



Sons of Norway Lodge 3-438



Oslo Lodge Mission Statement

“The mission of Oslo Lodge, Sons of Norway 3-438, is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic Countries.”

Oslo L♥dge in the heart of Central New York

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Culture
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March 8, 2009 next Oslo Lodge
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**Oslo Lodge meets monthly
in the Fellowship Hall of
Northminster Presbyterian Church
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Syracuse, NY 13212
(Please enter the via the double doors
at the far end of the building)**

www.oslolodge.org

From the desk of the President (the other one):

Spring is coming and so is our 60th anniversary celebration! Please make sure you contact Christine and get your dinner tickets ordered. We will have a lot of surprises and several visitors from the district and other lodges. Last month I wrote about that now it's time for the rest of us to grab hold of the wagon and keep on going. We still have some small hills to climb, well our 60th anniversary is one of those small hills and we will need people to help out either by doing some small tasks or at least by supporting the dinner. We are also planning a program for the children and we need to know how many children will attend.

I would like to thank Karin and Jenny for dragging us (kicking and screaming) out on the dance floor. We had a good time and learned some folk dance steps. Most of the people did a very good job. (I probably would have done better if I was not born with 2 left dance feet.) Also thanks to Karin for the cake she made (it was very good) and to Marsha and anyone else that brought food. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bentley they are always willing to help out.

We will not have a business meeting on March 8, but we have an exciting program: so make sure you come and bring a friend that you know would enjoy themselves at Oslo Lodge!

Again thank you for your support.
Bjorn Solli

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Coming Events

March 8th – March Cultural Madness

Norsk Sprak klokka 13:00 (really 1:00) in Fellowship Hall. Come later but grab your coffee & catch up on Nordic culture. There will be many interesting items and activities. (Also Marsha H. will have her June 2008 Norway trip scrap-book.) Stay for a demonstration of lefse-making and then demonstrate your skill at lefse-eating! Also there will be Norwegian folk dancing lessons! Children are encouraged to attend!

April 4th - Zone 4 Scholarship Dinner. Scholarship Dinner & Dance at LOV

**April 25th at Land of the Vikings (LOV)
Plan on attending the OSLO LODGE 60th
Anniversary Celebratory Dinner - Dance**

This is our celebration. Come for the evening or spend a night. Either way, it will be great fun, food and fellowship. Please see your invitation on the right.



LAND OF THE VIKINGS

Did you know you can have an LOV get-away almost any weekend of the year? Walk or cross-country ski or even snowshoe any of the 150 acres of rolling wooded hills. In warmer weather enjoy the outdoor pool, small pond, gazebos, or basketball court. Once inside the dining room you will thrill at the Nordic décor. And, whether you are a tea-totaler or not, the Viking Ship Lounge, with circular fireplace and hand-carved Viking ship bar is a fun place to relax. And children thoroughly enjoy the Viking Ship playground in any weather. Visit LOV on the web at:

http://www.sofn3d.org/Lov/LOV_Home.html



Sons of Norway - Oslo Lodge 3-438
invites you to the

60th Anniversary Celebration
Honoring Our Past — Moving to Our Future

Saturday April 25, 2009

Come celebrate at the beautiful Nordic
Land of the Vikings

4:00 Appetizers in the Viking Ship Lounge
6:00 Delicious Dinner and Entertaining Program
8:00 Dancing and Nordic Folk Dancing

VIKING AUCTION

Tickets before March 1, 2009 - \$30.00 person

You can still get the \$30 ticket price at the March meeting!

Tickets before March 30, 2009 - \$35.00 person

Tickets after April 6, 2009 - \$40.00 person

Children's Dinner Prices:

Age 5 and under, dinner is complimentary

Ages 6-14, dinner is \$15.00

Ages 15 and older, adult price

Please make all checks out to Oslo Lodge
Send to: Christine Dunagan, Treasurer
12 Limetree Lane, Liverpool, NY 13090

Currently LOV has rooms available. It is a wonderful place to get away for a night or a weekend. Please inform the managers that you are with Oslo Lodge & have purchased your dinner ticket from the lodge: they'll deduct their normal dinner price from the cost of your stay. Please note that our Anniversary Dinner is more extensive (and therefore more in price) than the normal dinner. **Managers - Beverly And Richard Budrick at Phone: (570) 461-3500 or Fax: (570) 461-7500, The Land of the Vikings, 461 Big Valley Road, Susquehanna, PA 18847. Directions and be found on the last page of Oslo Lodge Newsletter.**

OSLO LODGE 60th Anniversary Dinner & Dance ATTIRE?

