



Elvesvingen Lodge 1-582 P.O. Box 1091 Mankato, Mn 56002

We all had a delightful evening at Applewood on October 22. Thank you Audrey (our current vice president) for all your hard work in making the evening memorable! For those who were unable to attend, the 2005 yearbook will be mailed directly to your home.



November Meeting: Saturday, November 12 - 5:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato.  
 Program: Anita Helland, Consul, Royal Norwegian Consulate General - "Norway Today".  
 Serving Committee: Duane/Janice Ahlness (Chairs) and Members (S-Sp)  
 Transportation Available for non-nighttime drivers: Call 625-6060

**Hilsen Fra Presidenten, Dick Norland** - Kris and I recently had Norwegian relatives visit for a few days in October. We talked about many things. One of the more recent changes in the area of Hadeland is the placing of more "photo boxes" on the main roads. These boxes will take pictures of the license plates of speeding vehicles or vehicles that run a stop light. The owners will then get a bill in the mail. For running a stop light in the town of Gran, Norway, the fine is 3,000 kroner or just under \$500. For driving without your seatbelt on, the fine is 1,000 kroner or around \$150. Another topic of discussion dealt with emigrants who left Norway for America. Most of us think of the emigrants who left Norway as people who were strictly tenant farmers. As a tenant farmer or *husman*, they typically owned very little and certainly did not own their land or home. An interesting story for some of my ancestors who left Hadeland was that they did own a small farm. So when they left Norway, they sold the farm and came to America. They too left Norway for better opportunities.

**November Meeting** - At our November meeting we have a special program with Consul Anita Helland coming to talk about today's Norway. Anita is a career diplomat and has worked with the Norwegian Foreign Service since September 2001. We are honored to have her join us. We will also be holding officer elections at this meeting.

**December Meeting** - We all look forward to our annual *Julebord* (Christmas table). We have made plans for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and music - all members assist with this special potluck dinner. Mark the date on your calendar, December 10, and additional details will appear in the December newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter, members can choose to receive it in print format or electronically. It can also be viewed on our website, [www.sonsofnorwaymankato.org](http://www.sonsofnorwaymankato.org)

**Holiday Gift Ideas** - Several District 1 and lodge fundraising items will be available for sale at the Information Table at our November and December meetings - great ideas for holiday gifts! Calendars, books, playing cards, caps, pins, etc. Please take special note of the 2005 commemorative print, which can be ordered as a large print or as greeting cards.

**Stamps** - When you receive extra mail over the holidays, please save those envelopes/stamps! Our lodge supports the *Tubfrim* organization in Norway. Cancelled postage stamps are sold to collectors and dealers - the profits assist disabled children via the Norwegian Health Service. We have a former lodge member living in an area nursing home who is willing to trim the stamps to be forwarded onto *Tubfrim*. We are also looking for a local business interested in donating monthly billing envelopes. If your business or family can assist in this project, please call Jodie Wallschlaeger, 388-2303.



# Sons of Norway

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**Snowbirds** - To our snowbirds - we wish you safe journey to your destinations - and for those hearty folks who stay here, we hope to see you at our upcoming meetings and events!

**Nordic-American Thanksgiving Breakfast** - The 21st annual Nordic-American Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held on Nov 22 at the Sheraton Bloomington. The breakfast is an annual celebration of faith, freedom, family and friends with the goal of raising money to support worthy causes. Seating begins at 7am with breakfast and programming following at 7:30 am. Call the Sons of Norway Foundation for details (612-827-3611).

**Book Cart** - A library book cart and several books have been donated to our lodge - if you're in the market for a good book about Norway, check it out!

**Additional Lutefisk/Smorgasbord Dinners**

Nov 13 - (1:00, 3:00, 5:00pm) - Medo Lutheran Church, 507-869-3165 or 386-7500 (3 miles South of Pemberton on Cty Rd 52)

Nov 19 - (2:30, 4:00, 5:30pm) - Mindekirken Church, Minneapolis, 612-874-0716

**Fra Vise Presidenten - Audrey Morken** - The Fall Membership Banquet proved, once again, to be a great success! We had a total of 93 (members and prospective members) in attendance at Applewood. There was plenty of good food, conversation and a wonderful folkdancing performance by the Dassel *Leikarringen*. The atmosphere was perfect: a beautiful fall evening in a quaint restaurant with good company and good old fashioned Norwegian entertainment! A very special thank you to lodge members Wendy and Harry Musser (owners of Applewood Restaurant) for allowing us to come out there again for our event. A good time was had by all.

