



Normanden Lodge 4-424 Newsletter March 2022



Dear Normanden Members,

We are coming up on spring - March madness, brackets to be filled out - and Sons of Norway social meeting/trivia night. And of course, one of my all-time favorites is back - our pancake breakfast. Details on both are in this newsletter. Pretty soon we will be baking Vikings, then spring clean up - it really feels like a "normal" year for once.

Missoula Covid numbers are trending the right way - we don't want to get too excited too soon, but we are hopeful that we can make plans for events like in years past.

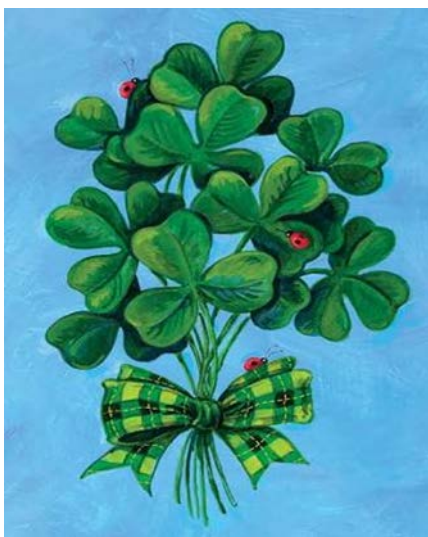
I really hope to see many of you in person at the lodge soon.

M.v.h
Eivind Gjetmundsen



Since most of us Norwegians also have Irish blood, we enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

We will have a baked potato bar provided by the Lodge.



March Social Meeting Saturday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night! Dinner! Silent Auction!

Come enjoy our first dinner together in a long time and a night of fun! Search your knowledge of Norway, Ireland or Montana for your correct answer. Prizes will be awarded the top scorers.

Silent Auction: Everyone is invited to bring an item or two for a silent auction. Homemade baked or canned items are favorites, but any item is welcome. Be ready to outbid your friends!

A brief Corporate Board meeting will be held to acquaint the members with the needs and successes in maintaining the building.

How many potatoes will we need??? Because this will be our first gathering for an indoor Lodge dinner without social distancing, we need some guidance on how many members will attend. For a rough count, **PLEASE** contact Cathy by **March 9** if you plan to attend:

Cathy Erdmann at cerdmann1@outlook.com or 406-546-5883
Betsy Maier at betsymaier@montana.com or 406-239-2861

Happenings at the Lodge...

...Save the Date.....

.....April 20th & 23rd, 2022....

Viking Baking at the Lodge

Volunteer Report

Members of Normanden 424 participated in 391 events in 2021 and contributed 1,391 volunteer hours. Good job everyone! Keep up the great effort.

Sunshine Messages

♡♡ Continued sunshine and well wishes to all who have come in contact with icy sidewalks and roads, especially Elaine Williamson. May you all feel ☀️☀️☀️ sunshine on your shoulders and a skip in your step! Have a great month! ♡♡

Please Contact Melodee Burreson at 406-370-7922 or m_burreson@yahoo.com

Delegates Needed!

Want to go to Fargo North Dakota June 16th through the 18th and represent our lodge at the 29th Biennial District IV Convention? We need 6 delegates and alternates. If you are interested, please contact Eivind.

eivindg83@gmail.com



March
New Members:
Sale and Vanessa Doty

March 2022

Michael L Miller	3
Alyssa N Lundgren	5
Janis Fulton	6
Rae Olsen	7
Parker T Lund	8
Adam R Bork	11
Emily Pearl Lowe	12
Betty Jean K Miller	12
Debra Y Bortz	15
Dream Marie Fishell	15
Konnor L Johnston	17
Linda Neidt	17
Adam John Ragsdale	19
Sharon M Wilson	20
Lois A Hartse	21
Karen A Wagner	21
Bruce N Lunde	22
Kathy Ann Tonnessen	22
Marcia A Twilde	22
Gayle A Knudsen	23
Brenda Jean Miller	24
Janette M Rosman	24
Alexandr Vasilenko	24
Mrs Tana D Burke	25
Gregory E Tackett	27
Timothy M Bechtold	29
Mark Anderson	31

Membership Corner

The results of 2021 membership drive are in, and I have good and bad news to report. First the good- Normanden Lodge surpassed the goal of 14 new members set by Sons of Norway home office by adding 22 new members. Normanden Lodge will be receiving \$125 from the home office for achieving our new member goal. Now the bad news- we had more members elect not to renew their membership than new members added. Hopefully now that we are getting closer to normal with monthly social meetings, pancake breakfasts, etc. some of these members will renew their membership. Thank you to all new members and to those of you who encouraged friends and family to join Normanden Lodge.

The February issue of Viking magazine had an interesting article titled "The Amazing Arctic." In keeping with the topic of the Arctic, test your knowledge. Answers are below:

- 1) Name the northernmost city in the world.
- 2) Is the Arctic composed of just snow and ice?
- 3) Is a day in the Arctic similar to a winter day in Missoula?
- 4) Are there World Heritage sites located in the Arctic?
- 5) Is the diet of people living in the Arctic similar to Montanans?

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Club Activities for March 2022

Language

Intermediate Class and Norwegian book club continue to meet, by zoom or in person.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Wing -406-241-9170 redpandafan@yahoo.com

Librarian

If you have a donation, please contact our Librarian Betty Wing - 406-241-9170
redpandafan@yahoo.com

Fjell Nå! (Mountain Needle)

The Fjell Nå! (Mountain Needle) stitching group is meeting at the Lodge from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday nights. We always love to have new people join us, so if you are interested come on out. We have many of the needle arts represented and are always willing to teach new members. If you have any questions please email me at Jennae.kuehl@gmail.com or call me at 406-880-8468. Happy Stitching!!

Sports

Just a reminder that you can track your activity and work towards the various sports medals that are offered by the Sons of Norway. There are tracking records available on the sofn.com website. If you have any suggestions for sports related activities please email Charles at cjkuehl2013@gmail.com. Have fun!

Genealogy Workshops

We are cancelling the genealogy workshops for the time being. If you are interested in continuing your genealogy research, I would recommend checking with local society (Western Montana Genealogical Society) and the public library. Happy Hunting.

If you have any questions email Jennae at Jennae.kuehl@gmail.com.

Cooking Club

The Cooking Club will take a hiatus in March and see if we can get together in March and make pasties! Stay well.

Please email Betsy if you are coming or call 406-239-2861. betsymaier@montana.com

Rosemaling

The Rosemaling group will meet on Sunday in March on the 13th & 27th.

Please contact Mary Manning at 251-4783 or mary_am@icloud.com or Dan Rude at dbjrude@msn.com

Membership

Contact Dale Fellon at 406-273-6059 or fellonins@msn.com with any questions on membership!

Individual Membership	\$60 per year
Family Membership	\$95 per year

Youth Director

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