

CHARLES GUNDERSON (MEMBER OF THE S.O.N. IN MINN.) CAME TO SPOKANE AND FOUND NO S.O.N. HE MET JACOB RIVEDAHL AND TOLD HIM OF THE VALUE OF THE S.O.N. JACOB THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA AND PROCEEDED TO GET FRIENDS TO SIGN THEIR NAMES ON A LIST TO GET THE S.O.N. STARTED IN SPOKANE.

SATURDAY**SEPT. 7-1907** THE PRESIDENT OF S.O.N. OF THE PACIFIC COAST DISTRICT, CAME TO SPOKANE AND MET WITH JACOB AND THE OTHERS IN BACK OF THE "SKANDIAV PAPER" AT W. 14 SPRAGUE. THAT IS WHERE OUR LODGE WAS ORGANIZED WITH 34 CHARTER MEMBERS.

SUNDAY**SEPT. 8-1907-- THEY HAD THEIR FIRST ELECTION AT THE APPOLO HALL AND JACOB WAS ELECTED ALONG WITH A SLATE OF 12 OTHER OFFICERS. THEY SELECTED A COMMITTEE TO NAME THE LODGE. TORDENSKJOLD WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE HE WAS A GREAT VIKING HERO. HIS PICTURE IS HANGING ON THE WALL TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU GO IN THE BAR.

SUNDAY**SEPT. 9*, 1907** A COMMITTEE WAS CHOSEN TO WORK ON THE BY-LAWS. TODAY WE ARE USING THE SAME BY-LAWS WITH A FEW CHANGES AND ADDITIONS. AT THIS MTG. THEY INIATATED 3 MEMBERS.

JUST THINK IN THREE DAYS OUR LODGE WAS ORGANIZED, OFFICERS CHOSEN, AND BY-LAWS PASSED. THEY WERE A REALLY DEDICATED GROUP OF NORWEGIANS WHO WANTED A S.O.N. AND GOT IT!!!!

THEY DECIDED TO HAVE A BASKET PARTY & MAKE MONEY FOR THEIR TREASURY, BUT THEY WENT \$1.75 IN THE HOLE!!

AT THEIR NOV. 4 MTG. THEY STARTED TO DO CHARITY WORK. A NORWEGIAN FAMILY IN NEED WAS GIVEN \$30.00 FOR XMAS. THEY HAD THE MEMBERS TAKE UP A COLLECTION AND ONE MAN DECIDED HE NEEDED THE MONEY HIMSELF, SO KEPT IT. THE LODGE PAID FOR HIM WHICH CAME TO \$7.00.

AT THE END OF 1907, THERE WERE 37 MEMBERS. TEN WERE BEHIND ON THEIR DUES. THEY ALSO HAD 17 APPLICANTS.

MARCH 1908, THE FRAYA LODGE #3, DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY WAS ORGANIZED. THEY WORKED WITH THE S.O.N. FOR YEARS.

IN 1914 MARTIN SALBERG THOUGHT THEY SHOULD HAVE A S.O.N. BANNER. SIXTY-ONE MEMBERS GAVE \$160.00 TOWARDS THE BANNER AND THE LODGE PAID THE FREIGHT OF \$4.54. THE BANNER HANGS TO THE LEFT OF THE STAGE.

THE S.O.N. WAS MTG. IN THE FORRESTER'S HALL AND PAYING \$35.00 A MONTH. IN 1921 IT WAS DECIDED WE SHOULD START A BUILDING FUND FOR OUR OWN LODGE. WE HAD BEEN BUYING LIBERTY BONDS SO IT WAS DECIDED WE TAKE THE INTEREST FROM THE BONDS, WHICH WAS \$26.00, AND PUT IT IN A SPECIAL BLDG. FUND. WHEN THE BONDS MATURED ALL THAT MONEY WAS TO GO IN THE FUND ALSO.

IN 1923 THE DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY GAVE UP THEIR LODGE AND JOINED IN WITH THE TORDENSKJOLD LODGE. ON NOVEMBER 27, 1923, 40 LADIES WERE INIATATED INTO THE TORDENSKJOLD LODGE. THE DAUGHTERS BROUGHT \$250.00 INTO THE BLDG. FUND. THEY ALSO STARTED HAVING MONEY RAISING PROJECTS FOR THE BLDG. FUND. ONE 3 DAY BAZAAR BROUGHT IN ALMOST \$1200.00.

JAN. 1, 1924 WE HAD 125 MEMBERS, 50 WOMEN AND 75 MEN. FROM JAN. 1st TO JUNE 1st THEY TOOK IN 134 MEMBERS, MORE THAN DOUBLING THE LODGE IN FIVE MONTHS. OUR S.O.N. WAS THE BIGGEST LODGE OF NORWEGIANS IN THE U.S. AT ONE TIME.

IN 1911 WE HAD A DISTRICT 2 CONVENTION IN SPOKANE. WE WERE ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD AND NOT MANY MEMBERS, SO THAT WAS QUITE AN UNDERTAKING. WE HAVE HAD DISTRICT CONVENTIONS HERE IN: 1911 - 1926 - 1944 - 1960 - 1972 - 1982. IN 1948 WE HAD THE SUPREME LODGE BIENNIAL CONV.

