



EMBLA NYHETER

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EMBLA CALENDAR

Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 PM is our annual *Welcome Back Potluck, Auction and White Elephant Sale* at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, our usual meeting place. We welcome all Embla sisters and your friends for a fun evening. Remember the time – 6 pm. Look for items you might bring to be auctioned. The proceeds go to our Embla Scholarship Fund.

October 3, 14 and 19 – Cooking Classes at Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU.

October 5th, 7PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Program: *Summer Scandinavian Trips Friday–Sunday, October 6, 7 & 8 Scandinavian Days* at Puyallup Fairgrounds.

November 3rd, 7PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Initiation of new members. Program: Elaine and Christine Anderson will share their visit to Alexander, Minnesota and video of “*Kenningstone Runestone*”

December 1st – Christmas Party at Scandinavian Cultural Center with traditional singing and dancing around the tree. PLU students will share in the celebrations of their home country.



Organizers: Delphine Johnson, Lisa Ottoson, Marilyn Mahnke

Celebrate Our Heritage

was the theme for our Embla Lodge #2 Summer Luncheon held in the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU at 12:00 noon, July 29th! Seventy-two members and guests gathered to celebrate and enjoy a delicious luncheon of Swedish meatballs, red potatoes, peas and carrots, cucumber salad, pickled herring in cream, lingenberries, and strawberry shortcake with whipped cream!!

Carol Kemp, newly elected President of Grand Lodge, Daughters of Norway, brought Grand Lodge Greetings!

Our Special Music Program was presented by professional vocalist Vicki Melton, our Embla Sister. She was accompanied by Karen Kuenzi. Vicki sang several beautiful songs in Norwegian. Some of the songs were composed by Edvard Grieg, Norway’s celebrated composer. We enjoyed Vicki directing all of us as we sang several of our favorite Norwegian songs in Norwegian and in English!

We appreciated Vicki taking time to give us a wonderful Program during a busy summer!

Janet Ruud spoke briefly about our recent Grand Lodge Convention in Lynnwood, Washington. The Grand Lodge Convention 2008 will be hosted in Tacoma by our Embla Lodge #2. The co-chairs are Janet Ruud and Lisa Ottoson.



Grace Bredeson and Organizer: Marilyn Carlson

Marilyn Mahnke reminded us that next April 22nd, 2007, Embla Lodge #2 will celebrate Embla’s 100th Anniversary! Marilyn announced that the Dinner celebration will be at Normanna Hall. A committee is already busy planning.

The tables looked elegant with red Dahlia centerpieces set on a glass mirror. Each person’s favor was a pair of red candles tied with red, white, and blue ribbon—Celebrating our Heritage!

Special recognition violet plants were given to Mary Hudina – the oldest member present; June Radich – the longest years (73 years) of membership in Embla Lodge #2; Arlene McDonald – newest member of Embla

GRAND LODGE DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY CONVENTION JULY 15, 2006



Special people recognized, l to r: Harriet Swieso, Peggy Barcalow – mother with youngest child present, Wendi Falk, Olive Rudsdil, Mary Hudina, Vicki Melton and Arlene McDonald

Lodge #2; Harriet Swieso, a tie with Olive Rudsdil – two grandmas with the most grandchildren present; Wendi Falk – youngest member present – age 18 years; Peggy Barcalow – mother with youngest child present and Vicki Melton – the most beautiful singing voice present.

Tusen Takk to the Luncheon Committee: Marilyn Mahnke, Lisa Ottoson, Ellen Campbell, Marilyn Carlson, Norma Borgford, and Delphine Johnson.



June Radich, 73-year member of Embla, and Delphine Johnson, president



Iona Dhaese & Carol Baydo



Organizer: Norma Borgford



Ines Ottoson and Pearl Gustafson



Embla Escort Team front l to r: Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss, Carol Voigt, back: Marta Berg and Karen Kunkle

The second session of Convention 2006 was opened by President Tove Van Der Maas. The pledge of allegiance was said and the American and Norwegian anthems sung. As you will note from this account of the day, much of our agenda follows along with what we do in our monthly lodge business meeting. Since I acted as assistant secretary for the convention, I have used much of what was in the meeting minutes to recount the events of the day.

CREENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Toni Linné, Frida Hansen #37 reported the count of 8 officers and 76 delegates for a total of 84 voting.

Vice President Carol Kemp introduced her pages for the session: Judy Hadlock of Ester Moe #39 and Marilyn Mahnke of Embla #2. President Tove Van Der Maas introduced her pages: Sonja Schoenleber of Thea Foss #45 and Betsy Dierdick of Ingeborg #43. Marshals Esther Van Noy Embla #2 and Eleanor Baker Solveig #31 were introduced, as was assistant secretary Lisa Ottoson of Embla #2 and Inner Guard Genice Brandt Anne Grimdalen #34, and Outer Guard Ida Mae Swedberg Nina Grieg #40.

BUSINESS:

Continuation of proposed constitutional amendments from the previous day:

Proposed by Nellie Gerdrum #41 Article VII of the Laws governing the subordinate lodges: Transfer of Membership Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 4: In paragraph 2, Nellie Gerdrum #41 made one change in the proposal to eliminate the words 'or has not' so the proposal reads: delete paragraph two and replace with: "When a request for transfer is received by the secretary of the receiving lodge, she shall immediately notify the secretary of the sending (issuing) lodge that the request has been received and that the member has been accepted." In paragraph 4, the proposal reads: delete paragraph four and replace with: "The transferring member shall pay the general treasury of the receiving lodge a transfer fee. The transfer

fee shall be set by each subordinate lodge and, of this fee, \$5.00 shall be forwarded to the Grand Lodge along with the member's completed transfer form."

There was much discussion regarding these proposals and Sharon Schneider of Aase #33 moved that a vote on each section be taken separately. Dee Coughlin of Queen Maud #42 seconded the motion and it passed. Paragraph #2 – A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this proposal. On Paragraph #4, the votes were counted by the marshals and there were 44 votes in favor and 33 against. The motion to accept the proposal passed. Article II of the Laws now reads:



Delegates Judy Willison, Esther Van Noy and Marilyn Mahnke

1. Unchanged
2. **When a request for transfer is received by the secretary of the receiving lodge, she shall immediately notify the secretary of the sending (issuing) lodge that the request has been received and that the member has been accepted.**
3. Unchanged
4. **The transferring member shall pay the general treasury of the receiving lodge a transfer fee. The transfer fee shall be set by each subordinate lodge and, of this fee, \$5.00 shall be forwarded to the Grand Lodge along with the member's completed transfer form."**

Proposed by Valkyrien Lodge #1:
Article XIII, Section 1 – **Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws**

To add a sentence which reads "A proposed change must carry a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of delegates assembled in Convention." Hilde Thorkildsen made a motion to adopt the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed. Article XIII, Section 1 now reads: **"The Constitution of Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges**

may be abolished, changed, or established at regular or special meetings of the Grand Lodge Convention. After study by the Grand Lodge Executive Board, the proposed change shall be submitted to the subordinate lodges for discussion. A proposed change must carry a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of delegates assembled in Convention."

As is always a part of our meeting, the Flower March was conducted.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY:

Chaplain Laurel Tessler introduced a very moving memorial service entitled **"The Viking Woman"** done with interpretive movement. Borghild Neset, Barbara O'Brien and Jill Beatty of Anna K #36 and Dana Galvin of Sonja Henie #29, dressed in Viking-woman garments, entered the room as Laurel narrated the story of a Viking woman's life to death while the dancers interpreted. Jean Clark Kaldahl of Thea Foss #45, was the central character and she performed a moving dance as the Viking woman released her burdens. The service continued with the Viking ship and lighting of the candles honoring our sisters who have passed on during the past two years. We have lost 53 sisters from 18 lodges. The head delegate from each lodge



Bunad Day, Friday, July 14th
Delphine Johnson, Grand Lodge President Tove Van Der Maas, and Esther Van Noy

read the names of their departed sisters as a candle was lit in their memory. She was then presented with a flower and a card containing a lovely poem. The assembly then sang the *Begravelses-sang*, written by Thea Foss and translated by Janet Ruud.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Thelma Dangle of Aase #33 brought pic-



Cultural Day
Embla Lodge #2 Table
Chris Engstrom, Janet Ruud and Kari Stackpole

tures which will be placed in hospitality room and she asked that anyone who wants any of them to please take them.

