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Join us on Tuesday March 9 at 7:00 PM, when Dennis Rusinko, Director of our zone of Sons of Norway, and a founder of the Viking Age Club, speaks to us regarding the Viking Age Club. Lodge member Taffy Storck and Associate members Charles and Ann Beardshear are members of this group.

Have you seen those people dressed as Vikings at Sons of Norway events? An often overlooked resource, the Viking Age Club was formed to study the history of the Vikings and to lecture to the public about the true facts of this era. The Viking Age Club & Society - Sons of Norway is a non-profit educational organization based out of Sons of Norway Lodge #1-517. There are no paid employees of any kind; they are an all volunteer labor force making or buying the items that the club owns. Today the club is made up of people from all walks of life with memberships all over the United States and Canada.

See <http://www.vikingage.com/> for more information.

Scandinavian Culture and News

United States-Norwegian Relations

Congresswoman Betty McCollum is a member of the Friends of Norway Caucus in the House of Representatives - a forum for dialogue and exchange of views between the United States and Norwegian politicians on issues, interests, priorities and policies. She recently had the following comments in an issue of *News of Norway* publication. Parts are excerpted from the full article.

“My Great-Grandfather and Great-Grandmother Hinjum emigrated from Norway in the early 1900’s, settling in North Dakota. It was their daughter (my grandmother) and her mother who fostered my early interest in public affairs. My Grandma Goldie and my mother, who were Republicans, taught me by example that individual viewpoints matter and need to be respected.”

“The art of civil discourse is a Scandinavian tradition, and one that we honored and were expected to live by in my family. While we didn’t always agree about how to solve a problem, we talked about it in an open and respectful way, whether it was around our kitchen table or in the backyard. Hearing each person’s unique vantage point helped me to better shape my own beliefs. Another Norwegian ethic we shared was a compassionate approach to policies aimed at ending injustice in our community. I value this special gift from the elders in my family.”

“The U. S. and Norway have long had a strong relationship, founded on cooperation on important bilateral and regional issues, as well as shared values. Our countries are engaged on every level, including economic, security and cultural matters, in a relationship that reflects a shared commitment to further strengthening our relationship. The strength of our friendship allows our two nations to openly engage on issues where we might not share a common perspective, but work together to build common ground on issues of great importance to our citizens.”

“As a Minnesotan, I and many of my constituents feel a particular bond to Norway, as so many ancestors of Minnesotans came from that great country. The strong links that have formed between Minnesota and Norway extend to business partnerships and social connections. Minnesotans also share with Norwegians a strong desire in helping to alleviate the suffering of so many around the world. Both Minnesotans and Norwegians feel compelled to act in the name of peace and democracy around the world, and I am proud there is such a strong Norwegian influence in Minnesota.”

Norway in the United States

Norwegian immigrants went to the United States primarily in the later half of the 19th century and the first few decades of the 20th century. There are more than five million Norwegian Americans according to the most recent U. S. Census (2000) and most live in the Upper Midwest. There are more people of Norwegian ancestry in the United States than in Norway. (6 vs. 4.8 million)

The 10 states with the most Norwegian Americans:

1. Minnesota: 878,744 (16.8%)
2. Wisconsin: 462,694
3. California: 411,571
4. Washington: 399,460
5. North Dakota: 194,886 (30.4%)
6. Illinois: 177,448
7. Iowa: 168,362
8. Oregon: 157,601
9. Texas: 118,968
10. South Dakota: 121,671

Hydropower accounts for 99% of the electricity generated in Norway.

Norwegian men and women spend more and more of their time on leisure activities, on average more than six hours a day.

In size, Norway is comparable to Montana and it is the sixth largest country in Europe.

The name Norway is thought to mean “path to the north.”

Norway is one of the worlds’ richest countries per capita.

Universities with a strong Norwegian heritage:

- St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota
- Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota
- Luther College, Decorah, Iowa
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington
- University of North Dakota, Fargo and Grand Forks, North Dakota

from: www.norway.org & Oslo Lodge #2

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge normally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM At First Lutheran Church
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Lodge News

Fra presidenten

Dear Members,

I am cautiously optimistic that Spring was in the air a couple days last week. Hope of warm breezes and longer sun-lit days energize me and probably you also. I have some inside information that the sunny days of late have awakened a legendary Viking or two, or perhaps even more. One may even find his way to our Lodge meeting in March, provided he can find mooring for his ship and climb up the hill to visit with us! I can hardly wait to hear Denny Rusinko take us back to bygone days when the REAL Vikings literally roamed the world.

