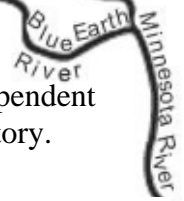




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June 7, 1905! It's hard to believe that Norway has only been independent for one hundred years. This is truly a great event in Norway's history. Congratulations Norway!

**Hilsen Fra Presidenten, Dick Norland** - Did you know that Denmark ruled Norway from the late 1300's until 1814. Then Sweden ruled Norway from 1814 until 1905. On June 7, 1905 Norway formally ended its forced union with Sweden and restored its monarchy. The Storting offered Denmark's Prince Carl the throne on November 18th and he accepted announcing that he would be known as Haakon the 7th!

Congratulations to all who were involved in working and planning the May 21st event! It was a wonderful day with outstanding programs, music, food, games, and cultural demonstrations! Mange takk for your work and efforts! A special thank you to Bethany College for allowing us to use their outstanding facilities. Again, tusen takk to the many volunteers!

Speakers - Erling Teigen, Mark Harstad, Deb Nelson Gurley

Cultural Demonstrators - Addie and Don Felch, Janette Schave, Adele Thompson, Arne Bentsdahl, Linda Bristol

Greeters - Wyonne Adamson, Evie and Owen Swenson, Mankato Convention/Visitors Bureau Captains Crew (Jeanette Marka and Ronnie Burton)

Ushers - Stan Stelter, Paul Olson, Curt Eidhammer, Duane Ahlness

Assistants - Dorothy and Owen Viker, Jeff Hove, June and Jim Borseth

Serving Committee - Ann Carlberg, Pat Jensen, Joyce Savage, Kay Skorr, Janette Schave, Deanne Schabert, Orlean Schmiesing, Phyllis and Marlin Spangrud, Nancy and Steve Rolfsrud, Karen Sandersfeld, Irene Mickelson

Information Desk - Linda Stelter and Kris Norland

Dinner Decorations/Check-in - Janice Ahlness, Audrey Morken, Linda Stelter

Games - Pat Jensen and Lois Anderson

Entertainers - Mary Carlson and her students and Adrian Lo

Tour guide - George Orvick

Event planning - Elvesvingen Program Committee (George Orvick, Audrey Morken, Jodie Wallschlaeger, Kris/Dick Norland)

Event arrangements - Elvesvingen Board Officers (Linda Stelter, Irene Mickelson, Marilyn Bigbee, George Orvick, Audrey Morken, Jodie Wallschlaeger, Dick Norland)

Lefse Bakers - Jodie Wallschlaeger, Marlys Heller, Irene Mickelson, Kay Skorr, June Nelson, Marilyn Linnett, Marilyn Bigbee, Dorothy Viker, Deanne Schabert, Mary Jane Patchin, Janice Ahlness



# Sons of Norway

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Kringla Bakers - Kris Norland, Marlys Heller, Jane Torgerson,  
Ann Carlberg, Lyllah Mae Norland, Judy Lokensgard, Linda  
Stelter, Margaret Walsvick

Krumkake Bakers - Margaret Walsvick, Arne Bentsdahl, Linda Bristol

Host - Bethany Lutheran College

**Garage Sale** - Tusen Takk to the many people who donated items and volunteered at the May 20 garage sale/fundraiser: Judy Lokensgard, Lois Reed, Kris Norland, Robin and Synnove Grinnell, Helen Stevens, Delores Buege, Stan and Marge Halvorson, Joe and Jodie Wallschlaeger, Sharon Hanson, Marlys Heller, Ann Carlberg, David and Gail Grande, Warren and Irene Mickelson

**Fathers in Norway** - Women traditionally have made up the largest market for the unique Norwegian national costumes know as a bunad. Men have been getting into the news in recent years and some tailors are now reporting a big jump in sales. It takes months to make a bunad and they sell for anywhere from \$2,000-\$9,000.

Recently, I looked for Mother's Day gifts and my wife's birthday gift. Of course, a stop at a Scandinavian store is a must. This reminded me of the importance of glassware and dishware that are produced in Norway. On our trip to Norway, we were able to stop at the Hadeland Glassverks North of Oslo at Jevnaker. This is a wonderful stop along the Southern shore of the Randsfjord. There are tours available of how the glassware is produced and even picnic grounds. We found that walking through the many buildings with products for sale was spectacular. Racks and racks of glass bowls, "nisse", animal figurines, candlesticks, glassware - nearly anything you can imagine made of glass. We did purchase some items but one could easily go broke buying glassware there. The Hadeland Glassverks were established in 1762 and is Norway's oldest company!

