



Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote & preserve the heritage & culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

MAY Calendar of Events

- May 1st *May Day*
- May 5th *Cinco de Mayo*
- May 8th *Liberation Day in Norway*
- May 9th *Christ's Ascension*
- May 14th *Board Meeting @ 6 pm*
Lodge Meeting @ 7 pm
Program & treats following.
(1st Lutheran Church lower Level)
- May 17th *Norway's Constitution Day*
Syttende Mia
- May 18th *Pentecost*
- May 19th *First Day of Pentecost*
- May 20th *Second Day of Pentecost*



June, July, and August Meetings

Meetings will be held in the Park: 5 pm Board meeting, have supper in the park, then attend 6 pm Lodge meeting. Program will be Concerts in the Park sponsored by Fuller House.



Solskinn Hjørne

- Sunshine Corner -

Please keep in your prayers:

Card sent to: **Liz Matheson**—Thinking of You

If you know of anyone that is having or recovering from surgery or illness or had a family member pass away.

Or, if anyone has great news to share.

Please let our sunshine lady **Dorothy P.** know.

Contact Dorothy at dndpoff@arvig.net or call 218-841-5177.

DETROIT LAKES SONS OF NORWAY LODGE 1-495

Fra Presidentan:

ARDYS HORNER

Lodge President



Karen Bimberg

Getting to Know Your Members

KAREN BIMBERG

Karen Bimberg was born to Donald and Florence Danielson in Norfolk, Virginia. Don was in the Navy. Shortly after Karen was born, Dad's time in the Navy was done and they moved to Minneapolis for a year where Don received his Master's in Music Education. They moved to Breckenridge for a year where Don taught music and sister Gayle was born. After that they moved home to East Grand Forks, Minnesota, where Don continued teaching music and brother Paul was born.

Karen graduated from East Grand Forks Senior High. She continued her education at Concordia College in Moorhead. She knew in 7th grade that she was going to go to Concordia and either teach elementary school or music. Her career started in Swanville, Minnesota, close to Little Falls, where she taught elementary music. After 3 years she moved to Detroit Lakes where she continued teaching elementary music at Washington, Callaway, and Roosevelt. She received her Master's in Music Education at Moorhead State University.

Karen married Clifford Bimberg and moved out of town for the first time in her life to live on a 17 acre farm raising a small herd of cattle and always a German shepherd or two as helpers. Cliff has 2 children, Jeremy and Jodie. Cliff is of Finnish descent and grew up in Menahga.

All of Karen's ancestors are from Norway. Donald's family was from Ose, Norway, in the Setesdal region and Florence's family was from the Telemark region. Don's mother was a Kjelleberg and his father was a Danielson which came to be when Daniel Ose came over from Norway and was renamed Danielson. Florence's mother was a Wilson and her father was a Grove. They keep in touch with a 2nd cousin from Ose. Karen's dream is to visit her in Norway and see the beautiful country. She took 2 years of Norwegian at Concordia College.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

May/mai 2024

- 3rd Virginia Earley
- 8th Gayle Seter
Pam Anderson
- 11th Kassidy Steinbach
- 12th Walter Aanenson
- 15th Abigail Merseeth
Janice Ness
- 16th Gayle Seter
Lucy Mills
Tom Dalen
- 18th Diane Bentley
- 21st Janet Raymond
- 22nd Hannah Bakken
- 24th Sandra Huwe
- 26th Karen Merseeth
- 28th Mervin Olson
- 29th Karen Lee Hill



Make your own Almond Cake for your Birthday!

Get the recipe at:

<https://sonsofnorwaydl.org/kransakake>

Karen and her sister continue the tradition of making lefse at Christmas. Karen also makes krumkake. She has a collection of Norwegian dolls.

Karen is retired but continues her love of music as an organist, worship team leader, and Director of Music at First Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Karen and Cliff enjoy traveling and have spent time in Florida over the past winters. They also have crossed the United States with their 5th wheel RV. In the summer they enjoy spending time at their lake place on Fishhook Lake near Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Ardys Horner,
SONS of Norway,
President



Greetings from your Social Director

Today I have been gathering articles to take to the Becker County Museum for our Sons of Norway display of items brought to America by our ancestors. These courageous folks who left Norway to make new homes here. Please take a trip to the museum sometime in the next three months to see our display.

We have one more month to meet at First Lutheran for our lodge meetings, then for June, July and August we will meet in the city park. **NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!** Six o'clock, not seven. After our meeting we can be entertained by the performers in the bandshell. Hopefully the weather cooperates and makes for a fun summer.