Spring also puts us in mind of Festival of Nations. We will have the Sign-Up sheets available for you to select your days and times to volunteer. Cooking Day will be Monday, April 26th. We also need help to set up on Wednesday, April 28th. The Festival starts Thursday, April 29, and winds down on Sunday, May 2nd. This is our Lodge's major fund raiser for the year, not to mention it is a great time to spend time with fellow lodge members for fun and fellowship. (There it is again, Sharon with her chorus of "Fun and Fellowship.")

Please remember to invite potential future Sons of Norway members to our April membership dinner. We are a fun group that shares a common interest in the culture of Norway. We have those great new brochures that highlight our Lodge activities and interests. This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to our many cultural activities and events. Janet Martin of Church Basement Ladies fame will be our featured entertainment for the evening.

Blessings,
Sharon

Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Village Scholarship Recipient

Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge is proud to award Emma Wunrow with a \$400 scholarship to attend a one-month, high school credit session at Skogfjorden, the Concordia Language Villages' Norwegian Language Camp. District 1 will also be providing Emma with a \$440 scholarship.

Emma, granddaughter of Lodge members Gerald and Roseanne Wunrow and formerly a Peer Gynt dancer, is a junior at the Perpich Center for the Arts. This will be her second year at Skogfjorden. The Lodge and District 1 provided support for Emma last year, too.



Karin DuPaul, of Friends of Swede Hollow.

Our thanks to Karin DuPaul and her support team for their fine presentation on Swede Hollow at our February meeting. We have made a donation of \$50 to the Friends of Swede Hollow in appreciation.



Angela DuPaul and sisters Lola Galvan and Thelma Stone



Lola Galvan and her sister related their childhood in Swede Hollow.

Lodge News

Board Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2010

Attendees: Sharon Amann, Rod Hale, Sue Halvorson, Clay Keller, Mary Beth and David Mutchler, and Kathy Stevens

Old Business:

Preliminary plans for the April Membership Dinner were discussed. The lodge has applied for a MAP grant to fund part of our costs. The District I Convention will be in Rochester this June and our lodge is allowed 5 delegates. Sharon Amann, Ron and Susan Stow, Kathy Stevens, Rod Hale, and Mary Beth Mutchler showed interest in attending.

SMART Lodge Goals for 2010 were drafted.

1. Gain publicity for the lodge and appeal to a younger age group by increasing the number of people visiting the lodge website, by having lodge pages on Facebook and Twitter, and by distributing a lodge brochure to prospective members and at public distribution sites.
2. Spark interest in cultural skills by encouraging lodge members to participate in cultural skills units.
3. Raise funds to support our scholarships to language camp and college.
4. Increase fund raising dollars from the Festival of Nations, the Torsk and Meatball Dinner, a silent auction and calendar sales.
5. Increase the number of younger people in the lodge by appealing to young families through our junior lodge.
6. Have fellowship and fun while preserving our cultural heritage.

New Business:

Mary Beth Mutchler gave an overview of the lodge finances and investments and made some proposals to the board to streamline the process for transferring responsibilities when a new person assumes an officer position. A list of programs for the 2010 lodge meetings was reviewed. Clay Keller gave an update on possible applicants for language camp scholarships. Guidelines for the retention of lodge documents were distributed and a proposal made to clean out the lodge closet in the church and to store future documents on electronic media.

Submitted by: Sue Halvorson, Secretary

The next board of directors meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 2 at the Shoreview Library conference room, 4570 N. Victoria Street; Shoreview MN 55126.

Lodge Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2010

45 lodge members and guests made their way through the snowdrifts to the meeting.

Our visitors for the meeting were Kathy Shrom and Arlene Malak. The minutes were approved as printed in the Brevet. Mary Beth Mutchler gave the treasurer's report. She stated that the board approved sponsoring Sharon Kalmes' son Eric in the Birkebeiner Ski Race. The \$3.50 increase in lodge dues was a decision made by the International Board and they will retain all of the increase. The lodge receives \$5 per year per member from the dues for regular members and \$2.50 per golden member.

