



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Celebrating **125** Years

Budstikken

Wergeland Lodge #5/028 P.O. Box 3591, La Crosse, WI 54602-3591

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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ Jan 2, 6:30 pm General Meeting and Program, American Legion
- ♦ Jan 14, 5:30 pm, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16
- ♦ Jan 20, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ Jan 30, Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ February 6, 6:30 General Meeting



Fra Presidenten



Happy New Year! Although we are looking forward to a new year, this is also the time when we tend to look back and take stock of the year gone by. We've had another great year here at Wergeland lodge with many wonderful programs and community activities with which to enjoy and promote our heritage. Thank you to everyone who has made that possible.

As we look forward, we can take pride in the fact that in 2020, Sons of Norway will be celebrating 125 years of celebrating Norwegian culture. I'm hard pressed to think of other organizations with that amount of history and tradition which speaks to the value that Norwegian-Americans have placed upon preserving and sharing our heritage with future generations.

As time marches on for our organization, we again welcome a new lineup of officers to continue this mission that we value so much. Those officers will begin that work at our January meeting when we will install officers including our new president. I will close by saying that it has been my honor to represent Wergeland lodge as your president and with that I hand to gavel to Ramona.

-Dave



I am honored to move into the role of President of Wergeland Lodge for the year 2020. After serving as Vice President with David as President, he has been a great role model. Thank you David!

Looking ahead, I see some challenges that we face as a Sons of Norway lodge. Our membership is declining, and along with that, we need more members to come forward and serve in leadership positions. Please read our post about positions that need to be filled.

A bit about me--my ancestors came from the Lom and Fortun areas of Norway. Grandpa Knute Dregne lived with our family when I was growing up. He came from the little town of Fortun, which is situated at the end of the Sognefjord. This relationship helped me appreciate Norwegian culture. My professional life was spent working as a Registered Nurse at Gundersen Lutheran for 35 years.

I wish you all a happy, healthy 2020. - Ramona Johnson

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2020, 6:30 PM at the
American Legion, 711 6th Street, La Crosse, WI**

Program for January

**Happy 125th, Sons of Norway!
Officer Installation and 125th Presentation**

Lunch providers for January 2 meeting

Lunch is at the beginning of the evening

If you signed up to furnish food for the January meeting, **please call Lynn Curtis (608-452-3809)** and let her know what you will be bringing. (The sign up sheet that was passed around in November has been misplaced!) This is important because we all enjoy the refreshments!

Sandwiches (2½ dozen) Cakes (18 pcs) Cheese Tray, Fruit/Vegetable Tray, Pickles
Members are asked to donate \$3 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.



Program for February

To be determined—see note from Cultural Committee on p. 3

Sekretær Notater...

Minutes December 5, 2019 General Lodge Meeting American Legion, La Crosse, WI

January Birthdays

- 2 Deborah H Bartel
- 7 Carlie Burkhardt
- 9 Peter J Linnert
- 11 Ruth M Melby
- 12 Laura J Ira
- 13 Brian J Kirby
- 16 Gary J Corbisier
- 18 Marissa A Langaard
- 19 Sofi Diane Stutesman
- 20 Char I Vangen
- 21 Roger O Olsen
- 21 Dorothy I Paulikas
- 21 Dennis E Sprain
- 22 Jarvis L Brudos
- 22 George Ranis
- 26 Liesl M Allen
- 26 Ingeborg L Gerber
- 26 Nathan Voelker
- 28 Mike W Finn
- 28 Sarah Hubbard
- 30 Gene I Gaarder
- 31 Bernice C Herder

Social hour began at 5:00 with punch, herring and assorted crackers. The meal was served at 6:00 after a table prayer by Glenn Borreson. The meal was catered by C & C Catering and consisted of meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, and coffee. In addition, Wergeland members supplied Norwegian baking for dessert. A good time was had by everyone as the meal was very good.

President Glomstad opened the short business meeting at 6:45. Guests were introduced: Dean and Diane Dickenson and Martha Senvold. December birthdays were serenaded.

A reminder we are putting on a caroling concert at Rotary Lights on December 12th at 6 PM. The next general meeting will be held on January 2nd at 6:30 PM at the American Legion. The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10th at Perkins at 5:30 PM.

Carol Stekel introduced tonight's program which was presented by Glenn Borreson, entitled: The Lindisfarne 9/11 Moment: The 793 Viking Attack That Changed the World.

After the very interesting and informative program, Ramona Johnson and Kent Sween led singing of Christmas Carols in Norwegian as we will be singing those in the Rotary Lights tent on December 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM with 78 people in attendance.

Adrian Johnson, Lodge Secretary.

