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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 8 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church (See Page 3)
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.
Program: Jack Kelley, son of lodge member Sandra Kelley, presents "The Harsh Arctic: Svalbard, Greenland and Iceland" based on his recent trips and his Norwegian ancestry.

NO LODGE MEETING IN FEBRUARY

MARCH 11 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.
Program: Margo Renner shares her experiences living in Iceland for 35 years. (See March/April 2024 *Runespeak* for full details of meeting.)

APRIL 8 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.
Program: Member Steve Anderson presents "Spring Travels in Norway from Oslo to the Lofoten Islands".
(See March/April 2024 *Runespeak* for full details of meeting.)

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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
(januar og februar 2024)

Dear Members,

On December 17th we held our lodge Christmas party at Maggiano's Restaurant. We showed them our Norwegian pride by wearing Bunads and Norwegian sweaters! We had a great turn out with over 60 in attendance. We enjoyed delicious food, heard stories of Christmas in Norway and even sang some carols. Our officers for the 2024-2025 term were installed, and we will be busy planning for this new year. I thank all our present and past officers for their service to our lodge.

Our next meeting is January 8th at Resurrection Lutheran Church. See details on page 3.

I wish you and your families happiness and health in the new year!

Fraternally yours,
Sue Berg Roedel
414-526-8312

sjroedel@gmail.com

MT. HOPE MOVE

A huge thank you to Mark Bjorgo, Dennis Dale, Judy Dimmick and Phil Reykdal for helping move lodge items from Mt. Hope Church to our storage unit. We truly appreciate your help!

Arlette Johnson and Gretchen Bjork

MERCY MATS DONATION

Seven completed Mercy Mats and extra balls of plarn were delivered to Holy Apostles Church in New Berlin to be included with their mat project. Holy Apostles donates their mats to MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary on 26th and Center and were very grateful to receive our mats and extra supplies.

Arlette Johnson



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Victoria Italian Christianson,
Carol Owens
(transferring to our lodge)

FOSSELYNGEN OFFICERS

President	Sue Berg Roedel	414-526-8312
Vice-President	*Arlette Johnson	414-368-3324
Treasurer	Gretchen Bjork	262-502-9197
Secretary (Correspondence)	Janice Gregoire	262-784-6953
Secretary (Recording)	Karen Smeiska	414-690-4402

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

***NOTE:** For membership information, call our Vice-President, Arlette Johnson.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2024
Social/Cultural Meeting
Resurrection Lutheran Church
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151

Socialize at 5:30 PM.

Dinner at 6 PM. Menu: Norwegian Meatballs, Boiled Potatoes & Vegetables
Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program:

Jack Kelley, son of lodge member Sandra Kelley, presents "The Harsh Arctic: Svalbard, Greenland and Iceland" based on his recent trips and his Norwegian ancestry.

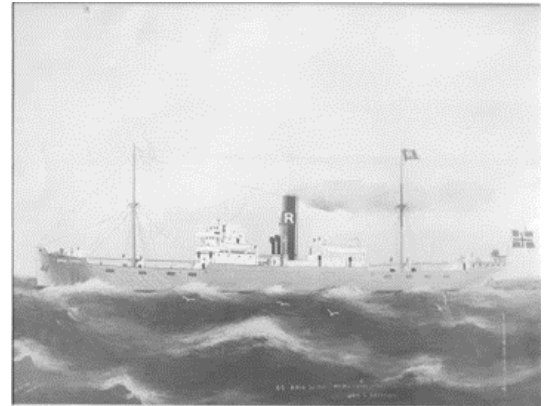
OLAV EIDE BECAME A MERCHANT MARINE DECKHAND AT AGE 15

From 1936 to 1940 Olav served on several cargo ships.

"I myself joined the Merchant Marine at age 15 in 1936, but in 1941 I got sick and was hospitalized on the east coast. My ship had left by the time I was released for sick leave, and I recuperated with an aunt and uncle in Chicago."