Sharon announced that the District Convention will be held in Rochester June 17 – 19. The lodge is allowed to have up to 5 delegates. There were no other nominations or volunteers to be delegates from the floor. The Saturday night 100th Anniversary Banquet is open to all members even if they are not a delegate at the convention.

The April 13th meeting is our annual Membership Dinner. Mary Beth will be taking reservations and Janet Letnes Martin author of Church Basement Ladies will be the speaker.

Clay Keller announced that there was one recipient of a language camp scholarship. The recipient is Emma Wunrow, granddaughter of Gary and Rosanna Wunrow, for 4 weeks at Skogfjorden. College scholarship applications will be due in April.

Rod Hale awarded a gold and a bronze sports medal to Judy Jourdan for walking and bicycling and a bronze medal to Gene Hanson for walking.

Dave Mutchler requested that lodge members notify him of any updates to their home addresses or email addresses.

Lodge members celebrating February birthdays are Mary Beth Mutchler, Judy Jourdan, Bob Barduson and Sharon Kalmes. There were no anniversaries. The door prize was won by Gene Hanson.

Karin DuPaul presented a program on the history of Swede Hollow and the personal stories of some of the former residents, as related by sisters Lola Galvan and Thelma Stone.

Thank you to Crystal Bloecher, Joanne Englund, and Maf and Les Berg for the delicious treats.

Submitted by Sue Halvorson, Secretary

Calendar of Coming Events

Thursday February 25	Karen Solgard (hardanger fiddler from St. Paul) will be playing a Norse Fiddle program at Ginkgo's Coffee-house, St Paul. She says: Something a little different... I'll play a series of my favorite tunes for 20-30 minutes without explanation. Note cards for people to write down questions--if any. After a break, I'll direct the remainder of my program toward the interests of the people gathered.	7:00 PM
Saturday February 27	American Birkebeiner Race from Cable to Hayward, WI 54K Cross Country Race, in which our lodge is sponsoring Eric Kalmes, son of Sharon Kalmes. A Tier 1 racer, Eric will give our lodge a report soon.	8 AM
Saturday February 27	Genealogy Group Meeting at Stillwater Public Library, 224 3rd St. N. http://www.stillwaterlibrary.org/ (followed by lunch if you want)	10:00 AM To Noon
Tuesday March 2	Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting (*NOTE*) Shoreview Library conference room, 4570 N. Victoria Street; Shoreview MN 55126	7:00 PM To 9:00 PM
Tuesday March 9	Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge & Social Event Dennis Rusinko of the Viking Age Club Servers: Rod Hale, Lenore Jesness, Jeane Pearson	7:00 PM
Sunday March 14	Flavors of Slovakia Dinner, 383 Michigan St. at West 7th in St. Paul; Contact Marit Lee Kucera at 651-222-2483 for more info.	12:30 PM
Saturday March 20	Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner with the Norwegian Glee Club of Mpls. - \$17.00 - 612-861-4793	2:00, 4:00, & 6:00PM
Tuesday April 6	Synnøve-Nordkap Board Meeting Maplewood Library conference room; 3025 Southlawn Dr. (W side Maplewood Mall)	7:00 PM To 9:00 PM
Tuesday April 13	Synnøve-Nordkap Lodge & Social Event Lodge Membership Dinner with Janet Martin, author (Growing Up Lutheran) & humorist See next page for more information.	7:00 PM
Thurs-Sat June 17-19	District 1 SON Convention Rochester, MN	

American Swedish Institute

"Where is Home?" Exhibit Opening Friday, May 7 Info: 612-871-4907
6 PM: Reception

7 PM: Talk by the exhibit's artist, Tone Stockenström The exhibit is a visual exploration of what "home" means to Stockenström, a Swedish immigrant at age 6, and will be on display from May 7 – Aug. 29.

Admission to the reception and presentation is free; reservations advised.

Norwegian Language Classes

- (1) "Norwegian In Five Minutes A Month" series. Class 6:30-7:00 PM Tuesdays before lodge meetings. March 9 and May 20.
- (2) "Norsk Nordmenn og Norge" Class 6:30-8:00 PM Thursdays, 1/month. Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., between McKnight Rd. & Ruth St. March 18, April 22, May 20.

For information, contact class co-facilitators: Sheryl Hove 651-738-4908 or Crystal Bloecher 651-774-8545. New participants are invited to join the classes.

