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upcoming dates and events to remember



- **FRIDAY, April 5th, Navigating The Nordic Way, 6:00pm**

ASHM members are invited to a special preview of the new exhibit Outdoor Adventures: Navigating the Nordic Way! Join us as we explore the history of Nordic navigation, compasses, and the modern-day sport of orienteering. Curator, Trevor Brandt, and collection lender, Chris Cassone, will be on hand to give unique glimpses into the special history behind the objects. The event includes light refreshments. Be sure to register in advance by April 1st. If you want to attend, but aren't a member, there is still plenty of time to join!

[The American Swedish Historical Museum](#)

1900 Pattison Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19145 | 215.389.1776

- **SUNDAY, April 28th, Customary Monthly Meeting Lodge 735, 2:00pm**

Come mingle with the members of Viking Lodge 735 for our customary monthly meeting. Guests are always welcome, refreshments will be served. Please contact Anne [610.777.3035] or Linda [610.965.2210] if you would like to bring any refreshments. Cultural programme to follow monthly meeting. In April, Barbara Amidon will be presenting pictures and memories of her husband and her Northern Lights and Northern Norway cruise this past winter!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 696 Johnson Road, Nazareth, PA 18064

- **FRIDAY, MAY 17th, Norwegian Constitution Day, Guided Tour & Lecture, 11:00am**

In celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day, syttende mai, ASHM will host a Lunch and Learn event featuring a guided tour, catered lunch, and an author talk. In 1524 the Kalmar Union broke apart. Over the next 300 years Scandinavia became a battlefield as the Scandinavian nations fought for hegemony. Author Jorgen Flood will discuss his book The Wars for Scandinavian Supremacy 1524-1815 about this period and how it became the foundation for the Scandinavia we know today.

11:00 - 12:00 Guided Tour of the Museum

12:00 - 1:00 Catered Lunch provided by Jeffrey Miller Catering

1:00 - 2:00 Author Talk: The Birth of Modern Scandinavia 1524-1814 by author Jorgen Flood

Cost: \$25 (includes museum admission, guided tour and a delicious buffet luncheon.)

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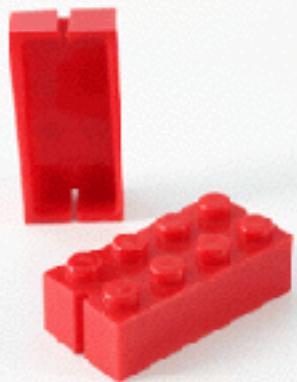
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- **SATURDAY, June 22nd, Midsommar at VASA Park, Gates open at 10:00am**

A Scandinavian Celebration of the Summer Solstice. Free admission and free parking!

Enjoy the raising of the Maypole and dances, dance performances in traditional folk costume, activities for children, musical entertainment under the pavilion, Scandinavian craft vendors and a patio party at the end of the day!

Vasa Park, 12 Vasa Drive, Hackettstown, NJ 07840



The name 'LEGO' is an abbreviation of the two Danish words "leg godt", meaning "play well"
"It's our name and it's our ideal"

The **LEGO Group** was founded in 1932 by Ole Kirk Kristiansen. The company has passed from father to son and is now owned by Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, a grandchild of the founder. (Just as a side note, Kjeld's 2019 estimated net worth is over 4.7 billion US dollars). The company has come a long way over the past almost 80 years - from a small carpenter's workshop building wooden toys to a modern, global enterprise that is now one of the world's largest manufacturers of toys.

The LEGO brick remains the company's most important product. LEGO is proud to have been named "Toy of the Century" twice. Their products have undergone extensive development over the years – but the foundation remains the traditional LEGO brick. The brick in its present form was launched in 1958. The interlocking principle with its tubes makes it unique and offers unlimited building possibilities. The design of the traditional brick has not changed since then which means that bricks produced from 1958 onward can be used together.

Manufacturing of Lego bricks occurs at several locations around the world. Moulding is done in Billund, Denmark; Nyíregyháza, Hungary; Monterrey, Mexico and most recently in Jiaxing, China. Brick decorations and packaging are done at plants in Denmark, Hungary, Mexico and Kladno in the Czech Republic. The Lego Group estimates that in five decades it has produced 400 billion Lego blocks. Annual production of Lego bricks averages approximately 36 billion, or about 1140 elements per second. According to an article in *BusinessWeek* in 2006, Lego could be considered the world's No. 1 tire manufacturer; the factory produces about 306 million small rubber tires a year. The claim was reiterated in 2012. Since the 1950s, the Lego Group has released thousands of sets with a variety of themes, including space, robots, pirates, trains, Vikings, castle, dinosaurs, undersea exploration, and wild west. Merlin Entertainments operates seven Legoland amusement parks, the original in Billund, Denmark, the second in Windsor, England, the third in Günzburg, Germany, the fourth in Carlsbad, California, the fifth in Winter Haven, Florida, the sixth in Nusajaya, Malaysia, the seventh in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and the eighth in Shanghai, China. On 13 July 2005, the control of 70% of the Legoland parks was sold for \$460 million to the Blackstone Group of New York while the remaining 30% is still held by Lego Group. Lego operates 132 so-called "Lego Store" retail shops. The company has also expanded into video and board games, films and television, book, magazines and children's clothing.