But first our May meeting at First Lutheran will have Jerry Ness from Nome, ND show us his caricature carvings with stories about each one. I am sure this will be a great treat for all of us. Just a reminder Pat needs help on August 13th and November 12th. If anyone is available to help serve, please let Pat know.

Wishing you all a great spring, See you in May!

Dorothy Hoover, Social Director

THANK YOU!

A big Thank you to all the members who provided and helped set up the Scandinavian Trunk display of items brought to America by our Ancestors. The display really shows our Scandinavian Heritage of long ago.





SONS OF NORWAY VIKINGLAND LODGE 1-495 General Meeting - April 9, 2024

President Ardys Horner called the meeting to order with the mission statement, national anthems, and pledge. There were 28 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Dotz Johnson read the secretary's report.
Beth gave the treasurer's report.

Foundation Director: (Carol) read a thank you note from the Boys and Girls Club for the donation Sons of Norway Foundation gave them in December

Museum exhibit: (Cindy) We will set up the display (tomorrow) April 10 starting at 5:30. Members can still bring items for the display on set up day. The exhibit will open on Tuesday, April 16 at 10am.

Lunches: The August 13th and November 12th meetings need to be filled. Please consider signing up to bring and serve treats for those meetings.

Social Director: (Dorothy Hoover)

- Thank you to Marilyn Tinjum, Karen Merseeth and Pat Johnson for serving the lunch this evening.
- One birthday was acknowledged
- Guest Jim Brun was introduced, and he drew names for the door prize. The door prize was not claimed. It will be \$15 next month.
- We have received an invitation to participate in the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival parade on July 21. Board accepted the invitation. We will need riders for the float.
- Summer meetings will be held in the City Park in conjunction with the "Tuesday in the Park" concerts at the band shell.
- The May program will be presented by Jerry Ness, woodcarver and storyteller.

Program: photos and stories from Dorothy Hoover's travels in Thailand

Respectfully submitted, Dotz Johnson, secretary

Foundation News

Carol Turner-Foundation Director Received a Thank you from Boys & Girls Club. Keep thinking about giving to our fund so we can continue giving to all our charities. Thank you for your help.

United Way

Bonnie Mohs presenting a check to the United Way Back program.



Members Helping

Members helping Pat with serving at our May 14th meeting: Cindy Sauer
Thank you for serving!




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May 17th is Syttende Mai - Norway's Constitution Day

I thought this would be a great time to tell everyone about how our lodge started! A

History about the VIKINGLAND LODGE #1-495, Organized November 4th, 1969.



Vikingland Lodge began in the basement of the Graystone Hotel. The lodge was organized through the efforts of Sons of Norway Regional Manager, Carroll Juven, and Field Representative, Fern Smith. The initiation was conducted by the Supreme International President, Hilman Kjorlie, of Walnut Creek, California. A contest for naming the lodge was held. **VIKINGLAND** submitted by Alice Hammer won. When chartered the lodge had 117 members. One of the earlier activities of the lodge was Ski for Light. In the winter of 1977-78, fifty Norwegian skiers flew from Norway to introduce the program. Participants from Norway stayed with lodge members and many lasting friendships were formed. Lodge members continued to provide food and lodging when Norwegian groups visited. In the later years, the lodge has had many activities. The lodge sponsored a Scandinavian Folk Fest. This was staged in conjunction with a similar program in Fargo-Moorhead. Through this cooperation, a number of groups were brought over from Norway and Sweden. The program was especially effective in bringing Sons of Norway to the attention of the community. For some years the lodge had a folk dancing group which put on many shows throughout the area. And also has had a float which has been in parades in Detroit Lakes and neighboring communities. The dance group performed on the earlier float. In 1992 a new float was purchased, which is in the form of a Viking ship. Six to eight members in bunads rode during parades. Our lodge today is involved in numerous parades, still riding on our Viking ship. The Vikingland Lodge hosted celebrations for Syttende Mai, Leif Erickson Day, and Christmas. Lodge members served Norwegian foods and demonstrated crafts. Classes were provided in the Norwegian language, hardanger, embroidery, rosemaling, genealogy, and stamp collecting. Scholarships were provided each year for the children and grandchildren of members to attend Skogfjorden Language Camp. In past years a lutefisk and meatball dinner was put on at the Senior Nutrition Center. Members are community-minded and put in over 5,000 hours of service. Our lodge has still put in a lot of community and lodge hours being given awards for our accomplishments. At the 25th anniversary the lodge held a banquet with which Red Stagland and his side-kick Uncle Torvold, entertained. A 2 week tour to Hawaii was also a part of the celebration. The present lodge still is going strong.

If you would like to see a program you are interested in or get more involved with our Lodge, please contact us and give us ideas. We are open to any suggestions.

Submitted by: Cindy Sauer, Cultural Director