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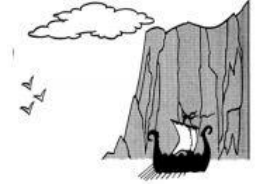
Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

The North Cape 71° 10' 21" North Latitude – The Top of Europe

A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway

Organized August 10, 1929 – The first Sons of Norway Lodge in Michigan

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NORDKAP CALENDAR

February 25 – Lodge meeting,
4 p.m., the Swedish Club

March 17 – Bowling, 1 p.m., Luxury
Lanes, Ferndale

April 22 -- Lodge meeting, 4 p.m.,
the Swedish Club

May 12 – Constitution Day
celebration, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., the
Swedish Club

(See complete 2018 calendar on
our website under “Events”)

2018 Officers

Co-Presidents:

Louise Giles & Haley Vingsness

Vice President: Mark Eelnurme

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Natalie Flessland Vaal

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Heather Vingsness

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Second Annual Chili Cook-off Set for February 25

Enter your prize chili in our February Chili Cook-off! Nordkap will be participating in the Sons of Norway’s 5th District competition at our February 25th meeting at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills.

Our members will sample each and every chili and vote for the best one. The Nordkap winner will be recognized by the District and have his or her name and photo posted on the District website.

Tell Merete Stenersen in advance if you plan to enter your chili. E-mail her at meretestenersen@outlook.com.

Also Dennis Flessland will share his experiences as Norway’s Honorary Consul to Michigan.

- 4 p.m. Social time
- 4:30 p.m. Chili Cook-off
- Super Cool-off to name the refrigerator
- Election of delegates to 5th District convention
- Member initiation
- Dennis Flessland talk on “Representing the King of Norway”



Twins Heather (left) and Haley Vingsness show off their chilies at last year’s cook-off.



SUNSHINE UPDATES



Oddny Viik (family photo)

Memorial plans for late Nordkap member **Oddny Viik** are set for Friday, March 23, at MacDonald Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan, in Howell, MI. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services from 1 to 2 p.m. A luncheon at Cleary's Pub, 117 E. Grand River in Howell follows.

We hope for positive results for **Bjørn Stenersen, father of Merete Stenersen**, as he battles cancer that returned after a year of being cancer-free.

Best wishes for recovery to: **Karen Schmidt**, who's convalescing at home after "a little tune-up" on her back for stenosis and herniated discs, & **Inger Ehrenfeld's husband, Karl Ehrenfeld, (father of Harald Ehrenfeld)**, who returned home following a long stay in rehabilitation after a hospital visit.

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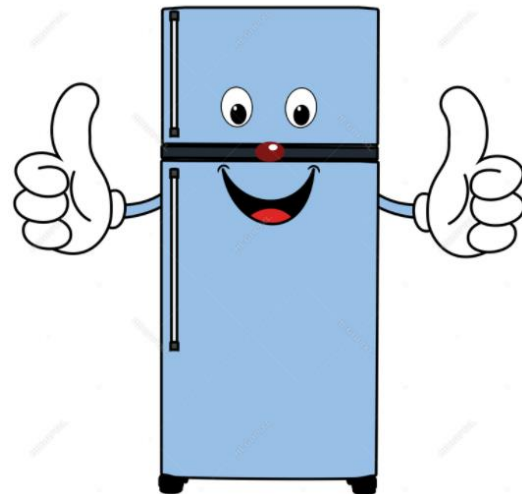
February Birthdays:

Kristine Dowhan, Mark Eelnurme, Dennis Flessland, Louise Giles, Deborah Gummerus, Sven Hahr, Greydon Hyde, Emma Jehle, Judith Kirsch, Michael Lindemann, Erik Lundberg, David Nelsen, Arthur Peterson, Hannah Peterson, Annele Richards, Linda Stinson

Naming of the Refrigerator – We Need Your Help

Nordkap Lodge has sponsored \$500 towards the new refrigerator at the Swedish Club, a sponsorship that includes the naming rights of the new appliance.