If you have a bunad, then our 60th Anniversary Dinner is the perfect time to wear it! If you have a Norwegian sweater or anything Nordic you are encouraged to wear it proudly!

70th Birthday Celebration

Martha Williams, Past President of Oslo Lodge, is also celebrating her 70th birthday at LOV that weekend. So there will be some additional activities for all to enjoy!

Children and Youth...

Nordic Heritage: free memberships for youth. Preserve their NORDIC heritage. Contact any lodge officer.

Zone 4 Scholarship – Raffle Tickets

Sunday is the last time to buy these tickets which are the main source of revenue our scholarship fund. This year seven \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified students. Tickets: \$1 or a book of 6 for \$5.

Nordic Literacy Corner**The Far Traveler: Voyages of a Viking Woman by Nancy Marie Brown**

“Five hundred years before Columbus, a Viking woman named Gudrid sailed off the edge of the known world. With her were three Viking crews in open boats, as well as a bull, a few cows, and some sheep. She was looking for Vinland, a fabulous land that Leif Eiriksson had discovered when he was caught in a storm while sailing west across the icy North Atlantic from Norway. Gudrid landed in the New World and lived there for three years, giving birth to a baby before sailing home. Or so the Icelandic sagas say. Even after archaeologists found a Viking longhouse in Newfoundland, no one believed that the details of Gudrid’s story were true. Then, in 2001, a team of scientists discovered what may have been this pioneering woman’s last house, buried under a hay field in Iceland, just where the sagas suggested it would be. In the Far Traveler, Nancy Marie Brown joins scientists experimenting with cutting-edge technology and the latest archaeological techniques, and traces Gudrid’s steps on land and in the sagas to reconstruct a remarkable life that spanned – and expanded – the boundaries of the then-known world. In doing so, she sheds light on the society that gave rise to a woman even more extraordinary than legend has painted her and illuminates the reasons for its collapse. An exciting and thought provoking adventure in the realms of science, literature, history, and travel, The Far Traveler is nonfiction at its best.”

Taken from the jacket cover.

Karin McCadam is re-reading it currently and hopes to visit Gudrid’s home site in Iceland soon.

For The Good Of The Order

Norwegian language lessons, practical applications. We meet an hour prior to the monthly gathering. Classes are open to all and are free for members & 1st time visitors. If you’re not a member and wish to continue the classes, then the cost is \$43 (also the cost of membership). **So you may as well join our Sons of Norway Oslo Lodge!**

Benevolence Made Easy – Pass the Piggy. “Pass the Piggy” fundraiser is now coast to coast. **Our lodge has a contest to name our piggy. There is yummy chocolate bar awaiting the winner who provides the best name!** The catch: you must put money in with your piggy name submission!

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**SAVE CANCELED STAMPS FOR TUBFRIM!**

Bring to next meeting.

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Cooks’ Corner

Our second feature cook is Marcia Hasseler. When she makes lefse, the wonderful smell makes mouths water for this traditional Norwegian staple want to taste the lefse, then you have to follow the smell of lefse to the Oslo Lodge on March 8th. We have a great afternoon planned. So come and be sociable! And get your recipe on Sunday!

NORDIC MARKETPLACE**Nordic Delicacies**

There are several imported Nordic foods items remaining from the order that John Johnson placed for us. Is your mouth watering for some Norwegian fiske boller (We have the canned Husmor variety – the best) or for something else? Please email president@oslolodge.org for the food list.

Sigrid Undset’s Gunnar’s Daughter.

We have paperback copies of the exciting (English translation) Gunnar’s Daughter written by one of the first female recipient’s of the Nobel Prize in Literature. This book retails for \$13 plus shipping, however Oslo Lodge is selling them for \$5 each as a fund raiser. These make wonderful gifts for college age and up (due to some limited violence – use your judgment.)

Assorted Pins & Car Decals

Looking for that special **“Take a liking to a Viking”** pin? We have a few of these and others along with car decals and flag decals.

Business Ads – Picture your business advertized here?

We fully support the businesses of the Oslo Lodge members and friends. Business ads allow business owners to share info & then be contacted by those who’d like to secure services or purchase products. Please email editor@oslolodge.org if you are interested in placing a paid business ad.



