



**Sons of Norway**  
**HERITAGE PROGRAMS**



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## **AMERICAN HERITAGE NIGHT (GAME)**

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# American Heritage Night

Sons of Norway promotes and preserves Norwegian Heritage. However, we must remember we are Americans first. Since February is “President’s Month,” we will do something on our American heritage this month.

Our program will be centered around a game. Each of you has been given a piece of paper. As each person on the program reads something about the character he/she is portraying, you try to guess who it is and write it on your paper. When the game is over, your papers will be collected and the one who has the most right answers will receive a prize. All characters are American and all have birthdays in February. Good luck.

1. I am an actor from a famous acting family. I was born John Blythe in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. My sister’s name is Ethel. What is my stage name?
2. I was the 9th President of the United States. My term of office was the shortest in our nation’s history.
3. I was an American frontiersman. I claim to have killed more than 4,000 buffalos, so I got the name of Buffalo Bill. I was a successful showman.
4. I am an American comedy actor famous for the long-running series, “The Honeymooners.”
5. I am still living. I am an attorney who is a consumer advocate and author. I am often in the news protesting something concerning government standards.
6. I am an American reformer and a militant advocate of women’s suffrage. I lived in the 19th century. I fought to win for women the right to vote.
7. I was an actor, radio entertainer, and ventriloquist. I am the voice of Mortimer Snerd and others.
8. I am a leading black contralto and at one time was a United States Delegate to the United Nations.
9. I was the first President of the United States.
10. I was an American artist and illustrator, noted for my realistic and homey magazine cover art.
11. I was a writer who was modernistic in my writing and used words for sound and

impression rather than meaning. I am best known for the phrase, “A rose is a rose is a rose.”

12. I was an American aviator. I was the first to fly across the ocean non-stop to Paris.
13. I was an American statesman. I was governor of Illinois and was candidate for President of the United States in 1952 and 1956.
14. I was 3rd Vice President of the United States. I was indicted for murder and accused of treason, but was acquitted.
15. I was a governor of a western state and President of the United States. I was born in the 20th century.
16. I was the wife of the 33rd President of the United States.
17. I was an inventive genius. I held many patents, among which are the incandescent electric lamp and the phonograph.
18. I was 16th President of the United States.
19. I am a comic strip character in “Gasoline Alley.”
20. I was an American poet. I lived in the 1800s. I wrote the widely-acclaimed “Evangeline”, among other famous writings.
21. I was born in Dublin, Ireland, but became an American citizen. I wrote many works for choral groups and orchestra. I also wrote many operettas, among which are “Naughty Marietta” and “Babes in Toyland.”

**Answers:**

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| 1. John Barrymore         | 12. Charles A. Lindbergh       |
| 2. William Henry Harrison | 13. Adlai Stevenson            |
| 3. William Cody           | 14. Aaron Burr                 |
| 4. Jackie Gleason         | 15. Ronald Reagan              |
| 5. Ralph Nader            | 16. Bess Truman                |
| 6. Susan Anthony          | 17. Thomas Edison              |
| 7. Edgar Bergen           | 18. Abraham Lincoln            |
| 8. Marion Anderson        | 19. Skee-zix                   |
| 9. George Washington      | 20. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow |
| 10. Norman Rockwell       | 21. Victor Herbert             |
| 11. Gertrude Stein        |                                |

### **For the Program Chairperson:**

Select people from your lodge to portray these characters. They can dress the part or not. One person could portray several characters. All they have to do is read the clues. Collect the papers and then have the clues read again and the answers given so that everyone is enlightened.