A long list of potential names was collected during previous meetings leading to the second round of the voting on January 28. The intent was to determine 4 finalists to compete in the **Super Cool-off** during our next member meeting on February 25; however we need your help in resolving an unforeseen issue: We ended up with 5 names that tied in 4th position.



Please vote between now and Feb 23 by choosing one of the following five names and sending it to Geir Gronstad at datsnorg@gmail.com.

- *Chilly Willy*
- *MATilde*
- *Mr. Chill*
- *Olaf*
- *The Norskie Polar Express*

Already in the finals are *Iskaldt, Olaf Chillery and Norge.*

Members Agree to Raise Dinner Donation to \$7

Nordkap members showed their support in January when they voted to increase suggested donations for dinners at regular lodge meetings from \$5 to \$7. The increase takes effect with the next meeting February 25.

The move to raise the rate comes because the \$5 donations failed to cover the cost of some of the meals. Also, the donations, in those cases, were not contributing to paying the rental fee for using the Swedish Club.

Nordkap typically offers five regular lodge dinners each year--in January, February, April, October, and November. The increased rate will help the lodge meet the costs of those events.

New Member Initiates

Velkommen to the following Nordkap Members! If you have not been initiated, we welcome you to come to the meeting on February 25. You'll sign our membership logbook which has been used since the 1930s.

As of January 1, 2018, members not initiated are the following:

Arne Borgnes, Simon Bryhn, Veda Bryhn, Kristine Dowhan, Monica Dowhan, Myrtle Ebert, Marsha Gilman, Jeff Hatteberg, Kaitlyn Hatteberg, Maureen Hatteberg, Greydon Hyde, Anne Kilen, Annette Lundberg, Cecilia Lundberg, Erik Lundberg, Kathleen Hanlon-Lundberg, Leiv Lundberg, Roy Marvel, Brandon Middleton, Nicole Middleton, Constance Pike, Annele Richards, Gail Ritchie, Ana Skidmore, Erik Sorensen, Ian Sorensen, Linda Stinson, Alexandria Sturgeon, Annelisa Sturgeon, Jeannine Sturgeon, Wade Tornquist, and Eunice Turnbull.

Please contact Membership Secretary Carol Jehle and let her know that you are coming at 248-626-2148 or jehlecarol@yahoo.com.

Viking Ship Burning & More at Michigan Nordic Fire Festival

If you fantasize about becoming a weekend Viking in Michigan, you may want to look at the Michigan Nordic Fire Festival in Charlotte, southwest of Lansing.

The Michigan Nordic Fire Festival “was created in 2016 to celebrate winter, fire, family, and fun,” according to its website. “As the days start to get longer and days start to warm, we created an opportunity to get outside, throw spears, and try some of the wonderful beers and meads produced in the area.”

Besides ship burning, the festival features events from a petting farm to sword fighting. See www.michigannordicfirefestival.com or check out events at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB4bl9sWP2tnKMFBDUTNtODVRRVE/view>

Admission costs start at \$5 for a one-day pass for individuals; children under 5, free.



Could You Serve as a Convention Delegate for Nordkap?

At Nordkap's February meeting, we will elect three delegates and three alternates to the bi-annual convention of the Sons of Norway's Fifth District.

The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel located in downtown La Crosse, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, June 27, through Saturday evening, June 30.

Nordkap provides each of its elected delegates a stipend of \$800 that helps but does not cover all travel, lodging, and other costs.

Nordkap members can go to the convention as elected delegates or simply as attendees.

Attendees may observe the convention and take part in activities, classes, and presentations

available for all. There will be cultural classes, exciting outings, cultural displays, presentations, delicious food, a banquet with music and dancing, and much more.



The convention hotel overlooks the Mississippi River.

