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First Heritage Dinner at the April Social Meeting

It's Spring!--Det er var! (de aer **vawr**)

Our St Patrick's Day Party at the March 15 social meeting was well attended. The Irish corn beef and cabbage (Irsk kornbiff og kål) and parsnip potatoes disappeared quickly- attesting to their popularity. Thanks so much to our dedicated food committee members. Duane Huseby, our language Director, patiently went through the meaning and pronunciation of the words of the Norwegian national anthem, "Ja, vi elsker dette landet." Following his instruction we all sang it much more enthusiastically. Now, we need to improve on the music itself. Attractive Runscape S/N jewelry was displayed. All sales will help the District with 20% being returned to our Lodge. We had some visitors come to the March meeting. It was nice to meet Eddie Hogan from Austin. Eddie has been a faithful attendee of Jens Busch's American Nordic Club and was notified about our St Patrick's Day party by Jens who is recovering from surgery. District 1 Secretary Roger Field from Ankeny, Iowa also visited the lodge with Mrs Field, Arlene. Roger gave an update on the progress of new lodges that are being organized in Temple, Waco, Fort Worth, and Longview.

Roger and Arlene then returned for a little Whist on March 26 at the Erickson residence. The next day Roger conducted the officer's training session in Round Rock for the Texas lodges. Twelve officers came to the training: five from our lodge, four from Dallas, one from Houston, and two from the lodge-to-be in Longview. Rod Haugen from District 1 gave a good rundown of S/N investment opportunities. It is always nice to see the interest shown in our Texas lodges by the District 1 officers who we last saw at Viking Fest 98 in Georgetown a year ago.

At the April 19 S/N social meeting we are having our first Heritage Dinner at Ascension Lutheran at 7:00. These dinners have fixed menus with Norwegian items. This time we will have a complete meal which includes Norske kjøttboller or kjøttkaker (Norwegian meatballs with potatoes), apple cole slaw (eple kål (kawl) and red berry pudding (rødgrøt med fløte). Yum!! Duane Huseby will help us practice to say "kjøttkaker" (**ceutt**-kah-ker). Again, we need to charge \$7.00 per person for this special dinner (\$3.50 for children 12 and under). Advance reservations are necessary!! You must call me before April 15 with your reservation (512/331-0095) so we will know how much food to buy. Tusen takk!

Hilsen,

Carol

I hope all of you had a great Easter weekend. See you April 19 at Ascension Lutheran. Please call with your reservations.

Watermark - Cleng Peerson - Father of Norwegian Emigration to the USA (Viking May 1996)

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How St Patrick Drove the Norwegians Out of Ireland

We celebrate March 17th in commemoration of St Patrick's great and noble deed in driving Norwegians out of Ireland.

It seems that centuries ago many Norwegians came to Ireland to escape the bitterness of the Norwegian winter. Ireland was having a famine at the time and food was quite scarce. The Norwegians were eating almost all the fish caught in the area, leaving the Irish with nothing but potatoes.

St Patrick, taking matters into his own hands, like most Irishmen do, decided the Norwegians had to go. Secretly he organized the "IRATRION" (Irish Republic Army to Rid Ireland of Norwegians). Irish members of IRATRION sabotaged all power plants in hope the fish in Norwegian's refrigerators would spoil, forcing the Norwegians to a colder climate where the fish would keep.

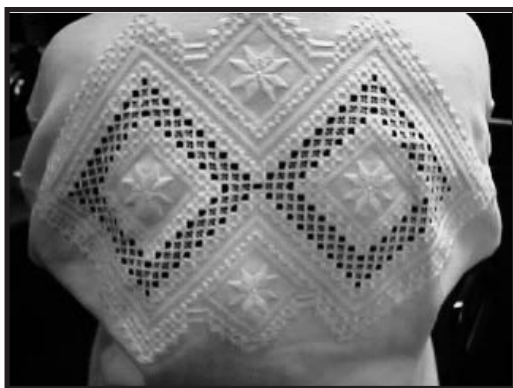
The fish spoiled all right, but Norwegians, as everyone knows to this day, thrive on spoiled fish. Faced with failure, the Irishmen sneaked into the Norwegians' fish storage cave in the dead of night and sprinkled the rotten fish with lye, hoping to poison the Norwegian intruders; but, as everyone knows, this is how lutefisk was introduced to the Norwegians and they thrive on this lye-soaked smelly fish.