- Linda Spencer of Ester Moe #39 told us about a children's folk dancing group "Young Skandia Dancers" that will be going to Norway for two weeks in September as a cultural exchange trip. They're calling the trip 'Living our Scandinavian Heritage through Dance' and their trip agenda will be posted on the web. They also have their own website www.youngskandiadancers.com.
- Gail Hariman of Nellie Gerdrum #41 presented a check from Nellie Gerdrum for the Scholarship Fund.
- DorothyAnne Honeychurch of Solheim #20 presented a check for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund and one for Valkyrien #1.
- Hilde Thorkildsen presented a check from Valkyrien for the Scholarship Fund. This represented gifts they had received for their 100th birthday party
- Carol Kemp, GL Vice President, presented a parting gift to President Tove from the Grand Lodge.
- Joanne Mansfield then presented President Tove with her Grand Lodge past president's pin.
- Delphine Johnson presented to Tove a beautiful table runner designed and made by Linda Caspersen of Gig Harbor. Linda uses an international mix of materials and fabrics to create interior textile pieces. Marie Ward embroidered a label which was attached to the runner:
Tove Van Der Maas
President Grand Lodge
Daughters of Norway
2004-2006
From Embla Lodge #2



Embla members present at Daughters of Norway Convention

Front row L to R: Joanne Mansfield, Judy Earle, Marilyn Mahnke, Eleanor Baker and Janet Ruud. Middle: Marilyn Carlson, Delphine Johnson, Carol Kemp, Judith Willison, Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss, Carol Voigt, and Esther Van Noy. Back: Chris Engstrom, Ellen Campbell, Lisa Ottoson, Karen Bell and Harriet Swieso.



Grand Lodge Vice President Carol Kemp and Embla member, Janet Ruud, dressed in their bunads



Delegates Judith Willison and Ellen Campbell on Heritage Day

Embla members attend the Saturday Banquet: seated l to r: Marvin and Shirley Peterson, Charleen Barnes, Karen Kunkle, Mr. & Mrs. Kozak (Bonnie) from Turid Jespersen Lodge. Back row: Don and Elaine Anderson



PRESIDENT'S TWO-YEAR REPORT:

President, Tove Van Der Maas expressed her hope that we have come through the past two years with flying colors in spite of the difficulties encountered. She was especially appreciative for the many cards and letters and for the newsletters sent from the lodges. Tove loves the Daughters of Norway and is very proud to be an American but also proud of her Norwegian heritage. She came to this country at age 24 and first joined the Ladies Chorus of which she was a member for 29 years. She and Bob were married on May 17. Bob became somewhat of an honorary member of the Daughters. He danced with all the ladies at the parties because their husbands were out fishing. Tove's first lodge was Valkyrien #1 where she experienced lots of work and enjoyment. She stated that it doesn't matter what your job is in the lodge; you are an important part of the organization. Do your job without complaining. The important part is that you are willing to work and be an active part of your lodge. Learn more about your heritage. That is why you joined the Daughters. Wear your jacket when you are out – it attracts people to ask about our organization and is a good way to get new members. Her family was taught the Norwegian customs. She expressed her pleasure in serving the Daughters as president these past two years.

Marilyn Brossard of Nellie Gerdrum #41 then played some Norwegian songs before we broke for lunch. Business resumed at 1:45 pm. The results of the flower march today were \$154.70. Joanne Mansfield moved that these funds be given to Valkyrien #1. The motion was seconded and passed. The grand total given to Valkyrien from the flower marches is \$370.02.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

Carol Kemp, the current sitting Vice President, was nominated for President by Delphine Johnson, Embla #2. She was elected by a unanimous vote.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Mary Knutson Sullivan was nominated for Vice President by Toni Linné of Frida Hansen #37, elected by a unanimous vote.

SECRETARY:

Donna Murrish was nominated for a second term by Hilde Thorkildsen of Valkyrien #1. Elected by a unanimous vote.

TREASURER:

Sylvia Hampson was nominated for a second term by Gail Harriman of Nellie Gerdrum #41, elected by a unanimous vote.

