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## SONS OF NORWAY BERNT BALCHEN LODGE – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

### Chasing Snorri Sturluson

Who is Snorri Sturluson? Even if you have not heard that name before, Snorri Sturluson has had an impact on your life. If you have read Tolkien's Lord of the Rings or seen the movies of the same name you have inadvertently entered the world of Snorri Sturluson. If you have ever heard of the Norse gods and their mythology it is because of Snorri Sturluson. And Snorri immortalized the Viking Kings of Norway in his writings. If you know who Olaf Tryggvason is it is because of Snorri.

Who, then was Snorri Sturluson? He is the most influential Icelander of all times. He was a major political leader, author of sagas, a great landowner and farmer, a successful merchant, a gifted poet, a master historian, a ladies man, and, yes, at times, a scoundrel. He was a Renaissance man before the Renaissance and my hero since I first was introduced to his writings at the early age of thirteen.

Thanks to my wife's patience and good humor, I was able fulfill my lifelong dream of visiting all the places where Snorri Sturluson lived and had put his foot in the course our visit to Iceland this last summer. Because Icelandic farm names rarely have been changed since their founding it is relatively easy to find the old sites even if modern farms or communities now occupy the same ground.

Snorri Sturluson was born in 1179 at Hvamm, a large farm founded by the famous chieftainess Aud the Deep Minded during the Viking Age. It still sits at base of western Iceland's rugged mountains in close sight of the sea. While Snorri was still a child his father put him in the foster care of Jon Loftsson, one of Iceland's richest and most educated men. Loftsson's farm, named Oddi, was on a prominent hill in the southern reaches of Iceland. Here Snorri learned to read and write; and here he stayed until he was a young man. Because Snorri's father squandered whatever assets he had, Snorri had little in the way of an inheritance. But he had an eye for the ladies and married well. He then moved to his wife's home which was named Borg ("Stronghold"); a large farm below a fortress-like, craggy hill in western Iceland (It had once been the home of the great Viking, Egil Skallagrimson of Egil's Saga).

Clever and politically astute Snorri became a very prosperous farmer and rose to become a district chieftain and eventually the Law-Speaker for all Iceland at the high assembly at Thingvellir, a position he would hold for years. As his wealth grew so did his estates and he acquired Bessastadir, a large farm, which now sits on the outskirts of Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, and today serves as the home of Iceland's President. Later he acquired two more large and important properties. Both of these were located in western Iceland near the town of Borgarnes. One was Stafholt which sits on a prominent hill; the other was Reykholt, further to the east, which occupies the flanks of a beautiful mountain valley. At Reykholt Snorri built a fort-like residential complex complete with a well-built, stone-lined hot tub connected to a geothermal spring.

At the invitation of Hakon IV Snorri traveled to Norway in 1218 and stayed as a guest of the king's prime advisor, Earl Skuli, and they became fast friends. He also traveled to Sweden before returning to Iceland in 1220 where he resumed his role as Law-Speaker for the Althing. Upon his return political feuding began among the high chiefs of Iceland and it gradually evolved into a full-blown civil war. As one of Iceland's most powerful chiefs Snorri was a major player in these bloody struggles. By 1237 the fighting and feuding had escalated to the point that Snorri thought it would be wise to take another trip to Norway and visit with his old friend Earl Skuli. However, Earl Skuli had now become a rival of Hakon VI and King Hakon no longer trusted Snorri to support his interests in Iceland. The King ordered Snorri to stay in Norway, but Snorri disobeyed the King and defiantly sailed back to Iceland. But the troubles in Iceland continued to grow for Snorri, for now the King of Norway was actively aiding and abetting Snorri's enemies. In September of 1241 a naked and despondent Snorri (death had just taken his last and most beloved wife) was sitting in his hot tub at Reykholt when Gissur Torvaldson, one of Snorri's main rivals, made a surprise attack with 70 men.



Snorri's stone hot tub at Reykholt. The door and stone stairs once led into his fortified household compound which is now an archaeological site. He ran through this door just before his death.

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# Snorri Sturluson

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The farm of Hvamm, western Iceland, Snorri's birthplace.

Snorri retreated to a storeroom to hide, but he was found and struck dead by a sword wielded by Arni the Bitter at the age of 63. Soon thereafter Iceland's independence ended and it became the possession of the Norwegian king.