New Officers Installed for 2018 at Nordkap's January Meeting



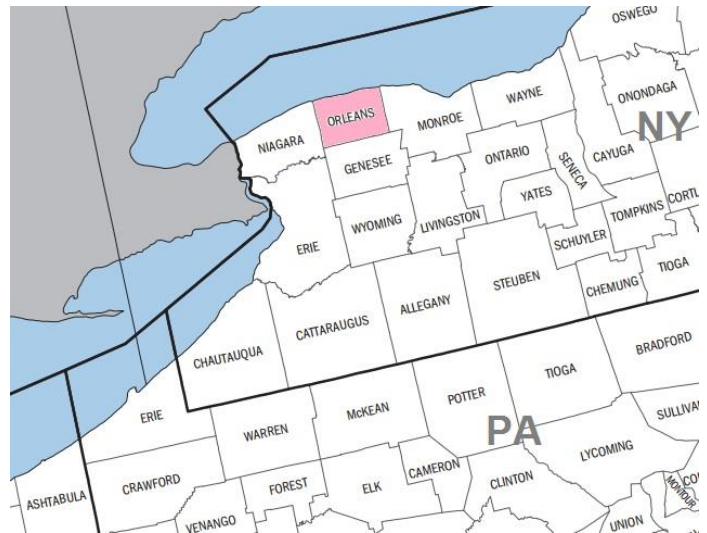
Front row (left to right): Louise Giles, Haley Vingsness, Merete Stenersen, Marge Sorensen. Back row (left to right) Derrick Hendricks, Bob Giles, Mark Eelnurme, Mary Morehead, Carol Jehle, Geir Gronstad.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: Seventh in a Series by Geir Gronstad

From *The First Chapter of Norwegian Immigration (1821-1840): Its Causes and Results* by Rasmus Björn Anderson, and *A History of Norwegian Immigration to the United States: From the Earliest Beginning down to the Year 1848*, by George Tobias Flom

KENDALL, THE FIRST PERMANENT NORWEGIAN SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA

...In New York the Sloopers met Mr. Joseph Fellows, a Quaker, from whom they purchased land in Orleans County, New York. It seems to have been upon the suggestion of Mr. Fellows that they were induced to settle here, although it is possible that the land had already been selected for them by Cleng Peerson, who was in New York at the time. The price to be paid for the land was five dollars an acre, each head of a family and adult person purchasing forty acres. The immigrants not being able to pay for the land, Mr. Fellows agreed to let them redeem it in ten annual installments.



The Kendall colony was in many respects unfortunate; it cannot be said to have

prospered and has never played any important part as a colony in Norwegian-American history. The very heavily wooded land proved very difficult of improvement, but it is important as being the first, and also being the parent of a very large and progressive Norwegian settlement founded in 1834–35 in La Salle County, Illinois.

Still the economic conditions of the Quaker immigrants gradually became better and the future looked more promising. They felt now that America offered many advantages to the able and the capable, and they began writing encouraging letters to relatives and friends in the old country, urging them to seek their fortune here. As a result, a fairly constant emigration of individuals and families from Stavanger and adjacent region during the following eight or nine years, although few seem to have come before 1829.

Passage was secured in the beginning for the most part with American sailships carrying Swedish iron from Gothenburg. But as this was attended by much uncertainty, often necessitating several weeks of waiting, the intending emigrants began to go to Hamburg, where German emigration by means of regular going American packet ships had already begun. Here, however, another difficulty met them. The already somewhat heavy emigration at this port made it necessary to order passage several weeks ahead to insure accommodations, and failing in this, the emigrant was forced to wait there until the next packet boat should sail. And so it came about that many of the early Norwegian immigrants to America came by way of Havre, France, where passage was always certain, emigration from this point being as yet very limited.

Norwegian immigrants who came during these years generally located in Orleans County, but rarely remained there permanently. The northwestern states were just then beginning to be opened up to settlers. At this time, migration from the eastern states was directed particularly to Illinois. Good government land could be had here for \$1.25 an acre.

In 1833 Cleng Peerson, who seems to have lived in Kendall at this time, made a journey to the West, evidently for the purpose of finding a suitable site for a new settlement. After several months of wandering across Michigan, and down into Ohio and Indiana, he at last arrived at Chicago, then a village of about twenty huts.

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The Scotts Challenge our Viking Muscle to Beat Them!

