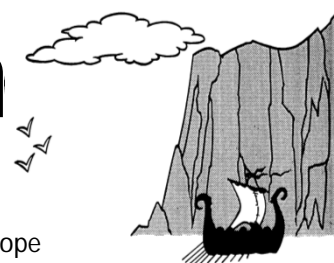




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"Bowling for Scholarships" Is Nordkap's March 16th Meeting

Encore! It's that time again for bowling! Our March meeting moves to Ferndale, MI as Nordkap members and guests again have some great family fun while bowling to support District Five's Sons of Norway scholarships. We must be doing something right, because this annual event grows bigger every year. Last year we contributed \$160 to the fund.

The date is Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m. at Luxury Lanes at 600 East Nine Mile Road, Ferndale 48220, phone (248) 544-0530. The location is east of Woodward on the south side of Nine Mile Road.

Here's the best part – for a \$5 contribution to the scholarship fund, members and guests receive three games of team bowling, free use of bowling shoes and ball, pizza and a soft drink. All that for \$5! If you've never bowled before, this is an excellent opportunity to try it out among friends!

Members and guests who do not wish to bowl are also invited to attend and support the District's scholarship fund with their \$5 donation. Non-bowlers gather to create a special "Viking Cheering" section and enjoy the pizza and pop.

To help your lodge best organize this event, we need to know in advance how many are coming—to bowl and to observe. Please call in your RSVP by March 10th to Bob Giles at (248) 398-5976 or e-mail him at bobgiles@newcarnews.tv.

Sunday, Feb 24, 2014

**Swedish Club – 4:00 PM
22398 Ruth Street
Farmington Hills
248-478-2563**



**Join us for a good cup of
coffee, good conversation,
open-faced sandwiches, and a
program outlining the events
that led to Norway's
constitution.**

Silent Auction Adds to Scholarship Fund

Many thanks to our members and friends who attended our Christmas Party and participated in the Silent Auction which added \$823 to our Scholarship Fund.

And special thanks to Bob Giles who placed a couple of the unsold items on EBay and raised an additional \$146.29 for the Scholarship Fund.



Remembering Christian Flessland

September 19, 1918 to December 14, 2013

Many members of our lodge will recall that poignant moment in 2012 when Christian Flessland was present to see his son Dennis receive an extraordinary honor from His Majesty King Harald of Norway.

Dennis Flessland, an attorney and Norway's honorary consul to Michigan, became a Knight of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit for "meritorious services for Norwegian interests and Norwegian citizens." The Order with its unique medal was presented by Sissel Breie, Norway's Consul General in New York, who pinned the medal on Dennis's left lapel.

Chris, 93 at the time, was there front and center for the gala ceremony in the elegant Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts. For some of us who were there, it was difficult to decide who was more proud: Chris of his son, Dennis, or Dennis of the fact that his dad was there with him to share in the moment

Chris Flessland was born on a small farm in southern Norway in 1918. He attended trade school in Lyngdal, Norway, where he studied auto mechanics. In 1947, though he could not read or speak English at the time, he took a boat from Norway to New York and later became a U.S. citizen. In 1950, he married Irma Blomquist in Pontiac, and the couple subsequently had three children, Dennis, Larry, and Linda, and seven grandchildren. Chris and his family were active for many years in the Sons of Norway's Samhold Lodge in Auburn Hills.

Chris and Irma owned a successful small business, Flessland's Service in Auburn Heights (now Auburn Hills) for 23 years. The gas station was a local landmark, and Chris had a great reputation in the community.



After Chris sold the gas station, he had a job until his retirement at Richard Kughn's Classic Auto Restoration, where he worked on classic pre-World War II cars that he learned to repair while a young man in Norway. He was very resourceful and sometimes had to make tools that were needed to do the job. Some of the cars he worked on (Bentleys, Pierce Arrows, and Mercedes) were displayed at various auto shows in the Detroit area.