In addition, the Porsgrund factory is another treat to tour. It was established in 1887 and is located South of Oslo between Oslo and Kristiansand. The plates and dishes are available in many Norwegian styles including what we call the "Farmer Rose" pattern that is called "Bondemonster" there. There are showrooms with glassware as well as the plates, saucers, and bowls. This too is well worth the stop!

**Volunteers needed!** - Please consider being part of the planning committee for the 2008 District 1 Sons of Norway Convention in Mankato (Contact Dick Norland or Audrey Morken for further information)

**Norwegian Classes** - Bethany Lutheran College will offer Beginning Norwegian this Fall - further information is available at 344-7000.

**Yearbook updates** - Our lodge yearbook will be updated this summer. One section lists lodge members' Scandinavian ancestry. If you are interested in having your ancestors' roots listed in the yearbook, call Dick Norland at 625-6060 - you can enter the town or area of your heritage.

**July & August** - There are no scheduled lodge meetings in July and August - this is a great opportunity to visit area towns and take in area events!



## SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR

June, 2005

- June 3-4 - Scandinavian Days, Story City, IA ([www.storycity.net](http://www.storycity.net) or 515-460-5488)
- June 10-11 Nisswa-Stamman, Nisswa, MN ([www.nisswastamman.org](http://www.nisswastamman.org) or 218-764-2994)
- **June 11- (5:30pm) - Midsommar's Eve Picnic, Land of Memories Park, Mankato**
- June 26 - (10am-4pm) - Svenskarnasdag, Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis
- **July 2 & 3 - (10am-7pm) Wal-Mart Food Stand staffed by Elvesvingen Lodge members, Mankato**
- July 10 - (10am-4pm) - Norway Day, Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis (952-832-0164)
- July 17 - (9:15am) - Lutefisk Golf Outing, Hidden Creek Golf Club, Owatonna (507-451-5841)
- July 25-27 - Midwest Norwegian Fjord Horse Show, Blue Earth, MN ([www.mwfhc.org](http://www.mwfhc.org) or 608-832-6202)
- July 28-30 - Nordic Fest, Decorah, IA ([www.nordicfest.com/2005.asp](http://www.nordicfest.com/2005.asp) or 1-800-382-FEST)
- **Jul & Aug - no Elvesvingen lodge meetings - a great opportunity to visit area towns and take in area events!**
- Sep & Oct - Concordia Language Villages' adult programs ([www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org) or 1-800-450-2214)

### Fra Vise Presidenten - St. Hans Aften (Midsommar's Eve)

Every year close to June 23, in the land of the Midnight Sun, as well as many other places around the world, there is a great celebration that takes place. There are many names for it: St. John's Eve, Midsommar, Sankt Hans Aften, Vernal Equinox, and Summer Solstice -the name more familiar to us.. This once religious tradition dates back to pre -1700s. It was thought that the bonfires would bring God's blessings on the crops, livestock and protection of the household. Today, in Norway, Midsommar's Eve is a highly anticipated event where children seek out rotten wood, sticks, leaves, straw, etc to burn in bonfires at night.

### Elvesvingen Lodge's own Midsommar

We are happy to announce that our June meeting (picnic/bonfire) will be held at Land of Memories Park just off of Hwy 169. There will be social hour from 5:30-6:00pm followed by a picnic dinner (6:00-7:00pm). The serving committee will be providing the desserts. Games (Bocci Ball, Croquet, and Kubb) will be available for the young and old from 7:00-8:00pm. At 8:00 we will prepare the bonfire for story telling and special souvenirs/heirlooms, pictures, family trees, etc. from Norway. Please remember to bring the following items: **a dish to pass, your own meat to grill if you wish, bug spray, your own lawn chairs, and items for sharing time.** We have put in our order for good weather! See you then!

**Who Likes to grill?** We are looking for a few grillers who would be willing to help us out at the Wal-Mart hotdog stand on **Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3.** We have a few 2 hr shifts available. We will be running the stand from 10am to 7pm on both days. If interested, please call Audrey Morken @ 387-2223. Don't forget- the proceeds will go towards the hosting of the Sons of Norway District 1 Convention that will be held in Mankato in 2008. Wal-Mart will match our profits up to \$500. We hope for good weather and hungry customers! Thanks in advance to those who already signed up for a time slot!