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Fra Presidenten !!!

by Fred Bolgen

I am very pleased to announce that Sandy and Bob Helle have been appointed Counselors of Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645. Their appointment was recommended by the President, seconded, discussed, and approved at the business meeting on September 8. They will be helping us with recruiting and publicity as well as providing valued advice and experience as former members of the Suncoast Lodge in Florida.

The September social meeting was delightful because of the willingness of Mike and Sarah Mahoney and Ronn and Marilyn Olson from the Dallas Skandi Dancers to teach us folkdancing. The Skandi group consists of a mixture of Scandinavians. We now have enthusiastic members who want the opportunity to do more folkdancing. Six to eight couples from Austin are needed to dance at Vikingfest 98. Please let me know if you are interested in the formation of this group. The raffle winners were Carol DeBoe who received the Ole and Lena Joke Book; Sandy Helle, the Hagar the Horrible book; and Mary Nedrud, the Scandinavian stationery.

At the October 27 social meeting we will show the video: "Adventures of the Vikings" plus "The Discovery of America." The video is 83 minutes and will be the door prize!

Currently the planning for Viking Fest 1998 is in full swing. Irma Peterson from Dallas is President and I have accepted the appointment as Vice President. Be sure to put the Viking Fest on your calendar for April 1998.

I received a nice letter from Jeanette (nee, Olson) and Bob Kurz who are members of S O N Valhall Lodge #6-25 in San Diego. They are life members from S O N in Long Island, NY and San Diego. They resided in Austin, Texas for one year in 1982, the year that King Olaf V came to visit Texas and Clifton. She said that it was a glorious day when King Olaf arrived in a helicopter with his staff. The King passed by them within four feet. Because Jeanette was one of the few that wore a bunad she caught the King's eye and he gave her a big smile. Everyone was taking their picture. Bob Kurz wrote about the details of this big event in the Nordisk Tiende, the S O N newsletter of Roald #3-280 in Hempstead, New York on November 4, 1982. The article was titled, "Royal Visit to Cleng Peerson's Gravesite."

I want to remind you of the Norwegian Country Tour & 33rd Annual Lutefisk Dinner, that will held December 6 in Clifton. There will be five serving times from 4:30-7:30. Contact Barbara Epley, Ticket Sales, PO Box 69, Clifton, TX 76634; 254/675-2265 or 254/597-2531. Clifton will be designated the official "Norwegian Capital of Texas" at 4:00 pm.

See you on October 27!

Fred (512) 873-8786

Lutefisk Lover's News

Lu-te-fisk\n: 1: preserved codfish, 2: a delicacy to Norwegians, 3: a mystery to non-Norwegians.

The Troll Cafe, Seattle's only Norwegian restaurant, has lutefisk every Thursday! On Tuesdays they have potetball (kumla) m/tilbehor.

10th & M Seafoods in Anchorage, Alaska will fly fresh halibut overnight to Austin. They have been "Serving Alaska Since 1943" and have a complete selection of Alaskan seafood including Alaska King Crab, King Salmon, Alaska Shrimp, and Scallops. They also have smoked products such as reindeer sausage (polish style-hot or mild) and reindeer summer sausage (mild only). Call 907/272-6013 or 800/770-2722 to place an order or receive a product and price list and order form. No lutefisk. There are six S O N lodges in Alaska.

Harald Saeverud Centennial

On October 6, the University of Texas Department of Germanic Languages and the UT School of Music sponsored a free concert honoring the centennial anniversary of the birth of Norway's foremost symphonic composer, Harald Saeverud. The concert featured the trio of Trond Saeverud, violin, Ricardo Odriozola, violin, and Einar J. Rottingen, piano. Trond Saverud is the grandson of Harald. Rottingen and Odriozola graduated from the Eastman School of Music. Trond Saeverud graduated from the Norwegian State Academy of Music. Odriozola and Rottingen are faculty members at the Greig Institute at the University of Bergen. Their two-week tour of five U.S. cities is sponsored by the Norway Ministry of Culture. Harald Saeverud's music to Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" was especially enjoyable.



News from Web Sites

"Norway in America" is online at <<http://www.nbo.uio.no/baser/tma.html>>

<<http://www.mapquest.com>>— maps to find any location in the world

<<http://www.oz.net/cyndihow>>— lots of genealogy links

Gus Stangeland has added "real audio" to his Norskland web page! This involves a tricky compression scheme in which live audio can be transmitted over the telephone line. The web address is <<http://www.norskland.com>>

International Children's Festival

NST and Sons of Norway members collaborated in the successful Norway booth at the International Children's Festival at Fiesta Gardens in Austin on September 27. Annalyn Bryant, Linda Pierson, Leila Tackett, Erik Svenkerud, Sandy Helle, Kay Knudsen, Dick Soiseth, and Russ Larsen made the booth a very popular attraction with the kids. The kids had their "passports" stamped at the booth of each country. The NORWAY stamp was prized. However, the kids had to pet Annalyn's reindeer pelt before they could have their passport stamped!