(He remained in Chicago until late 1942 when he joined the U.S. Army.)

*LEARN THE FULL OLAV EIDE STORY AT OUR
MAY 13TH, 2024 "SYTTENDE MAI" MEETING.*



FEZtival of Trees

We participated in the 6th annual FEZtival of Trees at the Tripoli Shrine Center, 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave, during the week of Thanksgiving. This year's theme was "A Merry Grinchmas." This event raises money for the Shriners Hospital for Children system, with the trees (pre-lit 6'-8' tree, ornaments, and anything under the tree) being donated by various individuals, organizations, and businesses, and then raffled off to the public. Santa and Mrs. Claus were also available for visits and photos.

We decorated our "Grinchmas with a Norwegian Twist" tree with Grinch-colored ornaments, a Grinch stocking, and gnomes and included a tree skirt, a julbuk, and Grinch coloring books.

We plan on participating again in 2024, as it's for a great cause and a great way to introduce our lodge to the public. (The QR code on our sign linked to our lodge's Facebook page.)

Arlette Johnson & Gretchen Bjork



2023 VOLUNTEER HOUR SHEETS INFORMATION

Please remember to have your filled out **2023** Volunteer Hour Sheet ready to give to Jan Gregoire **during January 2024** so that she can tabulate totals for S of N Headquarters in February.

The 2023 Volunteer Hour Sheet was distributed to you with the January/February 2023 *Runespeak*.

If you did not receive it, or if you misplaced your copy of the 2023 Volunteer Hour Sheet, please request another copy of it from John Schneble by phone at 414-771-4176, or email cslijohn@att.net.

2024 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION

A blank 2024 Volunteer Hours Worksheet is included as Page 9 of this Jan/Feb 2024 *Runespeak* issue. The bottom of the back side of this page (which is Page 10, the postal page) includes guidelines for the Volunteer Hours Worksheet.

Fill out the sheet throughout 2024 so that it will be ready for you to turn in during January 2025.

SCANDINAVIAN EVENTS

You are invited to:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

145 East Lisbon Road, Oconomowoc
(on Fowler Lake)

Annual Smorgasbord Wednesday, February 7, 2023

Serving from 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy: Swedish Meatballs, Ham, Turkey, Herring,
Mashed Potatoes, Rutabagas, Sodsuppe (fruit soup),
Rice Pudding, Lefse, Relishes, Salads, Cheese, Bread,
Rosettes, Krumkake, Fattigmond, Sanbakkelse, &
Other Desserts

Adults: \$12 Children 6 - 12: \$5 5 & under: free

(Tickets on sale now in the church office
or may be purchased at the door)

(262) 567-8349 www.oslc-wi.org

Our mission is to share the love of Christ to transform lives.

Norwegian Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner



NORWAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

6321 Heg Park Road
Wind Lake, WI 53185

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Servings at 11:30am, 12:30pm & 1:30pm

ADULTS.....\$22.00
SENIORS.....\$20.00
CHILDREN (under 10).....\$12.00
CHILDREN (seated in a high chair).....FREE

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Tickets go on sale **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**
at norwaylutheranchurch.org

or by phone, call Pam Burke at (262) 895-3407.

Finnish American Society

On Sunday, February 25th at 2 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 3030 W. Oklahoma, there will be a presentation on growing up in Finland during WW2 by Sinikka Church followed by a pea soup meal with fixings for \$10. No need to enroll in advance.

Swedish American Historical Society

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 27th, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at Martin Luther Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd. John Elliott, our vice president, will be presenting the program on "What the Swedes call the *Viking Problem*". Fika (coffee and treats) will follow. More information on the meeting and program will be on our website <https://sahswi.org>.

