

Sons of Norway

Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month – Potluck at 1:30 p.m.

St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Douglas Road, Montgomery, IL

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President's Message



President Ken presents Membership Recruitment Awards to Roald, Carol and Kelly



President Ken, Diana R., Ed H., and Karen O. earn Cooking 3 and Literature 1 medals from "Erna"

Congratulations to all of our members who have earned medals and awards for 2019! Well done Polar Star!

Your President
Ken Johnson



Frances reminds members to sign up to attend the Park Ridge Syttendemai Banquet

Upcoming Events

POLAR STAR

Syttendemai Celebration

Sunday, May 5, 2019

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

1:30 p.m. potluck

See article on page 2

Mystery of Nils

Norwegian

Språktime begins

April 26th

HincKley Library – 10:00 am -12:00 noon

See page 4 for details

Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month.
Please submit all articles to Barb
Johnson at

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www.polarstarlodge.com

Celebrating Syttendemai POLAR STAR MAY EVENT

May 5, 2019 - 1:30 p.m.

Wear red, white and blue and
bring a dish to pass as we begin the season
of celebrating the Norwegian Constitution.

Potluck begins at 1:30 p.m.



Ser du flagget vårt?
Det er det norske flagget.
Det er rødt
Og har et blått og hvitt kors
I midten.
Jeg er norsk.
Norge er landet mitt.
Derfor er jeg glad i Norge
og i det norske flagget

Do you see our flag?
It is the Norwegian flag.
It is red
And has a blue and white cross
in the middle.
I am Norwegian.
Norway is my country.
Therefore I am in love with Norway
and the Norwegian flag.

Member News!



Vi and Carol earn Gangemerke
Walking medals from Sports Director,
Jerri Lynn



ALL ABOARD!!
The Norske språktime language train



Erna has a secret?
Discover the Mystery of Nils.
See page 4 for lesson details



Syttende Mai (May 17th) is the day Norway ratified its constitution in 1814 at Eidsvoll. They did not, however, become independent from Sweden until 1905 and until then *Syttende Mai* celebrations were frowned upon and even forbidden. Now, Norwegians celebrate their constitution with excited crowds, especially children, marching through the streets waving flags, singing songs, and celebrating their nation's independence. *Syttende Mai* is a great opportunity to celebrate freedom wherever it occurs

Where to Celebrate....

May 17 (Fr) Norwegian Constitution Day Concert, Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL, 7:30 PM Refreshments following concert.

May 18 (Sa) Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce Constitution Day Luncheon, Metropolitan Club, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL 11:30 AM Reception, 12:15 Lunch, Guest of Honor, Kåre Aas, Norwegian Ambassador to the United States

www.naccchicago.org

May 18 (Sa) Viking Ship Visitors' Day, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Good Templar Park, Geneva, IL, adults \$5.00, teens \$3.00, children 12 and under free www.vikingship.us

May 19 (Su) Norwegian National League Norwegian Constitution Day Parade, Hodges Park, Park Ridge, IL, Barbra Kronborg-Mogil 847-823-7596 www.nnleague.org

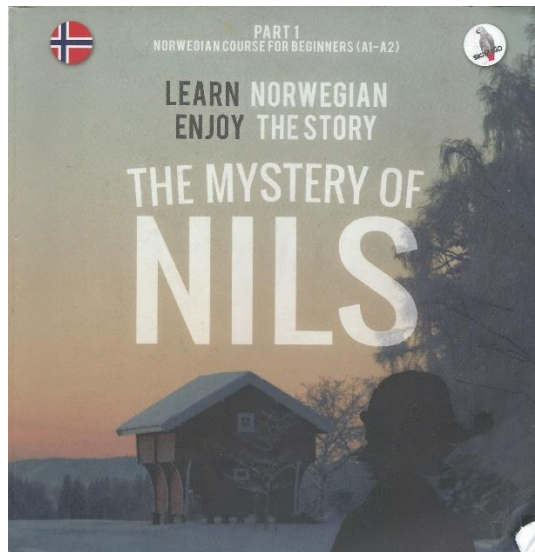
May 19 (Su) Norwegian Constitution Day Banquet, Park Ridge Country Club, Park Ridge, IL Social Hour 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM, \$75.00 per person Carol Hoidahl 847-358-1527. This year's banquet is held after the parade www.nnleague.org



POLAR STAR LODGE 5-472

NORSKE SPRÅKTID

**Norwegian Language Lessons
Fridays from 10:00 am -12:00 noon
April 16 – May 26, 2019
at the Hinckley Public Library**



Required text may be purchased from:
<https://www.amazon.com/Mystery-Nils-Part-Norwegian-Beginners/dp/3945174007>

Additional on-line Mystery of Nils resources
<https://www.skapago.eu/nils/>

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Culture Corner by Barb Johnson

It's time for Påskekrim!!!!

