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## Fra Presidenten!

Don Danielson



Polar Star Lodge is saddened by the recent loss of two of our senior members: Ruth Roosa and William Lindoo. William joined January 27, 1982 and Ruth joined April 14, 1996. William served as President and as Sports Director. He also played a big role in the success of our Torsk Dinner every year. We extend our condolences to the Lindoo family and to Arnold Roosa and family.

Sunday, September 12th I attended the Scandinavian Festival at Vasa Park. What a great day it was with perfect weather. There was good food, crafts and entertainment. Along the water front there was reenactment of Settlers from New Sweden, the 15th Wisconsin Civil War Nordic Unit, and Leif Erikson, Viking Settler. Featured also was the Telge Glima Swedish cultural-society that performs and instructs the public in old Scandinavian games. There are about 25 members with all different backgrounds, but what they all have in common is "the love of combining history with bruises !" Also attending were Arthur and Nancy Anderson and Roald and Frances Berg. Thor Fjell performed with the Normennenes Singing Society.

The target print date for the Polar Star Newsletter will now be the 24th of each issue month : January, March, May, July, September and November. This timing will make it a more consistent and timely source of information for members. It will arrive in time to be a reminder of the next lodge meeting and provide information about it. It will also report on the previous meeting. Hopefully providing more information about the lodge will stimulate more interest and participation; especially as we celebrate our Golden Anniversary.

Don Danielson

## POLAR STAR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

### MONTGOMERY FEST

Polar Star Lodge had a booth at the Montgomery Fest on Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15. Tending the booth were Roald and Frances Berg, Al Bergh and Don Danielson. A good number of Fest visitors stopped by to visit, ask questions, pick up literature & forms with the potential of a few new members.

A number of visitors were not familiar with Sons of Norway and not aware of a lodge in Montgomery

Add your Polar Star pictures to our new page on Facebook

Plans are underway for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the fall of 2011.

Dates/times/places are yet to be determined.

We are planning two (2) contests for the anniversary.

**Contest #1:** We would like to have a banner (3 ft. by 4 ft.) for display at the banquet. The contest will be for a design, which may include a logo that will help promote Polar Star Lodge, not just for this event, but for future identification. Put on your creative thinking hats and come up with some ideas for a design to present to the committee. We will need your ideas no later than the February 2011 meeting. Once a design is selected, we will need creative members to embroider, sew, paint, quilt, etc. the design onto a banner. (We may have to get a professional to do this, but we would rather give our members an opportunity to express themselves for the good of the order.)

**Contest #2:** We would like to develop a theme or an idea for the anniversary which could possibly be used in the future as well. As an example: **POLAR STAR IS GOLDEN.** This would signify the golden anniversary, but it could also be used in future years to show our pride. Once again, get your creative thinking hats on and come up with some good ideas. This deadline is also the February 2011 meeting date.

For either of these contests, please submit your ideas to Don Danielson or Roald Berg.

## Upcoming 2010 Events:

### OCTOBER:

A short overview of Norse mythology, oral history and the possible effect of Christianity on Norse mythology" will be presented by Frank Krawczyk and Carol Devito, Foundation Director, will discuss Foundation Month

Kitchen Committee: Ray and Astrid Nerhus, Arthur and Nancy Anderson

### NOVEMBER:

Polar Star Høstfest 1:00-5:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER:

Family JuleFest 1:00 p.m.

Games, Songs, Crafts, Fun for everyone!

## NORWEGIAN CULTURAL EVENT

Sponsored by Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge - Sunday, November 7, 2008

Sign up for the “gottarea” (goodies/treats) that you will be bringing to Høstfesten in addition to two dozen open faced sandwiches (smørbrød).

Norwegian Waffles & Jelly	Lefse	Julekake
Kringle	Kransekake	Sandbakelse
Krumkake	Spritz	Cookies
Coffee Cake	Other	

## “Gratulerer med dagen”

### October

Harriet F	Eklund	4
Louis C	Kreppert	9
Gerald L	Rygh	24
Kathleen J	Hatteberg	27
Karen A	Oswald	30

### November

Emilyann F	Berg	7
Gelaine G	Gallucci	9
Gene O	Reishus	29
Charles R	Shubert	30

# Polar Star Lodge 50th Anniversary

As of September 6<sup>th</sup>, the committees for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration are as follows:

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HISTORY CHAIR: To be determined.

LOGISTICS: To be determined.

DISPLAY CHAIR: To be determined.

Every active member needs to be on one or more committee(s) so we can all feel this is our celebration. You can volunteer by contacting one of the committee chairs. If you do not volunteer, we will assign you to a committee.

