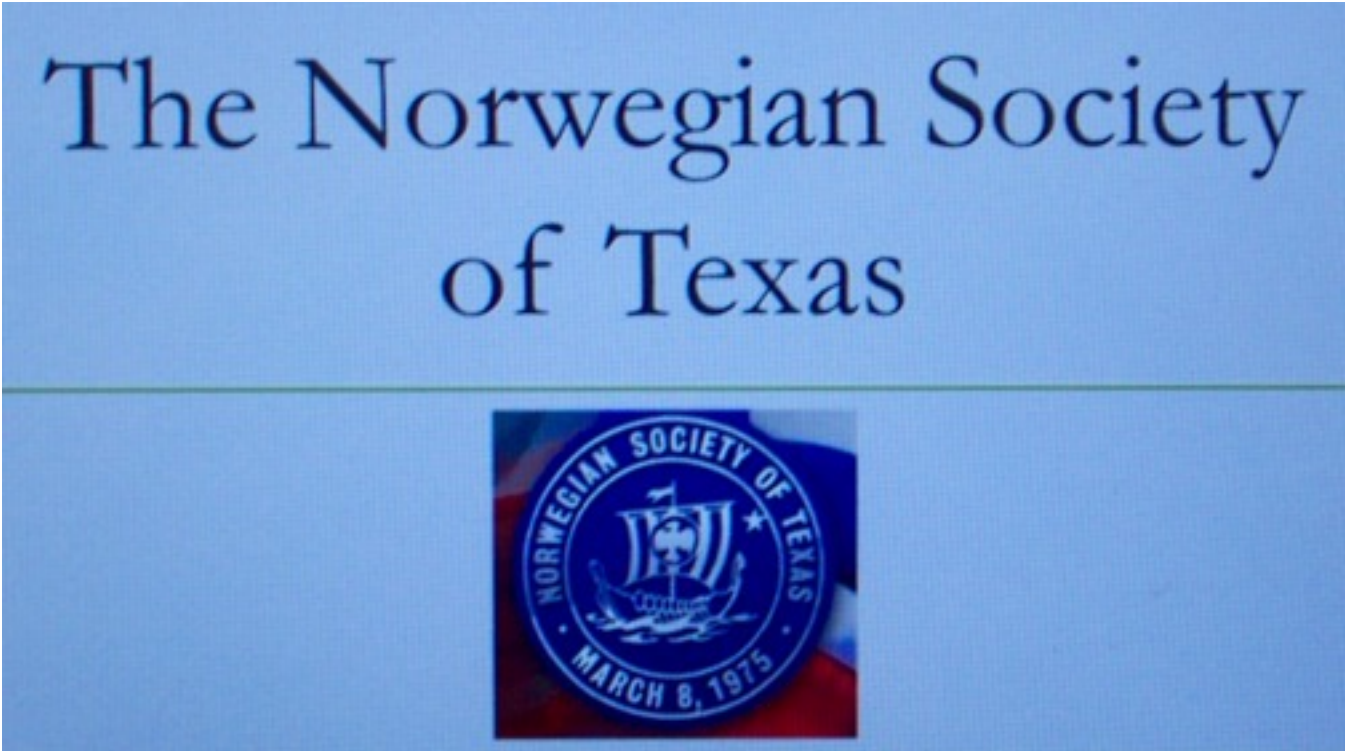

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*A photo of the
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*Everything was first
class thanks to our
hosts and friends in
the NST Vestlandet
chapter.*

Review: February wine and cheese event

In late February, Vikings met for a wine and cheese membership social at the new Dallas home of Nick and Jessica. Everyone had a wonderful time. Many great wines, a few beers and an unbelievable selection of delicious cheeses were available to try, accompanied by meats and breads. Due to the success of this event, be on the lookout for another wine and cheese event in late summer. Ja!



WINE&CHEESE EVENT

Nick and Jessica welcome other Vikings (left); the event poster artwork (above).

Review: April NST Althing in Lubbock

A semiannual statewide Althing meeting has occurred every spring and fall for decades. The NST Althing met this spring in early April as the guests of our gracious hosts in the Lubbock area, the Vestlandet chapter. The Althing Executive Board was joined by representatives from chapters across the state to accomplish the business of our most unique organization.