**The annual non-profit organization Bake/Craft Sale will be held at the Madison East Mall Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9am-5pm.** Baked goods and crafts should be dropped off before 9am the day of the bake sale at Madison East. If that's not possible you can drop them off Friday, Nov. 19 after 5PM at Audrey Morken's- 128 Hosanna Ave., Mankato. Please have your items priced to sell. Last year was very successful as we raised \$700. Hopefully this year will prove to be even better! We hope you can help support this event in some way. We are also accepting monetary donations in lieu of baked goods. Please make check out to Sons of Norway and mail to : Sons of Norway, P.O. Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002. Anyone interested in helping out please call Irene at 387-7045. Helpers are **always** appreciated!

**Anxious to get going on your Christmas shopping?** Leave the driving to someone else and come join us on a bus trip to the American Swedish Institute and Ingebretsen's on Saturday, November 19. The bus will be leaving from the Madison East Mall at 9:45am and returning at 6pm. Deadline is Nov. 5. Please call Linda at 388-7139 to reserve a seat. The cost for the bus fare & admission is \$35.

Check out the Information Table at our monthly meetings - pick up information on area events, travel, or SON financial products; sign up for lodge events/volunteer opportunities; view a copy of recent lodge minutes/treasurer's report; check out the SON magazine for children under 15; purchase gift items offered by the District One Sons of Norway fundraising committee; or simply ask questions.

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**SONS OF NORWAY EVENTS  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2005**

▶ **BAKE/CRAFT SALE AT MADISON EAST MALL** ◀

▶ **BUS TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS** ◀



**BAKE AND CRAFT SALE  
MADISON EAST MALL  
9AM- 5PM**



~ Lefse, kringla, krumkake, bars, plus crafts! Come and shop for holiday items at this **annual Sons of Norway and other non-profit organizations fundraiser.**

~ Donated crafts and baked goods can be dropped off before 9am at Madison East Mall.

~ If you are interested in joining a baking/craft making group or have questions, please call **Irene Mickelson at 387-7045.**

**Monetary donations in lieu of baked goods and crafts : Mail check payable to Sons of Norway, P.O. Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002**



**Bus Trip to Minneapolis  
(American Swedish Institute and Ingebretsen's)**

Leaving from old Sears Building, Madison East Mall at 9:45am, returning at 6pm.

**American Swedish Institute**– The former Turnblad Mansion has displays of immigrant artifacts and diaries, plus Christmas decorations from the various Scandinavian countries. Purchase a light lunch in the coffee shop or bring a sack lunch to eat on the bus.

**Ingebretsen's**– The Old World Marketplace features Scandinavian gifts, food, needlework, and clothing. Purchase and ship gifts directly from the store.

**Reservation deadline: November 5, 2005. \$35 (includes bus fare and admission) Mail check payable to Sons of Norway and send to P.O. Box 1091, Mankato, MN 56002. Call Linda Stelter at 388-7139 if you have questions.**

**Trip is sponsored by Sons of Norway– seats available for general public.**



## SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR

November, 2005

- **Nov 5 - (8:00am-4:30pm) South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo, Minnesota State U., Mankato (507-389-1029)**
- Nov 5 - (11-1 and 4-8) - Scandian Grove Church Dinner, Norseland (507-931-3660 or 246-5195)
- Nov 8 - (12 noon) - Havard Gimse, Norwegian pianist, Mindekirken Church, Minneapolis (612-874-0716)
- **Nov 12 - (5:30pm) - Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato**
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- Nov 22 - (7:30am) - Nordic-American Thanksgiving Breakfast, Bloomington (612-827-3611)
- **Dec 10 - (5:30pm) - Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato (room change: lower level dining room)**
- Dec 11 - (11am-4pm) - Skandia Scandinavian Festival, Landmark Center, St Paul (651-292-3225)