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Lodge President

Marilyn Martinson

Last month I wrote about the spring events we have planned for Kringen. I encourage you to attend Lodge night on Tuesday, April

16th which will highlight two programs.

5:00 pm – Prospective New Member Event: Lodge members are asked to bring a friend to this event to learn about all the programs that Kringen has to offer people when they join Sons of Norway. Following the presentation, those who attend will be served a delicious dinner. *RSVP by April 11th to Jan 701-282-8240.*

6:45 pm – Program by Jerry Ness: Woodcarving and storytelling. He will entertain us by creatively combining these two Norwegian customs. Jerry will introduce us to caricatures he has wood carved and share their imagined or exaggerated stories. Their stories will cause you to reminisce about people in your life and appreciate the gift of laughter.

We look forward to a great evening at Kringen on April 16th.



Klub President

Bill Martinson

Last month I wrote that employees come first, customers second. But there is something more important than employees – the firm, in our case, Kringen Klub. Without it there is nothing. Kringen Klub has been hard hit by inflation the last few years. Food is up 25%, overhead costs even more, and labor is up. This has drained our cash reserves. In 2023 we made some really good progress, but it will take all of 2024 to complete the task and stabilize the Klub for the long term. It takes two factors working together – revenue and margins. Troll Lounge has good margins but needs revenue improvement; Kringen Kafe has excellent revenue (due to our excellent home cooked food) but needs margin improvement; the Ballroom is underutilized.

Here are some things we're doing now:

- Food prices will be going up.
- Sales tax will be built into all prices to improve flow through the cash register.
- Switched accounting firms which will save several thousand dollars.
- Initiated a lutefisk meal raffle.
- Have a committee working on Ballroom events.
- Tuesday evening Social Night needs more traffic.
- Working on some excellent new revenue streams, which are needed to close the cash flow loop.

You can help by making Kringen your destination for food and culture. *Bring a friend.*

SUNDAY BRUNCH

will be April 7 from 9:30 to 1:00.

\$15 per person

\$8 ages 10 and under includes tax.

Serving pancakes, breakfast potatoes, sausage, and more!

TUESDAY NIGHT SOCIALS

Meals served from 5-6:30 pm

April 2 - Swedish Meatball Dinner

April 9 - Turkey Dinner

April 16 - BBQ Ribs

April 23 - Lasagna Dinner

April 30 - Smothered Pork Chop Dinner

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722 2nd Ave N., Fargo, ND

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2nd Prize - 4 Lutefisk meals
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Drawing May 17, 2024

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LAST LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER OF SEASON

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GENEALOGY RESEARCH

by Mariyn Messner

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In this article, you may follow along with me as I look up my great-grandmother, Rachel Tumine Jonasdtr's birth record and the record of them leaving the church, both included in the Minister's Church Registers. When you google digitalarkivet, there may be a picture of church books. If so, look below for a short line that reads, "Browse Norwegian Church Books." Click on that and it should open up to a form on the left side. OR, it may open to "Search for Church Books" on a line. When you click on that, it also opens to the same form on the left side. Not all spaces on the form need to be completed.

For my great-grandmother's records, click on the space under Physical location. Select STAVANGAR; Under County, Select ROGALAND; Under Local Parish, select CATHEDRAL or DOMKIRKEN. Under Type of Record, Select BIRTH/BAPTISM; Under Year, insert 1841, the year she was born. Now click SEARCH, which brings up records available. Look for the year 1841 and click on dp (birth/baptism). NOTE: If you move your cursor to each set of initials, it will inform you what they stand for and what years it covers.

After clicking on dp, use the slide at the top of the page to move to the year 1841, then use < and > to move backward and forward until you find her name listed. She was born 4 Oct. and baptized 14 Nov. They are recorded according to the date baptized. She is #235, Rachel Tumine; Father's occupation and name, Jonas Sivertson and his wife, Karen Helena Arnesdtr; Stavangar Church. END OF HER BIRTH SEARCH.

Now we will search for the church record of this family transferring out of the Parish. Go back to the form on the left. Change these records: List type = moved out or out-migrated; Year emigrated: Should be 1857 but there was a mistake here. Insert 1844. The dates 1844 to 1854 should have been 1844 to 1859. Click on uf (moving out records, 1856-1859). Once you find the year emigrated (1857), you will need to search for the family by name or ages. (It is actually #9 on page 369, 15 April, 1857.) The entire family is listed along with their ages. And, where are they moving to? DESTINATION AMERICA!