NST members arrived in Lubbock on Friday and joined together for a meet and greet outing. On Saturday morning, the business meeting opened with a resonant, ascending Viking roar from an

animal horn by Bosque chapter member Ron Ringness. The host chapter, Vestlandet, provided a bounteous Nordic lunch. The business meeting ended mid afternoon.

Of special note from this Althing is the resignation of Mr. Wayne Rohne, NST Legal Advisor. Wayne has held the position from the beginning of the society forty years ago, and has attended almost every Althing meeting. All NST members are thankful for Wayne’s unsurpassed leadership and service, and we extend to him our very best wishes. Tusen takk, Mr. Rohne.

After the meeting, many members toured either the local Llano Estacado winery or the National Ranching Heritage Center on the Texas Tech University campus. Saturday night’s entertainment was a dinner and program in a large private room at a favorite local steakhouse. The excellent program was a multimedia presentation on Icelandic geology, geography and history by Dr. Haraldur Karlsson of the Texas Tech University Department of Geosciences. Hal is a native Icelander and also the husband of Vestlandet host member Abbie Kleppa. Island er fallegt land - takk fyrir, Dr. Karlsson!



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“Lille Island”

Norway’s Fiery Legacy

PRESENTATION BY

HARALDUR R. KARLSSON

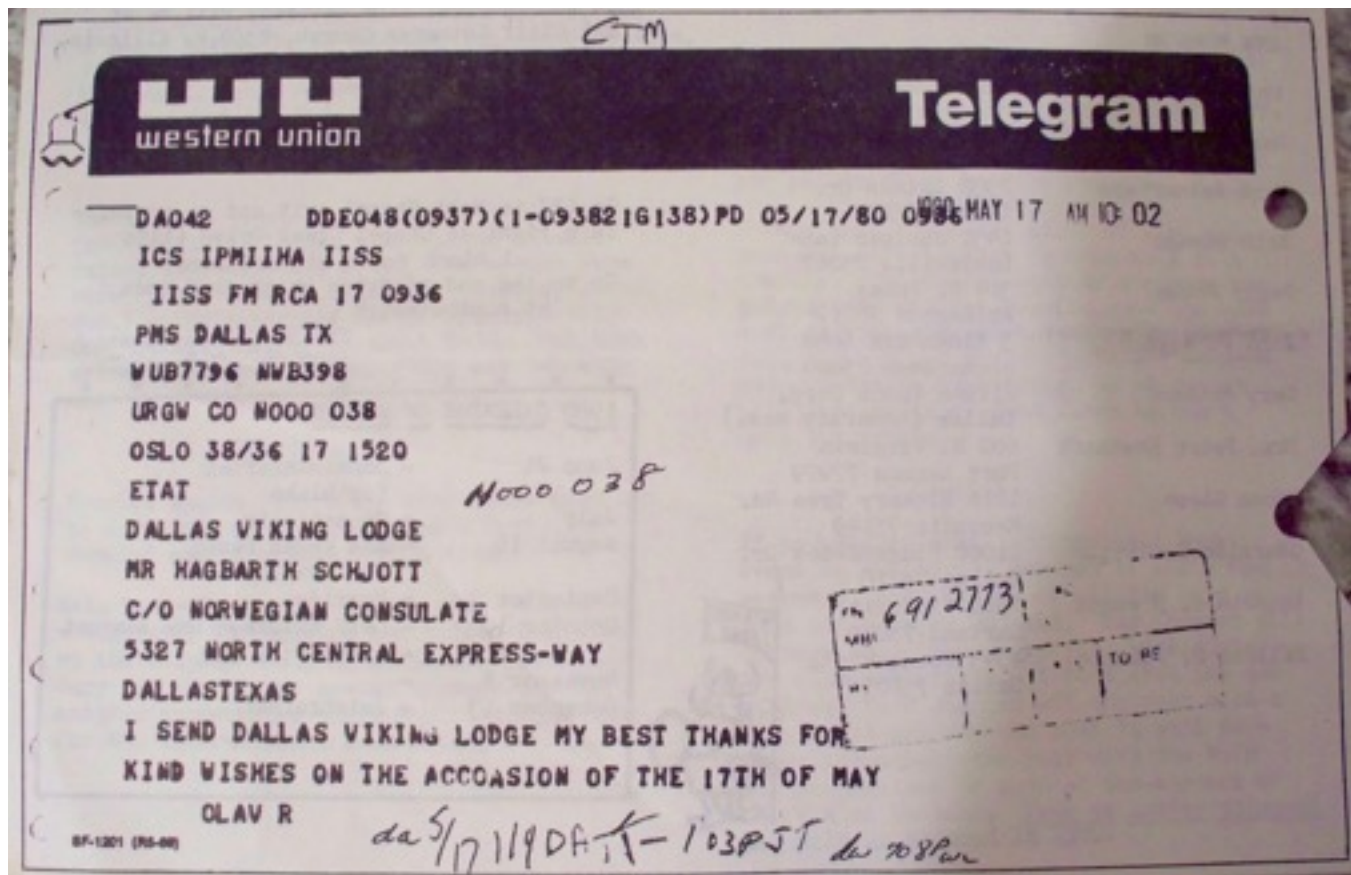
The Viking chapter was represented at this spring’s Althing by members Elizabeth Varhaug and Steve Haynie. Viking members serving the Althing are Mark Varhaug, Althing Vice President and Laura Haynie, Althing Secretary.

