



Vonheim Saga
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Fra Presidenten

An historic “monster” snowstorm caused us to cancel our lodge meeting on April 14. Driving on the roads was dangerous if not impossible.

This musical entertainment program by Reuben and Diane Ristrom has been rescheduled for June 9.

Our next program on May 12 will feature author Gordon Frederickson who will share experiences of a typical Minnesota farm family from the 1950’s. Many of us, including myself, can relate to these experiences.

Norwegian Constitution Day Syttende Mai (May 17th) will be celebrated not only in Norway but also locally. Local events include services and a parade at Mindkirken on May 20 and a special art exhibit at Norway House from April 7 to June 10.

Sons of Norway events this summer include the District 1 Convention in Rochester on June 14-16 and the International Convention in Bloomington on August 15-18.

Enjoy a warm and sunny springtime! We deserve it!

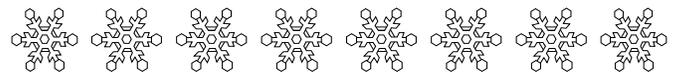
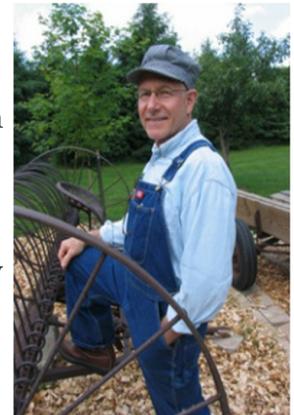
Don Teigen
Lodge President

Mark your calendar for
May 12th at
Norway House
1:00 PM

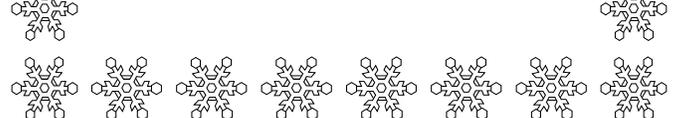
Gordon Fredrickson shares the heritage of the Minnesota farm family in the 1950’s. The family farm was located in Scott County just six miles away from where he met his future wife, Nancy, in New Market.

New Market without many businesses managed to scrape out a good living during the hard times in the 1940s and 1950s. Two service stations, a general store, a butcher shop, taverns, a feed store, a farm produce store, a hardware store, a bank, and a post office served the towns people and the surrounding farm communities, which included the small dairy farm where Gordon was raised by his parents and his two older sisters.

Gordon has written any books on various aspects of our agricultural heritage.



The April lodge meeting was cancelled due to heavy snowfall. We are fortunate that the program planned, Rueben and Diane Ristrom, are able to return in June.



COMING EVENTS

Meetings are held on **Saturday** at Norway House, 913 E. Franklin Avenue, adjacent to Mindekirken in Mpls. (Lillehaugen Room on the lower level)

May 12th 1:00PM lodge mtg at Norway House

June 9th 1:00PM lodge mtg at Norway House

June 24th Scandinavian Summer Fest at M'haha Falls

July 31st (Tues) 6:00PM lodge picnic at Waubun Park

IN MEMORY

Vonheim Lodge lost one of its long time members the early part of April. Burre Shanche passed away at age 98. Burre was born on an island off Stavanger, Norway, and immigrated to Minneapolis in 1948. He began employment in the accounting department at the Sons of Norway home office, but after a few years transitioned to the position of fraternal benefits counselor. Eventually Burre served as Regional Manager for the Twin Cities area and much of southern Minnesota. Many of our older members were probably signed up for membership and insurance by Burre. For the past several years, Burre has resided at Founders Ridge in Bloomington. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn, and is survived by sons Robert of Bloomington and Richard of Alaska, and three grandchildren -Leif, Zoya, and Walker. Burre had been a member of Vonheim for 70 years. Vonheim Lodge and Sons of Norway are indeed indebted to Burre for his life long service to the lodge and our society.

Ole and Lena were getting dressed for church. Ole looked at Lena and said "you've got that furniture disease, Lena." "What's dat Ole" asked Lena. "Your chest is falling into your drawers."



LANGUAGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE



Although the deadline for the Skogfjorden scholarships is past, Vonheim Lodge has 2 scholarships for \$200 each for the District 5 camp near Eau Claire, Wisconsin available.



This camp is named "Masse Moro" which translates to



"Much Fun" in English. It is a Norwegian heritage camp for



youth ages 9-15 and runs from July 15-28 at a cost of \$800 for the 2 weeks. Do you have a



child or grandchild who might enjoy learning about his or her Norwegian background?



Contact Dennis Sorheim at psorheim@juno.com or by



phone at (507) 698-0111 for additional information and



application. Deadline for applying is May 10.



PEACE

Minnesota Peace Initiative and Norway House on May 8th at 7:00PM focus on the topic *China The New Silk Road: A Path to Peace?*

Event Location is the McNamara Alumni Center/Memorial Hall at 200 SE Oak St., Mpls

Open to the Public at no cost

For more information and to register call Norway House 612-871-2211



SALMON



Worldwide demand for quality salmon is on the rise. Norway supplies 1.3 million metric tons of Salmon annually, about half of all the world production. Sustainable fish farm production of salmon Norway is a big business where projects are in place that could potentially increase their annual fish production by five fold.



The major challenges in sustainable fish farming is keeping the fish disease free without adding a lot of chemicals into the pristine waters of the north sea and preventing the escape of farmed fish into the wild populations where it could weaken the health and genetic diversity of the native species.



Norway already uses a small fish called wrasse that will feed off of sea lice that attach to salmon in farms. A new project can expand production from the fjord based farms into the sea using huge ships with pipe farms that pull lice free water from 30 meters deep and constantly circulate past the salmon. This approach protects the fjords from heavy concentrations of farming waste products and expands the territory available for sustainable farming of salmon.



Syttende Mai Minnesota Banquet

When: Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Jan Stenerud

Emcee: Dave Mona

\$65 for adults and \$25 for students

Where: Minnesota Valley Country Club

Entertainment: Twin Cities Girls' Choir
Reservation required.

Questions: 612-332-3338

Celebrate Syttende May with this additional Events

Mindekirken - Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church

Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Mindekirken, 824 E. 21st St. Minneapolis, MN 55404

concert, services and flag parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. www.mindekirken.net

Old Muskego Church at Luther Seminary

Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

service beginning at 3 p.m. www.luthersem.edu

Norway House Galleri Exhibit

April 7-June 10 at Norway House, 913 E. Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404

www.norwayhouse.org



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Join us on June June 9th at 1 PM at Norway House
for Reuben & Diane Ristrom

Reuben plays the guitar and banjo and they both sing. Diane has taught vocal music and is an organist & choir director at this time. Reuben plays all styles of music, has a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the U of M. Together, Diane and Reuben are a great team, they sing and play a wide variety of music and are delightful entertainers. I know you will enjoy them.