Potted Treats



In the days before refrigeration, this was an easy way to preserve fresh shrimp. Great served on brown bread or toast.

One can also utilise bits of leftover lobster and incorporate them with the shrimp or even substitute for them entirely.

Pickled herring can also be potted but the commercially prepared pickled herring is often brutally acidic with distilled vinegar. Potting pickled herring is much more satisfying with your own prepared herring filets.

potted shrimp

1 small clove garlic
salt
1/2 cup clarified butter
1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme
1/2 pound shelled, small shrimp and/or chopped lobster meat
2 teaspoons lemon juice
pepper

crush the garlic to a paste

bring about 3/4 of the butter to boil over medium heat and add the garlic and thyme. reduce the heat, add the shrimp and simmer for 5 minutes. cool to room temperature

stir in the lemon juice and season with salt and pepper

spoon the shrimp into small ramekins or serving dishes then pour the remaining melted butter over the tops.
refrigerate and serve when the butter has solidified

potted herring or salmon

1 1/2 pounds boned herring filets or salmon
2 bay leaves
1 tablespoon minced, fresh dill
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 small onion, minced
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
8 black peppercorns
salt
1/2c white wine vinegar
1/2 cup dry white wine
8 tablespoons softened butter

roll up the herring filets loosely and arrange them side-by-side in a glass or ceramic baking dish with a cover. add the bay, dill, garlic, onion, nutmeg and a bit of salt. gently pour over the vinegar and wine, then bake, at 350 degrees & covered, for 45 minutes.

grease 6-8 small moulds with a bit of the softened butter then melt the rest.

drain the herring and discard the bay and peppercorns. pack the dry herring into the moulds or ramekins. cover with a thin layer of the melted butter over each.

refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving.

iceland to change time?

After periodic chat for at least a couple of decades, Iceland is now seriously considering changing time zone. But why? And why now? Iceland adopted Greenwich Mean Time in the late 1960s and is therefore one the same time as the UK, Ireland, and Portugal during the winter time. It is an hour behind those countries in the summertime, as the only Western European country that does not change its clocks every spring and autumn (for now). While there are positives to sharing a time zone with major neighbouring countries, it means that the time in Iceland is technically wrong, given how far west the country is. When the sun reaches its highest point in Reykjavík the clock shows about 1:30, while in Greenwich (London) the sun peaks at 12:00.

This means that Icelanders have darker winter mornings that are made up for by brighter evenings, but research is increasingly pointing to a relationship between public health, daylight hours, and people's natural body clock. A 2017 Nobel Prize even went to such a research project, and that is why Iceland is now considering moving its clocks back by one hour. This would bring noon closer to midday and work to naturalise people's body clocks somewhat.

The government is using its online consultation website to ask public opinion until mid-March. It is asking for opinions on three options:

1. To leave the clocks unchanged but attempt to persuade the public to go to bed a bit earlier.
2. To move the clocks back by one hour.
3. To open schools, public institutions, and certain other workplaces an hour later each morning—especially because research shows skewed daylight hours affect teenagers and young adults the most

BIRTHDAYS, BIRTHDAYS, BIRTHDAYS....



APRIL

April: 1 Barbara Peterson, 17 Barbara Amidon, 18 Plummer Dunkle, 19 Dean Nelson

MAY

3 Tyler Scheirer, 4 Nancy Thenstedt,
10 Beryl Hellgren, 11 Paul Thenstedt,
18 Kathy Hval, 20 Ronn C. Bergen,
20 Arlene F. Sharp, 23 Mary Nelson

Nancy Coffey Memorial Service

Will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 2:00pm in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



The family would like to have the VASA service included.

Anyone able to attend and participate please reach out to Lina Michelson
610.965.2210

Raising the Swedish retirement age

Parties in Sweden have agreed on a proposal that will be sent to the Riksdag to increase the retirement age.