CHAPLAIN:

Bonnie J. Kozak was nominated by Brit Pedersen, Turid Jespersen #44. Nina Kurrle was nominated by Beverly Wiedmeier, Thelma #26. Votes by ballot: Bonnie Kozak 34, Nina Kurrle 45, Joanne Mansfield 1. Nina Kurrle elected Chaplain.

TRUSTEE (Four-year):

Perralina Palm was nominated for Trustee by Sheila Young, Sonja Henie #29. She was elected by a unanimous vote.

Janet Ruud told an Ole and Lena joke and then announced the development of a new, 3-volume bunad encyclopedia. Publisher is NW Damm & Søn. The book will supply 1,100 pages of information on Norway's national costume in all its regional variations. It is written in Norwegian. Web address is www.damm.no

A suggestion was made that at a future convention one of the workshops might be on teaching the beautiful meanings of the songs *Nidelven* and *La oss leve for hverandre!*

REPORT ON**PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:**

Kathleen Nesseth Valkyrien #1 reported on convention publicity, giving Stephanie Henry of Valkyrien #1 credit for handling most of it. Information was sent to local papers and radio stations and many flyers were distributed.

Cultural Day: Inger Saltonstall Valkyrien #1 reported that 19 lodges had tables with exhibits and sales items. Several demonstrators added a special touch. We were very pleased with the number of people coming in from the community. Total sales were \$9,600 of which 10% was given to the Grand Lodge.

Classes: Six classes were offered and were very popular. Regret was expressed that there had to be a limited number of participants.

- Popular Tours in Norway presented by Nordic Sage Tours with video *Norway, Your*

Way and Norway in a Nutshell.

- *Culinary Journey* taught by Astrid Karlsen Scott was a wonderful overview of Norway and its cuisine. We were also treated to some Norwegian delicacies - Vaffler, desert cheese (Kokaost) and a delicious Cream Cake (Blote Kake). Each member of the class received her book *Norway's Best*. Judith Willison

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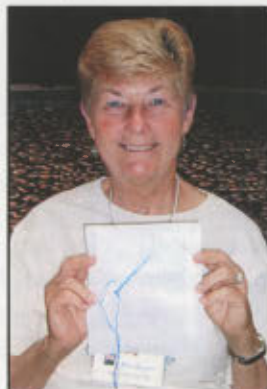
The report from the Acknowledgements Committee was given by Chair Carol Tower of Prillar Guri #30. She introduced her committee members, Dee Coughlin, Queen Maud #42 and Lori Akins, Gina Krog #38.



Ines Ottoson and Lisa Ottoson learn to do hardangersom



Teacher Jean Whipple checks Wheat Weaving of Marilyn Mahnke



Chris Engstrom is happy to show off her Hardanger embroidery

Thanks and appreciation to all who had a part in making the Convention a memorable occasion; especially to Valkyrien #1 for their hospitality and for the planning, which definitely showed in how smoothly everything ran; for the wonderful event on Friday evening; to the Sisters who brought treats and who presented skits; to the musician Marilyn Brossard; to the speakers, and to Laurel Tessler and sisters for the moving memorial service.

- Perralina Palm of Sonja Henie #29 and Linda Spencer of Ester Moe #39 invited everyone to get up and join them in dancing and singing "Per Spelmann."

- When we learned of a birthday in the group, everyone joined in to sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Carol Voigt of Embla #2. Linda Spencer led the singing of the song in Norwegian.

- **Gift presentations** were made by the lodges to Hilde Thorkildsen, President of the host lodge Valkyrien #1, and to outgoing Grand Lodge President Tove Van Der Maas. Membership co-chairs Borghild Neset and Jean Clark Kaldahl gave a special gift to Tove,... of a copy of the Resource Book.

- Drawings were held of the various raffle items.

- Embla Lodge #2 presented a lively skit of celebration welcoming all to Tacoma in 2008.

- Judge Joanne Mansfield wished peace and harmony to ever abide within our lodges and among our members.

- Meeting adjourned at 4:37. Installation of Grand Lodge officers followed shortly thereafter.

- Installing officer was Joanne Mansfield; Installing Marshal was Eleanor Baker Solveig #31, Assistant Installing Marshal was Esther Van Noy Embla #2; the Escort Team: Carol Voigt Embla #2, Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss Solveig #31, Karen Kunkle Embla #2, and Marta Berg Embla #2. by Lisa Ottoson



Embla skit for 2008

“A Country Wedding” Tour

Valkyrien Lodge #1 provided an opportunity through an optional bus tour to experience the history of an immigrant-built Lutheran church, as well as attend a traditional Norwegian wedding.