Treasurers report from Shirley Schoenfeld: General Fund has a balance of 6858.16, which includes memorials and encumbered funds for dancers; Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$2334.50; Savings Account has a balance of \$18607.46. Total financial assets of \$27,800.12

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! We need your help! We are still short several important officer positions for 2020. These positions must be filled from our current membership. The positions are: Vice President, Social Director Co-Chair, and Webmaster. The Vice President needs for be available to fill the role of president in 2021; The Social Director co-chair works to help arrange for the special meals (May 17, pie social, pot luck and the Christmas dinner). Ramona Johnson has been working with this for the past years, so if you have questions, please ask Ramona. The Webmaster keeps our Website up to date. Potential new members check our web page and it should look interesting and up to date. Please give this some consideration, and let an officer know that you can work into one of these positions.

Stamp Cutting

From **Marilyn Rudser**: Just a reminder—If a stamp is missing a corner or if an edge is snipped too close, I have to toss it. Please leave 1/4—1/2 inch around the stamp or just cut off that end of the envelope and I'll trim.

If an eagle or one of the two birds is printed on instead of a stamp, we need the entire envelope.

No non-profit or presorted stamps are usable. If you have envelopes or postcards with "old" stamps, give me the en-

tire card or envelope. It all gets sent to Tubfrim.

Thanks to all who turned in stamps this year. We sent 31 pounds to Tubfrim!

[Marilyn gives them to our Zone Director Ron Iverson, who sees that they are brought to SON Mpls. to be sent to the Tubfrim place in Norway. Marilyn Rudser has to cut the stamps that are not cut, along with other volunteer stamp cutters/workers. Please take the time to cut your stamps and record your time on the hours sheet.]

Vær så snill...

Please Help the Cultural Committee!

If you have ideas for programs for the Sons of Norway, please share your ideas with a cultural committee member.

The cultural committee members are:

Debra Bartel dhbartel@sbcglibal.net
John Erickson johdar@acegroup.cc
Florence Overgard bikerflo@charter.net
Mark Quade mquade@centurytel.net

Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

From the December Program:

On December 6, we held our **Heritage Dinner** at the Legion, enjoying the meal catered by C&C Catering from Bangor. The tables were beautifully decorated and our appreciation goes out to the team (**Char Vangen, Adrian & Ramona Johnson, and Dee & Fred Johnson**) who spent hours decorating and preparing for the evening. Some photos can be found on p. 4.



The program was presented by **Glenn Borreson**, who has researched the Lindisfarne Attack on June 7, 793. Lindisfarne is a small island off of Scotland, and it was brutally attacked and pillaged by Vikings. The attack was the beginning of a number of attacks in the 10th century and brought fear and uncertainty to Ireland and England. Amazingly, the Lindis-

farne Gospels, a beautifully illustrated volume (<https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/lindisfarne-gospels>) written/illustrated by the Monk Eadfrith.

After the Lindisfarne presentation, **Kent Sween**, assisted by **Helge and Rachel Vestnes** and accompanied by **Ramona Johnson** on the piano, led our group in some Christmas singing. We sang several carols in both English and Norwegian as a rehearsal for the Dec. 12 Rotary Lights program with **Brian Rude**.



January Program:

Celebrating Sons of Norway's 125 years!

Shirley Lokstad Schoenfeld will show a few clips of what the Minneapolis office prepared to celebrate the 125 years of Sons of Norway, and then continue with some of our own Wergeland history (117 years) by showing all of our present and former Presidents on a PowerPoint with Mark Quade doing the reading and announcing like we did in October with the History of Sons of Norway.

Following our lunch at 6:30 pm, we will do the program and then have a short meeting, including the installation of the 2020 Officers. Officers that have Kings medals should bring them to the table in front upon arriving. **All officers from both 2019 and 2020 should be in attendance.**



Fun Fact #1

Sons of Norway was organized as a fraternal benefit society by 18 Norwegian immigrants in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

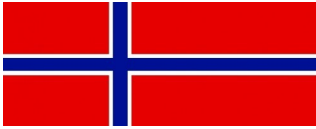


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Don't Forget!

- 1) Call Lynn Curtis with what you're bringing for the January 2 lodge meeting lunch.
- 2) Record your activities/miles and give the numbers to Karen Broadhead
- 3) Volunteer for one of the open officer spots (or convince a Wergeland friend to volunteer!)
- 4) Officers: Bring your King Medals to the January meeting.





Dis og Dat



Ron & Frieda Nowland entertained their granddaughter Rachel and great-granddaughter Adriana Frieda from Oklahoma for a week at Christmas

Agnetha Ames spent a week in Branson, MO, in November with a long-time teacher friend, enjoying 6 shows. They also spent time at the Ark and the Creation Museum near Cincinnati in April.