Ingebretsen's Events:

1601 E. Lake St., Minneapolis
612-279-9333

"Write Your Memoir"

Mar. 10, 17 and 23 + April dates,
9:30 - 11:30AM, \$65

"Remedial Tatting"

Mar. 16 and 23, 6:00-8:00PM, \$25

More on website: ingebretsens.com

Mindekirken

The Norwegian American Church

924 E. 21st St., Mpls

March Open Houses:

Mar. 2: Jim Erickson-Norway House

Mar. 16: Kayaking in Arctic Norway

Mar. 23: Spirituality & Hymnsing

Mar. 30: Judge John Tunheim-
Laws in Existence in Jesus' Time

For information call: 612-874-0716

Minnesota Orchestra and

St. Olaf Choir

Thurs. April 22, 7:30 PM

Fri - Sat. April 23-24, 8 PM

Minnesota Orienteering Club

Info: www.mnoc.org

"Introduction to Orienteering"

Mar. 15, 7:00 PM, Roseville REI

Orienteering Meet, Terrace Oaks
Park, Burnsville, April 3, noon-1:30
start times



Hats Galore!

If clothes make the man, hats make the woman. Loryce Sivertson will entertain us with her famous "hat show" following our soup luncheon. March 27th at noon in the Danish American Center, Lake Street & West River Road. Donations only.

Each hat tells a story. Please join Oslo 2 for this delightful event.



Please make a reservation
763-545-4827



The deadline to submit items to the Brevet for the coming month is normally the 20th of the previous month. Please keep this time frame in mind, and keep those news items coming!

Thanks,

-Dave

dmutchler@q.com or 651-484-8872

Don't Miss Janet Martin at our April Membership Dinner



What does Sons of Norway and Synnove-Nordkap lodge in particular have to offer you or a prospective member? Our Membership Dinner on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 PM will answer that question.

Magnolia's Restaurant will again cater this event. The menu will feature chicken Kiev with wild rice, tossed salad, green beans, dessert and beverage, all for only \$8.50. And, as in past years, if you bring a prospective member, both of your dinners will be free. Reservations are a must, and should be made by calling the lodge phone number at 651-762-7872 by Friday, April 9. Payment and reservations can be made at our March meeting also. More information will follow in our April newsletter.

Janet Letnes Martin, a native of Hillsboro, ND lives in Hastings, MN. A graduate of Augsburg College, she began writing books in 1983. She has authored/co-authored and created 14 books, two audio tapes and various novelty products and calls herself a "Norwegian-Lutheran Farm Girl Humorist". Janet presently does about 50+ speaking engagements each year and often teams up with her co-author Suzann Nelson to perform a comedy routine billed as *Those Lutheran Ladies*. In 1998, Suzann and Janet received the Minnesota Book Award for Humor for Growing Up Lutheran and in 2006, they were awarded Metro Lutheran's Gold Pen Award by Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NEWSFLASH!!

Our lodge membership directory has recently been updated. It will be available at the March meeting and thereafter. We are not mailing it out to save postage costs. You may have one copy per household. The new directory will also be available on our web site, and will be password protected for reasons of privacy. You will be notified by e-mail of the password and future updates.

FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS: TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS FROM AMERICA TO THE OLD COUNTRY

Tuesdays: March 16 and 30 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
CSPS Hall 2nd floor dining room

Instructor: Jay Fonkert

Cost: \$10.00 member \$12.00 non-member

This two-part class will give you the basics for tracing your ancestors. You will learn about census records, vital records, citizenship records and immigration records, *and* get tips for finding them on the Internet. The first class will focus on your ancestors' lives in America; the second class will show you how to follow your ancestors back to the old country, with an emphasis on Czech and Slovak heritage.

About the instructor: Jay Fonkert is a board-certified genealogist, genealogical educator and writer. A member of Czech and Slovak Minnesota, he is President of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and a director of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

For more information or registration information call Education Director, Jean Verner at 651-426-2826 or email her at: education@sokolmn.org.

Lodge News

February Junior Lodge Update

By Susan Stow

The melodies of “Treklappdans” and “Gilleråsen” were at the center of our Peer Gynt rehearsal on Saturday, February 13th. Our junior lodge had invited the “Fjell og Fjord” groups from Minneapolis to join us to prepare for the upcoming Festival of Nations audition. We are trying these two new dances that have repeated patterns and weaving sequences. The guests demonstrated a number they have been learning. Then we all tried “Rugen” circle dance together. Thanks to Stefen, Anya and Erik Nelson for our Valentine refreshments!