## SPORTS AND CULTURAL MEDALS

A number of cards for recording and reporting sports and cultural activities were distributed to members needing them at our August meeting. Sports Director Burt Severtson emphasized the importance of members remaining active. Medals are available for walking, bicycle riding, swimming, bowling, golfing, and most athletic activities. Cultural medals are available for sewing, knitting, craft activities, etc.

Contact Burt Severtson (815) 535-0024 or Joni Koehler (815) 570-2254 for Cultural Cards

Polar Star  
 Member Total as of  
 May, 2010:

119

Next Newsletter  
 target print date:

November 24

Content due:  
 November 14

More than 2270  
 visits on our  
 Polar Star Website.

Thank you,  
 Frank Krawczyk  
 for taking pictures at our  
 meetings and events.

# SONS OF NORWAY POLAR STAR LODGE

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

St. Olaf Church – Douglas Rd. – Montgomery, Il. - Time: 1:00-5:00 P.M.

### HØSTFESTEN PLANNED ACTIVITIES

**Taste traditional Norwegian Food**

**Learn traditional Norwegian Folk Dances taught by Roo Lester at 1:30pm & 3:00 pm**

**Shop for Norwegian gifts and crafts**

**Children’s Craft Corner**

**Lefsa and Krumkake demonstrations**

**Norwegian Craft demonstrations**

**Rosemaling - Wood Carving - Hardanger - Knitting**

### - POLAR STAR MEMBERS -

Please sign up early to help with our Høstfest November 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are in need of the following donations and workers:

**Food:**

If everyone would bring 2 dozen sandwiches and a dessert item we should be in pretty good shape.

Here is a list of the dessert items that have been donated in the past:

Fruit Soup - Norwegian Waffles and Jelly - Lefse  
Julekake - Kringla - Sandbakelse - Kranskake - Spritz

Please contact Barb Johnson by phone 630-553-7389 or e-mail [barbjjohnsonb@aol.com](mailto:barbjjohnsonb@aol.com) to let her know what you will be bringing so we won't have to make so many phone calls.

**Workers needed: Please sign up for at least one work shift.**

- Set Up: Saturday night & Sunday 12:00 noon
- Kitchen: Sunday 1:00-3:00
- Sunday 3:00-5:00
- Serving: Sunday 1:00-3:00
- Sunday 3:00-5:00
- Clean Up: 5:00-6:00 (hopefully no later)



# NORWEGIAN WEDDING - Part 3 of 6

Prepared by Liv Nordem Lyons.



**POLAR STAR LODGE  
NOW ON  
FACEBOOK.**

Check on events,  
share pictures and  
discussions.

Under "groups" in  
Facebook locate  
Sons Of Norway  
Polar Star Lodge.

## SEMINAR:

**"THE VIKINGS AND  
THE DISCOVERY OF  
AMERICA" 15-17  
October, 2010**

North Park University;  
3225 West Foster  
Avenue; Chicago, IL

For complete program and seminar registration, please visit: [www.vinlandseminar.com](http://www.vinlandseminar.com) or call the Center for Scandinavian Studies (773) 244-5592.

The night before the wedding, the groom led a procession of men to the bride's home to bring her to the groom's home or the house where she would spend the night and dress up for the wedding ceremonies the next morning. The same evening overnight guests arrived and were accommodated. The other guests arrived the next morning, bringing their *føring* (FUH'ring) or sending (SEHN'ding), their contribution to the party food. The food was carried in wooden or woven containers, depending on the type of food they brought. These containers were usually beautifully decorated. Local rose painters, woodcarvers and basket makers excelled in making containers used for *førings* as attractive as possible.

The *kjøkemester* (KYUH'keh'mehs'tehr) (master of ceremonies) was on the spot to welcome the guests and a fiddler brought a musical welcome by playing a *slått* ('slot) ( a certain lively type of tune). The guests then were asked to proceed to the "party room", where the groom was seated in the *høysete* (HUY'seh'teh) (high seat or seat of honor).

Meanwhile, the bride was dressed in all her finery by her "bridesmaids", who might be both married and unmarried women—often her mother and her mother-in-law-to-be were among them. The wedding dress was cut in the local folk dress style. It was usually red and embellished with embroidery or ribbons—or both. She was glittering with jewelry—*sølje* (suhl'yeh) (folk style brooch) upon *sølje* and necklace upon necklace. Often, an abundance of embellished metal ornaments were sewn on to her jacket. The "bridal belt", a belt set with silver ornaments, adorned her waist. She wore a silver crown or another splendid headpiece, and from it, her hair cascaded down her back.

