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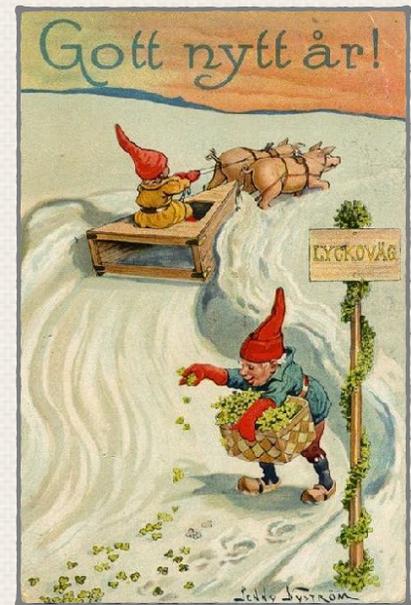
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Happy New Year! While we are still not meeting officially as a Lodge, due to the continuing restrictions on gatherings, the Board is looking at organizing a Zoom meeting for January - so please stay tuned!!

I want to thank Ole Kolberg who has stepped forward to join the Lodge Board of Directors, and thank you to Dee Bumpers who has agreed to take over from Clark Brekke as the coordinator for the Adopt - A - Mile program.



For those who have reason to travel to and/or through Louisville, KY, that there is a ⁰³newish ⁰⁶Scandinavian bakery called Smor which also does mail order! More information can be found on their website www.smornordicbakeri.com.

I do hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe as we continued to ride out the pandemic, and took the opportunity to do some holiday baking. Working on my culinary skills pin over Christmas, I attempted a kransekake...and while it was not pretty, it was tasty!

With the Winter Solstice behind us, the days will start getting longer, and with vaccines on the horizon, I am hopeful that we will soon be able to again gather in person!

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Adopt-A-Mile Program

Thank you to Dee Bumpers, who has agreed to assume the Adopt-A-Mile coordinator position for 2021. The Lodge has been supporting this clean up program for almost a decade, and volunteers are always welcome to assist.



The 1st quarter pick up date has been set for Sunday, January 24th at 2pm. We are looking for 3-5 volunteers to join us. Boring Road is a quiet residential road, located in Farragut off Kingston Pike next to the Ingles Shopping Center. All equipment will be provided, and the quarterly clean up normally takes less than 2 hours.

You do NOT need to be a resident of Farragut. This is a great opportunity for a family with school-aged children who are looking for volunteer hours!

If you have any questions about the Adopt- A-Mile program, or would like to volunteer, please contact [Dee Bumpers](#).

New Genealogy Search Site

For genealogy sleuths, there is a new site with digital records available for your searches. Check out this article, published on September 25, 2019, on the sciencenorway.no website, by Anne Lise Stranden, Journalist and Ingrid P. Nuse, - English version.

The new Norwegian population registry simplifies genealogical research. Parish registries, obituaries and prison records are some of the sources for a new historical population registry. The general population can access their ancestors, but only researchers have access to sensitive health information.

<https://sciencenorway.no/data-history-population/new-norwegian-population-registry-simplifies-genealogical-research/1567044>



Gratulerer!

Charter Lodge Member Forrest Hoffman was recently elected as a Fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science for developing, comparing and evaluating Earth systems models with an emphasis on global biogeochemical cycles and feedbacks to the climate system.



VESTERHEIM

Join the Monthly Vesterheim Bookprat (Book club)

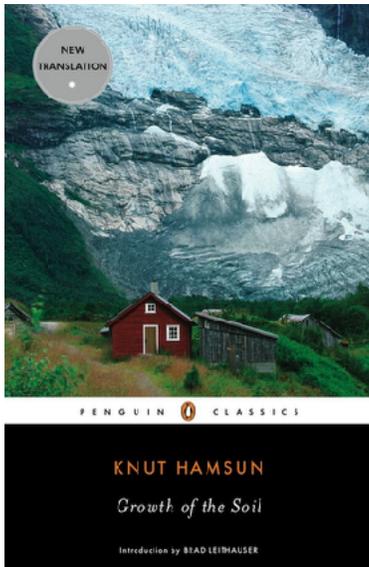
Everyone welcome. FREE Adults 18 and older.

