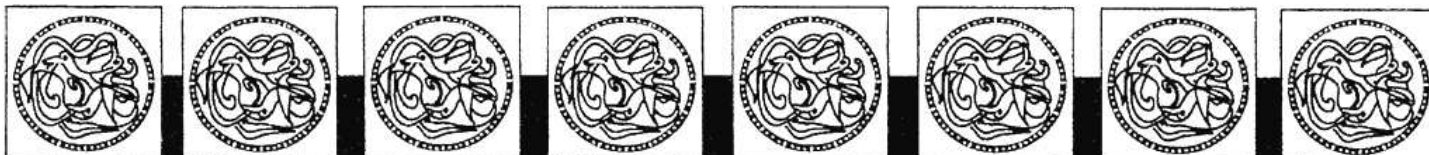


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Sons of Norway Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082

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FOSELYNGEN/NORWAY HOUSE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	8	Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting with Meal 5 PM Social, 6 PM Meal, 7 PM Meeting	(Page 3)
	17	Wednesday	Norway House Board Meeting 7 PM	
	22	Monday	Lodge Officers' Meeting 7 PM	Note: Any Member May Attend.
JUNE	<u>NO MONDAY SOCIAL/CULTURAL MEETING IN JUNE</u>			
	1	Thursday	Set-up for Rummage Sale	
	2&3	Fri & Sat	Rummage Sale – Save the Date	(Page 3)
JULY	<u>NO MONDAY SOCIAL/CULTURAL MEETING IN JULY</u>			
AUGUST	14	Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting with Meal 5 PM Social, 6 PM Meal, 7 PM Meeting (See July/August 2017 Runespeak for Details.)	
	19	Saturday	Road trip for our Lodge to Templar Park in Geneva, IL to see the 124 year old replica of Oslo Museum's Viking Ship. (Page 5)	
	28	Monday	Lodge Officers' Meeting 7 PM	Note: Any Member May Attend.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	13	Saturday	Swedish American Hist. Soc. Mtg. at Redemption Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. Program: "Swedish Folk Dancing" 1:30 PM The history, the stories it tells and demonstrations by Linde Swedish and Kipakat Finnish Dancers. Join in the dancing. Enjoy our coffee hour following. Go to www.sahswi.org and click on "coming events", or call 414-352-7890 for further info.
JUNE	18	Sunday	Swedish American Historical Society Midsommar at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle, WI 10 AM to 3 PM Go to www.sahswi.org and click on "coming events", or call 414-352-7890 for further info.

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Like the modern alphabet, runes were the written symbols of our Norse ancestors. Understood only by the very wise, they were used to communicate with others, as well as with the ancient gods.

FRA PRESIDENTEN

(mai og juni 2017)

Spring is upon us. Many of us have returned from our winter breaks and are refreshed. We had a great meeting on April 10th, when David Nordin, from "Friends of the Viking Ship", gave us his presentation of the Ship located in "Good Templar Park" in Geneva, IL. We have an outing planned to visit the Ship on August 19th, 2017. Please call Jayne Murnane at 414-380-5404, if you are interested in attending. We also had our Chili Cook-Off contest which was a big success. Evonne Hurst's chili took 1st place and Nick Rogneby's took 2nd place. I thank all who participated and helped at this event.

Our May meeting will be exciting as we have Karen Swensson joining us to talk to us about her book "Conversations, Loosely Translated". Hope to see you then.

I would like to thank Nancy Sande, Daryl and Bonnie Wunrow, and Shirley Engelman for their work on the grant request from Sons of Norway Foundation. We have received a \$500 cultural restoration and preservation grant which will be given to Juneau Park Friends for restoration and repair of the Leif Erikson Statue in Juneau Park, Milwaukee. Lisa Hatch, President of Juneau Park Friends will be attending our Business meeting on April 24th at 7PM to explain the extensive work that needs to be done. Please feel free to attend and learn more.

We will be hosting a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, June 2nd and 3rd, 8AM-3PM. (Set up will be Thursday June 1st.) If you have any donations, please drop them off on Thursday, or if you would like to rent a table to sell items yourself, please let me know. Also, we are looking for volunteers to assist with this event. If you are available, please let me know.