Bill and Von Cary have moved to Portland, OR, from Cedar Rapids, IA. They are brother and sister-in-law of **Mary Cary**, Wergeland member. They are happy to be near loved ones, especially their four granddaughters. Bill and Von look forward to exploring Scandinavian culture in the Pacific Northwest.

Photos from the December Banquet: Lots of Norwegian baking, friendly table talk, and Norwegian sweaters!



Photos below: The "Wergeland Singers," under the direction of **Brian Rude** (front and center below), performed in the Rotary Lights warming tent on Thursday, Dec. 12 while Joyce Abernathy and Samantha (Sammy) Christianson from Norskedalen led a crafting activity for young attendees.



Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



District 5 Virtual Walk Challenge to Ringsaker, Norway in celebration of the 125th Anniversary for 2020 Convention

REMEMBER TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR MILES!

For the “Walking to Norway” Challenge, our Wergeland chapter is invited to do the following:

- 1) **Get pledges** Ask family and friends to pledge your efforts or give a small donation. You can even invite them to participate—the more the merrier (and the farther we travel)! Karen Broadhead is collecting pledge money which benefits the Masse Moro camp.
- 2) **Make your New Year’s Resolution to Get Active!** In the past month, we have shoveled snow (133 for 1/2 hour), vacuumed (87 for 1/2 hour) and shopped (76 points for every 1/2 hour of “walking slowly”)! These activities convert to miles using the conversion sheet that can also be found at the link below.
- 3) **Keep track of your miles** Tracking sheets are available at Wergeland meetings or at sonsofnorway5.com/programs/sports_and_recreation.php (the 1st & 3rd .pdf links on the right side of the page).
- 4) **Put your form on the Refrigerator or in plain sight so you don’t forget to fill it in!**
- 5) **Tell Karen Broadhead how many miles you went and we’ll track our progress on this chart.** The challenge runs until June 15.



Remember to save and give to Marilyn Rudser:

- 1) leftover blank Christmas cards and
- 2) fronts of received cards (no writing on back).

The following 2020 Wergeland Officers will be installed at the January Wergeland Lodge meeting:

President	Ramona Johnson
Vice President	
Counselor	Shirley Schoenfeld
Secretary	Adrian Johnson
Assistant Secretary	Carol Pestel
Membership Secretary	Kathi Beane
Treasurer	Shirley Schoenfeld
Assistant Treasurer	Kathi Beane
Social Director Chair	
Social Comm.-Special meals	Char Vangen
Social Comm.-Special meals	Dee Johnson
Social Comm.-Special meals	Elsie Olson
Social Comm - (Jan-Apr.)	Lynn Curtis
Social Comm - (Jan-Apr.)	Ann Sprain
Social Comm - (Aug-Nov.)	Darlene Erickson
Social Comm - (Aug-Nov.)	Pam Knudtson
Social Comm - (Aug-Nov.)	Linda Sherwood
Co-Foundation Director	Ilene Pavelko
Co-Foundation Director	Karen Saegrove
Zone 2 Dist. 5 Director	Karen Broadhead
Sports Director	Carla Burkhardt
Cultural Director	Florence Overgard
Co-Musician	Karan Mathison
Co-Musician	Ramona Johnson
Historian	Marlene Mc Cabe
Greeter & Raffle Sales	Kathi Beane
Greeter Assistants	Ron & Frieda Nowland
Raffle Chairperson	Adrian Johnson
Lead Marshal	Richard Marking
Marshal	Arlen Henderson
Marshal	Fred Johnson
Marshal	Gary Knudtson
Marshal	Mark Dregne
Auditor, (1st Yr)	Linda Sherwood
Auditor, (2nd Yr)	Marilyn Rudser
Auditor, (3rd Yr. chair)	Dee Johnson
Trustee, (1st Yr)	Vivian Sacia
Trustee, (2nd Yr)	Dennis Sprain
Trustee, (3rd Yr. chair)	
Budstikken Editor	Carla Burkhardt
Pictures Editor	Doris Henderson
Webmaster	

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2015

The January meeting was scheduled to be held at the American Legion, but when Phyllis Galstad went there at 3 pm to begin preparations, she was told the meeting was not this evening and they were closing at 6 pm. Phyllis called Shirley and David and after a few calls, Shirley got the use of the Fellowship Hall at Our Redeemer Church. David made signs for the doors at the Legion and went there to catch members and tell them to go to Our Redeemer. Ron Nowland joined David. It was very cold out. Shirley got on the phone and called or left messages with all the officers and committees, plus the program people. Phyllis and Dorothy Paulikas were in charge of the meeting room after the Pastor left.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2010

We have done very well in the new member recruitment "blitz" that ended December 15, 2009. We had 12 new members join.