1939 THE CROWN PRINCE OLAF AND HIS WIFE MARTHA, OF NORWAY, VISITED SPOKANE AND WERE ENTERTAINED BY ERIC JOHNSEN. A GROUP OF S.O.N. MEMBERS TOOK THE PRINCE ON A TOUR OF COULEE DAM.

OUR MEMBERS WERE REALLY ACTIVE AND HAD A : MEN'S GLEE CLUB, CHOIR, JR. CHOIR, BAND, AND JUNIOR AND SENIOR DANCE GROUPS.

1939 IT WAS DECIDED TO CHANGE FROM NORWEGIAN TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, TO KEEP THE YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE LODGE.

OCT. 1943, WE CELEBRATED OUR 1000th MEMBER. WE GOT LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS FROM ALL

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OVER CONGRATULATING US.

1941 WE BOUGHT THE ODIN BUILDING ON RIVERSIDE FOR OUR S.O.N. HALL. WE PAID \$20,000, AND HAD LESS THAN 500 MEMBERS. IN 1965 WE REMODELED THE BUILDING AND PUT IN A ELEVATOR. WE BOUGHT FURNITURE FROM NORWAY AND ARE STILL USING IT.

IN FORTY YEARS THE LODGE DONATED \$28,245.77 TO CHARITY AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS. IVAN PEARSON REPRESENTED US ON A COMMITTEE OF TEN, WHO SECURED OVER \$700,000.00 TO BUILD A STADIUM. THE S.O.N. DONATED \$15,000.00 TOWARDS IT. WE DONATED OVER \$2000.00 TO CAMP LUTHERHAVEN TO FURNISH A KITCHEN. WE DONATED THE ENTIRE PROFITS OF A LUTEFISK DINNER TO THAT CAMP ALSO. WE SUPPORTED THE LUTHERAN SERVICE CENTER DURING THE WAR WITH MILK, COOKIES, TURKEYS ETC. WE GAVE TO THE AMERICAN RELIEF TO NORWAY. WE SOLD MORE BONDS THAN EVEN THE POST OFFICE DURING THE WAR. THIS IS ONLY A FEW OF OUR DONATIONS. THE WOMEN OF THE LODGE ORGANIZED A MOTHERS SERVICE CLUB WHO KEPT IN CONTACT WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE DURING THE WAR.

1947 WE HAD OUR FIRST LADY PRESIDENT, AMY PEARSON.

WE HAVE HAD FOUR MEMBERS BE DISTRICT OFFICERS: AMY PEARSON, REGENT(SOCIAL DIRECTOR), VIOLET MOSSBRUCKER, SECRETARY, ALBERT ANDERSON, PRESIDENT, CARL PEIRSON, TREAS.

JULY 8, 1952 A LADIES AUXILIARY WAS ORGANIZED. IT IS STILL ACTIVE. THEY RAISED THE FUNDS TO REMODEL THE KITCHEN AND THE SEWING ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR AT OUR HALL ON RIVERSIDE. EVERY XMAS THEY STILL GO TO LAKE LAND VILLAGE AT CHRISTMAS. THEY DONATE HATS, GLOVES AND SCARFS THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE MADE. THEY BRING COOKIES & HAVE A PARTY.

OUR BOWLING TEAM HAS WON MANY TROPHYS AND IS STILL ACTIVE.

1949 BOOKCASES WERE PURCHASED AND A LIBRARY STARTED. WHEN OUR BASEMENT IS DONE WE HOPE TO HAVE A LIBRARY AGAIN. WE HAVE BOXES OF BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN BOUGHTEN OR DONATED.

1977 WE BOUGHT LAND ON COUNTRY HOMES BLVD. FOR \$75,000.00. DECEMBER 31st, 1977, WE HAD A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY. THE LODGE WAS COMPLETED IN THE FALL OF 1978 AND WE MOVED IN. OUR BAR WAS BUILT BY DONATED LABOR. WE HAD OUR GRAND OPENING NOV. 9 thru 11th, 1979.

WE PARTICIPATE IN THE ETHNIC DAY AT RIVERFRONT PARK EVERY FOURTH OF JULY, WE HAVE ICE CREAM SOCIALS WITH OLD TIME PRICES. A BAZAAR EVERY FALL. NORWEGIAN CLASSES AND ROSEMALING CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY WEEK.

SO ON OUR 75th ANNIVERSARY, AS YOU CAN TELL, WE ARE STILL AN ACTIVE AND A GROWING LODGE WE HAVE A DISPLAY IN THE LOBBY OF OLD PICTURES, BOOKS AND SCRAPBOOKS.

OUT IN THE ENTRYWAY WE HAVE A METAL 8½ FOOT VIKING. HE WAS MADE IN 1965 BY GEORGE ROBERTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO. HE IS MADE OF WELDED PIECES OF SHEET METAL. HE REPRESENTS TORDENSKJOLD, THE NAMESAKE OF OUR LODGE.

WE ALSO HAVE A WOODEN VIKING IN OUR LOBBY. HE WAS HAND CARVED IN 1903. THE WOMAN WHO INHERITED HIM CONTACTED OUR LODGE TO SEE IF WE WERE INTERESTED IN BUYING HIM. THE LAST RECORD FOUND WAS THAT SHE LEFT HIM WITH US FOR DISPLAY, SHE WAS LEAVING TOWN FOR A WHILE AND WE WOULDNT BE UNDER ANY OBLIGATION TO BUY HIM.