed to "short sighted pleasure" vs. "evaluate and treasure our heritage."

Thank you all and it will be my honor to continue to work with our incoming president, **Marv Nelson**.

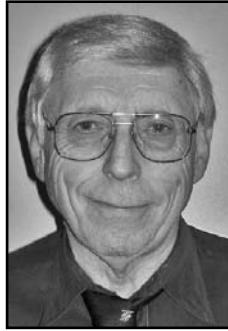
In recognition of another successful Julefest, I want to commend all those who provided presents for Santa to share with the lively youngsters. Thank you, **Jean Sheadel**, for your Story Time involving Tree Trolls. As food is often the most personal part of the evening, thank all of you who again provided the colorful and tasty dishes. And behind the scene, a hearty blessings to the **Nesheims** for their role in the kitchen.

*Nilmar Molvik, President*

## Leavenworth Christmas

On December 14, we had 10 friends from Zion Lutheran join 19 members and friends for a trip to Leavenworth for shopping, eating, seeing the lights and a good time together. It was nice to have the **Winsors**, newer members from Vesterdalen, and their two young girls join us. They managed to talk their parents into a plastic sled and enjoyed the hill there in the downtown.

*Nils Ladderud*



### Upcoming meeting

# HAM DINNER



**JANUARY 16**

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOURTH & "H" STREETS NE - AUBURN, WA**

**6:00 P.M. HAM DINNER**

**7:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING**

**& INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Bring:

- empty ink jet cartridges
- old cell phones
- Campbell's labels from any product
- Aluminum cans (for Lions Club)

## INSTALLATION HONORS

Many of your 2012 Vesterdalen officers will have the honor of being installed twice. We will be joining the Cascade Lodge at the Leif Erikson Lodge on Friday, January 13 where the triple Installation Ceremony will be held with **Marit Kristiansen**, International Vice President, serving as the presiding officer.

The evening's activities will begin with dinner and close with live music by the Pickled Herring Band and dancing. Last year **Nilmar** and **Helen Molvik** attended and thoroughly enjoyed the Leif Erikson event along with the opportunity it provided to look into the life of other lodges.

The Vesterdalen Installation will be on Monday, January 16 as a part of our January general meeting with **Erlene Stevenson**, the International Director for District Two, as presiding officer, along with her husband Bob.



*Santa with Timothy Ehli (grandson of Sonja Whitcombe) and Marisa Kirst (grand daughter of Dianne Snell) at Julefest.*

## Sunshine Report

A get-well card was sent to **Donald Jensen** who is recovering from surgery.

### January Birthdays:

- 1 Patty Barber, Carol Matson
- 2 Rhonda Larson
- 5 Roall Erickson
- 7 Donald Iverson
- 8 Bill Wood
- 9 Viola Gilthvedt
- 11 Dorothy Bylin, Ron Bohlman
- 12 Marlyce Osness\*
- 13 Lee Johnson, Ardyth Rose, Trudy Wood
- 14 Earl Dahlin
- 15 Virginia Grette
- 16 Nellie Gordon
- 18 Florence McGraw\*, Betty Nichols
- 21 Karen Waller
- 23 Kenneth Olin, Norma Buckner\*
- 24 Judith Isaksen
- 25 Olive Lee
- 26 Alisa Peterson
- 27 Jerry Balken\*
- 30 Barbara Isaksen, Sally Nesheim\*
- 31 David Knutson



*Nineteen members 75 years and better will receive rosemailing birthday cards this month. (\*milestone year)*

Please call or email when you know of a member who needs some Vesterdalen Sunshine. Your help is needed to reach everyone. Thank you very much.

Pat Braaten 253-833-1922 patbraaten@comcast.net



*Dell Plagens, John Leghorn, and Joe Ferong preparing lutefisk.*



*The Bake Sale was a popular place!*

## Founders Day

The last International Convention passed a resolution designating January 16th to be recognized as Founders Day in recognition of the founding of the Sons of Norway. Since our meeting happens to be on the 16th, it was decided that we recognize not only the beginning of the National Lodge but also include District Two and Vesterdalen lodges. One thing that the founding members focused on at their first meeting back in 1895 was what to name their organization. It came down to a vote between "Brødre av Norge" (Brothers of Norway) and "Sønner av Norge" (Sons of Norway), which won by a vote of 14 to 2.

All charter members of Vesterdalen are encouraged to attend the January meeting to be recognized for your important contributions in creating a vibrant Sons of Norway Lodge for South King County.

## Attention Snowbirds

Keep me informed when the mailing address of your Vikingskip should be changed. I am getting several mailings back saying "temporarily away." The lodge has to pay for these returned envelopes and you are **not** getting the printed version of the Vikingskip. **Dotty Erickson** 206-356-1858 [dortaerick@comcast.net](mailto:dortaerick@comcast.net)



*Left: Dianne Snell and Edna Frostad at the Lutfisk Dinner. Right: Sarah Ladderud helped to seat people.*



## Bergen Youth Symphony

Plan to attend one of the concerts in April when this youth symphony comes from Southern Norway.

April 3 - PLU at noon

April 3 - Nordic Hall at Poulsbo at 7:30 p.m.

April 4 - Kentwood High School at 7:30 p.m.

More details will be published in the March Vikingskip

## Social Directors' Report

**Before we look to the new year, let's remember the fun of 2011!** Torsk, lutefisk, Gård Winery, counting coins, Auburn Good Ol' Days parade, picnic at the park, school supplies, birthday cake and ice cream, local strawberries, beautiful videos, BIG pieces of pumpkin pie, lefse making (and eating) and lots more. Fun and Work, you can't have one without the other. **Thanks to you all for making those activities happen!**

### At the Last Meeting

**Julefest** closed the year in a generous way with 7 prizes being won. **Asta Marie Marquardt** received the attendance drawing of \$10 cash. Congratulations! The attendance numbered approximately 80 members and guests.

