



SONS OF NORWAY

# Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

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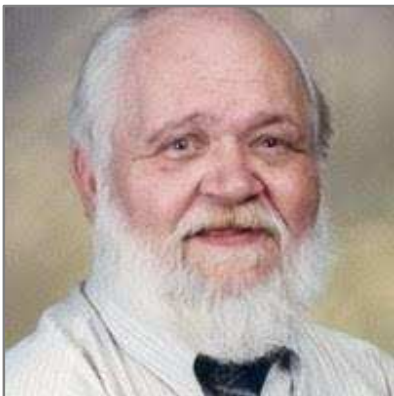
Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

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## Notes from Lodge President Jim Herman

It is my pleasure and honor to take over as president of our Lodge. It has been fun to see the growth of the Lodge, both in terms of membership and energy. It is a great testament to our leadership and the dedication of our members, and I feel fortunate to have 'inherited' a great foundation for our future. I am thankful to be joined on the Board by elected officers Adam Sokol (vice-president), Sharon Smythe (secretary), and Liv Ramstad (treasurer), and am delighted to have the additional support of Esther Charlton (membership director), Susan Herman (social director), David Bratten (foundation director), Karl Halvorson (newsletter editor), Elisabeth Sonoff (cultural director) and Nelda Chandler (Tubfrim). I would like to also thank Lois Evensen for her continued efforts as our Webmaster.

I would like to also express all of our condolences to Esther and her family on Bob Charlton's death. His passing is very big loss for the Lodge, and he will be deeply missed.



We have an exciting slate of activities planned for the next year, including our March installation meeting featuring discussion of our Norwegian

heritages, our April meeting featuring Norwegian folk music and dance, our annual Syttende Mai celebration, and a summer solstice get-together.

Follow Karl Halvorson as he hikes the Appalachian Trail this year! Karl's goal is to thru-hike the entire trail from Georgia to Maine beginning this April. Yes, all 2,192 miles...plus the 8.8 mile Approach Trail to the Southern Terminus! We will include regular updates (and photos) on Karl's progress in the newsletter, as well as on the Lodge's Facebook page. You can also subscribe to Karl's blog: <https://thetrek.co/author/karl-halvorson/>

Jim Herman, President

## Takk from Charlton Family

Esther and family extend their sincere thanks for the generous outpouring of prayers and support during Bob's illness and to all those from the lodge who were able to attend his celebration of life service. Memorial donations may be made to the Cincinnati Area Mensa Scholarship Fund, c/o Virginia Plottel, 3805 S. Berkley Cir., Cincinnati, OH 45236.

## Membership News

Great news! We have several new members to introduce to the lodge.

Along with her sister Marilyn Lau, Kathy Skinner has given the gift of membership to her daughter Sara Chubb. Sara lives in Chicago, but maybe she will be here for a visit during one of our lodge events.

Another new member is Gail McGinn who lives in Virginia and was given the gift of membership by her brother Jim Herman, our lodge president. Jon Skaggs who lives in Ashland, Kentucky joined our lodge as it is the closest lodge to him.

Just as I started this news blurb, I received the application for a family in Kettering.

Mark and Michelle Sutton along with their daughters Rachel and Ava are in the process of membership. They are friends of Tim and Connie Holmen.

We have a couple of members to welcome back to the lodge after a gap in time. Ethan Peake from Huntington, WV and Judy Stewart from Morehead, KY are members again.

Please when you receive your statement for membership renewal, pay it by the due date. When you do not get it paid by the due date we receive a notice to remind you about the dues.

If you have any questions on membership, contact me, Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary.

## Membership Service Pins

Sons of Norway presents service pins in 5-year increments for years of membership. At the end of 2018 these members received their pins.

10-year pins	15-year pins	20-year pins
Austin Scherbarth Leah Sedler	Sylvia Casas Dianne Clark Carol Luiso Nancy Vallette	Karl Hoalst Larry Welin

These pins were given out at Julefest to those in attendance and mailed to those not able to attend. We appreciate your membership in Edvard Grieg Lodge.