Fraternally yours,
Sue Berg Roedel
414-526-8312

VELKOMMEN

Welcome New Members:

- Joann Brunclik
- Robyn Johnson
- Sheila Kershek
- Jeffrey Gullickson

We will do a Welcome Ceremony for any new members since beginning of 2017 who can attend the Social/Cultural meeting on Monday, May 8th. Come and meet the Lodge!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Melanie Woellert on achieving part 1 of the Cultural Skills Program.

Great Job!!

FOSSELYNGEN OFFICERS

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If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

Our web site address is: www.norwayhouse-milw.org

NORWAY HOUSE

**7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue
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**NEW Office Hours:
Monday 10-1 (Gertie)
Thursday 2-5 (Pam)**

Our hall is available for rent.

**MONDAY, MAY 8TH, 2017
SOCIAL/CULTURAL EVENING
WITH LIGHT SUPPER**

**Special Guest Program Presenter:
Author and Genealogist Karen S. Swensson**

Karen Swensson (who is a cousin of long time Fosselyngen member Ella Marie Enger) has been invited to join us with her Genealogy Stories about the Koshkonong Prairie Pioneers.

Her book, *Conversations, Loosely Translated*, is a clever and interesting way of her sharing anecdotal essays of birthing, schooling, parties, weddings, church services, and of death.

She includes humorous as well as sad tales of family farm life. This book is an especially interesting history along with a video of pictures. It is about Norwegian struggles as an immigrant family.

Our members may have shared similar events heard in their own families.

The author shares details of other Norwegian settlements in Wisconsin.

You may want copies of her book for yourself and for your children and grandchildren to learn more about other Wisconsin and Midwest immigrants.

Perhaps this will encourage you to write the history of your family for future generations to read.

Mange tusen takk to Ella Marie Enger for arranging for her cousin to come to our Lodge to make her presentation.

5 PM	Social Hour
6 PM	Light Supper (May & June birthday members provide dessert.)
7 PM	Short Meeting Followed by Karen Swensson's Presentation



NORWAY HOUSE RUMMAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, June 2nd & 3rd

8 AM to 3 PM

Set-up Thursday, June 1st

We Need Volunteers

**If You Can Help, *Please* Contact
Heidi Strom or Sue Berg Roedel.**

Ride Share: If you need help getting to or from a meeting or event, please contact Heidi Strom at 262-716-9118 and we will make every effort to find a ride for you.

Thank you.

CELEBRATING EDVARD GRIEG

June is the month to pay homage to Norway's most revered composer, Edvard Grieg, who was born in Bergen on June 15th, 1843, in the Grieg's family home.

Here are a few notable facts about the composer culled from The Grieg Museum's website:

<http://griegmuseum.no/en/about-grieg>

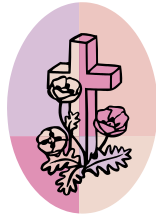
- Grieg's most famous compositions include Piano Concerto in A Minor, incidental music for Ibsen's drama "Peer Gynt" (Morning Mood, In the Hall of the Mountain King, Solveig's Song), Lyric Pieces for Piano, Holberg Suite, and Last Spring.
- He grew up in a successful merchant family, together with his brother John (born 1840) and his sisters Maren (born 1837), Ingeborg Benedicte (born 1838), and Elisabeth (born 1845). Very early he showed a strong interest in music and for the piano as an instrument. He could sit at the piano for hours, exploring all kinds of tunes on his own.

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Members who have passed away this past year (between May 1st, 2016 and May 1st, 2017):

Clarence Hense 7/27/16
Daniel Endres 8/2016
John Olson
Pat Nelson 8/2016
Haakon Randar 12/25/16
Ralph Stevens 1/19/17
Phyllis Solberg 2/13/17
Odd Nilsen 3/1/17
Magnus Randar 3/17/17
Fred Loften 4/1/17

Please remember these members and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



God Bedring

Please remember the following member who has had health issues and is now recuperating:

Helen Davison

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- To the family of Odd Nilsen who was a member for 65 years.
- To the family of Magnus Randar who was a member for 45 years.
- To the family of Ralph Stevens who was a member for 8 years.
- To the family of Fred Loften who was a member for 40 years.
- To Steve Anderson in the loss of his mother Jean Anderson.