Now it's your turn! If you don't know your ancestors birth date or year of emigration, you may find it on the 1900 or 1920 census. Fill in the form on the left with YOUR ANCESTOR'S information and begin searching for YOUR records. LYKKE TIL!


Daughters of Norway

The Saturday April 13th Daughters of Norway meeting features "Show and Tell". Bring a Norwegian item and share its story. Meeting is at 10:00 am in the Sons of Norway ballroom. Refreshments served. Visitors are welcome.


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Cultural Corner



by Simon Anders Pryor--beginning college at St. Olaf in the fall!

I have spent the past 7 months having the time of my life in Norway. Thanks to the Sons of Norway Foundation and the Helen Tronvold Scholarship this has been possible. I graduated from Fargo North in 2023, and I'm spending this school year at Nordvestlandet Folkehøgskole in western Norway, near Molde. Norway has many different types of folkehøgskole often centered around creative arts, sports, or the outdoors. All of these schools give a wonderful opportunity for students to have a break from their studies as they enter adulthood. I have observed how beneficial this school year is for my peers here as we gain new skills, experiences, and friends from all over the world.

Folkehøgskole are not typical academic schools. My only class that is similar to a standard school is a Norwegian language class. Other classes I've taken are map reading, belay certification, and a music group. This different class structure and active participation by all creates the special environment we have at school.

Many of the classes at my school focus on "friluftsliv", or outdoor life. My "linje" or focus area is called Basecamp. For our trips we often go out into the mountains and set up a basecamp from which we go on day trips. In the fall, I did many new things like backpacking, climbing, surfing, and whitewater paddling. I had a lot of cross country skiing experience before this year, but mountain skiing and avalanche safety have been an interesting new area of learning for me this winter. Our most recent trip took us sailing and skiing above the arctic circle for five days. We started in Tromsø and then sailed to different remote mountains. Many of these were only accessible by boat. We took a dingy to shore where we then went backcountry skiing. Highlights from this trip included: sailing with porpoises, swimming in the cold water, and amazing northern lights.

Nordvestlandet is a very special place for me. This is not because of all the cool adventures I have done here, but from all the people I have met. I have made lifelong friends from all around Europe. This is the most welcoming and genuine community I have been a part of. I cherish my time here and I'm so thankful for the lifelong memories.



Trollfjorden Fun!

by Carole Haarsager

Are you between the ages of 8 to 108? If so, please join us June 6th-9th for Trollfjorden Language and Cultural Camp! This year's theme is "Christmas in Norway". Laughter, music, learning, fun, social connection, and delicious Norwegian meals are waiting for you!

Camp is held at the beautiful Metigoshe Ministries Retreat Center, on the south shore of Lake Metigoshe, near Bottineau, ND. Your weekend will begin on Thursday evening with a meal and an orientation to camp. Friday and Saturday are filled with language classes, participation in a craft or activity of your choice (including wood carving, knitting, rosemaling, metal work and fabric art), and interesting evening programs. You can find folk dancing every night and there is always someone ready for a visit or a game of cards. Sunday wraps up with a lovely service at the lakeside chapel and brunch before saying goodbye to new and old friends.

Accommodations are very comfortable and similar to a resort hotel. Youth stay in their own dorms within the building and have assigned counselors.

Attend by yourself, with friends or family. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or other young people in your life, this is a wonderful way to spend quality time together and introduce them to their Norwegian heritage or another culture. Scholarships are available through Kringen Lodge or Sons of Norway District IV, and youth typically attend at little to no cost.

Applications are available at Kringen Lodge or sofn-district4.com. Applications are due May 15, 2024. Questions? Jennifer Thoreson 701-793-7135 or jenniferthoreson@hotmail.com.

Nordic Culture Club Gala

We need small - medium baskets for the Nordic Culture Club Gala silent auction on April 6th. If you have some to donate, please bring them to the Sons of Norway office. If you want a ticket see Debbie Ankeney. The tickets are \$40 for appetizers and a meal, and entertainment by Steve Solkela, on Saturday, April 6th, at Faith United Methodist Church, 909 19th Avenue North, Fargo. The fun starts at 5 pm. *I hope to see you there!*

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Saturday, April 6, 2024

\$25.00 per person

Class will begin at 10:00 and continue until 3:00 pm. There will be an hour break for lunch. The Kringen Kafe is not open on Saturday, but you may go out for lunch or bring your own. Coffee will be provided.