## Birthdays

### March

Nancy Cooper[2], Elisabeth Pettersen Sonoff[12], Larry Bannick[17], Kathy Ann Johncox[19].

### April

Sonja Kinney[1], Katherine Sanders[2], Barbara Jean Smith[6], Kathy Skinner[12], Rachel Powell[13], Sharon Smythe[22], Mark Sutton[23], Laurie Johnson[30].

### May

Arlene Norman[11], Liv Ramstad[15], David Bruestle[22], Marilyn Bossmann[27].

## March Reading Circle & Board Meeting

There will be no Reading Circle in March. The group will meet again in May.

The March Board Meeting will be held immediately following the March 9th lodge meeting.

## March Lodge Meeting

**Saturday, March 9th, 2:00pm**

Location: Symmes Township Library (meeting room) 11850 Enyart Rd., Loveland, OH 45140

RSVP to Susan Herman, Social Director at [susan.herman3501@gmail.com](mailto:susan.herman3501@gmail.com) or 513-227-8790. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Beverages provided by the lodge.

Installation of our 2019-20 lodge officers, followed by a short program. Our theme will be on immigration of our parents and ancestors: come prepared to share immigration stories, items of interest and/or genealogical information on our Norwegian families and friends.

## April Lodge Meeting

**Saturday, April 13, 3:00pm**

Location: Friendship United Methodist Church  
1025 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati 45215  
(look for signs or flags posted on/near door to enter from the parking lot)

### Norwegian/Swedish Dances

Lea Anne Kangas and her husband, from Columbus, will come and share their knowledge and expertise on Scandinavian dances.

Tom and Lea Anne have both been folk dancers from a young age. Tom's father, who himself grew up dancing in Finnish-American halls in northern Minnesota, challenged Tom as an early teen by observing that the best male dancers were good partners for dances like hambo from Sweden and Rørospols from Norway. Tom and Lea Anne have participated in and now teach Scandinavian dance classes in Columbus which focus on dances from Norway and Sweden. They continue their growth as dancers at annual week-long camps in New Hampshire which center around these beautiful

traditions. In fall 2019 Tom will be repeating as assistant to Scandinavian dance teacher Roo Lester at World Village Music and Dance Camp in Maryland.



Take part and learn some of the dance steps or just watch, listen and enjoy! The Kangas' will be dressed in their Finnish costumes.

### Scandinavian Heritage Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets game



On February 2, ten lodge members met at the Nationwide Arena in Columbus. It was Scandinavian Heritage Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets game! There was a pre-game reception for Scandinavian guests/organizations from across Ohio who purchased game tickets. Everyone received a free CBJ hat. Once in the reception room, each person received a raffle ticket in the hopes of winning a hockey stick, a hockey puck (each

autographed by a Scandinavian team member and a certificate of authenticity letter included), or the chance to go backstage and meet one of the Scandinavian players at the end of the game. Kelly Lawson won the raffle for the opportunity to meet one of the team members after the game. She graciously gave it to her niece, Anna Nelson and Anna's dad Konrad.

The CBJ General Manager came to the reception and briefly spoke to us and answered questions from those brave enough to ask one! During the game, Konrad & Pam won a pizza in one of the toss give-aways. Although the Blue Jackets did not win the game that evening, it was quite a lot of fun to be together at this event.

Susan Herman, Social Director

### 2019 Masse Moro - Sons of Norway 5th District Norwegian Heritage Camp



Masse Moro - Norwegian Heritage Camp located in Fall Creek, Wisconsin is welcoming children ages 9-15 to District 5's Norwegian Heritage Camp - Masse Moro, this coming July. Our 2019 emphasis is "Masse Moro 40 years of having Lots of Fun!"

Masse Moro is looking for a maximum of 60 to 65 campers, so to help us better plan for a super camp experience, we encourage you to register early.

The dates for camp this year are July 14 – 27

The cost for this two week camp experience is still only \$800 per camper (we are pleased to say it includes air-conditioning). There are many opportunities for you to lower your cost for camp, so please check them out.

See enclosed material for more details or visit [www.massemoro.org](http://www.massemoro.org).

Sandra Olson, Youth Director.

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