The Scotts at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit have issued a bold challenge to Nordkap Lodge and the Swedish Club: They dare us to beat them in packaging food at a Gleaners Community Food Bank distribution center in Warren, MI.

Gleaners provides food to about 500 partner soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and other agencies throughout southeastern Michigan. Last year, they distributed more than 42 million pounds of food to neighbors in need—food requiring packaging in manageable quantities. That's where the Scotts, Norwegians, and Swedes come in.

Representatives from our groups would meet at a mutually agreeable Saturday TBD at the Warren center at 24162 Mound Road. Up to 40 volunteers in total would work a shift of two-and-a-half hours, from either 9 - 11:30 a.m. or 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Volunteer activities involve sorting and packing nonperishable food and fresh produce, folding plastic food drive bags, picking partner orders, and more. If you are up to the challenge and willing to help, please contact Bob Giles at bobgiles@NewCarNews.tv .



FROM THE ARCHIVES (Continued from previous page)

The marshes of Chicago did not appeal to Peerson, and he went to Milwaukee, but the reports he received of the endless forests of Wisconsin soon drove him back again into Illinois. After several days' journey on foot again west of Chicago he at last found a spot which seemed to him as if providentially designated as the proper locality for his western colony. The place was immediately south of the present village of Norway in La Salle County. His choice made, Peerson returned to Orleans County, having covered over 2,000 miles on foot since he left.

Peerson's selection was universally approved and a considerable number of the Kendall settlers decided to move west.

***Co-President's Letter:
Haley Vingsness***

I'm honored to be your new Nordkap Lodge Co-President with Louise Giles. As Co-President, I'm most excited for the opportunity to help plan our meetings and special events, creating programming that's interesting to all of you. My ultimate goal is to increase participation in youth and young adult members.

I've been a Sons of Norway member for most of my life, at Nordkap and at Ulseth Lodge in the Upper Peninsula, where I was Youth Director and a member of the Norwegian Book Club. My introduction to Sons of Norway came from my parents, Nordkap members Ed and Jennifer Vingsness, and my grandparents and great-grandparents, members of Christian Radich Lodge near Traverse City. I took a year of introductory Norwegian language at the Wooden Spoon in Dallas, and have been slowly-but-surely continuing to learn through the classes at our lodge.

I work remotely as a web developer for Microsoft from my home in Livonia. I also frequently travel to visit customers. In my free time I enjoy friluftsliv (being outside) and hardangersøm (embroidery).

Thank you for this opportunity, and please feel free to share your ideas with me!

Haley Vingsness



Louise Giles (left) and Haley Vingsness

***Co-President's Letter:
Louise Giles***

I'm thrilled to be Haley Vingsness' Co-President this year! We are so lucky to have her bringing new energy and ideas to our lodge. Nordkap will be celebrating its 90th anniversary next year, but our young new Co-President and the depth of our officer ranks show there's lots of life left in Nordkap. I remain happy to be part of it.

We had a wonderful presentation by our Cultural Director Merete Stenersen last month about the Polar Nights in Norway. If you missed it, you can still see her beautiful slides. They are posted on our website at www.DetroitNorwegians.com. The presentations from six other Nordkap meetings are there as well.

We also had a last-chance auction of unsold goods donated for our December silent auction. This final sale raised an addition \$68 for Nordkap's Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all our bidders who entered high bids at our January meeting.

Med vennlig hilsen (with best regards),

Louise Giles

***Family Bowling in March:
One of Our Most Popular Events!***

Nordkap Lodge Bowling Fundraiser

For 5th District Scholarship Fund

GREAT FAMILY EVENT!

**For your \$5 donation you get:
Three games, shoe rental and
freshly-baked pizza & pop dinner.**

**Cheerleaders (non-bowlers) also welcome for the same
low price.**

Saturday March 17, 2018 – 1 p.m.

Luxury Lanes

600 East Nine Mile

Ferndale, MI



Join Bob at bowling and have fun!

You don't have to be a professional bowler to have fun with us, but you need to register!

To register or for more information:

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