



# Nordkapen

**NORDKAP LODGE 5-378  
SONS OF NORWAY**

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## *Fra Presidenten*

### **We are 100, going on 200!**

The latest official membership count is in. We are 100! The Nordkap Lodge passed the 100 mark in September when Øystein Hekneby became our newest member. Many other lodges have declining numbers in their ranks, however we have expanded by 11% (net 10 members) since Jan 1, 2012. To celebrate this milestone, please attend the next lodge meeting on Oct 20. We plan to serve Fårikål – prepared by Dennis and the Cultural Skill Chefs – and *riskrem a la Øystein*.

It is also Sons of Norway Foundation month. The Foundation “awards scholarships and grants to promote the heritage and culture of Norway, and provides assistance to our members, lodges and their communities.” We’ll pass the little piggy around so you can donate some change – for change.

It is time to start nominating candidates for Nordkap Lodge officers. The elections will take place in the November meeting. Every position is up for grabs as we are encouraged by the Sons of Norway organization to fill/rotate on a regular basis. There is always a need for new blood. If you would like to become more involved and influence our activities next year, please consider joining the board.

Language lesson update. We know that many members have expressed a strong interest in learning the Norwegian language. Our new member Adrienne has offered to be the teacher. She has taught Norwegian at the University of Washington. We are proposing weekly lessons for 8 weeks, on Wednesdays, 7PM-8:30PM, possibly at the Swedish Club (if we generate enough interest), \$70 for members (\$80 for non-members) including study material (again pending number of students). I believe we are looking at least 10-12 students to make this work. Please contact me ([datsnorg@gmail.com](mailto:datsnorg@gmail.com)) [for further details.](#)

## **Sunday, Oct 20, 2013**

**Swedish Club – 4:00 PM  
22398 Ruth Street  
Farmington Hills  
248-478-2563**



On the last Thursday of September every year Norway celebrates their national dish with, of course, all you can eat fårikål! What better way to experience Norway than eating like a Norwegian? Fårikål will be prepared by our Cultural Skill chefs headed by Dennis Flessland for this meeting.

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We need volunteers for the Christmas bazaar at the Finnish Club Nov 16. We could be the only stand selling hot food - Norwegian meatballs, potatoes and red cabbage. And waffles.

Another major money-making opportunities for the Lodge scholarships is the Silent Auction at the annual Christmas Dinner. We usually receive a lot of items that our members kindly donate. To avoid a last –minute rush and that we can properly display the items, we kindly ask our members to start bringing them to the lodge meetings.

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Not only are we 100, we are going on 200. Next year, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Norway will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its constitution. The Nordkap Lodge intends to acknowledge this by including the "200" in upcoming events. Also, in addition to our regularly scheduled events, details are shaping up regarding a gala dinner at the Lark. It is expensive - \$95 a person - but the Lark has offered to repeat its Norwegian-themed 6-course dinner (see details below) some time during the month of May. How often do you turn 200?

We could also go to a baseball game in the month of May - in Norwegian-inspired clothing - as the Tigers have home games up to May 11 and from May 22.

Exciting times? You bet'cha!

-- Geir Gronstad



Volunteers needed to work the Nordkap booth at the Holiday Bazaar on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Finnish Cultural Center. Sign up at the October meeting or call Carol Jehle at (248) 626-2148.

## Items for Silent Auction

Donations of items for Nordkap's silent auction will be accepted at the October and November meetings. Proceeds of the auction go to our scholarship fund.



After our October meeting, it will be 209 days until we celebrate the bicentennial of Norway's Constitution! Big plans are in the works - stay tuned!

## Happy October Birthday

01 Kaitlyn Hatteberg  
06 Oddny Viik  
08 Daniel Rutkowski  
09 Diane Stanard  
11 Carol Jehle  
25 John Mueller  
31 Simon Bryhn



## Sons of Norway Limited Edition Christmas Ornament

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