Our audition for Festival of Nations will be on March 6th at 1:00. New this year for Festival is that a scene of the country of the folk dancing group will be projected as the backdrop instead of the Statue of Liberty of past years. We submitted a fjord/mountain view from the back of a ferry boat with the Norwegian flag visible on the back deck. Also new is that the children’s flag ceremony will have only one representative from each ethnic group and not all the children on stage.



Meet our Members - Al “Axel” Torvi

By Ron Stow



Do you have a question about the Kensington Runestone? Ask Al Torvi. Are you interested in joining a men’s choir? See Al Torve. Need advice on a special project? Call Al Torvi.

Al Torvi, a.k.a Axel, is one of the many talented members of our lodge. After retiring from the USDA Agricultural Statistics, he authored workbooks for the translation of runestones, including the Forsa Iron Ring, which had baffled American researchers for decades. His Advanced Rune Study Workbook is used at colleges and universities that have advanced Scandinavian language studies.

Axel is a very active member of Sons of Norway and recently was awarded his ten year member pin. One of his activities involves our Junior Lodge, where he makes and donates decorative folk art jewelry for the children’s Peer Gynt folk dance group to wear with their costumes. “Our handmade

solje add just the right touch to the bunads,” says Junior Lodge Director, Susan Stow. He has also repaired flagstaves and made a flag carrying case. Axel’s granddaughter, Hanna, is a member of the dance group.

Now and then, Axel steps across the border and sings with the Swedish Men’s Choir. He also lends his vocal talents to Synnove-Nordkap lodge from time to time, helping lead us in singing Norwegian songs.

Learning the names and faces of our lodge members has been of interest to Axel. He has put together an alphabetized photo directory of our members, including pictures of our many lodge activities. He is indeed a genuine project person.

In general, Axel enjoys most everything Norwegian. He participates in almost all lodge events, from making fruit soup for Festival of Nations to language lessons to cross-country skiing to the summer picnic.

He is a fine example of our many active lodge members.

Norwegians Abroad

The Storting and Prime Minister of Norway

Every four years, parliamentary members are voted on from the nineteen counties in Norway to serve in the Storting, or Parliament, which was established by the Norwegian Constitution in 1814. In the last national election, held in September of 2009, 76.4% of the population voted, a number somewhat down from the previous election. It is interesting to note that sixty-seven women were elected in 2009, making the female parliamentarians 40% of that elected body.

Currently, seven political parties are represented by the one hundred and sixty-nine members of parliament. Labor party is in the majority with 64 members; Progress party 41 members; 30 Conservatives; 11 of the Socialist Left party; 11 Center party; 10 Christian Democrats; and 2 Liberals. Dag Terje Andersen is the President of the Storting, a role like the Speaker in our governmental system. There are five vice-presidents of the Storting who chair committees.

Prime Minister, Jens Stoltenberg has served from 2000-01, and since 2005. Usually the Prime Minister is the leader of the party with the most votes in the election. In Stoltenberg's case, it is the Labor party. There are no term limits for the office of Prime Minister.

On a personal note, Jens Stoltenberg enjoys cross-country skiing in the winter and vacationing on the Hvaler Islands in the Oslo Fjord in the summer. His family has a tradition of political involvement. His father, Thorvald Stoltenberg, was a foreign minister for Norway; his mother Karin Stoltenberg a junior minister, and his wife, Ingrid Schulerud is a diplomat.

Of the twelve standing committees in the Norwegian Storting, Stoltenberg is particularly interested in the Energy and Environment one. In 2008, the Prime Minister visited Minnesota for meetings and events. At that time, he was featured on KARE-11 news by reporter Jeff Olsen, Stoltenberg visited the Cedar Creek Science Reserve in Bethel, MN, one of five such experimental sites in the world. Research testing in Bethel, MN is centered on experiments with prairie plants to see if they could become biofuels as well as biocleaners. Prime Minister Stoltenberg is planning meetings in 2010 in Norway with forested countries of the world with the goal of reducing deforestations and consequently greenhouse gases.