Please Note: If you receive a notice or call that a member is sick, in a nursing home or has passed away, call Gertie Mork or Ellie Thoresen so that they can be remembered and other officers notified.

Also, don't forget to notify Heidi Strom when a member of the Lodge passes away, since Heidi must notify the Sons of Norway office in Minneapolis. Many people do not purchase a newspaper, and others do not indicate in the obituary that they are a member of Sons of Norway.

(CELEBRATING EDVARD GRIEG – Continued from Page 3)

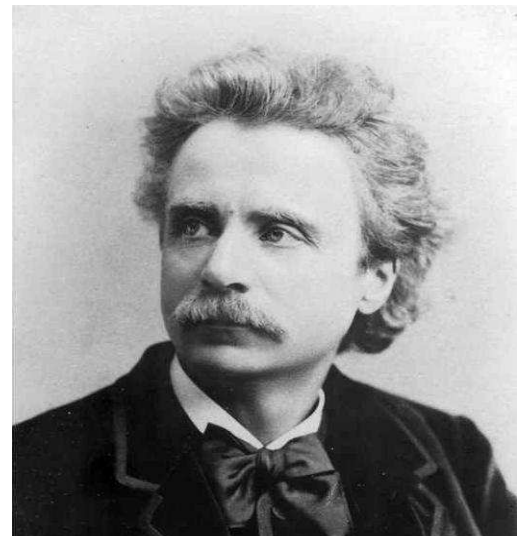
• During his early school years in Bergen, Edvard wasn't the most disciplined pupil. He preferred to discover the music himself. Instead of the compulsory etudes, he preferred to improvise and play new tunes and melodies. However, despite a certain amount of reluctance, his love for music grew into what was to become, in his innermost spirit, the right thing to do in life – to be an artist.

• Edvard Grieg studied at the music conservatory in Leipzig, Germany. This conservatory was founded in 1843 by Felix Mendelsohn, and was reckoned to be the best and most modern conservatory in Europe. His teachers in Leipzig were some of the best pedagogues in Europe: Ignaz Moscheles in piano, Carl Reinecke in composition and Moritz Hauptmann, for whom Edvard Grieg had the greatest respect. He graduated from the conservatory with excellent marks in 1862.

• An extensive touring schedule with innumerable concerts, combined with a weak health condition, was to put an end to Grieg's life. In September 1907 Grieg became seriously ill and was hospitalized in Bergen, where he died on Sept. 4th, 1907, of chronic exhaustion.

Learn more about Norway's rich musical heritage by participating in Music and Musicians of Norway, a cultural skills program available to Sons of Norway members at www.sonsofnorway.com

(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)



**“VIKING” SHIP PRORAM
FROM THE APRIL 10TH, 2017 SOCIAL/CULTURAL MEETING**

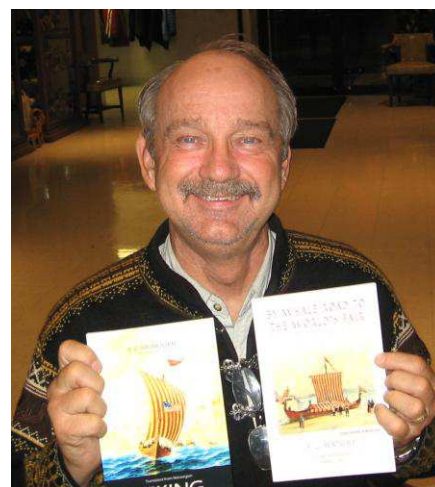


Our guest speaker, David Nordin from the *Friends of the Viking Ship*, gave us a very interesting presentation about the “Viking” ship that was built in Norway for the purpose of sailing to Chicago for the 1893 Columbian Exposition (World’s Fair). The “Viking” was built as a replica of the “Gokstad” ship now at the Oslo Viking Ship Museum – so named because it was uncovered in 1880 from a mound on the Gokstad farm near Vestfold, Norway, where Vikings buried it about 1000 years earlier.

Norwegian sailors left Bergen in April 1893 to sail the “Viking” across the Atlantic to New York. It was towed through the Erie Canal and sailed the Great Lakes, arriving in Chicago in time for the Exposition. After this fair, it sailed to New Orleans (via the Illinois & Michigan Canal and the Illinois River and Mississippi River) for the winter, and returned to Chicago in 1894.