From old, a bride was said to be especially vulnerable to the magic of evil beings. She was therefore guarded well and precautions were taken to protect her. Old tales tell that sometimes brides and even entire wedding processions were abducted by trolls or the "netherworld beings." To some extent the people of the 1800s did not believe as strongly in black magic as their ancestors did, but in some places the customs in connection with protecting the bride prevailed. The door of the "main party room" was slammed three times on the first wedding day to scare away evil beings. Gunshots were fired over the bride's head and over the wedding procession on its way to church. We can safely assume that even after the magic connotation of this ritual was forgotten, the shooting still was a part of the general gaiety and commotion on the (hopefully) happy occasion when two people started their life together.

Accompanied by the fiddler's *slått*, the bride was led across the yard from the house where she dressed for the wedding to the main house where the groom waited for her. Now the time had come for the gift ceremony through which the old Norse fulfilled the financial part of the marriage contract. In the 1800s custom had changed. The groom was still required to give the bride a gift, but usually a much smaller one.

## THE VIKINGS AND THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

The International Vinland-Seminar in Chicago, 15 – 17 OCTOBER 2010

**Have you ever wondered about the events leading to the Viking discovery of what became known as Vinland in North America?**

By the time of the Vinland-discovery in c. 1000 AD, Scandinavians had established a civilization that had become renowned all over the known world for its remarkable and often feared skills as warriors, poets and mariners. The Viking Ship had revolutionized ocean travel and maritime warfare. From fighting in the Byzantine army, protecting pilgrims in the Holy Land, founding Russian cities and most importantly, establishing the roots of modern Democracy, the Vikings left a vast legacy, often misconstrued through the lens of modern popular culture.

Together we will learn the facts, dispel myths and find broader understanding of the men and women –the first Europeans to come to North America – who discovered Vinland, and the Scandinavian Viking Age culture they represented.

### **Vinland and the Viking Age today**

Most Americans are familiar with Leif Ericsson Day. But how much is really known about its origins? What was found at L'Anse Aux Meadows during Norwegian explorer Helge Ingstad and archaeologist Anne Stine Ingstad's expedition to the site believed to be the ancient Vinland? And is it possible to find real Viking DNA in the modern world?

For those attending The International Vinland seminar, all of these questions will be answered as some of the foremost experts on the Viking Age and the Vinland-sagas gather in Chicago for a one of a kind event celebrating this remarkable time in our history.

### **Guided tour**

Not to be missed is the guided tour including visits to the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, the Leif Ericsson statue and the 1893 Viking ship – a true Gokstad replica and one of Norway's official contributions to the Columbian World's Fair: Declared one of the 10 most endangered landmarks in Illinois, the "Viking" is one of the most notable artifacts in North America relating to our common Scandinavian heritage –as well as Viking ingenuity and seamanship. It's history will amaze you!

### **SPEAKERS:**

Gisli Sigurðsson, Ph.D. (ICELAND) - "Vinland – as it was recalled in the Icelandic Sagas"

Birgitta Wallace, Ph.D. (CANADA) - "Vinland and L'Anse aux Meadows"

Torgriin Titlestad, Ph.D. (NORWAY) - "Who were the Vikings?"

Stephen Harding, Professor of Molecular Biology (UK) - "In Search of Viking DNA"

Ulfar Bragason, Ph.D. (ICELAND) - "Vinland and Rasmus B. Anderson, the originator of Leif Ericsson Day"

Jarle Rosseland (NORWAY) - The internationally acclaimed artist talks about his series of Vinland-artworks

Gary T. Johnson (USA), president of the Chicago History Museum.

For complete program and seminar registration, please visit: [www.vinlandseminar.com](http://www.vinlandseminar.com) or call the Center for Scandinavian Studies at (773) 244-5592

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### **The event is sponsored by**

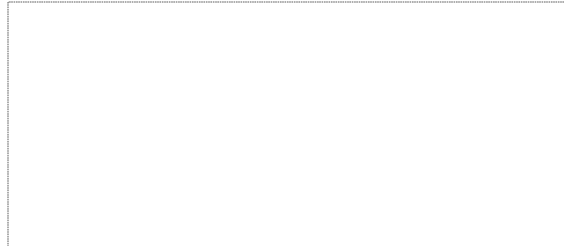
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Uplifting Hands from the Heart will be hosting a KUMLA FEAST on Saturday, October 16th from 4 to 7 p.m. Uplifting Hands from the Heart is a local outreach ministry of the Fox River Lutheran Church. Uplifting Hands from the Heart has helped many area families and individuals in this time of great economic need. Proceeds from this event will go to provide for dozens of families at Christmas time, to help individuals with financial needs throughout the year, support the local Food Pantry (Sheridan) and much more! This is the third (3rd) year for Ole & Lena's KUMLA FEAST and again it will be held at Fox River Lutheran Church at 2785 E. U.S. Route 52 (Sheridan). That's about ¼ EAST on Route 52, of the intersection of Route 71 and Route 52! Only about 2 miles from the Norway Museum in Norway, IL

Mange Tusen Takk!

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