Our first stop was the Fir-Conway Lutheran Church near Mt. Vernon, WA. We were greeted and welcomed by members, who shared with us the history of this long-time church. We were entertained with several songs of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, played on the piano and the violin.

This church was started with many Norwegians in its charter membership. There was a first building in 1896. Then in 1916, two churches merged and a new, bigger church was built and became the Fir-Conway Church as it is today. The church was the center of every immigrant community, a place where people could express their faith, and a place to meet for social occasions, especially for the women and children. We all appreciated the hospitality exhibited by the members of this lovely church, which is still operating over a hundred years later.

Our second destination was Norway Park, a private park with a meeting hall, somewhere in the Skagit Valley. We were met by a young man and woman, dressed in bridal bunads, waiting to hook a horse to the carriage and escort the group down to the hall for the reception. The horse became upset by the sound of the bus motors and was not able to be calmed down. The

accordion player accompanied the bridal couple, who led the guests in a procession down to the reception hall. We spent the rest of the evening enjoying an “old country wedding,” filled with music, food, the sharing of traditions, and dancing.

In the old time traditional wedding, the village townspeople follow the newlyweds from the church to the celebration hall. They were led by a fiddler (we had an accordion player), playing folk tunes and wedding songs, as music was always a definite part of every celebration. Large bowls of ale would be passed around as the wedding party processed, to quench their thirst and create good spirits for the celebration. The festivities would often last several days. Men would bring their weapons, because after drinking ale for several days, fighting would often break out, and the men would need to defend themselves.

The celebration was led by a “krogemester” or master of ceremonies, who was to oversee the observance of the traditions, much as is done today.



The traditional food for the wedding feast was rømmegrøt. Neighbors would bring milk and dairy products to the wedding celebration farm in advance to contribute to the party. Decorative “tine” boxes and “sending baskets” were used for this purpose. The bride would lead a procession of her helpers with the large bowls of porridge. This symbolized her status as

the new head woman of the farm.

In the old days, each guest’s place setting would consist of only a spoon and a wooden plate for their bread. The porridge (rømmegrøt) would be eaten communally from large porridge bowls, as would ale be sent around in bowls. The Norwegian word for bowl (skal) would be called out as a person lifted the bowl and drank to honor the bride and groom. This is where our word “skool” comes from, when we lift our glasses to drink.

Other foods served at the reception would be cured meats, sausages, flatbread, and “saft” or fruit juice. We



enjoyed cloudberry cream in a krumkake cup for our dessert.

Of course, the traditional kransekake was served, passed around to the guests by the bride and groom. In some parts of Norway, before serving, the bride and groom lift the top of the kransekake together, allowing it to break off. The number of rings remaining in their grasp is believed to represent the number of children they will have.

A lovely display of artifacts was presented to represent the “heimanfylgje” or “home accompaniment” a bride would have been collecting since she was a young girl. This is a dowry of sorts and includes everything she would need in her first years of marriage. She would sew, embroider, knit, and collect over the years and place them in her hope chest. The chest would be built for her as a young girl, but often painted after marriage, so she could paint her new married name on it. The chest would also contain all the clothes she owned. Because clothes took so long to make, she also had to have maternity clothes

and clothes for the expected babies, so as not to be a burden on her husband's farm. Her hope chest might even include a burial gown, in case she died in childbirth shortly after she was married. Bed linens, mattress, pillows, down comforters, woven coverlets, fur blankets, cookware, towels and tablecloths would be included in the chest. Displaying one's "heimanfylgje" was a display of one's wealth and a woman's suitability and desirability as a wife.

Men could demonstrate their handiwork skills by carving or painting a "mangletre" or "mangle board." This is a handled, wooden slab for ironing linens. He would carve or paint this board, making it look the best he could. He would leave it outside a girl's door at night to symbolize his proposal. If she brought it inside in the morning, she accepted his proposal. If she didn't, he would have to take it away and make a new one for any future proposal. It was said, "Beware of the man with many mangletre" for he had been turned down for marriage many times.

