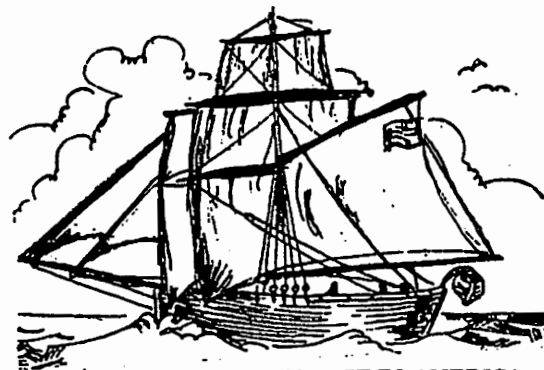


SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People

Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway - July 4, 1825 on the Sloop - Restoration and these 52 persons entered New York Harbor October 9th - 98 days later. Cleng Peerson led this group first to Upstate New York . . . then to this area of Illinois near Norway where the first Permanent Norwegian Settlement was established. Descendants of these Norwegians who came over on the Sloop have formed the Norwegian Sloop Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

August 29, 1995

Dear Sloopers & Interested Norwegians:

You are invited to attend the 70th Annual Sloopers Society of America Meeting, **Sunday, October 8, 1995**, at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Illinois on Route 71. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:30 P.M. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

The Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store has many Norwegian goodies and will be open for your convenience.

Mrs. Marguerite Thompson, a very active retired school teacher, will present a humorous travelogue as our entertainment. Marguerite has been a 4-H leader over 50 years, a member of the LaSalle County Homemakers Extension Association, a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and is a volunteer at the Pleasant View Luther Home and the LaSalle County Nursing Home. She has traveled to the country of Norway and we are sure everyone will enjoy her program.

The Sloopers, their Ancestry and Posterity Books and Pins are available. If interested, please contact one of your officers.

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Sincerely,

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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"

70TH ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 8, 1995

THE 70TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHOOPER SOCIETY OF

AMERICA WAS HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1995 AT THE

NORWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH 36 SPOOKERS AND

NORWEGIAN FRIENDS IN ATTENDANCE. POTLUCK DINNER WAS

SERVED AT 1:30 PM, GRACE GIVEN BY REV. WESLEY HOUTGATE

PRESIDENT PAT HAYES CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT

2:35 PM, WITH PRAYER OF ALLELUIA TO OUR FATHER.

AFTER THANKING THE PEOPLE FOR COMING OUT, PRESIDENT

HAYES INTRODUCED OUR SPEAKERS FOR THE DAY, MRS. MARGUERITE

THOMPSON AND STEINAR BJORKSEN.

MRS. THOMPSON GAVE A HAZARDOUS TRIP ON HER WORKING TRAVEL.

STEINAR BJORKSEN OF BENZI CORP OF CALIFORNIA EXPLAINED

HIS COMPANY'S GOAL WAS TO BRING NORWAY BUSINESS TO THE

UNITED STATES AND VICE VERSA. - STEINAR DISPLAYED TWO

MODELS OF THE RESTORATION BUILT BY FINN OF NORWAY.

THE RESTORATION MOUNTED TO NORWEGIAN STATE BACK GROUND

WOULD COST 315.00 LESS 15% DISCOUNT TO SPOOKERS, OR

267.75. MOUNTED TO WOOD BACKGROUND WOULD COST 283.00

LESS DISCOUNT OF 240.55.

THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS WERE READ

AND APPROVED.

PRESIDENT HAYES ADVISED 5 PEOPLE SHOWED INTEREST IN

A TRIP TO NORWAY.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING BENZI CORP. BEING AN INTEREST

TO SELL THE SHOOPER BOOKS. REV. HOUTGATE MADE A MOTION

AND SECONDED BY JAY KASOMI THAT WE INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE

MR. BJORKSEN.

OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 6TH, 1996.

PRESIDENT HAYES ANNOUNCED DAN HOUWAS RESIGNED AS SECRETARY. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FROM THE AUDIENCE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE OFFICE. PAT ADVISED LOU WISE WOULD ACCEPT AND ^{MAY AINSHLEY} MADE THE MOTION - SECONDED BY JULY HOUGHTSTED THAT LOU BE OUR SECRETARY - MOTION CARRIED. PRESIDENT HAYES THANKED DAN FOR HIS COOPERATION AND TIME OF SERVICE.

EMMA FRULAND ADVISED 16 SHOOPER PINS WERE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$9.00 EACH.

DAN HOUWAS ADVISED 6 SHOOPER BOOKS WERE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$75.00 EACH.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER WAS OBSERVED FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS.

SHOOPER FAMILY ATTENDANCE ROSDAL 17, NELSON 7, HOUWAS 6
REV. HOUGHTSTED ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS TO ATTRACT OUR SHOOPERS - SUGGESTED ALL FAMILIES URGE THEIR OWN FAMILIES TO ATTEND - HAVE MORE HERITAGE PEOPLE ON PROGRAM SUCH AS ^{NORWEGIAN} COLLEGE PROFESSORS AND TEACHERS - HAVE FAMILY FUN TIME SUCH AS BINGO & EUCHRE ETC.

MS FLORENCE HOUGHTSTED SENT GREETINGS TO ALL.

THE SALDEENS SENT GREETINGS FROM FLORIDA.

DOOR PRIZES WENT TO KRISTIN KUBINSKI, MARGUERITE HOUWAS AND LOU WISE.

COLLECTION \$68.75

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4 PM.

Balance at "94" meeting 1016.26

Income

1994 Collection	198.00
Book Sales	<u>1814.37</u>
Total	2012.37

Expenses

Royce Inc. TV+VCR	30.00
Norway Store - Supplies	21.73
Marricoin Platter - Enter.	110.00
Norway Imp. League	50.00
Dan Hougas - Supplies	126.92
Stop payment on Check	10.00
Dan Hougas - Book Expense	1665.57
Norway Store - Supplies	<u>29.93</u>
	2044.15

Balance on Hand 10-8-95 984.48