



Vonheim Saga  
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## Fra Presidenten

### State of our Order!

Another winter storm 2 days later would have cancelled our April meeting on the heels of a lost March meeting and our meeting a year ago April. Fortunately, the danger passed before our meeting day.

Governor Walz delivered a state of the state address on April 4. It made me think about the state of our lodge. We have financial resources. We have a number of good people that keep this lodge functioning and we can be thankful for them. However, we continue to get older and have not grown membership, particularly among age groups critical to the future existence of the lodge. While it seems that we face this inevitable decline, there was something that Walz said that was inspirational.

We can follow the same old story that has already been written for us. But it doesn't have to be that way; we can choose to write our own story. Making our own story will have its challenges. We will need to look at what we value and find ways to reach out to people we can share those values with. One thing is clear, we can't make our vitality dependent on what the home office can do for us. Our growth will need to be a result of taking action on our own, reaching out into the community.

Tusen Takk,  
Merle Tingelstad

Join us May 11th at 1PM to explore the Eidem Historical Farm in Brooklyn Park

We can't travel to the farm so the farm is coming to us in a trunk with a storyteller.

In May of 1894, John J. Eidem, Jr. and his wife, Electa, bought 39 acres, including the house, barn and granary, for about \$80 an acre. They worked the farm until 1956, raising potatoes and other crops.

Two sons, Arthur and Leland, grew up on the homestead. In 1918 the property known as the East Farm was sold to Archie and Leland Eidem. Electa died in 1950, and John Jr. in 1956. The Eidem grandchildren rented out the house until it was sold

The Eidem family celebrated many Norwegian traditions which the speaker will share.



## 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 11th Lodge Meeting  
1:00 PM at Norway House

June 8th Lodge Meeting  
1:00 PM at Norway House

June 23rd Scandinavian Summerfest

### Vonheim Meeting April 13, 2019

15 members and guests gathered for our April meeting. President Tingelstad opened the meeting talking about the close call with the weather and thanking everyone for attending. He briefly discussed the theme for his upcoming column after receiving some inspiration from Tim Walz in his State of the State address. We have an opportunity to write our own story rather than just accept the script that was written for us.

We have been good stewards of the financial resources earned during the 70's when district charters were at a peak. We are strong financially. However, we continue to get older and have declining membership. Tingelstad had reviewed the number of new members recruited during 2018 and realized how little member growth came from efforts linked to the home office. It became clear that we need our own organic efforts to reach out into the community if there is any hope of growing younger. We need to take advantage of our relationship with Norway House to better communicate our activities. Lodge brochures and flyers announcing our next meeting were prepared to be placed on the ground level where visitors to Norway House can see the information.

Marilyn Boe announced our upcoming meeting on the Eidem Historical Farm and introduced the program for the day, The Grace Notes Trio. These three ladies have been together now for 20 years,

They enjoyed singing together so much that they decided to continue on.

We were treated to a walk down memory lane with songs from Frank Sinatra, Patsy Cline, Andrew Sisters and more. The audience was encouraged to participate and interact. We provided the pop sound for *Lollipop*. We had a variety of noisemakers for use in a song. They had a song that was a counter to the Lutefisk haters, called *Sushi-Yucki*. We enjoyed *What a Wonderful World* and *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*.

### Concert, Dinner and Dance with Glenn Henriksen

Saturday May 4th, 2019

4:30 PM

At the Danish American Center Atrium

Join us for a concert by our good friend and talented pianist Glenn Henriksen, followed by a delicious dinner catered by Anna-Lena Skold! Then stay and dance to Glenn and his band Galaxy.

All DAC members, Rebuild members and their guests are welcome. The party starts at 4:30 with a happy hour of snacks and beverages before the 5:30 concert. A casual family dinner follows at 7:00 with dancing afterwards.

Bring your friends and join the party!

The entire event: Concert, dinner and dance is only \$45 per person and \$7 for children 5-12 years old and children under 5 are free.

For reservations, please mail your check before May 1st to:  
Danish American Center  
3030 West River Parkway South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

The Grace Notes  
performed at the  
April Meeting.



**Springtime** is when we lose an hour of our lives complaining about losing an hour of sleep. Springtime is what happens when a new pastel color wills itself into existence. In the springtime, trees start to greet one another again with “Hello there, how do you do?,” instead of their usual cold, dead silence. Springtime is the part in the song that goes, “Doo doo dee dah dah (wind chimes).” It comes after the part that’s like “Brahhwmp *brahhwmp*,” and before the part that’s all “Cha cha chachacha tsssss.” Springtime was created by Big Allergy to sell tissues. The birds and the bees are extremely busy in springtime. It is tax season, and they have got to get their receipts in order. Springtime is often shortened to just “spring” or “spr” and occasionally even to “ing.” In some parts of the world, they just call it “time,” and somehow everyone knows what that means. In the springtime, fashion changes. It goes from being scratchy and big to being softer and more medium. However, it’s not quite yet smooth and invisible. That’s for the summertime. Springtime is when you clean out your social-media accounts, gathering up all your old tweets to donate to charity. Flowers are essential to any successful springtime. Make sure to reserve flowers early or else you’ll have to make your own from scratch, which is time-consuming and involves negotiating with bees. In the springtime, a number of fruits and vegetables are in season. You will do nothing with this information and will continue to make boxed macaroni and cheese for every meal. Many holidays happen during the springtime, like Easter; Passover; Earth Day; Rain Forever I Guess; Surprise! It’s Snowing Again; Wow One Really Hot Day; Pollen (The Reprise); Oh No the Bugs Have Returned; and Mother’s Day. Springtime is when you switch all your teas from hot to iced and when Ice-T continues starring in “Law & Order: SVU,” as he will for the rest of time. Springtime is when scarves are fifty per cent off, but now you don’t really need scarves anymore. What’s worse is that capri pants, which you could use, are full price even though they’re technically only part of a pant. The first day of springtime changes based on when someone posts a picture of a marshmallow Peep on Facebook for the first time that year. In theory, springtime is when the weather starts getting warmer. However, the earth’s climate has been getting warmer for a while now, so, if you think about it, maybe it’s always springtime?  
(New Yorker Magazine)

## STAMPS

If you have been collecting stamps, please bring them to the next lodge meeting and give them to Carolyn and Bob Hagen. Stamps must be trimmed beforehand. They will route them for shipment to Norway.



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**Chris Pesklo** is from a family of Norwegian, Sami and Polish heritage that came to the United States in 1930. In 1995, he was one of the founders of the Sami Slida of North America and has been educating others about the Sami for many years. Also in 1995 he opened a business called Northern Lavvu which makes Sami tents. Come ready to learn as he is a retired teacher from St. Paul Public Schools.

Don't miss this fun event at 1PM at Norway House