Often the bride's wedding day would be the last day of her life she would be allowed to wear her hair down and uncovered. Somewhere during the course of the evening the bride would be taken away to have her hair wound up with a long woven ribbon called a "vippe" and bound up underneath a scarf called a "skaut." This would signify that she was a married woman. She would forever wear either an everyday skaut or a fest skaut. In Norway, every woman's bunad has a matching head-dress for women who choose to carry on this tradition.

After the meal was served, we danced some circle dances around the room, then were escorted back to the hotel, tired but happy to have experienced an old fashioned, country wedding. The ladies from Valkyrien Lodge did a fantastic job developing this outing. The information described about the traditions in this article came from a handout given to us by Valkyrien Lodge during the course of this tour.

Cultural Day
July 13, 2006

Ellen Campbell

WHEAT STRAW WEAVING

Jean Whipple showed about 15 sisters in each session how to make the pattern "Harvest Favor". The most important item list in the supplies is PATIENCE. First we cleaned the wheat and then soaked it in water for 45 minutes. While soaking we were taught the Clove Hitch Knot which is the most useful knot as it will not slip and can be pulled very tight. Four straws were put together with the knot and the straws were separated horizontally into 4 compass points. We then folded them back and forth. That is where the Patience comes in. We made 5 separate loops and then tied them together into whatever decoration you wished. These have to be dried before you can add any embellishments. This was a nice item to bring home from the convention... Marilyn Mahnke

In **Writing your Story** we were asked to just write down some event in our lives that was very memorable to us, and then asked to read them. The leader was most complimentary in given us ideas from that single sentence that we could work from and begin. Some were funny, some were sad and some were very touching, but each one was GREAT and felt that many tales could be woven from that single sentence.

I had several in my mind that could be used and now need to find time to sit down and just BEGIN!! My father, my Norwegian ancestor, was so busy making a living for us 7 kids that he did not have much time to tell us stories, but I had one uncle and two aunts that talked a lot about days in their past and of course as a little girl I listened to all those. Admit I had trouble not asking questions at the time.

I am very lucky to have my genealogy already done back to when Norway and Sweden were one.

My ancestor is in the lineage of the King of Sweden in the 1500s. Bits of songs keep coming back to me that my dad did sing to us kids.

Marilyn Carlson

Membership Workshop - Thursday morning of Convention

The Membership Workshop was held from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, right before the other Cultural Day activities. The president and cultural director from each lodge (or their designees) were present. It was obvious from the start that the Membership Co-Chairs Jean Clark Kaldahl and Borgie Nettet had planned everything exceptionally well. The workshop was very informative and worthwhile!

We first received new pages for the Resource Book for Daughters of Norway programs and were instructed as to which pages to remove. We then broke up into small groups to answer questions related to finding ways to avoid/handle negativism in our lodges. After several minutes in small groups, we shared our answers, which were recorded and will be compiled and sent to all lodges within a few weeks.

Janet Ruud



NEW LODGE Des Moines, Iowa

Janet Ruud, GL Organizer

This will be the first Daughters of Norway lodge in the Midwest.

Please welcome this Des Moines group into our organization. Send your message to the temporary officers: Kathy Miller, President Pro-Tem at KatM11@aol.com, Betty Ann McCarl, Secretary Pro-Tem at mc31441@msn.com and Joyce Friedrich, Treasurer Pro-Tem at joycefred22@msn.com.

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Newly elected Grand Lodge Officers for 2006-2008: Front row l to r: Marit Nielsen, 2yr Trustee; Perralina Palm, 4yr Trustee; Nina Kurrle, Chaplain; and Donna Murrish, Secretary. Back row: Tove Van Der Maas, Judge; Carol Kemp, President; Mary Knutsen-Sullivan, Vice-President; Sylvia Hampson, Treasurer.



***HIP HIP HOORAY!!!** Carol Kemp, our New Grand Lodge President, introduced her new board (left) and (below) her husband Richard, son Marc and daughter-in-law Patti. Her speech included her biography of her Scandinavian background. Carol is a Past President of Embla and joins a long line of Embla Presidents who have been elected GL President over the years.*

Embla President, Delphine Johnson, Grand Lodge Raffle winner of 2 SAS airline tickets to Norway.