In Norway, Easter (Påske) is celebrated with a tradition known as Påskekrim or Easter-Crime. Norwegians love reading crime stories and detective novels and the Easter season seems to be the time that allows Norwegians to head for their hytter (cabins) with their favorite crime books written by their favorite authors.

But, how did this tradition actually begin???? It appears to have been with a "fake news" story in 1923. In February, 1923, two Norwegians, Nordahl Grieg and Nils Lie wrote a crime novel about a robbery that took place on a train on its way to Bergen. The book was called "*Bergenstoget plydret in natt*" (The Bergen train was robbed in the night). In order to get people to buy their book, they advertised in the "Aftenposten" (one of Norway's newspapers) by putting the title of their book on the front page. They convinced thousands of readers that their book advertisement was a headline news story. This publicity stunt was so popular that his book has become the most popular Easter book in Norwegian history and is considered to be the beginning of Påskekrim.



Four Påskekrim boker (Easter books)
to read by Norwegian authors



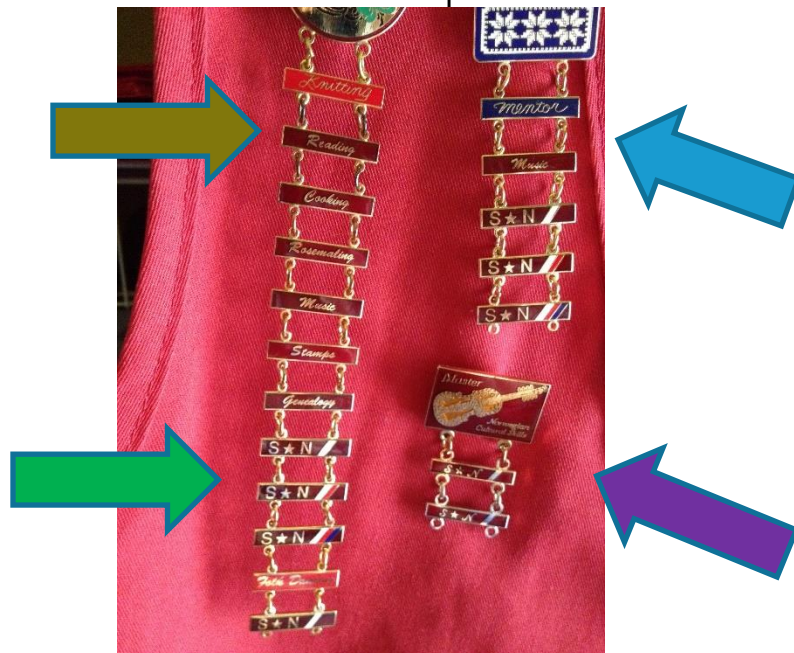
The Chocolate Book Flood Continues into the season of Påskekrim
Grab a book and take to your "reading place" with your favorite chocolate.



What do I do with my Culture Medals?

I have been asked several times about how to display the Sons of Norway Culture Medals. Since many of you will be receiving another set of Cooking medals, now is a good time to review. The medals are hung in the order they are received. The **striped bars** are attached to the **name of the unit**, the white stripe for completion of part 1 of the unit; white and red stripes for completion of parts 1 and 2; white, red and blue stripes for completion of all three parts of the unit. When all three parts of the unit are earned, **the three-striped bar** is hung from the **unit pin**. In the picture below the recipient has completed all three parts to seven units, knitting, reading, cooking, rosemaling, music, stamps, and genealogy. The three bar pin hangs below the seven unit pins that represents completion of all seven units. Folk dancing is hung below followed by the one bar pin indicating that one part of the Folk Dancing unit has been completed.

The **mentor** medal is earned when you assist ten members who earn a unit medal. The **master** pin is earned when a member earns all three parts to three units. In this case the two bars mean that all three parts of six units have been completed.



POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1:30 p.m. St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Montgomery, IL (unless listed)

MAY 5	POLAR STAR CELEBRATES SYTTENDEMAI
JUNE 1	NORWAY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE AND BREAKFAST
JULY 15, 17 & 19	How to be a Viking
AUGUST 4	POLAR STAR INDOOR PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 8	VASA PARK
OCTOBER 6	HØSTFEST begins at 11:30 a.m.
NOVEMBER 3	JULETREFEST
DECEMBER 1	JULETREFEST

2019 POLAR STAR KITCHEN COMMITTEE

May 5	Ed Hatteberg Diana Raimond
June 1	Breakfast at Norway Community Bldg. – all members
August 4	Indoor Picnic – Grillmat
October 6	Jerri Lynn Baker Phoebe and Al Bergh
November 3	All members - Høstfest
December 8	Polar Star Board Members

NORSKE MUSEUM COOKBOOK FUND RAISER

MORE RECIPES NEEDED



Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday) Polar Star Members!



