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Trønderlag 100th Anniversary!

Fergus Falls is the place in 2008

Join the celebration in 2008 to “Remember, Honor, and Celebrate” in the city where Trønderlag of America was founded - Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The program will include special presentations, genealogy & history displays, music & other entertainment from Trøndelag and America. You’ll be able to meet visiting Norwegians & descendants of the charter members, and enjoy a wonderful banquet dinner followed by more music and dancing . . .

The Centennial Celebration commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of



Centennial Celebration

Bigwood Event Center

August 9, 2008
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

www.tronderlag.org/centennial.htm

The celebration comes at the conclusion of the regular

Trønderlag of America.

The Lag Stevne which runs from August 6-9, 2008. More info: centennial@tronderlag.org

Our History

The **Trønderlag of America** was organized on September 17, 1908 in Fergus Falls, Minn. There were 120 charter members. Within the first year, 400 more immigrants from Trøndelag joined. Membership grew to 2,556 in 1925 and today it has more than 350 members with attendance at the annual stevne around 85 with “Trønder” ancestry.

As with other Norwegian-American bygdelags (lags), it was founded to provide the pioneer Norwegian immigrant Trønders an opportunity to get together once a year with other emigrants or descendants from the Trøndelag area of Norway.

The Trønderlag held annual “stevner” until the outbreak of World War II. The lag went inactive until 1946. From then until 1966, meetings were held yearly, mostly in Minnesota towns. Inactivity resulted again from 1966 to 1982, when reorganization took place in Dawson, Minnesota. It has met annually since then at various locations in the Midwest. Beginning in 2002, Trønderlag joined with two other lags to present the “Tre Lag Stevne” for their members. The stevne still provides an opportunity for Trønders to get together to socialize and learn more about Norwegian history, culture and customs.

In addition, with the vast historical and genealogical resources in the lag library, each year the lag helps many in their genealogical search for their roots.

The Centennial

The Trønderlag of America will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the organization in the city where it was started - Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The celebration will take place on August 9, 2008 at the Bigwood Event Center. The Centennial will be preceded by the annual Tre Lag Stevne at the same site from August 6-9.

As we come together to “Remember, Honor, Celebrate,” the program will consist of a variety of topics which will be both entertaining and educational. Speakers will come from Norway and the U.S. We will be entertained by Trønder descendants as well as individuals coming directly from the Trøndelag region of Norway especially for our celebration.

A Centennial commemorative book available at the Centennial Celebration will provide biographies of all of the original 120 Charter Members along with additional history of the organization. We are currently searching to find descendants of the Charter Members.



Above: Members of Trønderlag of America who attended the Tre Lag Stevne in Onalaska, Wisconsin on August 3, 2007

Tentative Centennial Program

Saturday, August 9, 2008

- Noon-1:30 pm - Registration
- 1:30 pm - Welcome/Opening Ceremony
What is Trønderlag?
- 2:00 pm - A few words from Descendants of Charter Members
Trønder Entertainment
- 3:15 pm - Coffee
- 3:45-5:00 pm - Presentations & Entertainment
- 6:30 pm - Group Photos
- 7:00 pm - Banquet
- 8:30 pm - Entertainment
- 9:30 - 11:30 - Trønder Music and Dance