2023 Holiday Folk Fair International

For the 80th annual Holiday Folk Fair International, we collaborated with the Danish, Finnish, and Swedish groups under the sponsorship of the Nordic Council of Wisconsin. Each of the four groups shared one space but focused their group's display on their individual country, and there was a separate display of Sami material and risgrøt (rice porridge) as this is similar between all four countries. The booth included a banner for each country with pictures relating to each country and a banner with a map of the Nordic Countries in relation to Europe. Overall, it was a huge success, and we are planning on collaborating again for next year's Folk Fair.

Thank you to those members that volunteered: Mary & Phil Reykdal, Helen & Dennis Dale, Leslie Jansen, Jill Roffers, Susan VanLith, Hanne (Friday and Saturday) & Peter Bonovich, Bonnie & Daryl Wunrow, Bill Sorenson, Mary Taylor, Abby & Elizabeth Bjork, Janet & Kirstin Dallmann, Steve Anderson, and Dave Christianson. We really appreciate all of your help and especially appreciate that we did not have to be in the booth from open to close every day! Please mark your calendars for next year's Folk Fair on November 22-24, 2024.

Mange Tusen Takk!

Arlette Johnson & Gretchen Bjork



3 GENERATIONS OF THE JOHNSON / BJORK FAMILY:
L-R: ELIZABETH & ABIGAIL BJORK, GRETCHEN BJORK,
AND ARLETTE JOHNSON



BONNIE WUNROW



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2023 Christmas Party

Fosselyngen held its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant. Sixty-three adults and two children enjoyed a delicious Italian meal, sang Christmas carols and were visited by the Julenisse. Many members wore their Norwegian sweaters, and some women wore their Bunads. Members were asked to share family Christmas memories or traditions, and Hanne Bonovich shared her childhood memories of the days before and after Christmas, which everyone enjoyed. Also, officers for the 2024-2025 term were installed at the party. Thank you to all outgoing, returning and incoming officers for your leadership and guidance.

Arlette Johnson



THE ABOVE LODGE OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED FOR THE 2024/2025 TERM AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.



THE JULENISSE VISITED US.



THE LADIES IN THEIR NORWEGIAN BUNADS



GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024

\$1000.00 College Scholarships

Children and grandchildren of a Fosselyngen member in good standing are eligible for the college scholarships. A member in good standing is identified as being a Fosselyngen member for a minimum of two years and working a minimum of ten volunteer hours during those two years. Grade point average of a minimum of 2.5 is required. (We will also accept applicants with a 165 score (C+) in one of the four subject areas of the GED diploma.)

Applicants may acknowledge the scholarship with their presence at a meeting or written acknowledgement.

Applications may be obtained from Janice Gregoire, our Lodge secretary. Return applications to Janice Gregoire, 17725 Nassau Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045, no later than May 1st, 2024. Janice's phone number is 262-784-6953.

Sons of Norway District 5 Scholarships

- **Olav Eide District 5 Book Scholarship**

District 5 is offering a \$500.00 book scholarship in honor of Fosselyngen's long time leader Olav Eide at the district as well as the international level. You can download the application on the Sons of Norway District 5 website www.sonsofnorway5.com. See the application deadline on this website.

- **Other District 5 Scholarships**

For a list of other District 5 scholarships, visit the District 5 website at www.sonsofnorway5.com. Download applications at this site. See the application deadlines on this website.

Sons of Norway Foundation Grants and Scholarships

The Sons of Norway Foundation offers many grants and scholarships. For the listing of these grants and scholarships, go to www.sofn.com/foundation. See the application deadlines on this website.

All Sons of Norway Foundation grants and scholarships **MUST** be applied for **ONLINE**.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – March 2024

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to 8pm (mixed beginner and intermediate).

Held at: MT. HOPE CHURCH, 86th and Becher in West Allis

2024 Dates: March 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 17th, May 1st & 15th - all Wednesdays.

Instructor: Mette L. Baran

Class fees \$20 per session. Payable in full (\$120) to Fosselyngen Lodge by February 13, 2024.