The “Viking” sank in the Chicago River because it filled with rain water, but it was recovered, and then spent many years outside the Columbian Museum in Chicago. In 1920 it was moved to Lincoln Park in Chicago, where it stayed until moved in 1996 to Good Templar Park in Elgin, Illinois.

Much restoration had to be done to stabilize the ship because of so many years of being out in the weather, and damage done by rodents and birds. The “Viking” has been adopted by the *Friends of the Viking Ship* who are now responsible for the preservation of the ship.



After the meeting, David Nordin had copies of two books available for sale about the museum’s replica Viking ship. The sale of these books helps to fund the efforts of the *Friends of the Viking Ship* to preserve the ship.

The book shown on the left is “VIKING from Norway to America”. It is translated from the original Norwegian of author R.E. Rasmussen who was a crew member of this ship on the 1893 crossing of the Atlantic.

The book shown on the right is “By Whale Road to the World’s Fair, a Viking Drakkar’s Adventures at the Columbian Exposition”, written by author F.L. Watkins.

**Visit to the “Viking” Ship at Good Templar Park in Geneva, Illinois
(Saturday, August 19th, 2017)**

NOTE: This is *THE* “Viking” ship that was the topic of the articles at the top of this page about the program of the April 10th Social/Cultural meeting. Our Lodge members have the opportunity to visit this ship on August 19th, as follows:

Meet at Norway House at **10:30 AM**.

We will leave Norway House at **11:00 AM**.

-We’ll caravan to Good Templar Park. (Exhibit is open from **1:00-4:00 PM**).

-We’ll caravan to IKEA afterwards for dinner and browsing.

If plans change, or you do not wish to go to IKEA, or there are any other concerns, please contact Jayne at 414-380-5404.

(For information about the museum, go to <http://www.vikingship.us/>)

STAMPS AND THE NORWEGIAN SPY



SVEN SOMME

Collectors sometimes "lift" stamps on covers to see what kind of paper the stamp was printed on. "Lifting" stamps once helped save the free world from Adolf Hitler's evil empire. Here is a story about stamps, espionage and a 200 mile race across snowy mountains.

Germany invaded Norway in the spring of 1940. Sven Somme, a marine biologist, and his brother Jacob joined the underground resistance movement. Jacob plotted to sabotage the hydro plant in Telemark, where Germans were building a nuclear bomb. He was caught and executed in 1944.

In spite of the risk, Sven continued. His assignment was mapping strategic German military bases and photographing their military torpedo batteries and submarine bases along Norway's west coast. Sven mailed the intelligence to his Allied handlers on microfilm --- hidden underneath the stamp on the envelope!

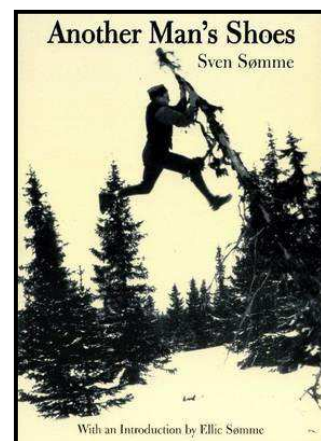
The plan worked until German soldiers spotted the sun glinting off his camera lens as Sven snapped pictures of a U-boat base on the island of Otteroy. He hid his camera under a rock as the Germans ran toward him, firing shots. Sven told them that he was bird watching. His cover fell apart when the soldiers found his camera before he could get off the island.

Sven was taken to the mainland by boat and confined to the vessel overnight to await his execution. When his guard fell asleep, he slipped off his handcuffs and walked casually past five armed soldiers, who mistook him for a civilian. Sven fled into the countryside.

About an hour later, the Germans realized that he was gone and sent 900 soldiers and a pack of hounds after him. By now Sven had crossed streams in his light shoes and was climbing up snowy mountains, where frostbite was a real possibility. With the Germans in pursuit, he sometimes swung from one pine tree to another to avoid leaving footprints in the snow. A family sheltered him and exchanged a pair of boots for his shoes. Sven made it to a safe house, where he hid for five weeks while false papers were made for him. He walked across the border into Sweden and arrived in Great Britain for a private audience with the exiled King of Norway. Sven had walked more than 200 miles in brutal conditions during the two-month escape.