Despite his active political life, Snorri Sturluson was able to find the time to write the *Heimskringla*: History of the Kings of Norway, a very well written and authoritative history of the Norwegian medieval kings. He also wrote one of the most famous Icelandic sagas, *Egil's Saga*, perhaps the best of its genre.

And he wrote a treatise on the writing of skaldic poetry called the *Edda*. In addition, he wrote *The Prose Edda*: Tales from Norse Mythology which is the primary source for most of what we know about early Scandinavian religion today. All these books were written in vernacular Icelandic and in a flowing, active prose that seems almost modern in its construction.

Norwegians claim Snorri as their own as a "Norwegian" author, and Snorri's *Heimskringla* inspired and guided the Norwegian people in their struggle for independence. Over 100,000 copies of *Heimskringla* were in circulation in Norway by 1900. His writings on Norse mythology are also the basis for the worlds created by Tolkien in *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* plus the source of numerous comic book stories as well as computer games. Now you know who Snorri Sturluson is; and you know he is worth knowing about.

If you want to learn more about Snorri I recommend Nancy Marie Brown's *Song of the Vikings: Snorri and the Making of Norse Myths* (2014) which is published by Palgrave Macmillan. If you wish to chase down Snorri or the place names mentioned in the Icelandic sagas yourself I recommend the Icelandic History and Heritage map series published by Sogukort Islands. These are sold in the Icelandic Tourist Offices. Some of the old farms invite respectful visitation and they are usually marked by a blue heritage sign with the farm name; others are best viewed from afar. There is a very good museum dedicated to Snorri at Reykholt beside the site of his old stronghold and last home.

*Fraternally yours, Terje "Ted" Birkedal*

## COME JOIN THE LEFSE MAKING CREW THIS OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

**ONE DOWN  
TWO TO GO!**

**Lefse Making for Bazaar: October 2-4 Friday-Sunday**  
**Lefse Making for Lutefisk Dinner: November 6-8 Friday-Sunday**  
**(Hours: Friday 3-6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 9-6 pm)**

For those new to lefse making, there are several steps between raw potatoes, flour, and salt and a package of ready-to-sell lefse at the Bazaar. For those not interested in "rolling" there are other ways to help with this important Lodge event. The typical 3-day lefse-making sessions consist of the following activities:

- Friday:** Wash, boil, peel, and rice potatoes; set up lefse making stations (griddles, cooking and rolling boards, rollers, etc.); set up cooling, sorting, and packaging areas.
- Saturday:** Mix potato and flour loaves; shape in balls, roll and cook lefse; wash, boil, peel, and rice potatoes; sort and package lefse; clean up work stations.
- Sunday:** Mix potato and flour loaves; shape into balls; roll and cook lefse; sort and package lefse; break down the lefse-making stations and return griddles, cooking and rolling boards, etc. to the storage area; and clean up work stations.

Even a couple of hours of your time will help so please contact one of the lefse making committee Co-chairs, Ashley Brusven 350-3328 or Ted Birkedal 351-6095.

**\*\* If there is sufficient interest we will be a Youth Lefse Making Session from Noon to 5 pm on Sunday, November 8th. Parents can call Ted Birkedal at 351-6095 to reserve a spot for their children. (Note: If we have few calls we will cancel this special lefse making session)**

## SUNSHINE REPORT



**OCTOBER**

*Greetings are sent to the following members celebrating a birthday who are at least 75 years young.*

**Anna Decker**

**Carol Hall**

**Ronald Martinson**

**John Olnes**

If you know someone who needs a little sunshine, call Cindy McDowell:

**696-0725 (cell - 862-1143)**

Or, email at: [ccmcd38@hotmail.com](mailto:ccmcd38@hotmail.com)

**"Gratulerer med dagen!"**



## 19th Annual Scandinavian Bazaar

October 10, 2015 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Viking Hall 8141 Briarwood St.

We will have amazing food, including the popular **lefse**, pølse, krumkake and waffles for sale. Our Kitchen will be serving the best lunch in town. Delicious traditional soups and open-faced sandwiches. The Bake Sale table features Lefse and a huge variety of homemade cookies, cakes and breads. The Silent Auction will have Scandinavian/Nordic items and more.