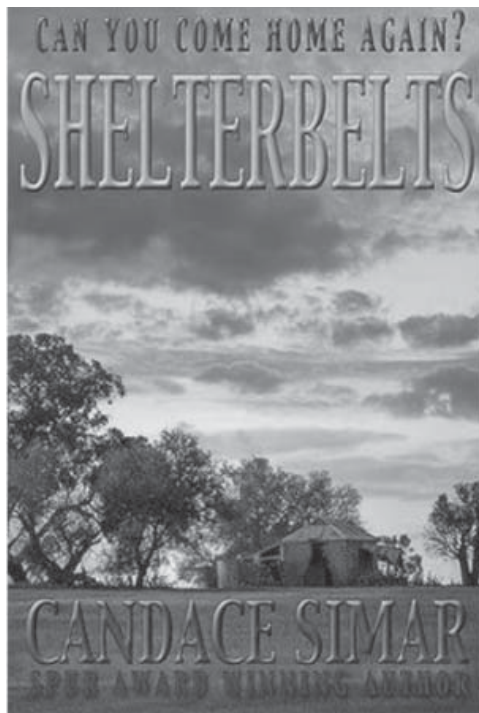
We will be painting on fabric with acrylic paints. Included in the class fee is one fabric item to paint on. You may choose an apron or a tote bag. Additional items to paint will be available for sale at the end of class.



Class size is limited so please call ahead and reserve your spot!

***Call the Lodge at
701-232-9222***

***Or Call Ruth Rutten at
701.693.5660***



The Sons of Norway's Lesering Book Club

Wednesday, April 10

12:15 pm

in the Viking Room

Get lunch at the Kringen Kafé!

***Shelterbelts*, by Candace Simar**

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Taken by our Julie Fladgard of Del Sanders teaching kids to play the spoons at the March waffle night.

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Want to listen to Scandinavian Music?
We have over 40 CDs and over 50 record Albums of Norsk music to check out in the Kringen Library.
Some records include:
Svensk, Finsk and Dansk songs.

WHO WERE THE FOUNDERS OF THE SONS OF NORWAY? (Part 3 of 3)

Ole A. Russeth (1872-1942) In 1882 at the age of ten, Ole arrived with his widowed mother and brother Peter A. Russeth (1870-1936) at the Selbygg colony in Brooklyn Township. Four years later, the family moved to North Minneapolis. As young men they went into business partnership as owners of a grocery firm, Ruseth Brothers. Ole was the Sons of Norway's first judge. Peter Russeth was also an enthusiastic and influential early member, but did not sign the charter.

John O. Stokke (1860-1954) Born to a poor family in Selbu, John Stokke emigrated in 1881. After a year in Windom, Minnesota, he moved to Minneapolis. A charter member and

inaugural member of the "Sick Committee" he remained an active member of Nidaros Lodge No. 1 until his death

Lewis J Stokke (1857-1929) Another Selbu native, he settled in Windom, Minnesota in 1879, but moved in 1881 to Minneapolis where he lived the rest of his life. He served as the first treasurer of Sons of Norway.

Edvard Vold A member of the original ritual committee, he served as a trustee on the first board. After moving to Appleton, Minnesota, he transferred his membership to Ivar Aasen lodge No. 5.

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 brother, Robert
 Arin and Corrine Grove on the loss of his sister,
 Nancy Whelan

Kirsten Grove on the loss of her aunt, Nancy Whelan
*"In Memoriam" cards are available for donations
 to SON in memory of friends and loved ones.*

Note: If you know of a member who is ill, had surgery,
 is hospitalized, or has had a death in their family, call Julie
 Fladgard at 218-236-0092 or call and leave a message at the
 Kringen office: 701-232-9222.

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KRINGEN ACCORDION BAND SCHEDULE

Kringen Accordion Band Events 2024

April: 4th at One Oak Place 2:00

June: 21st Scandinavian Festival at Hjemkomst Center
 22nd Scandinavian Festival at Hjemkomst Center

August: 10th Polka Spotlight Brooklyn Park, MN
 (1:00-5:00 recording time confirmed)

September: 21st Birthday Party and Family Reunion at SON
 24th -28th Høstfest in Minot

Wednesday of each month will be practice at SON as scheduled.

Happy Spring!

I am so glad to send that greeting.....even though we had a beautiful winter, it's still nice to see the robins back! As things in the world are continually and rapidly changing, Sons of Norway remains constant, safe and comfortable. With the fluctuating stock market, geopolitical crisis, inflation and shortages there is a lot on our minds. While there doesn't seem to be a lot we can do to change the world around us, we can make changes to keep our personal investments as safe as possible.