Matters became even worse for the Irishmen when the Norwegians started taking over the 3,805 Irish potato fields and began making lefse. Poor old St Pat was at his wits end, until finally on March 17th, he blew his top and told all the Norwegians to go to "New Jersey," and it worked: they all moved to Minnesota. (contributed by Glen Larson—tusen takk!)

Cultural Skills Program Learning by Doing

No matter where your interests lie, the Cultural Skills Program has a topic for you. Learn about the native land and its heritage, from cooking traditional Norwegian dishes to studying the language. Or develop hobbies with a Nordic twist: for example, Rosemaling, Woodworking, Hand-Knitting or Embroidery.

Awards are available from the Sons of Norway International office for a variety of skill levels. Contact Todd Jermstad, Cultural Director, for more information.



This is the back of a sweatshirt worn by Arlene Field at the officer training session. She said, "I was fascinated by the Hardanger stitch, but I didn't want to do doilies, so I used a sweatshirt instead! ...And earned an award!!!"

Telemarkskanalen Welcomes You

The Telemark Canal is a heritage watercourse that runs through the Telemark county in Norway. You can travel by a canal passenger boat, your own boat or canoe, or cycle along the idyllic small pathways. The Telemark Canal, one of Norway's most fascinating tourist attractions, stretches 105 km from the beautiful Telemark coastline to the foothills of the Hardanger highlands. By means of 18 flights of locks, distributed between 18 lock chambers, the boats are lifted 72 m above sea level up to Flåvatn (Lake Flå). Enjoy the gentle journey across beautiful lakes, through the locks with their old stone walls, past houses with their typical canal architecture, through canal passageways, and gliding below the walls of the steep mountains. [<http://www.telemarkskanalen.com/engelsk>].

Support Tubfrim

Over fifty years ago Mr. Ditlef Frantzen, the local postmaster in the idyllic village of Nesbyen, Hallingdal, in central Norway, conceived the idea of collecting and marketing canceled stamps for the purpose of raising funds to help finance the work of the association for children threatened by tuberculosis. Some of funds are also used for handicapped children. Named Tubfrim, this initially modest project today employs more than forty persons and annually processes millions of stamps pouring in from all parts of the world. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in funds have been netted and distributed as a result of this global assistance.

The major contribution of stamps has come from the United States, with Sons of Norway taking the lead supported by the Girl Scouts, Veterans organizations, Masonic groups, Church organizations, Women's clubs, Merchant Marines, and thousands of individuals all over America.

Tubfrim sells the stamps to collectors throughout the world. All kinds of postage stamps are accepted, but the large commemorative stamps issued are particularly valuable.

To contribute to this very worthy cause, collect your canceled stamps, cut them off the envelope making a 2" square, and turn them in to Leila Tackett, Treasurer of Cleng Peerson Lodge of Sons of Norway, or mail to the lodge address on this newsletter. [taken from Mary Jane McNeal's article in Fargo/Moorhead's *Kringen Posten*, Jan 1998; Mary Jane credits *Of Norwegian Ways* by Bent Vanberg]

Most Popular First Names in Texas and Norway

Rank	Texas (1997)		Norway (1998)	
	Male (White)	Female (White)	Male	Female
1	Jacob	Hannah	Kristian	Ida
2	Michael	Emily	Marcus	Silja
3	Matthew	Sarah	Martin	Marthe/Marte
4	Joshua	Madison	Andreas	Malin
5	Zachary	Taylor	Sander	Karoline
6	Christopher	Ashley		Ingrid
7	Austin	Lauren		
8	Tyler	Jessica		
9	William	Megan		
10	James	Samantha		