### THERE WILL BE MANY SCANDINAVIAN ITEMS FOR SALE

Jewelry  
Knives  
Artwork  
Blankets

Woodcarvings  
Rosemaling  
Table linens  
Knitted hats

Scarves  
Clothing  
Sweaters  
Christmas decorations

Books  
Silk florals  
Jams  
Soaps

Tye dyes  
Beadwork  
Children's furniture  
*And much more!*



## Velkommen Café

*The Best Lunch in Town!*

While shopping at the Bazaar visit the **Velkommen Café** and treat yourself to a delicious lunch. The menu includes our popular Pølse – reindeer hotdog wrapped in lefse, with Swedish mustard! You'll also be delighted with the open face sandwiches, homemade soups and delectable Scandinavian desserts.

When you have finished eating please be kind enough to make room for others to sit and eat; especially older folks.

As for delectables to take home, the *Bake Sale* table features lefse and a huge variety of homemade cookies, cakes and breads.

***Don't miss out, this is only once a year!***



**COMING IN DECEMBER  
TO BERNT BALCHEN LODGE!**



## Nordic Brunch!

*Details will be provided in the next Flyer, on our Website and on our Facebook page!*



## CALLING FOR DONATIONS!

We are now accepting donated Scandinavian/Nordic items for the Silent Auction to be held during the Scandinavian Bazaar October 10th.

Gently used sweaters or bunads, candle holders, linens, knitwear, artwork, Christmas decorations and rosemaling are all items that have done well in previous years.



Please call Anita at 336-3013 for more information or bring your items to the Viking Hall office.

Thank you for your support!

## ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

The Scandinavian Bazaar is quickly approaching and the Bake Sale table needs your help.

If you would like to donate homemade cookies, cakes or breads, please bring them to the bazaar on:

Saturday, October 10th between  
9 am and 2 pm

All items must be packaged and ready to sell. We will have labels there if you need them and can also help with the pricing.

**For more information call Anita @ 336-3013**



**THIS IS THE LARGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR OUR LODGE, PLEASE HELP US MAKE IT A SUCCESS!**



## LUTEFISK & LEFSE DINNER

(AND THOSE TASTY MEATBALLS TOO!)



**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – with two seatings**

**First seating: 4:00 to 6:30**

**Second seating: 7:00 to 10:00**

### DINNER PRICES:

Adults \$25  
(non-members \$30)

Ages 12-16 \$12

Ages 5-11 \$5

Ages 4 and under free

**Make your Reservation**

**TODAY by calling**

**Viking Hall at**

**349-1613**



## Lutefisk and Lefse Brigade Needs You!

It is that time of year again when 300 or more happy guests will fill themselves with lutefisk and lefse at our annual dinner in November. In order to serve a crowd of this size, we could use some assistance in preparing for and serving at this event. It is a FUN way to get involved with your lodge and meet some great people. Lefse rolling is one way to help out and that will take place on Nov 6-8. We will also make meatballs that weekend on Sunday the 8th and if you have never tried a meatball in a lefse, you don't know what you are missing out on! Preparations for the dinner will be on Friday Nov 13th and then lots more activities to assist with on the 14th itself.



If you are interesting in helping out with any of these activities, please drop me a note at [lise@gci.net](mailto:lise@gci.net) or give me a call at 222-5320. Tusen Takk!

**Tom Falskow – Co-chair Lutfisk Dinner**



## WOOD SKI CLASSIC

### 5k race (adults) and 2.5K race (under 12)

**WHEN:** Sunday November 29th, 2015 at Russian Jack Springs Park

**Race Start:** 12:00 Noon

**Wave Start:** First wave - Authentic cross country costume with wooden skis.

Second wave all others.

Celebrate our Nordic Heritage. Break out your wool knickers and sweaters!

*Stay for the Traditional Scandinavian breakfast in the Russian Jack Chalet*

**Co-Sponsors:** Sons of Norway Bernt Balchen Lodge and the Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage

*First Race of the AMH Anchorage Cup Series but not a points race!*

**Prizes:** Awarded to the best dressed Boy and Girl (12 and under) and Female and Male Adult (over 12) racers. Hint for the traditional costume judging - Wear wool in Scandinavian style and patterns

**Register:** Online at the Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage (NSAA)

Website [http://www.anchoragenordicski.com/anchorage\\_cup\\_register.htm](http://www.anchoragenordicski.com/anchorage_cup_register.htm)

**Bonus:** Pine Tar your skis 9:00 - 11:00 am. Pine tar supplied. Volunteers will apply pine tar for you. Bring clean skis; remove all wax before you arrive.

