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Juletid is approaching!

Big combined *Jultrefest* is planned!!

I am especially gratified by the joint programs that have already taken place and are now being planned between our two Central Texas Norwegian lodges -- Sons of Norway (S/N) Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645 and the Norwegian Society of Texas (NST) Hovedstad Chapter. Many of the members of each organization belong to both. To say that we have lots in common is obvious. Both lodges were born from the seed of VikingFest 96 and both meet in Lutheran churches in Austin (S/N at Ascension Lutheran in Northwest Austin and NST at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran in South Austin). Each society has an energetic group of officers who appreciate the strengths, creativity, and uniqueness of the other group. We hope to be able to merge our diverse assets so that more members might want to play an active role in our activities and yet retain our own lodge identities.

To this end, we have been planning a joint Christmas party. While each society felt that their 1996 Christmas Party was highly successful, we finally decided to have a combined celebration at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Dick Soiseth is going to make lots of pork ribs (*svine ribbe*) and Signe Griffin will make lots of sauerkraut (*surkal*) and red wortleberry sauce (*tyttebaer*)! Both of these are huge tasks and they are to be commended for volunteering to do this! So instead of a potluck with sandwiches (*julsmorbrod*), finger food (*matbit*), and desserts (*kake og smakake*) we are having a full, sit-down meal for \$8, children under 12 are free. We are meeting at Shepherd of the Hills because of their larger meeting area given that about 200 are expected to come. We must have RSVPs so we can fine tune how much food we need. You will like the entertainment being planned. We will also have activities for the children, including a *julenissen*/Santa Claus -- are there any good children here? Have you been good to the *julenissen* this year?

We will need lots of volunteers to help. Leila and Signe will oversee the decorations (*jultrepynt*); Fred will set up the Christmas tree (*jultre med jultrefot*); and, Signe, Dick, and Fred will arrange for the music. The program is being coordinated by Don Nedrud. We want everyone to make or bring a tree decoration and dance around the Christmas tree. There will be an insert in both lodge newsletters this month with full details of the Christmas party. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Carol DeBoe, Signe Griffin, Fred Bolgen, or Dick Soiseth and provide the number you expect to have attend from your family. First things first, however. Our up-coming social meeting will be November 24 at Ascension Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. We will have a potluck supper and then make Christmas tree decorations (*jultrepynt og julkurver*). Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!

See you on November 24!

Fred

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Fra Sekretæren by Carol DeBoe

1. Two guests were present at our October social meeting: Emil Svenkerud from Moorhead MN and S/N Kringen Lodge #4-25 (Fargo ND), and Kathleen Sterling from S/N Norrona #6-50 in Van Nuys, CA. Kathleen had been as close as El Paso (500 miles by bus!) on business and was reminded by her family that she had relatives in Texas. Emil Svenkerud is Erik's father and Kathleen is a 4th cousin of Erik.

2. Raffle: \$52 was collected. The winners were Todd Jermstad who selected the video "The Adventures of the Vikings" and Mary Nedrud who won a Viking belt buckle. There was much rejoicing! The great Viking buckle was donated by Bob and Sandy Helle. Do we see a precedent here for donating something nice to our raffle? Thanks Bob and Sandy!

3. The Cleng Peerson "Definitely Nowhere Near Ready for Prime Time" troupe consisting of Erik Svenkerud as narrator; Ray Tackett as Hagar; Emil Svenkerud as Leif Erikson; Russ Larsen as Bjarni Herjulfsson; and Leila Tackett as Ingeborg, regaled (?) the joint S/N-NST Leif Erikson Night attendees at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Bjarni finally received credit for his role in the Norwegian discovery of America. Uff Da!

4. Emil Svenkerud, 80, attributes his longevity and good health to lutefisk suppers at the Kringen Lodge. Lutefisk is served every five weeks -- there are 5 lutefisk dinners in the winter! (Ed.: It's a long winter in Fargo/Moorhead; could it be the winters and not the lutefisk?)

5. The October business meeting was held at Erik Svenkerud's house. Realizing that all of the really good names were already taken, and after considerable debate, the group selected the name of our newsletter -- *Bakke Land Posten* -- it means (Texas) Hill Country News. After that major decision we worked on ideas for our web site.

6. November Social Meeting: pot luck dinner at 6:30 at Ascension Lutheran!! Members with last names starting A-M should bring a main dish and members with last names starting N-Z should bring a side dish. The dessert and drinks will be provided. We will make decorations for the Christmas party. Please bring your scissors and glue.

7. VASA Order of America (Swedish) meets the same night as ours and has been doing so for nine years. Because S/N and VASA have members that belong to both they have asked us to consider moving the night of our meeting. We are trying to organize a council of Scandinavian organizations (Nordic Council) to network and coordinate all of our activities.

Ole's Philosophical Note

Life today is just the same old story of
"dog eat dog" ---
or is it the other way around?

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Sons of Norway
612-827-3611 or 1-800-945-8851

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(Ad in Western Viking, Oct 31, 1997)

Recycle your cards as gift tags!

Instead of tossing out your Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas cards save them for next year's gift tags. Cut the front cover from the card and punch a hole in the corner. Then put a piece of curling ribbon in the hole. Large white spaces and holiday objects can also be cut out for gift tags to be used at birthdays and for special gifts during the year. Also, the gift tags can be embellished with calligraphy, left-over Christmas stamps, or creative decorations.

Scandinavian Folk Dance Instruction

The Dallas Skandi Dancers instructional video tape has arrived. The music and teaching are great! Those interested in learning some of the easy steps in preparation for the April VikingFest should contact Erik by phone (451-2735) or at the November meeting.

For the those with November Birthdays

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

Coming Events

- Nov 24** Cleng Peerson Lodge Social Meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, **6:30 pm**; potluck and make Xmas ornaments
- Dec 6** Norwegian Country Christmas Tour & Lutefisk Dinner, Clifton, TX. Dedication.
- Dec 11** Alumni & Friends of the American Nordic Club 1997 Christmas Celebration Dinner - 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Moon Restaurant, 2712 Bee Caves Road [2244]. \$16.25 per person incl tax and tip. Reservations necessary. Send check and menu selection on or before 12/4/97 to Dr. and Mrs. Joel Hougen, 1206 Falcon Ledge Drive, Austin 78746-5118. For additional information please call Dr. Hougen, 327-0984.
- Dec 13** Cleng Peerson Lodge Christmas Party; begins at 6:30 pm (setup begins at 5:00 pm) at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (3525 Bee Caves Road) - We will be joining the Hovedstad Chapter of the Norwegian Society of Texas for the 1997 Christmas celebration!



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**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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Happy Thanksgiving!

**The November Social Meeting will be on
Monday, November 24th (6:30 pm)
at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Austin.**

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

POT LUCK!!!

"Make Christmas Decorations"

BRING YOUR SCISSORS AND GLUE!!!

Sons Of Norway

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