



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

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## Godt Nyttaar

**January Lodge Meeting: Saturday, Jan 12, 5:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Program: "Store Per" (Big Pete), a DVD project by Nathan Harstad**  
**Serving Committee: Owen/Dorothy Viker & Paul/Phyllis Olson and Members Bu-Er**

### Hilsen fra Presidentene Phil Wold og Paul Olson

#### Godt nytt år til allesammen!

Mange tusen takk to Linda Stelter, Audrey Morken & Mark DeGarmeaux for another very enjoyable Julebord on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – and to all of you who contributed & attended. We had a wonderful turnout – in excess of 100. The evening program was "A Norwegian Christmas Sing-Along" – Mark presented a novel way of helping us become better acquainted with the Norwegian language through song. Mange takk to Joel Botten for helping with the installation of the 2008 Board members. We extend our appreciation to the out-going Board members - Linda Stelter, Audrey Morken, Irene Mickelson & Pam Borchert for their contribution this past year. As past-president, Linda will continue to serve on the Board as "Counselor".

The S.O.N. District No. 1 Lodge theme for 2008 is "**Capture Your Culture**" and Mark DeGarmeaux, our Social / Cultural Director, has worked hard to arrange programs for our Lodge which will center around that theme. The program for our January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting is "Store Per" (Big Pete), a DVD project by Nathan Harstad.

This will be a very busy year for our Lodge & its members as we prepare to host the 2008 District No. 1 Sons of Norway Convention. The theme is "Norse Star to North Star". We are privileged to have been selected as the host site & look forward to welcoming delegates from as far away as Texas. There will be a variety of tasks before & during the convention & we hope you will be able to assist if called upon.

To those members who will be gone from Mankato for a period of time this winter, we wish you safe travels & look forward to having you rejoin us upon your return. You can stay in touch with Lodge information by logging on to [www.sonsofnorwaymankato.org](http://www.sonsofnorwaymankato.org).

**January 2008: A Norwegian Paul Bunyan???** - "Store Per" (Big Pete) DVD project by Nathan Harstad "Big Pete" was a larger-than-life figure in pioneer times in Iowa, with stories about his feats of strength passed down through the family. Nathan Harstad has produced a documentary on his great-great-great uncle Peder Tjernagel, nicknamed Store Per. Nathan, along with his father and uncle Peter and crew, has been filming on location to get a real portrayal of this interesting character. He has also done extensive interviews with family members and local experts (e.g., historian Odd Lovoll). Nathan is the son of Mark Harstad who presented some Store Per stories at our Syttende Mai festival a few years ago. Join us for a fun evening with lots of great stories!

**New Board Members:** We have 4 new board members! We are pleased to have Phil Wold and Paul Olson serve as Co- Presidents. Both are retired and come with varied experience with other non-profit organizations. We are excited about what they will contribute in the coming year. Lois Kitzmann will be taking over the secretarial duties. Always ready to volunteer, she has helped prepare the newsletter for mailing this past year. Owen Viker will be our new Treasurer, and will no doubt do a wonderful job. They are all excited and eager to begin their new duties.

**2008 Convention Planning Committee Update** As a fundraising project, gift items will be available at our 2008 lodge meetings - stop at the Information Table to purchase or order mugs, tee shirts, or souvenir pins. The Mankato community (and area lodges) will be invited to attend the convention's Vendor Fair held June 12-14 at Alltel Center - we anticipate close to 100 vendors offering a variety of Scandinavian products. Delegates attending this convention will be bringing silent auction items from their home lodges - items such as: rosemaled bowls, chip carvings, Scandinavian books, vacation time shares, Nordic clothing, etc - if members of our lodge have items they wish to donate, please contact Audrey Morken at 388-2223.

#### **Our Elvesvingen Lodge Cookbooks are here!**

This cookbook contains 400+ tried and true recipes from our members. Purchase yours for \$12.00 each. The cookbooks are on sale at [Bethany College Bookstore](#) and at [Bathrooms and Beyond](#) 1804 Riverfront Dr or call Irene - 387-7045, Clancy - 345-7818, or Linda - 388-7139. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success!

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**Celebrate the founding of the Sons of Norway:** The Metropolitan Joint Committee of Lodges is hosting a luncheon to celebrate the founding of the Sons of Norway on January 12, 2008, at noon at the Fred Babcock VFW Post in Richfield. The VFW Post is located on Lyndale Ave. So. between 67th St and Lakeshore Drive. Following the musical entertainment, lunch will be served. All meals are \$10 which includes beverages of coffee or tea and includes the gratuity. RSVP to Caroly Hagen with a check and your choice of meal by January 4<sup>th</sup> 5720 Olinger Road, Edina, MN 55436 Questions: (952) 920-2602

**Language Camp Scholarships** - Scholarships are now available from our local lodge for parents or grandparents interested in sending their children or grandchildren to next year's summer language camps (Skogfjorden in Bemidji, MN or Masse Moro in Eau Claire, WI). The deadline for applications is Feb 1, 2008 and must be sent to our Elvesvingen Lodge first. Please contact Linda Stelter @ 388-7139, if interested.

**Skogfjorden for Adults** - Skogfjorden, located in Bemidji, MN, is a Norwegian language camp run by Concordia College-Moorhead. The language villages are known world-wide for its summer programs for youth. Skogfjorden also offers programs for adults and families. Here are some of their offerings in 2008: January 18-21 Norwegian Family Fun Weekend \$230 / \$115 / \$55 = Adult / Child 6-17 / Child 0-5 April 24-27 Norwegian Adult Weekend \$335 (\$295 - Commuters) September 21-24 Rosemaling Fall Workshop \$335 (\$295 - Commuters) September 25-28 Norwegian Genealogy Seminar \$395 (\$355 - Commuters) September 28-Oct 4 Norwegian Elderhostel \$645 (\$545 - Commuters) For more information go to:

<http://clvweb.cord.edu/prweb/norwegian/default.asp>

Mark DeGarmeaux has attended the Adult Weekend several times. Feel free to contact him with any questions

## SONS OF NORWAY ELVESVINGEN LODGE 1-582 CALENDAR January 2008

**Jan 12 - Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 5:30 pm Program- Store Per**

**Jan 12 - Luncheon to celebrate the founding of the Sons of Norway at the Fred Babcock VFW Post in Richfield MN**

**Feb 1 - Deadline for applications for District and local lodge scholarship funds for camps at Skogfjorden and Masse Moro. Applications must go through our Elvesvingen Lodge first. Contact Linda @ 388-7139**

**Feb 9 – Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 5:30 pm**

**Mar 8 – Lodge Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran Church 5:30 pm**

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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