**Registration morning of the race from 10:00 - 11:00 am**  
(This is in addition to the online registration.)

**Bib pick up from 10:00 - 11:30 am on race day.**

## Woodcarving with the Last Frontier Woodcarvers at Viking Hall



**Saturday, October 17th**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

\$20.00 covers the wood, tools to use, carving instructor, choice of project and a great lunch.

We are working on class projects but will have the bark face, bark house, woodburning, a chain, a relief, rollin' bears and Santa in cottonwood bark.

Stop by the "Woodshop" store in the Northway Mall to register and see the projects ..... first come, first served.

**Class size is limited.**

Store hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Monday - Friday. Saturday and Sunday, Noon until 5:00 pm

*Call Cindy at 862-1143 or 696-0725 to register or to get more information. Let's Keep Those Chips Flying!!!*

# Honors for Long-Time Bernt Balchen Lodge Member

## Lise Falskow Named Norwegian Honorary Consul in Alaska

Lise Kristiansen Falskow, a long-time lodge member and a lifelong Alaskan who holds dual Norwegian and U.S. citizenship, has been appointed as the new Norwegian Honorary Consul for Alaska. Her appointment was formally announced by Ambassador Kåre Aas, Norway's Ambassador to the United States, at a formal dinner held in Lise's honor in Anchorage, Alaska on August 26, 2015.

Lise Falskow's appointment follows the retirement of Erling Johansen from the same post. Erling is also a member of Bernt Balchen Lodge and a former president of the lodge. On May 1, 2015 Erling was awarded the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit, Knight First Class, for his long service on behalf of Norway by His Majesty King Harald V.

Lise Falskow's background and work history makes her a perfect fit for the job of Honorary Consul. She was born in Anchorage, Alaska and she has been an active member of Sons of Norway since she was a child and her parents Kjell and Marit Kristiansen began bringing her to Sons of Norway Bernt Balchen Lodge events. Her mother, Marit Kristiansen, has served several times as President of Bernt Balchen Lodge in Anchorage and most recently as President of Sons of Norway International. Her proud husband, Tom Falskow is also a past president of Bernt Balchen Lodge. In fact, their young sons Erik and Espen are both active members of the lodge in the tradition of their parents.

Lise is fluent in Norwegian and in the late nineties spent three years living and working in Norway as a Senior Financial Analyst for Norsk Hydro. Her educational background is in economics and accounting and she is currently the President and CEO of the Alaska World Affairs Council, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to increasing both interest and knowledge of world affairs among Alaskans. This year her organization hosted His Majesty King Harald V of Norway at a panel discussion on the Arctic where the King gave the opening remarks to an enthusiastic and rapt audience of over 500 attendees.

Her job as Honorary Consul will be to promote Norwegian interests and further Norwegian-American cooperation in Alaska. She will also provide emergency assistance to Norwegian citizens living in or visiting Alaska. She says she loves "connecting people together, it is what I do," so she looks forward to connecting Norwegians to Alaskans who are actively engaged in government, business, and education.

The timing of her appointment is a critical one for Norway and the United States. Alaska is what makes the United States an Arctic nation; it also makes up one fifth of the landmass of the United States. Starting this year the United States will assume the Chairmanship of the world-wide Arctic Council. Similarly, it is relevant to note that Erna Solberg, Norway's Prime Minister, has recently announced that "The Arctic is Norway's most important foreign policy priority;" a diplomatic priority that has been reiterated by Norway's Foreign Minister, Børge Brende. This focus on the Arctic by both nations will undoubtedly bring challenges to Lise Falskow in her new role as Honorary Consul for Alaska, but challenges she is aptly and uniquely qualified to meet.



Lise Falskow with  
Ambassador Kåre Aas



## Fra Biblioteket

This month we feature another recent donation to our library, *Vikings in the Attic – in Search of Nordic America*. I would like to thank Betty and Wayne Rockne for donation of this title. This book is authored by Eric Dregni who lives in Minneapolis and is assistant professor of English at Concordia University in St. Paul. This book explores many of those things that define what it means to be Scandinavian-American. Growing up with Swedish, Norwegian and Danish ancestry, Dregni thought Scandinavians were perfectly normal. Who doesn't enjoy a good healthy salad (Jello-O packed with canned fruit, marshmallows and pretzels) served along-side some cod that has been soaked in drain cleaner?!? It dawned on him that perhaps this was just a bit strange and he began an journey of self-reflection on his heritage. This book is fun to pick up and read bits and pieces as he takes us on a ride to explore the significant and often quite bizarre sites, tales and traditions of our Scandinavian legacy emanating from the Midwest.

