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March to the Mighty 10,000!

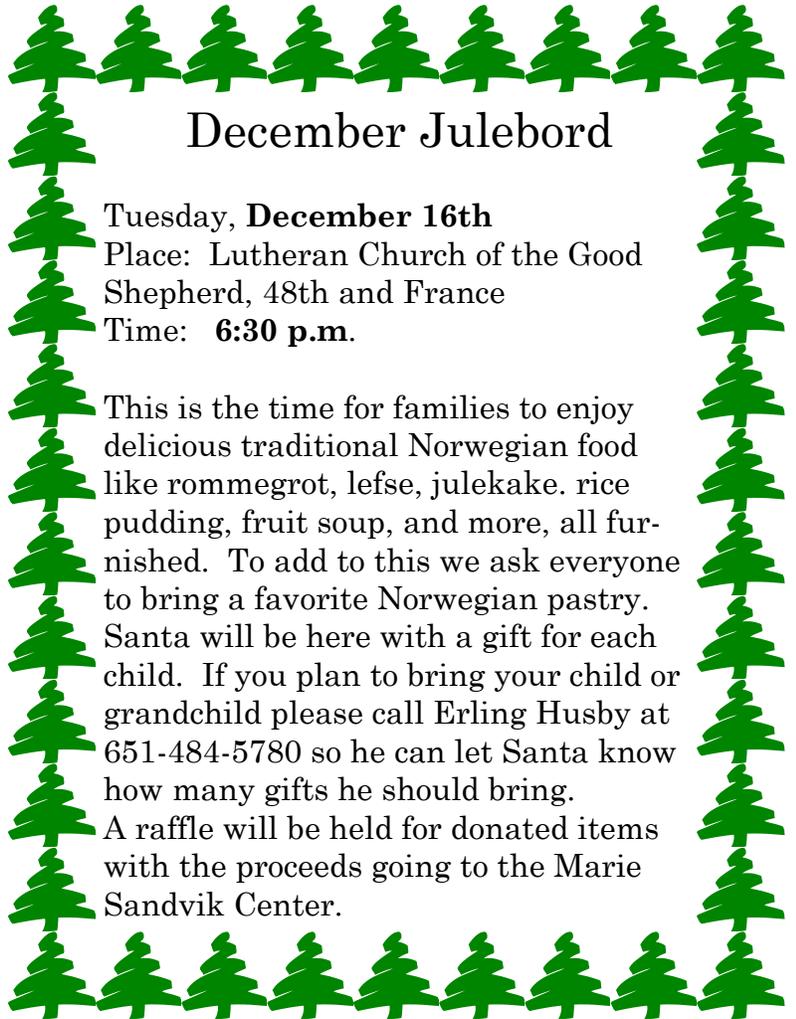
While Vonheim and other lodges are busy with elections for November, our district board that was elected this summer has named 2015 as a year of focus on membership growth. The goal is to restore the district membership to over 10,000.

Our district zone directors have been asked to not only attend some social events among the lodges they represent, but to attend working sessions with the newly elected boards of the lodges to identify potential paths for growth.

Our lodges have been asked to perform a "Healthy Lodge Evaluation" in preparation for 2015. Key points are plans for how we communicate to members and community, effective newsletter, membership and retention plans, programs and events for all ages, youth engagement, a welcoming strategy, officer training, active committees to carry out the work of the lodge, web page and social media connection, good relationship with the Financial Benefits Counselor, encouragement for members to engage at district and international levels and finally to have a full slate of officers to serve our lodge.

Help us to make 2015 a great year. We need your feedback to help us identify what we might do differently to attract your extended families.

Tusen Takk Merle Tingelstad



December Julebord

Tuesday, **December 16th**

Place: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 48th and France

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

This is the time for families to enjoy delicious traditional Norwegian food like rommegrot, lefse, julekake, rice pudding, fruit soup, and more, all furnished. To add to this we ask everyone to bring a favorite Norwegian pastry. Santa will be here with a gift for each child. If you plan to bring your child or grandchild please call Erling Husby at 651-484-5780 so he can let Santa know how many gifts he should bring.

A raffle will be held for donated items with the proceeds going to the Marie Sandvik Center.

30th Annual Thanksgiving American Breakfast

November 25th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington at 7AM

Speakers include Don Shelby, Andrew Zimmer, Keven Dling, and Rev. Ruth MacKenzie

Tickets: \$25 Call Dennis Sorheim at 651-451-7313

Entertainment: The Gustavus Choir and the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band

COMING EVENTS

(Most meetings at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Mpls. The meeting room is downstairs and wheelchair-accessible, including elevators). Board meetings one hour prior.

November 18—6:30pm Potluck Dinner, LCGS, Mpls.
December 16—6:30pm Julebord , LCGS, Mpls.
January 18, February 15, March 15—2pm Vonheim Meeting, American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis.

Vonheim Lodge Meeting Notes

Fjord Room, Sons of Norway Bldg.

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

The Vonheim board met at 6:30pm. Secretary minutes were approved. The Torsk Dinner was reviewed. Turnout was good and the food was enjoyed by our guests. It looks like we raised over \$2000 for our scholarship program. Thanks to all who supported this event!