The government has previously stated that Swedes "live longer and healthier lives," requiring a pension to suffice for a longer time after retirement. Now, almost all parties have agreed on a proposal that will be sent to the Riksdag to increase the retirement age.

The change will take place gradually starting next year. In 2020, the lowest age to start receiving a general pension is increased from 61 to 62 and the right by law to retain employment is increased from age 67 to 68. In 2023, the minimum age to start receiving a general pension will increase to 63, and the minimum age for the so-called guarantee pension is increased to 66. Also, the right by law to retain employment will increase to 69. In 2026, the minimum age to start receiving a general pension will rise to 64 years; the minimum age for guaranteed pension is linked to a new target age, which is expected to be 67.

Minutes of Viking Lodge 735
17 March 2018

CHAIR, DEAN NELSON, opened the meeting at 2:20 pm and introduced **BOB ANDERSON**, who then introduced his daughter and granddaughter, **KAREN SCHULZ** and **KATHERINE SCHULZ**, respectively.

MARIE FLUCK gave the Chaplain's message.

SUNSHINE: ELVA MANTE reported that she will send cards to **CAROL McDERMOTT** and **MARIAN SUNNERGREN**.

ELVA MANTE also provided a historical report as she went through six (6) boxes that were given to her; she discarded all but any lodge related documents, *i.e.*, newsletters, minutes, budgets, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NANCY THENSTEDT gave two (2) blank notebooks to the Lodge to either be used by a member or placed in the next Chinese auction.

DEAN NELSON reported that there were approximately 2 million spectators at the New York St. Patrick's parade. He also provided information regarding Maewyn Succat, aka St. Patrick, who was not canonized.

LINDA MICHELSON reported that she has Lucia gowns which will be placed in the next Chinese auction.

MEMBERSHIP: MARY NELSON reported that she has not received any membership applications.

Minutes: Amendments to last month's **MINUTES** are as follows:

- (1) **SHIRLEY NYLUND** was misspelled;
- (2) The surname of **SCHEIRER** was misspelled in numerous places; and
- (3) **TODD PETERSON** has been elected as Trustee, not Auditor; and **ALAN FORSMAN** has been elected as Auditor, not Trustee.

With the aforementioned Amendments, the Minutes were accepted followed by a Motion by **BILL SCHEIRER** and seconded by **TODD PETERSON**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: TODD PETERSON and ALAN FORSMAN were installed as Trustee and Auditor, respectively, by **BOB ANDERSON**.

CORRESPONDENCE: a letter was received from Hope Cross Lutheran Church acknowledging the \$100.00 donation from the Lodge in memory of **NANCY COFFEY**.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) BEVIN SCHEIRER has not received any news regarding Midsommer; **BOB ANDERSON** also has not received any information.

(2) SHIRLEY NYLUND reported that she had not received monies from the May 2018 50/50 drawing.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) DEAN AND MARY NELSON will be attending the 107th District Convention to be held in Cape May from May 4 to 5, 2019; (2) April's meeting will be held one (1) week after Easter which Easter is the third Sunday in April; and (3) for the April's meeting, **BARBARA AMIDON** will present a program of her husband's and her cruise of Northern Norway and the Northern Lights

GOOD OF THE ORDER: (1) **BOB ANDERSON** spoke about the GOLDEN COLONY (for Lodge members with 50 years or more as members; 80 years old or older and/or couples married 50 years or more); (2) **BOB ANDERSON** reported on the District Master's Spring Event on April 27, 2019, registration by April 15 and \$25.00 per person; (3) **BOB ANDERSON** reported that the Cape May hotel reservations must be made by March 27, 2019; (4) **BOB ANDERSON** reported that the deadline for applying for scholarships has ended; and (5) **BILL SCHEIRER** spoke about a program, Lost Vikings of North America, on the Science channel.

TREASURER'S REPORT: LINDA MICHELSON reported that the balance at the end of February was \$5,549.24 which includes \$1,000.00 in dues minus the \$100.00 donation in memory of **NANCY COFFEY** and the \$25.00 donation to V.O.A.; a Motion was made by **MARIE FLUCK** and seconded by **TODD PETERSON** to accept the report.

The 50/50 was done by TODD PETERSON and won by BEVIN SCHEIRER

NEXT MEEING: 28 APRIL 2019

Submitted by **JEAN GERDING** on March 21, 2019.



VIKING LODGE 735 NEXT CUSTOMARY MONTHLY MEETING

SUNDAY
APRIL 28th, 2019
2:00 pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
696 Johnson Road,
Nazareth, PA 18064

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME

Refreshments will be served and cultural
presentation after the meeting !



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