The Storting, a unicameral parliament, represents the 4,850,440 people in Norway. Checking the twelve standing committees: Business; Education, research and church affairs; Family and culture; Finance and economy; Foreign affairs and defense; Health and care services; Justice; Labor and social affairs; Local government and public administration; Scrutiny and constitutional affairs; Transport and communications, we see similar issues to those in the United States. One can't but help admire the outreach in peace negotiations and world environmental issues by the Norwegian Storting and Prime Minister, Jens Stoltenberg.

-Susan Stow



Benefit News

Avoiding Financial Land Mines

Your financial success does not depend only on what you know. Your financial success depends on what you do and don't do.

The following is a list of common problems to avoid.

- **Lack of planning** (Set a goal. Pay yourself first - start today & be consistent)
- **Procrastination** (Time has a huge effect on your investment. The sooner you start the better)
- **Getting on the wrong side of interest** (Interest can either work for you or against you; don't let it rob you of your future)
- **Desire for instant gratification** (Spend less than you earn, don't buy on impulse)
- **Following the masses** (The masses are usually wrong, they do the opposite of what they should)
- **A desire to get rich quick** (Slow and steady wins the race. Remember - the tortoise beat the hare)
- **Acting like the future will never come** (True belief requires action, retirement WILL come)

The best way to avoid these financial land mines is to schedule a complementary Sons of Norway financial review.

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This and That

(We are always interested in members submitting articles on books they have read or movies or plays they have seen.)

Norwegians in the Winter Olympics

Perhaps you noticed Susan Stow's article in last month's newsletter regarding the Winter Olympics. As of 2/22/09, Norway has won 14 medals in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Not bad for a country of 4.5 million people! (Vancouver alone has 2.1 million people.)

The Norwegian winners so far are:

Cross-Country Skiing - Men's Team Sprint Free
PETTERSEN, Oeystein and NORTHUG Petter
GOLD

Alpine Skiing - Men's Super-G
SVINDAL, Aksel Lund GOLD

Cross-Country Skiing - Ladies' 15 km Pursuit (7.5
Classic+7.5 Free) BJOERGEN, Marit GOLD

Biathlon - Men's 20 km Individual
SVENDSEN, Emil Hegle GOLD

Biathlon - Women's 15 km Individual
BERGER, Tora GOLD

Cross-Country Skiing - Ladies' Individual Sprint
Classic. BJOERGEN, Marit GOLD

Biathlon - Men's 20 km Individual
BJOERNDALLEN, Ole Einar SILVER

Alpine Skiing - Men's Downhill
SVINDAL, Aksel Lund SILVER

Biathlon - Men's 10 km Sprint
SVENDSEN, Emil Hegle SILVER

Ski Jumping - Team
EVENSEN, Johan Remen; JACOBSEN, Anders;
BARDAL, Anders; HILDE, Tom BRONZE

Freestyle Skiing - Men's Ski Cross
GROENVOLD, Audun BRONZE

Speed Skating - Men's 1500 m
BOKKO, Havard BRONZE

Cross-Country Skiing - Men's Individual Sprint
Classic NORTHUG, Petter BRONZE

Cross-Country Skiing - Ladies' 10 km Free
BJOERGEN, Marit BRONZE

Government surveyors came to Ole's farm in the fall and asked if they could do some surveying. Ole agreed and Lena even served them a nice meal at noon time.

The next spring, the two surveyors stopped by and told Ole, "Because you were so kind to us, we wanted to give you this bad news in person instead of by letter.

Ole replied, "What's the bad news?"

The surveyors stated, "Well, after our work we discovered your farm is not in Minnesota, but is actually in South Dakota!"

Ole looked at Lena and said, "That's the best news I've heard in a long time. Why I just told Lena this morning, I don't think I can take another winter in Minnesota."

Courtesy of Ron Kvaas

Times were tough so Ole decided to try his hand at painting. He was hired to paint the Lutheran church and was doing well until he reached the steeple. At that point, he was running low on paint. So, Ole decided to make the paint last by thinning it out with some turpentine. As he neared the top of the steeple, he witnessed a flash of lightning and rolling thunder, accompanied by a voice from the heavens:

"OLE! OLE! REPAINT!
AND THIN NO MORE!"

Courtesy of Kay Sandeen

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Upcoming Activities

Genealogy Group Meeting - Sat. Feb 27
Viking Age Club - Tues. March 9
Janet Martin at Membership Dinner - April 13

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