**Jorunn Ruff (twice), Jacob White (Pat Braaten's grandson), Joyce Ramberg, Kelly Paulson and Marv Nelson** won the **door prizes** of Almond Roca or lefse, pickled herring, Sons of Norway bumper sticker and Sons of Norway note pad (to help remember the Christmas gifts you want to purchase).

**Sally and Nils** led the carol singing, **Gramma Jean** read a story we all enjoyed, and **Santa and his helper** arrived exactly on time to greet the eager little children. **One young fella** kept trying for a Mercedes, but just couldn't quite work the deal with Santa.

**First time host Richard Carlson** was willing, able and learned a lot about what it takes to make a meeting a success. The first time is the most stunning, and each of you is encouraged to take a turn. **Sally and Ted Nesheim brought their son Dan,** and what a tremendous help they all were!

### Upcoming Meeting

**Now to 2012! The January meeting will be a full one** as the new officers are installed, the Outstanding Norwegian(s) named, and this year, recognition of Founders Day, as declared by the national board "to be Jan. 16 celebrated by all members each year." As a treat, a ham dinner will be prepared for your enjoyment.

Dinner will be served at or about 6 PM with the meeting to follow at 7.

### Happy New Year!

*Marv & Sande Nelson, 2011 Social Directors*



*Karen and Asta-Marie Marquardt. They've been friends since they arrived from Norway. Photo taken on the trip to Leavenworth.*

## Notes from the Board Meeting

The Board of Vesterdalen Lodge, Sons of Norway, met Monday, December 5. President **Nilmar Molvik** presided, 16 present

**Rae Jernberg** reported that Bank of America now charges a \$3.00 fees for some services. The Board consensus was to stay with Bank of America for now.

The 2011 budget allocated \$1500 for charitable donations. It was agreed to increase the donation amount for Trollhaugen from the previous year's amount to \$500.

Board voted that any remaining balances of the \$1500 allocation be divided equally between the Auburn and Kent Food Banks. Donations are: Nordic Heritage Museum, \$200.00; Scandinavian Cultural Center, \$100 (including \$25 dues previously paid); Trollhaugen, \$500.00; Kent Sister Cities, \$300.00; SON Ski for Light, \$100.00; Scandinavian Hour, \$30.00. In addition the money collected for the Kent and Auburn Food banks at the monthly meetings will be distributed; \$100.00 in honor of four deceased members was sent to the SON Foundation in May 2011; and \$345.50 was donated to the SON Foundation by the membership in November for Minot flood victims.

Membership report: One Heritage member turned 16 and became Unge Venner; one Golden member, **Trudy Wood**; 2 past due letters were sent out, and two memberships were cancelled. Total Lodge membership on December 1 was 251.

**John Nyseth and Karin Plagens** agreed to co-chair a Torsk Dinner for the March 19 meeting. Dotty Erickson agreed to print the tickets.

### Old Business:

**John Nyseth** inquired if we should still be saving stamps for the Tubfrim stamp program. **Marv Nelson** said we can collect the stamps but not the Forever stamps that are now the most popular. The stamps must have amounts on them.

**Karin Plagens** stated that she is trying to arrange a lodge night at a Thunderbird Hockey game for Sunday, February 26.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dianne Snell, Secretary*



*Santa had time for Ella and other children at the Julefest*

**The Scandinavian Hour is on KKNW 1150 AM  
on Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 in the morning**

## Kalender

### januar

- 9 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM  
Messiah Lutheran Church 4th & H Streets NE, Auburn
- 13 Joint Installation at Leif Erikson Lodge, Seattle
- 16 Ham Dinner ..... 6:00 PM  
Founders Day Recognition ..... 7:00 PM  
Meeting & Installation of Officers  
Messiah Lutheran Church 4th & H Streets NE, Auburn

### februar

- 6 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 20 Video and Social Hour ..... 6:00 PM  
Regular Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 26 Social Event at the Thunderbirds game! ..... 6:00 PM

### mars

- 5 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 19 Torsk Dinner

### april

- 2 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 16 Heritage Night ..... 6:00 PM

### mai

- 7 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 17 Syttende Mai
- 21 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 23 District Convention in Tacoma (through 26)

### juni

- 4 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 18 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:00 PM

### juli

*No Board Meeting*

- 16 Lodge Picnic

### august

*No Board Meeting*

*No Lodge Meeting*

- 11 Good Ol' Days Parade in Auburn

### september

- 10 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 17 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:00 PM

### oktober

- 1 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 15 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 27 Lutefisk Dinner ..... 1:00 - 5:00 PM

### november

- 5 Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
- 19 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:00 PM

### desember

## Trollhaugen has new managers.

The new managers are: Lory Prothman and Tracy Thornton. Be sure to give them a big welcome when you visit Trollhaugen next - remember, this is the season to ski!

### A Little Humor

*When Ole accidentally lost 50 cents in the outhouse, he immediately threw in his watch and billfold. He explained, "I'm not going down der just for 50 cents."*

*Famous inventions. The Swedes invented the toilet seat. Twenty years later the Norwegians invented the hole in it.*

## Amundsen Exhibit

"Cold Recall: Reflections of a Polar Explorer" will be on display through February 5, 2012. This is to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the event when Roald Amundsen and four others became the first men to set foot on the south Pole.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon - 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$4-\$6.

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