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Happy hour is from 4:30 to 6:00 pm
Kitchen is open Wednesday through
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private events on Saturdays.**

Please email kringenmgr@gmail.com for information.

SAVE THE DATES!

KRINGEN BUS TOURS

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Jasper Theatre, Park Rapids, MN

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Frostfire, Grafton School Theatre

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

More Information to come SOON.

TROLLJORDEN LANGUAGE CAMP CULTURAL SKILLS CAMP ON LAKE METIGOSHE

June 6th to 9th, 2024

This is a multigenerational family-oriented camp that offers a variety of cultural skills, including Norwegian language lessons, folk dancing, singing, games, cooking, woodcarving, and needlework.

Fees are \$200 for Youth ages 8-17 and Adults \$250. Kringen and District IV have scholarships for youth attendance.

Adult campers must be a current member of a District IV Lodge. Youth must be children or grandchildren of a current lodge member.

Registration forms are in the Kringen Office.

Registration deadline is May 15th.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Martinson 701-367-5000

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Remember, We are back on Tuesdays for Social Night suppers! All Meals (unless otherwise noted) at \$16 (non-member) or \$15 for members. They are served 5-6:30. There will also be a friendly librarian available! Just past the Viking Room until you walk into a haven of books. The Library is also open over lunch service, Tuesday-Friday from 11-2 pm.

Monday April 1st—Easter Monday! Office and Klub closed and no language classes.

Tuesday April 2nd—Swedish Meatball Dinner served 5-6:30 pm

Thursday April 4th—Waffle Night 5:30-7 pm

Saturday April 6th—Rosemaling on Fabric Workshop —see inside for more details!

Nordic Gala 5-9 pm, Dinner at 6 pm. Faith United Methodist Church —see ad inside

Sunday April 7th—Sunday Brunch 9:30 am-1 pm

Tuesday April 9th—Turkey Dinner served 5-6:30 pm

Wednesday April 10th—Evening Book club—see inside for details

Monday April 15th—Language Classes

Tuesday April 16th—Lodge Night! BBQ Ribs Dinner served 5-6:30pm. Prospective New Member Event at 5 pm (rsvp by April 11th) and a woodcarving and Storytelling Program by Jerry Ness at 6:45 pm. Please see the front page for more details!

Monday April 22nd—Language Classes

Tuesday April 23rd—Lasagna Dinner served 5-6:30 pm

Monday April 29th—Language Classes

Tuesday April 30th—Smothered Pork Chop Dinner served 5-6:30 pm

TROLL LOUNGE MUSIC SCHEDULE

Domestic Pounders \$4 during Happy Hour 4:30-6 pm. | All music starts at 7 pm

April 2 - Bluegrass Jam 6-7:30 pm	April 10 - Project Constellation	April 19 - Aaron Niehaus
April 3 - Project Constellation	April 11 - Moving Parts	April 23 - Todd Sisson 5:7:30 pm
April 4 - open mic	April 12 - Jerilyn Wilber	April 24 - Kaufmanauts
April 5 - Kaufmanauts	April 16 - Bluegrass Jam 6-7:30 pm	April 25 - Tucker'd Out
April 9 - Tim Mosser 6-8 pm	April 17 - Lula	April 26 - Rick Fiedler
\$5 cover Ballroom	April 18 - Pepper Karaoke	April 30 - Pepper Ashmore

WEEKLY EVENTS ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

Every Tuesday	Ukulele Group—Lunch at noon Practice	12:30-2:00
Fourth Tuesday	Folk Dancing (Folkedansklubb)	7:00
Every Wednesday	Rosemaling Group—Open Paint	1:00-4:00
Every Wed. & Fri.	Chair Yoga, weights, and tai chi	9:00
1st & 3rd Friday	Hook and Needle Stitch Group—Lunch & Knitting	1-3:00



2024 NORDIC GALA

ENJOY A TASTE OF SWEDEN, NORDIC SILENT AUCTION & MUSIC BY STEVE SOLKELA



Saturday, April 6th

5:00-9:00pm, Dinner @ 6:00pm

Faith United Methodist Church

909 19th Ave N, Fargo ND 58102

Cost is \$40 in advance; \$45 @ door

Tickets are available at STABO & Hjemkomst Gift Shop
or contact Deb @ 701-541-5742 or Terri @ 701-306-6554

Proceeds benefit:

**SCANDINAVIAN
FESTIVAL**
June 21-22, 2024

**Hjemkomst Center
Viking Ship Park**

**202 1st Ave North
Moorhead, MN**