Come by the library and check this and other books out as we head back into the darker days ahead and reading by the fireside will be a welcome respite from the daily grind.

*Tom Falskow, Lodge Librarian*

## SUPER BOWL 2016



Ticket sales for the Sons of Norway 2016 Super Bowl Raffle are now underway. The raffle is the primary source of funds for the Sons of Norway Bernt Balchen Lodge No. 2-046 Language/Heritage/Higher Education Scholarships.

The Raffle will again have 20 winners with a top prize of \$1,000. Only 300 tickets are sold so the chance to win is very generous, one in fifteen. Tickets are selling for \$25 each or a special deal of 5-for-\$100. Your ticket also entitles you to a free Lapskaus (Norwegian stew) dinner during the showing of the Super Bowl 50 game on a big-screen TV at Viking Hall on February 7, 2016.

To purchase raffle tickets please contact a member of the committee—John Olnes (562-2794), Sandra Hanson (243-2132), Wayne Johnson 248-3030 or Jane Moe (274-1357). Tickets will also be available during upcoming lodge events and at the Viking Hall office.



## A TALE OF 2 PIANOS



*Bernt Balchen Lodge now has 2 pianos.*

*How did that happen?*

When Viking Hall was built and completed, we did not have a piano, nor the funds to purchase one. Then Tor Bilet celebrated his 70th birthday at Viking Hall in August 1981. He requested that in lieu of gifts, that donations be given to a "piano fund" so that the Hall would have a piano, not only for our use, but also for some rentals as well. And because of the generous donations from the birthday guests and especially Eva and Tor Bilet, a piano was purchased.

Then, upon the untimely passing of Janet Stotts, the Founder and Director of the Alaska Children's Choir, Hedwig Faber purchased her wonderful piano. Hedwig has shared her beautiful singing voice with us many times and thought that Viking Hall needed another piano. So, she generously donated the piano to our lodge. Not only that, she and her husband moved the piano from Wasilla to Anchorage!

The piano was first played by Sandra Christopherson during his Majesty King Harald V's visit to Viking Hall on May 27th, 2015.

Therefore, the old piano is now up for sale. If you are interested in acquiring a piano with a lot of wonderful history these past 34 years, please contact Office Manager, Amanda, at 349-1613.

Office hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Marit Kristiansen*

*More on the old Piano.....*

One can see pictures of Sons of Norway members with the piano over the years in the library at the Viking Hall. Music has been a part of many Son of Norway events. Paul Roseland played it for celebrations as well as other SON members.

Dan Lundell who, as a piano tuner, has taken care of keeping the SON piano in tune over the years. He believes this piano originated from a husband and wife team who refurbished older pianos. The Emerson upright piano at Viking Hall was one of their products. It is in fact still in good condition and is tuned to A440. For those who may not know, in all systems of tuning, every pitch may be derived from its relationship to a chosen fixed pitch, which is usually A440, the note A above middle C. This piano has been tuned once a year as part of its maintenance and holds tuning well. The Emerson piano has brought music to our events and served members well.

### Sons of Norway Foundation Raffle

Drawing at Lucia December 13th

\$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00!



*Especially designed for  
Children!*



**Kicksled (SPARK)**

*For Family Fun*

October is Foundation Month and a Norwegian made Kicksled – Spark – is being raffled to support the Foundation. What a wonderful gift this would be for any child now that winter is approaching. Tickets can be purchased at upcoming lodge events or by calling 562-5172.

The Sons of Norway Foundation is the charitable arm of Sons of Norway and provides scholarships, grants and assistance to members if they experience losses from natural disasters.

Please support this worthy cause!

*Marit Kristiansen, Foundation Director*

### Norwegian Language and Culture Class

Sons of Norway Bernt Balchen Lodge will be offering a Norwegian Language and Culture Class in 2015-2016. The class will be taught by Lillian Anderson who is a native speaker and expert on Norway.



The class will be scheduled for Sunday Evenings. The first class will be October 4, 2015.

The cost of the class will be \$20.00 payable to the Sons of Norway. It will be held at Viking Hall which is located at 8141 Briarwood Street.

The class will be divided into two tiers. The first part of the class will be for beginners while the second part will be for more advanced students in Norwegian. These classes will purposely overlap to allow for interaction and conversation in Norwegian among all the students.

