



Sons of Norway
HERITAGE PROGRAMS



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A BOUQUET OF GREAT, LITTLE IDEAS

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Sharing Tasty Recipes

Nearly every printing of our small lodge newsletter has a recipe. This is a good way to share some of our tasty recipes with each other, to make Norwegian recipes available to all, and to encourage us to try new foods.

Epledalen 96

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Installation of Officers Party

We love our officers who so graciously accept the lodge offices and do an outstanding job. The annual installation of officers party is completely planned and worked by members who are non-officers. This is the one time that the event is entirely for the officers and they are the honored ones.

Terje Viken 31

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Lodge Anniversary

Every five years, our lodge holds an anniversary party that is opened to other lodges. Invitations are extended to nearby lodges. It helps keep the spirit of the lodge alive to the members.

Evergreen 54

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Birthday Remembrances

We send out monthly birthday cards to members and list all the month's activities. The birthday members are asked to participate in and help plan that month's activities. There is also a special little group gathering once a month for the birthday people. In our small town, this is usually in the president's or social director's home. At these get-togethers we discuss plans and ideas, and the meeting also serves as a very friendly way of getting acquainted with members seldom seen at the regular lodge meetings.

Midnatsol 32

At our monthly meeting, all who celebrate their birthday that month, are asked to stand up. They are presented with a flower made of Kleenex tissues. Of course, other gifts can also be used—the important thing is to create a special moment for the “birthday people.”

Mildred Nutzhorn, Leif Erikson 189

Community Service

We have a very active ladies' auxiliary—not very many members—but the ones who participate do so with enthusiasm. We cater dinners for local organizations, put on rummage sales, so we are the ones who purchase new equipment. We have also assisted the local senior citizens groups when they serve their Scandinavian *smørgåsbord*.

Wergeland 21

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Lodges Planning Celebrations Together

As a small lodge—four lodges in a 25-mile radius—we appoint social committees to meet with the other three lodges to plan special events for greater participation plus a growth of friendship within the four lodges. Syttende Mai, Leif Erikson Day celebrations, and group Christmas parties give larger attendance and participation because each event is held in different lodge halls.

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Membership Drawings

At our business meetings, we have membership drawings. You must be present to win. We also have gift drawings. Things of Norwegian decor, floral arrangements, etc., plus cake walks. These create interest and help bring members out to the meetings.

Fritjov 17

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Visitation to Other Lodges

We either hire a bus or go in private cars to lodges near and far for visitations. Lodge visitation is a high priority in our lodge and many members always enjoy going in a group to visit other lodges.

Oslo 35

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Bake Sales

Bake sales in a local shopping mall have been very successful. We never have enough *lefse*. People buy it almost before we can have it on display. We encourage all participants to bring solely Norwegian foods, breads, and cookies. While this is not an original idea, this has been our best money-making idea.

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