Sven married an English wife and had three children before dying of cancer in 1961. After the death of his wife, his daughters found an archive of secret documents --- envelopes with tiny maps hidden under the stamps, instructions from the resistance written in invisible ink, a map used during his escape and a Nazi warrant ordering Sven's arrest and execution. Amazingly, the family that sheltered him was found. They had kept his shoes, preserving even more of this decades old story.

: The book "Another Man's Shoes" is a gripping
: account of a Norwegian
: scientist's escape from
: German custody during
: the Second World War
: after his arrest for spying.
: Written just after the war,
: Sven Somme vividly
: describes his 200-mile
: trek across the mountains
: pursued by German
: soldiers, in a bid to reach
: Sweden and freedom.



(Courtesy of Robert Mather, American Topical Association, Chapter 5)



TUBFRIM
NO-3540 NESBYEN - NORGE



Save used stamps and expired or used phone cards for Tubfrim to help disabled children and youth in Norway. **Trim stamps so that you have at least at least 1/4 inch but not more than 1/2 inch around the edge of stamp.** (See Tubfrim article on Page 7 of the September/October 2016 issue of *Runespeak*.)

There is a place in the office for the stamps.
Tusen Takk!

THANKS TO NORWAY HOUSE HELPERS

A big thank you to the following for doing the outside clean-up work on April 17th, 2017. Because of you, our building is the best looking one in the area.

- Dean Schmidt
- Jack Lofte
- Dennis Dale
- Karen Sanderson
- Gertie Mork
- Pam Steuernagel

Thanks to Evonne & Ron Hurst for providing lunch for the crew.

Norway House Board

Please inform Pam Steuernagel (phone 262-307-6335) of any changes in your postal address, email address, or telephone number for future directory updates.



Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at csljohn@att.net . If you would like both an email copy and a hard copy let me know.

John Schneble, Editor

Please note: If you have any questions about this mailing, address changes or newsletter subscription, please contact Pam Steuernagel at **262-307-6335**.

Notice: All articles & information for the July/August 2017 newsletter are **due by June 15th**. Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, csljohn@att.net or mail to: 1024 North 121st Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.

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www.freelanthropy.com

and designate Fosselyngen Lodge #82. For each search done, the Lodge earns money.

www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

Designed to provide up-to-date commentary or news on issues related to Norway and Sons of Norway.

NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Darla Thingvold, Gertie Mork, Helen Davison,
Karen Riccobono and Pam Steuernagel
Thanks for helping with the March/April issue.

Rosemaling Class

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Sanderson at (262) 679-1377.

Torsk Supper Report

(not including about 65 workers)

March 25th, 2017

283 Adults
5 Children

April 22nd, 2017

357 Adults
10 Children

RECYCLING◆◆◆DOES PAY
PLEASE Save Your Aluminum Cans
For Norway House

Have You Had a Financial Checkup Lately?

If not, contact your field staff representative, Greg Ragan, to set up an appointment to discuss your financial needs at no cost to you. This is a benefit of membership.

Greg Ragan, Sons of Norway
Fraternal Benefits Counselor,
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Last winter, Lena was chosen to be a contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" and had reached the final plateau. Regis told her, "If you answer the next question correctly, you would win \$1,000,000."

When Lena said that she was ready, Regis continued, "Your final question for one million dollars is, "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds? Is it A) the condor; B) the buzzard; C) the cuckoo; or D) the vulture?"

Lena didn't even hesitate. She said, "That's easy. The answer is C) the cuckoo."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Regis.

"Yes, that is my final answer," said Lena.

Regis took a dramatic pause and said, "You are absolutely correct. You are now a millionaire!"

After the applause ended, Regis asked, "How did you happen to know the right answer?"

"Oh, come on!" said Lena. "Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks."
(As seen in Vennskap newsletter.)

Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates and time. Our location: Norway House
 7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue 414-321-2637 * SE Corner next to AMF Bowling Lanes
 Web site: www.norwayhouse-milw.org

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members. Sons of Norways mission er a fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings-og finansprodukter til alle medlemmer.

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