**Beginners: 6:30 to 7:30 pm Advanced: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Beginning texts in Norwegian will be provided free of charge to any students that want them. Anyone taking the advanced section of the class will need to personally purchase the text for that part of the class. This book is Norsk, Nordmenn, og Norge: Antologi 2 by Kathleen Stokker. It is available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or the University of Wisconsin Press for \$19.95. We also recommend that all students purchase a Norwegian-English dictionary for use in the class.

If you are interested taking the class please call Viking Hall at (907) 349-1613 and give your name and which class tier you would like to attend (you may leave a voice mail). Also, you may just show up at the first class and sign up.



## Sister Cities: Tromsø, Norway and Anchorage, Alaska

The U.S. Sister City program was established to foster friendship and understanding between different cultures and to encourage trade and tourism. One of Anchorage's six sister cities, Tromsø, Norway has a population of 72,000 and is the largest urban area in northern Norway. Although it is located over 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle, the city's location near the Gulf Stream keeps the climate relatively mild. Known as the Gateway to the Arctic, Tromsø experiences the Midnight Sun in the summer and



the Northern Lights in the winter. Its main industries include fishing and tourism. Much of the city is located on an island and contains a large number of old wooden houses, dating back to the 1780s. Tromsø is also known for its picturesque Arctic Cathedral.

With so much in common, both Anchorage and Tromsø have committed to furthering cultural and trade relations between the two communities. In May 2015, UAA Chancellor Tom Case and Rector Anne Husebekk of the University of Tromsø

signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of establishing research and study opportunities between the two universities. The auspicious occasion was also attended by His Majesty Harald V, King of Norway, during his visit to Anchorage. The Anchorage Museum is also currently hosting an exhibition in conjunction with the University of Tromsø Museum called "Polar Night: Life and Light in the Dead of Night" through October 4, 2015.

*Christie Ericson, Cultural Director*



## More about Sister Cities and Boards and Commissions

The Mayor's Office is always looking for concerned citizens who are willing to take part in our municipal government process and work hard to help make our community an even better place to live.

Each October, approximately one third (about 150) of the seats on municipal boards and commissions are appointed. Nearly all appointments are made for a three year-term.

Throughout the year vacancies occur on many boards and commissions. Applications are kept on hand as a resource for those vacancies. You may apply at any time.

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission by send a brief letter and resume to the Mayor's office, or call 343-7103. You can go to <http://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/boards> for an application. You can print, fill out and return by:

**Mail:** Ona Brause, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Office of Mayor Ethan Berkowitz  
Municipality of Anchorage  
PO Box 196650  
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

**Or, FAX:** (907) 343-7180

**Or, Email:** BrauseO@muni.org

Shortly after your application reaches the Mayor's office a confirmation of receipt will be sent. Your application will be carefully reviewed and kept on hand for openings that become available on the board or commission you are interested in. The application will remain active for one year.

The Mayor selects most appointments to municipal boards and commissions. His selections are forwarded to the Assembly for confirmation. Members of a few boards and commissions can be elected or, in some cases, are selected by the Assembly.

Before your name is submitted to the Assembly for appointment, a staff member will call you to make sure that you are still interested and available to serve.

For more information, please call 343-7103



**John L. Maakestad**

**July 3rd, 1918 to December 31st, 2014**

**Linda Kay Anderson Chandler**

**May 25th, 1953 to July 25th, 2015**



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### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Our lodge continues to  
donate canned goods,  
non-perishable foods  
and money to the local  
food bank.

Please bring your food  
or monetary donation  
in to Viking Hall.

## EVENTS

### **OCTOBER**

2	Friday	3:00 - 6:00 pm	Lefse Making for Bazaar
3	Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Lefse Making for Bazaar
4	Sunday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Lefse Making for Bazaar
6	Tuesday	10:00 am - Noon	Needle Crafts and Rosemaling Class
8	Thursday	7:00 pm	Board/Membership Meeting New Member Welcome
10	Saturday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Scandinavian Bazaar
17	Saturday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Woodcarving Workshop
20	Tuesday	10:00 am - Noon	Needle Crafts and Rosemaling Class

**All events take place at Viking Hall, 8141 Briarwood St., unless otherwise noted.**

Please send articles or event information  
for the next Newsletter by October 20th to: [sonancak@gmail.com](mailto:sonancak@gmail.com) Attention - **Ruth** Subject Line - **The Flyer**