[Learn more and register](#)

Dr. Maren Johnson, Luther College's Associate Professor of Nordic Studies and Torgerson Center for Nordic Studies Director, facilitates a monthly bokprat, discussing Scandinavian authors and Scandinavian life.

January's selection is

Growth of the Soil by Knut Hamsun.



Supplies: A computer, laptop, or tablet with a camera and mic as well as a fast, reliable internet connection.

Special Instructions: Registered participants should secure their own copy of the featured book and have read it prior to the discussion

You will receive a link to the Zoom session by email sometime during the week prior to the group meeting.

Enrollment Deadline: January 3, 2021

Gratulerer Andrew Stephansen
for achieving Golden Member Status with
43 years of continuous Membership in
Sons of Norway!

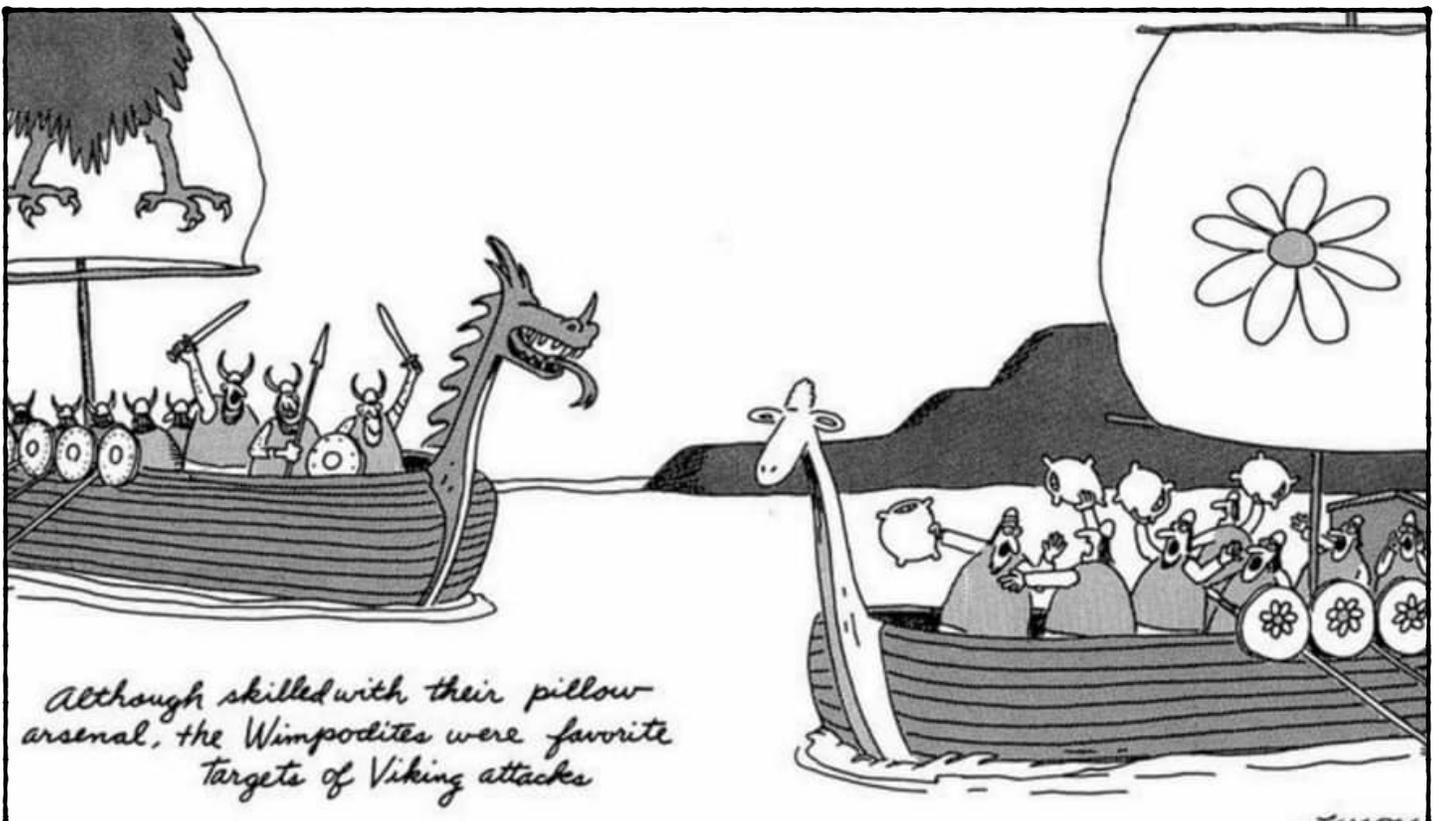
New Reading Suggestion for 2021



Though she is best known for her medieval saga *Kristin Lavransdatter*, the Norwegian Nobel laureate Sigrid Undset (1882-1949) later wrote a tetralogy of novels set in the Middle Ages and known as *The Master of Hestviken*. Long out of print, the first volume now appears in a captivating new translation by Tiina Nunnally, retitled *Olav Audunssøn: I. Vows* (Minnesota, 356 pages, \$17.95).

The title figure is an orphan who, as a child, was promised in marriage to his playmate Ingunn, the daughter of his foster father, a wealthy nobleman. But when Olav and Ingunn are teenagers, Ingunn's father is killed in a blood feud, and her uncles revoke the betrothal, attaching her to another man for the sake of an advantageous alliance. The story concerns Olav's lonely defiance of that plan, which has been further complicated because he and Ingunn have gone to bed together before being wed, making them husband and wife by the laws of the Catholic Church but not in the eyes of the lords on their estate.

We have, therefore, not just a game of thrones but a game of morality. Undset had converted to Catholicism shortly before embarking on these books and in her world shame is a force as mighty as the sword. Olav's stirring love for Ingunn is muddled by the wrongs he commits to keep her. This is an absorbing, psychologically rich tale that promises to grow deeper and more memorable in each successive volume.