Our nominating committee has worked hard to put together a complete a list of officers for election in November. We are still looking for help, particulatly at Secretary, and will accept nominations from the floor.

We reviewed District President Barbara Olson's letter about the focus on membership growth and support expected from our district. The plans is titled the "March to the Mighty 10,000" with a goal to restore the district membership to beyond 10,000 members in 2015. A key to this plan is to perform a "Healthy Lodge Evaluation" to find areas we can make improvements.

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Vonheim Lodge Meeting Notes

Torsk Dinner at LCGS.

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

About 150 members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner to raise funds for the Vonheim scholarship program. Thanks go out to members of Oslo and Nidaros Lodges who attended. Thanks go to Erling Husby, Lyle and Audrey Bigwood, Gregg Iverson, Bob Hagen and Gene Brandvold who came in to prepare and serve the meal, Carolyn Hagen and Marilyn Boe for getting the dining area set up. Thank you to Martha and Debbie Husby, Gerald Nelson, Dale Settergren and Dave Kompelien for their work. Thanks to Dennis Sorheim for preparing fundraiser letters and managing the servers. Thanks to the campers and parents who helped at the tables.



Following dinner, Cheer committee told us about Mildred Peterson's memorial service. The Glee Club will perform at our Potluck Dinner, Nov. 18. Bring a guest to enjoy this performance and join our shared meal. Our Julebord will be Dec 16. Enjoy Norwegian goodies! We invite members to bring cookies and treats to share.

Jon Pederson updated on the remodeling project at Norway House on Franklin Ave. The exterior work is complete including painting in Blue as part of the sailing ship theme evident in the next phase.

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended Vonheim's scholarship dinner on October 21st. It was a great evening!

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food and set up the dining room. It's always much appreciated to have this year's campers and their families serve as the wait staff. A hearty thanks goes to all the members and friends who contributed to the 2014 scholarship donation program. Over \$1000 was raised. Winners in the drawing were Loren Lucke, Kareen Ecklund, Merle Flaata, Erling Nervick & Wallace Wierson, all from the Twin Cities, and Roy Haugseth from Florida.

VONHEIM TO ELECT NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every two years Vonheim members elect a Board of Directors. It's that time again. Several months ago the President appointed a Nominating Committee of the following three members: Gregg Iverson, David Kompelien, and Gene Brandvold. At the October meeting the Committee presented the following slate of officers to be elected at the November 18 Lodge meeting:

President	Merle Tingelstad
Vice President	Donald Teigen
Secretary	OPEN
Treasurer	Gene Brandvold
Counselor	Carolyn Hagen
Membership Dir	Dennis Sorheim
Cultural/Social Dir	Marilyn Boe
Sports/ RecDir	Robert Hagen
Editor	Louise Bakken
Trustee for 2 yrs	Gregg Iverson
Trustee for 4 yrs	David Kompelien
Trustee for 6 yrs	Gerald Nelson

Nominations can also be from the floor at the November 18 meeting.

The Committee also presented a slate of members that would be appointed to positions by the President. We are still looking for members to fill the following positions: Secretary, Youth Director, Assistant Secretary, 2 Auditors, Pianist, Webmaster, 2 Social Committee Members, 3 Scholarship Committee Members, and 2 Membership Committee Members.



2015 NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS



Vonheim Lodge will again be providing scholarships to youngsters who are children or grandchildren of lodge members in 2015. Grants will be made to attend either Skogfjorden Language Village near Bemidji, MN, sponsored by Concordia College, or Maase Moro, a Norwegian Heritage camp sponsored by District 5 near Eau Claire, WI.

Skogfjorden offers an 'early bird special' if applications are received by December 1st.

Registration will again be online at www.concordialanguagevillages.org.

Please check for the District One, Sons of Norway form to be submitted to Vonheim's scholarship chair, Dennis Sorheim, at psorheim@juno.com. For any new families who are considering sponsoring young people to attend Skogfjorden, contact Dennis at the above e-mail address or call him at (651) 451-7313.

The registration for MasseMoro is not until May, 2015, but if any families are thinking of sending young people there, please notify Dennis by December 1st as listed above. It is helpful to know the total number of campers attending both camps to facilitate the allocation of \$ for the individual scholarships.



If interested in applying for any of these positions contact Gene Brandvold at 952-831-4361. Think hard about getting involved this year. If Vonheim continues to not have a full Board of Directors and a lack of member participation, it will signal the beginning of the end of Vonheim Lodge as it is known today. **DO YOU EVEN CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO VONHEIM LODGE?**

Come to the November 18 Lodge meeting and vote for the Board of Directors and enjoy the annual Potluck Dinner

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Our Annual Potluck Dinner November 18

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Mpls. at 6:30 p.m.
Pull out your favorite recipe and share the dish with your fellow lodge members. Vonheim has so many talented cooks; it makes this event delightful.



The **Norwegian Men's Glee Club** will perform great & lively Norwegian and English songs.

You won't want to miss this concert!