The members and hosts of Vestlandet in Lubbock were a pleasure to meet and delightful company! Some were born in Norway, or Iceland, and others in North America. Lubbock and West Texas are cool. Of note was a modern airport experience almost as it “used to be” in Dallas. We send our thanks and very best wishes to our friends in the Vestlandet chapter. Tusen takk!



2016 Calendar of Events

* Syttende Mai on May 14 *Norway's National Holiday*



* Sankthansaften on June 25

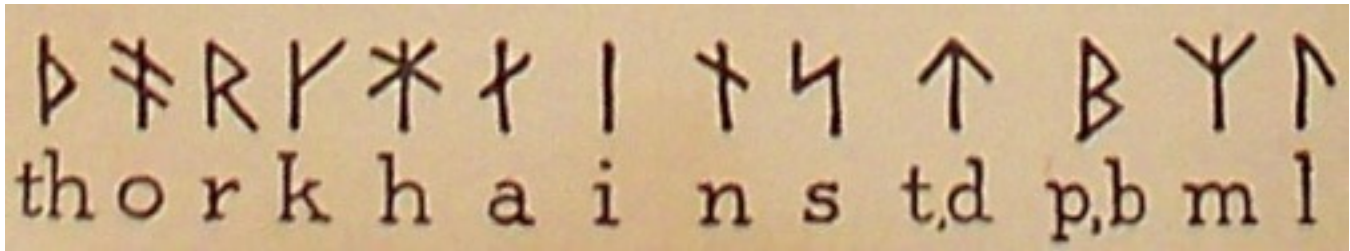
* Wine and Cheese on August 27

* Leiv Eiriksson on October 7

* Fall Althing in October

* Jultrefest in December

Watch for event details to be announced via social media, the NST website and email!



Other chapter news and notations

Member donations: Annual membership donations are due each January. If you have not paid your donation for 2016, please visit the Viking page online. We need your support!

Norwegian Bible: Good friends of the Viking chapter in McKinney, the Christiansens, recently donated a century old Norwegian family bible to NST. The immense bible was richly illustrated and fastened shut with silver closures. The bible was delivered to the Bosque Museum and Cleng Peerson Research Library in Clifton, which houses the foremost collection of Norwegian artifacts in the Southwest.

Viking ship: The NST Viking longship, the Ormen Lange II, will need some maintenance and repairs soon. All interested members should donate funds or their time and skills to this important project.

Cemetery donation: The Viking Board recently voted to donate one hundred dollars to the upkeep of the historical Brownsboro cemetery in East Texas. The cemetery, as the final resting place for some of the first Norwegian immigrants to Texas, deserves continued respect and care. The Viking chapter hopes members will consider making additional donations to this worthy cause. Visit the Brownsboro cemetery page on the NST website, and please contact chapter leadership for additional information if you would like to donate to the Brownsboro cemetery's upkeep. Takk.

Fall Althing meeting: All interested members are invited to attend the semiannual statewide Althing meetings. The NST Althing, named for the Icelandic parliament of 1000 years ago and today, is the primary business and social gathering of NST members from all eight chapters throughout Texas.