APRIL 15-30

19 Phoebe Bergh
19 Nicolette Minor
23 Jerri Lynn Baker
24 Michael Krickeberg
29 Michael Farinelli
30 Diana Raimo

MAI 1-14

7 Ken Nordan
13 Bronwyn Minor
13. Phyllis Benson
(Barb's Mom)



TUBFRIM
NO-3540 NESBYEN - NORGE



**Sons of Norway
Polar Star Lodge 5-472
Regular Meeting, April 7, 2019**

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church
1233 Douglas Avenue, Montgomery, IL 60538**

President Johnson brought the meeting to order at 2:30, following our 1:45 potluck luncheon. The kitchen committee of the day was Frances and Roald Berg, who made delicious shepherd's pies and decorated the tables to celebrate Easter and the spring season.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of the United States, Norwegian and Canadian national anthems.

Guests: Mila Gonzeles, Carol Feret, Alene Petrine, Inger Langsholt, and Erna. From Cleng Peersen Lodge: Dawn Gundersen and Connie Kross.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carol DeVito read the Treasurer's report (copy attached).

Medals/Pins/Awards:

- President Johnson awarded 2018 membership award pins to Roald Bergh, Carol DeVito, and Harriet Eklund.
- Jerri Lynn Baker awarded walking medals to Carol Vigenes (bronze , silver, gold) and Vi Skogen (bronze , silver).
- Barb Johnson awarded Cooking part 3 (meats) bars to Nancy Anderson, Ed Hatteberg, Diana Raimond, Ken Johnson, Steve Tanda, Karen Oswald, and Barb Johnson.
- Barb awarded chocolate to the winners of this month's Literature Part 1 chocolate/book review drawing: Ken Johnson, Karen Oswald, and Carol Vigenes.

Barnebirkie Cookies: President Johnson announced that although we didn't win the first place prize for providing the most cookies for the February Wisconsin Barnebirkie, SOFN national decided to donate \$50 to our lodge anyway since we placed a very close second, and the third place lodge provided much, much fewer cookies.

Polar Star Recipe Book Fundraiser: Barb reminded everyone to send her our family favorite recipes as soon as possible.

Birthdays: We celebrated the April 84th birthday of Phoebe Bergh, with the traditional seat of honor, surrounded by the singing of the Norwegian birthday song.

Norsk Museum and Fundraiser Breakfast: Roald Berg reminded that the Norsk Museum will be opening on Saturday June 1 and there are volunteer opportunities as docents. Roald passed around a sign-up sheet for the June through September weekend dates that the museum will be open. Many workers and much food will be needed at the annual fundraiser breakfast.

Annual Syttendemai Park Ridge parade and banquet: Both will be held on May 19. Banquet tickets are \$75 per person.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Language Part 1: Following the meeting, guests Inger Langsholt and "Erna" (aka Barb Johnson) introduced the program, including the course booklet "The Mystery of Nils" and flashcards of the first lesson's words. There will be five classes beginning April 26, 10 to 12 AM, likely to be held at the Hinckley Illinois library. More information to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Oswald, Secretary

		Sign up to serve as a docent at the NORSK MUSEUM	
		VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE 2019	
		JUNE PS = Polar Star CP = Cleng Peerson	
1	SAT	Opening Day Breakfast 8 – 11 Museum open 10 – 5 F & R Berg	PS
		Barb Brungart,	PS
2	SUN		
8	SAT	Kelly Welin	PS
9	SUN		
15	SAT		
16	SUN	Carol Devito, Frank Krawczyk	PS
22	SAT	Doris Pittman	PS
23	SUN		
29	SAT		
30	SUN		
		JULY	
6	SAT		
7	SUN		
13	SAT	F & R Berg	PS
14	SUN		
20	SAT		
21	SUN		
27	SAT		
28	SUN	Karen Oswald	PS
		AUGUST	
3	SAT		
4	SUN		
10	SAT		
11	SUN	F & R Berg	PS
17	SAT		
18	SUN	Karen Oswald	PS
24	SAT		
25	SUN		
31	SAT		
		SEPTEMBER	
1	SUN		
7	SAT	Floyd & Sherry Anderson, Jerri Lynn Baker	PS
8	SUN	VASA PARK	<i>PS</i>
14	SAT	Barb and Kenny Johnson	
15	SUN		
21	SAT		
22	SUN	F & R Berg	PS
28	SAT		
29	SUN		