Student Name _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge and mail to Gretchen Bjork W149N8235 Norman Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 – call Arlette Johnson with questions (414)368-3324.

If not enough students sign up, the lodge reserves the right to cancel classes and refund money. So please sign up soon and bring your friends.

Non-members are welcome but will be charged \$22 per session (\$132 total).

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

To Phone: Call 414-526-8312

To Send Postal Mail:

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Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

<https://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org/index.html>

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

*** JOIN US IN SONG ***

Festival City Chorus, Milwaukee's own a cappella chorus, is working diligently to prepare for performances and contests.

We rehearse most Tuesday evenings at Mount Hope Lutheran Church, 8633 W. Becher.

ALL males interested in learning more about us are encouraged to call our hotline: 414-281-SING (7464)

Don Doss, SON Member

SPORTS MEDAL PROGRAM

Just a reminder that forms and information about the Sports Medal Program are available. Contact Dennis Dale at 414-771-3470 or by mail at 1527 Alice Street, Wauwatosa, 53213.

CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have a change of any of these items, **please** notify the Sons of Norway International Headquarters Membership Department.

Either phone their office at 800-945-8851, or you can log on to the Sons of Norway website (<https://www.sofn.com>) and view & update your member profile.

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,
Insurance & Investments

7042 Kinnikinnick Drive
Roscoe, IL 61073

Phone: 815-623-8817 (Office)

Email: gragan51@gmail.com

www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

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GUIDELINES FOR BRINGING GUESTS TO LODGE MEETINGS

Members are encouraged to invite guests to our monthly meetings to learn more about our Lodge. If a guest would also like to join us for dinner prior to the program, they may do so at no cost for one time only. Should they want to come again, they will need to pay \$10.00 for the dinner. As a member you are not charged for any regular meeting meal and also receive a discounted price for the picnic and Christmas party, so please encourage your friends to join to receive these benefits and become a member of the Fosselyngen Family.

Please Note: If you receive a notice or call that a member is sick, in a nursing home or has passed away, **call Nancy Sande (414-231-3586) or Ellie Thoresen (262-953-2871) so that the person can be remembered and other officers notified.**

Also, don't forget to **notify Arlette Johnson (414-368-3324) when a member of the Lodge passes away,** since Arlette 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 were a member of Sons of Norway.

Notice: All articles & information for the March/April 2024 newsletter are **due by February 14th.**

Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, csjohn@att.net or mail to: 1024 North 121st Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.

Sons of Norway Individual Volunteer Hours Worksheet for 2024 (to be turned in January 2025)
(See guidelines on back side of this page.)

Member Name: _____

Fraternal Individual Support Hours		
Date	Name/Description of Activity	Hours

Count the number of lines filled in above. This is your Fraternal Individual Support Activity Total.

Add up the time in your Hours column for Fraternal Individual Support Hours.

Community Individual Support Hours		
Date	Name/Description of Activity	Hours

Count the number of lines filled in above. This is your Community Individual Support Activity Total.

Add up the time in your Hours column for Community Individual Support Hours.



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Guidelines for Sons of Norway Individual Volunteer Hours Worksheet

Track the amount of time you spend working on Sons of Norway business and activities. This form is kept and maintained by each member of Sons of Norway and submitted to the Lodge secretary.

Fraternal - Some examples of fraternal activities are: working on the Lodge website, preparing a speech for a Lodge meeting, typing up meeting minutes, and shopping for treats for the upcoming Lodge meeting. Include anything you do which supports your Lodge and fellow members.

Community – An example of a community activity is: volunteering as part of a Lodge organized charity group. Include anything you do which has been organized by your Lodge and supports the people outside the Lodge.

Include any travel time associated with these activities in the time you record for them.

Do not record the time you spend at Lodge meetings, celebrations or any other group event.

For each activity, write down the date (if available), a description of activity and length of time you spent on the activity.

Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates, times, and location of meetings. Web site: http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.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.
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