Sports Director Olaf Storaasli has announced that Ole Kolberg has set a Lodge record by earning 13 Sports Medals in 2020!



In addition to reaching bronze, silver, gold levels in walking, Ole also earned the newly-coveted Idrettshelt (which is the new 5th level in category, beyond enamel) in Idrettsmerke and Sykkelmerke!

Idrettsmerke (Fitness) Bronze+Silver+Gold+Enamel+Idrettshelt
Sykkelmerke (Cycling) Bronze+Silver+Gold+Enamel+Idrettshelt
Gangmerke (Walking) Bronze+Silver+Gold

For more information on how to start earning your sports medals, or to download a record card, please visit <http://olaftn.com/SoN/VOTS.html>

Gratulerer Ole!

And thanks for leading the way and setting a great example for the rest of us!

From the Treasurer:

Our net loss for the ten months fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) was \$217, compared to a net gain of \$689 for last year.

This year's Children's Museum International Festival, our only community event, had a net profit of \$57. This compares to last year's Children's Museum International Festival and Taste of Scandinavia (TOS) community events that had a net profit of \$729. (There was no TOS this year.) Membership dues income of \$675 was \$147 (28%) more than the last year's FYTD November income.

This year's lodge events had a net loss of \$245, compared to a net loss last year of \$136. Additional expenses for office expenses, Go Daddy subscription, and insurance were \$266, and District 5 Conference reserve expense was \$458.

Our current assets are \$4,712 in the Regions checking account, a \$100 SON gift card, and \$375 for prepaid Cumberland County Playhouse tickets for a total of \$5,187. This compares to \$5,437 for November 2019. Our only liability is a \$1,181 accrual for the next SON District 5 biannual convention. Our net loss for the ten months fiscal year-to-date (FYTD) was \$259. This compares to a net gain of \$1,003 for last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trygve Myhre