Kalender for april (a-preel) 1999

- apr 19 (man) Cleng Peerson Lodge social meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00 Heritage Dinner. Norwegian meatballs with potatoes, apple cole slaw, and red berry pudding. Call Carol with reservations, 512/331-0095 before Apr 15.
- apr 24 (lor) Car pool to Dallas NordTex Lodge for Arne Sivertsen Geneology Workshop. Arne is from S/N Cleng Peerson Lodge in Stavanger, Norway. Meet at Albertson's I-35 (exit 261A) in Georgetown at 9:30am; leave at 10:00. NordTex meets at 3:00.
- apr 30 (fre) Whist/Game night, 7:00, home of Don and Mary Nedrud in Georgetown. Hamburgers served. Please call 512/869-2852 if attending and for directions.
- mai 3 (man) Cleng Peerson Lodge business meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00 —all are welcome.
- mai 16 (sun) Joint Sytennde Mai Celebration at Walnut Creek Park (enter off N Lamar). This replaces the regular meeting in May at Ascension Lutheran. No Whist in May.
- jun 7 (man) Cleng Peerson Lodge business meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00 —all are welcome.
- jun 21 (man) Cleng Peerson Lodge social meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7:00. Lasagna Dinner and Kitchen Band. Last meeting until September.
- jul 29-31 Norwegian-American Bygdelag Centennial, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. (see January article)
- sep 18 (lor) Mark your calendars now! Spectacular Sun City Picnic. Limited tickets available, \$10.00. Reservations required. Please call Don Nedrud. Event includes covered pavilion with picnic/ tour/games/parade/horseshoe tournament. All Scandinavians are welcome! Bring your flags.
- jun 2000 NORWAY 2000— SON International Convention, Stavanger; Host- Cleng Peerson Lodge, Stavanger

man=mandag (Monday), **fre**=fredag (Friday),
lør=lørdag (Saturday), **søn** = søndag (Sunday)

Bakke Land Posten Boosters

- Don and Mary Nedrud (6/1999)
 Leila, Jane, and Ray Tackett (6/1999)
 Sande and Bob Helle (6/1999)
 Linda, Pam, and Phil Erickson (6/1999)
 Carol Tveita and Lewis Stimson (6/1999)
 Bob Olson (6/1999)
 Johanna Wimberly (11/1999)
 Trudy Tommeraasen (2/2000)
 Anonymous - 2 (6/1999)

Meteor Crater discovered in Barents Sea

A concentric seabed formation was discovered in connection with oil and gas prospecting in the Berents Sea. Originally believed to be an ordinary salt dome or marine volcano, Steinar Gudlaugsson in the Geology Department of the University of Oslo suspected it to be a rare marine crater. Geologists at SINTEF Petroleum Research in Trondheim and the University of Oslo studied a series of core samples in the vicinity of the crater. Some of 400,000 quartz grains showed signs of shock formation. A characteristic mesh of fine cracks in local rock is evidence of a powerful collision. Traces were found of the rare metal iridium which is far more common in extraterrestrial bodies than on Earth. The crater, called the Mjøltnir Crater, appears to be Norway's parallel to Mexico's Chicxulub Crater, which is often linked to the extinction of the dinosaurs 64 million years ago. However, the Mjøltnir Crater, only the seventh known marine crater, is much older and a consequence of an impact that occurred 150 million years ago in the Late Jurassic period. The crater has been described as a "geological jewel."

[Western Viking, 3/26/99; Norway Now]



Bob Helle enjoying a tremendous traditional Norwegian Christmas dinner prepared by Janie and Fred Bolgen at their special Officer Appreciation Dinner. Officers have more fun!! Be an officer. We have a place for you and need your help. Talk to any officer!

Historian Mary Nedrud has done a fantastic job putting together the Cleng Peerson Lodge's scrapbook from items contributed by many members.

The scrapbook may be viewed at a lodge meeting or checked out to take home for leisurely review between meetings. See or call Mary (512-869-2852) or Carol Tveita (512-331-0095) to make arrangements if you would like to take it home.

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Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645
Austin, Texas
Instituted February 14, 1997**

Mission statement. The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve, and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members.

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**Gratulerer med Fodselsdagen!
(Grah-tew-LEHR-er meh FERDS-els-dah-en!)**

Fer april (a-preel)

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 4 Joan Curtis | 17 Matt Nelson |
| 9 John Riggs | 25 Terry Robins |
| 11 Maurice Johnson | |

**Cleng Peerson Lodge Members
at Round Rock Officer Training**



March 27, 1999

The April Meeting will be Monday (April 19th)

HERITAGE DINNER

at

Ascension Lutheran Church in Austin at 7:00 pm

(6420 Hart Lane, Corner of Balcones overlooking MOPAC, between 2222 and Far West)

**Bring Picture(s) of Grandparent(s)
and Get Free Raffle Ticket!!!**

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