After Irma's death, Chris sold his home and moved to Winter Haven, Florida, traveling back to Michigan to stay with Dennis and wife Jan in Huntington Woods during the summer. In Florida, he stayed active by going to senior dances, attended church and volunteered at Meals-on-Wheels. In Michigan, Chris could be seen at various Nordkap events with Dennis and Jan, and their daughter and son-in-law, Natalie and Andrew Vaal.

Chris passed away at 95 on Saturday, December 14, 2013, in Royal Oak and was remembered in a Celebration of Life, Faith, and Hope on December 27 at Cana Lutheran Church in Berkley, Michigan.

-- Louise Giles

Nesbø Projects in the Making

If you've read your March issue of *Viking* or if you are a fan of Nordic writers, you're probably already familiar with writing sensation, Jo Nesbø. Considered one of Europe's best authors and with worldwide sales of his novels approaching NOK 1.5 billion, Nesbø's popularity is quickly on the rise. So much so, that a number of his books are inspiring film and television projects here in the U.S.

The latest project, an American TV series adaptation of Nesbø's popular 2008 book "Headhunters," is in the works by HBO and writer/executive producer Alexander Woo (True Blood) and executive producer Carolyn Strauss (Game of Thrones). The series will replace an earlier plan to create an English feature film of the book starring Mark Wahlberg and Sacha Gervasi.

Another of Nesbø's books that is slated to receive major attention is "Blood on the Snow." The new series, written under Nesbø's pen-name Tom Johansen, isn't set to be published until autumn 2014, yet Warner Brothers Films is already in negotiations to acquire the film rights to the book. Rumored to be tied to the project is Leonardo DiCaprio, who is said to be both producing as well as potentially starring in the film adaptation.

Film plans dating back to 2011 also include an adaptation of Nesbø's "The Snowman" directed by Martin Scorsese. Since then, Scorsese has had to back out of the project due to his busy schedule but Universal is currently on the lookout for his replacement.

To learn more about Jo Nesbø and his books, visit <http://jonesbo.com/>

Happy February Birthday

03 Greydon Hyde
04 Kristine Nicolaysen Dowhan
06 Dennis Flessland
10 Judith Kirsch
10 Hannah Peterson
14 Deborah Gummerus
14 Linda Stinson
15 Sven Hahr
15 Corinne Ristad-Wendt
17 Arthur Peterson
18 Annele Richards
21 Louise Giles
21 Emma Jehle
26 David Nelsen
28 Mary Hansche



Rigmor Cuolahan, a longtime dear member and supporter of Nordkap passed away February 7. A memorial will take place next month at the Finnish Cultural Center.

This and That

Did you know we now have activities planned for small children so parents enjoy the meeting and program while their children are having a good time In an adjoining room?

Applications are being accepted for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp**

Sunday, July 20 through Saturday, August 2, 2014

Planned and Operated by: **Sons of Norway - District Five Lodge**

District Five Youth Director: **Mary Bennett, (608)**

837-8335 E-mail: MJBenn4@gmail.com

www.MasseMoro.org and www.SonsOfNorway5.org

Nordkap 2014 Scholarship Applications Due June 30, 2014



Scholarship applications are available.
If you have any questions or need an application,
please contact Natalie Vaal at
nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com
or see Natalie at a lodge meeting.

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must

- Be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a member for minimum 1 year prior to scholarship
- Be 17-23 years of age
- Be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution
- Be in good standing at school, have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Please note you may qualify up to 4 times

Upcoming Nordkap Events

- February 23 – Regular lodge meeting
- March 16 – Bowling (see Page 1)
- April 27 – Regular lodge meeting
- May 11 (tentative) – Tiger Game
- May 14 – 200th Celebration at Lark Restaurant
(watch mail for invitation & details)
- May 17 - Syttende Mai at Swedish Club
- July 19 – Farmington Founder's Day Parade
- December 14 – Christmas Party



After our February meeting, it will be 83 days until we celebrate the bicentennial of Norway's Constitution!