March 2009

Hei alle sammen,

Norsk Carolina 3-679 is now officially District Three's 53rd lodge. The Institution took place 24 January with members from a dozen lodges in attendance. The lodge now has almost 60 members as they continue to grow. Congratulations to President King and all those who worked so hard to make the Institution possible. If they continue to be as busy as they were before they officially became a lodge they will continue to be involved in a lot of activities.

There is more new lodge action occurring in the Mid Atlantic region. Our Vice President recently met with a group in New Bern NC who are interested in starting a lodge there. We have filed the necessary papers to start that lodge but we need another dozen members. We are also investigating Charleston SC and Hilton Head SC as possible lodge locations. If you know of any potential members in those areas please send the contact information to VP Gail Ekloff.

March is my month to play the snow bird role. I am looking forward to motoring the RV to Florida for a few weeks. I am not looking forward to the gas bills going and coming but the RV stays put once we arrive. I hope to see several of you while we are there.

I know that Hampton Roads has earned several Sports Medals in recent months and I hope your lodge has been doing the same. Hampton Roads just received paper work from one of our members who lives in London and just completed the requirements for his 4th enamel gangmerke

award. I am sure there are many others in the District who have earned multiple awards as well and let's include **you** on that list this year.

I am looking forward to see how many Cultural medals D3 earns this year. I would like to be able to brag heavily about our program when I get to Minneapolis. Remember, our heritage members can earn these medals as well



as the adult members. There are five Cultural skills programs designed for our young members but they can work on any of the programs. I saw some of the Rosemaling the campers did at last year's youth camp and I can assure you that those young campers had some real talent.

If you haven't visited the member section of the SON web site you may not be aware of all the member benefits available to you. Discounts are available from Borton Travel agency, Icelandic Air, Best Western and Avis. There are other types of benefits available as well and more are coming.

In the travel world we have our own news. The **Hurtigruten** Company has donated two trips to the District which we will raffle off. Each trip will be a cabin for two leaving from Bergen Norway and completing the voyage in Kirkenes 7 days later. Someone is going to get a trip of a lifetime for a few dollars. The winners will be able to travel anytime during the period October 1, 2009 -March 31, 2010. More information will be available after the spring Board Meeting. You can check out the full details of the trip at their web site www.hurtigruten.us. You will find a link to the site on our web site. We will also have more material about the trip in our newsletter during the next few months.

Don't leave home without a SON membership application in your pocket and try to get it filled out before you come home.

Med Vennlig Hilsen
Ralph Peterson, President

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From the desk of the
Third District Vice President



Membership — How are we doing?

As of February 1, 2009 we have 30% of the lodges stating they have active membership committees. We are striving for 70%; I hope this only means that many of you just have not sent the form or emailed me the information. We need to improve this statistic. After the March Board Meeting, information will start being sent to lodges with ideas for membership growth and retention.

Good to see that lodges are having membership drive events. Did you use the information provided by Sons of Norway headquarters "Membership Recruitment and Retention Kit"?

The kit is a good source of information whether this is your first event or your tenth. There is information on how to ADVERTISE the event and how to contact your local community paper to have an article published about the event. It also shows how to get articles about your lodges "doings" — such as the bazaars, Adopt - A -School, etc. — to the paper and how to follow-up to see that it actually makes the paper.

The "15 Helpful Hints for a Successful Event" is a good guide to use. One hint to use not only at the event but at every meeting: WEAR A NAME BADGE, SMILE AND GREET PEOPLE — it makes everyone feel welcome. Here are some other hints:

First impressions make or break us, so start by publicizing your event with the Sons of Norway event posters. They are the appropriate size to post and very eye-catching. (Posters are available for SON headquarters.) Keep a supply handy to advertise all your events and meetings.

Make sure you have the Sons of Norway banner hanging on the front of your membership table with information about your lodge and Sons of Norway.

Does your Lodge have a business card? Lodges who use them are seeing results.

Hope these suggestions help you have a successful event. Please let me know how your membership drive went, too. I'd love to hear from you.

Alt for denne gangen,
Gail



Directions to The Land of the Vikings from Central New York.

Many of these small roads are easy to miss!

Fra Syracuse: Route 81S to Binghamton to Route 17E to Hale Eddy Rd (Mile marker 278). **Continued below*.**

Fra Utica: Route 8 South to Route 17 East to Hale Eddy Rd (Mile marker 278). **Continued below*.**

* **NEXT:** Turn right onto Hale Eddy Road. Cross the RR tracks & bridge. After the bridge turn right. Go 1/2 mile to end of road and turn left onto River Rd (there is a cemetery on your right). Follow River Road 4-5 miles to the Land of the Vikings.