Trail of Lights

Volunteers are welcome to assist in this annual event held at Zilker Park. The Trail of Lights, a mile-long display of lighted figures and scenes, is combined with Santa's Village - which includes Santa's House, the Casa Navidadeña, live entertainment stages, yule log and refreshment areas. Volunteers will help add commentary and answer questions about the scenes, as well as help find "lost parents." It is really a lot of fun, especially when the temperatures stay in the cool but comfortable 40s! To volunteer please call Erik (451-2735). If 10 or more SON persons volunteer to help on Tuesday, December 16th, then SON can receive special mention for its effort.

Deadline to call Erik is November 10th.

The Norwegian kings called Olaf: Olaf III

Review:

Olaf I Tryggvason (b.c.964 - d.c.1000) Viking king of Norway (995 - c.1000)

Olaf II Haraldsson (b.c.995 - d.July 29, 1030) St Olaf

Olaf III Haraldsson (d.1093) Olaf the Quiet, king of Norway (1066 - 1093)

Olaf III fought along side his father, King Harald III Hardraade, who was killed in the failed Norwegian invasion of England in 1066. Olaf returned to Norway and ruled jointly with his brother, Magnus II. When Magnus died in 1069, Olaf became sole ruler of Norway. In 1068 he signed a peace treaty with the Danish king Sweyn II, who then gave up his plan to conquer Norway. There was peace for 25 years. Olaf also made peace with Pope Gregory VII and Adelbert, who was archbishop of Bremen and vicar for the Scandinavian countries. Adelbert had been an enemy of Olaf's father. Thus Olaf III tried to give the Norwegian Church a more stable organization but one which was not influenced by Rome. Olaf retained control over the nation's clergy. He also granted permanent areas to the four dioceses of the country, built a number of churches, and founded several towns, including the city of Bergen (c.1070-1075). Olaf III introduced to Norway the manners and culture of the continental aristocracy and guided the nation through one of its most prosperous periods. (Abstracted from the New Encyclopedia Britannica, vol 8, Micropaedia, p 904.)

Tropical Record Set in Norway

(From News of Norway via Norwegian Tourist Board)

For the seventh August morning, lighthouse attendants at Faerder Fyr in the outer Oslo fjord registered tropical night temperatures. A tropical night in Norway is defined as a night when the temperature does not fall below 20 degrees Celsius (68° F). There have been 10 tropical nights this summer, which has never happened during the 112 years meteorological records have been kept in the lighthouse.

Correction In the September newsletter a photo of the Leikarringen dancers appeared that was taken at the Westfest. The true name of this group is the NST Leikarringen of Arlington. They are all Norwegians. This group has been built up over a period of 20 years by their leader, Eudoris Dahl (born in Clifton). Eudoris, we think that the Arlington Leikarringen are tremendous.

Coming Events

- Oct 27** Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645 Social Meeting. "Adventures of the Vikings" plus "The Discovery of America." This video will be the door prize!
- Nov 10** Last day to volunteer for Trail of Lights
- Nov 24** Cleng Peerson Lodge Social Meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, 7 pm; potluck and Xmas ornaments
- Dec 6** Norwegian Country Christmas Tour & Lutefisk Dinner, Clifton, TX. Dedication.
- Dec 13** Cleng Peerson Lodge Christmas Party, 6 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church - The Hovedstad Chapter of the Norwegian Society of Texas will be joining us for this celebration!
- Dec 16** Trail of Lights - Pedestrian Night - Zilker Park

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Ole and Sam Ting

I once met a Norwegin named Sam Ting. I just had to ask him how he got the name.

"Vell, ven I came to dis country, da guy ahed of me told da immigration man dat his name was Ole Olson."

"I vas next, and dey asked my name, and I said, 'Sam Ting.' So I haf been Sam Ting ever since."

Sons of Norway
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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For the those with October Birthdays

Heartiest Congratulations! Gratulerer med dagen!

Happy Birthday! Gratulerer med fødselsdag!
(grah-tew-LEHR-er meh FERDS-els-dah-en!)



Leila Tackett,
Kay Knutsen,
and Linda
Pierson
at International
Children's
Festival

The October Social Meeting will be on
Monday, October 27th (7 pm)
at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Austin.

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

MOVIE NIGHT!!!

“Adventures of the Vikings” plus “The Discovery of America.”

BRING POPCORN AND GODTER OG MATBIT

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