We celebrated Christmas with the community at Rotary Lights in the heated tent. That is a very nice event – lots of music and singing, the SON dancers, kids making Norwegian heart ornaments – the feel of Christmas. Thanks to Bing Skogen for being in charge.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2005

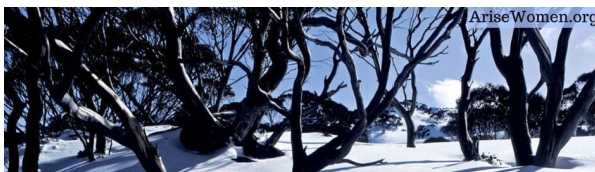
The program "Children's Literature and Alf Proysen" was presented by sisters Dorothy Paulikas and Alice Gums. Alf Proysen (1914-1970) created a popular character in Norwegian children's literature, teskjejerringa, the teaspoon lady. In her adventures, this woman unpredictably and involuntarily becomes the size of a teaspoon and later reverts to normal size. Dorothy and Alice are relatives of the Gudbrandsdal native.

Bing Nelson succeeded Vivian Sacia who was very helpful in the transition as president of Wergeland Lodge #5/028.

Viking ship found in Farmer's Field

For likely 1000 years, a large Viking ship has laid beneath the crops in western Norway near the village of Edoy. Archaeologists discovered the ship using radar. See more information at

<https://www.thevintagenews.com/2019/12/09/viking-ship-farm/>



"I've got some bad news, Ole. Your farm is right on the state line, and we've determined that it's not in Minnesota. It's actually in Iowa."
Ole replied, "That's the best news I've had in a long time! I was just telling Lena that I don't think I can take another winter in Minnesota."

Committees APPOINTED by the President for 2020

Every-Meeting duties:

Librarian	Pam Knudtson
Stamps Chairperson	Marilyn Rudser
Good Will/Flip Tops	Vivian Sacia
Cultural Committee	John Erickson
Cultural Committee	Susan Corbisier
Cultural Committee	Debra Bartel
Cultural Committee	Mark Quade
Wergeland Dancers Chair	Sandra Kawatski

Annual duties:

Com.Theatre Ushers Chair	Kathi Beane
Salv Army Bell Ringing Chair	Carla Burkhardt
Rotary Lights 2020	David Glomstad
Festival of Trees 2020	David Glomstad
Scholarship Committee	Marilyn Rudser
Scholarship Committee	Kathi Beane
Scholarship Committee	Laura Ira
Nominating Chair 2020	
2020 Installing Officer	David Glomstad, Past Pres.
2020 Installing Marshal	Karen Broadhead
2020 Installing Marshal	Pam Knudtson

A little in English...

Queen Sonja Makes a Gift of Her Original Art

Queen Sonja is making a gift of her original artwork, "Kolåstind." The lucky recipient is the Norwegian Tourist Association (DNT), which is celebrating its sesquicentennial.

The queen is an honorary member of the organization. She is giving away 45 copies of her work "Kolåstind." It was made using the woodblock printing technique. In the past, the queen has received accolades for her art.

The prints are to be sold to members of the DNT. According to Queen Sonja's wish, proceeds will be donated to the DNT's cabin fund.

The fund will ensure that DNT can carry out their work and make improvements. There are certain things that the organization cannot solve through volunteerism.

"This is a strong acknowledgment from the queen that shows the significance of our cabins. We will continue to make them available to the public. The queen is really giving a gift to the Norwegian people," says Dag Terje Klarp Solvang, the Secretary General of DNT.

DNT has set the price per print at 25,000 kroner [US \$2,950/ CAN \$3,885] for members. They cost 100,000 kroner [US \$11,800 / CAN \$15,545] for businesses that are members.

What Can D5 (District 5) Do for You?

In the Sons of Norway hierarchy there are three divisions: Local Lodge, District Lodge, and the International Lodge. These three divisions work cooperatively for the "Good of the Order." It is our goal to further the Mission of the Sons of Norway.

Originally, the Sons of Norway was organized with the intent of supporting families in the time of grave illness or death of a family's breadwinner. Over time, the organization expanded to include cultural and heritage activities.

Visionary members also created the Sons of Norway Foundation that has as its mission, in part, to support the academic and educational pursuits of its youth and adult members. The support of the Foundation makes connections between one's heritage and Norway of today.

Another focus of the Foundation is to provide monetary relief for member families who suffer loss following a natural disaster or fire. If you are new member or officer in a Sons of Norway Lodge you may have wondered, what is "District 5"? While each of Sons of Norway's 8 Districts has unique identified projects, all remain faithful in the mission of promoting and preserving the heritage and culture of Norway and celebrating relationships with other Nordic Countries.

In the Fifth District, we are your link between the Local and the International Lodge. We are proud to provide and support a heritage camp for youth, ages 9-15. Masse Moro, which translates literally to "lots of fun" is an outstanding program now in its 41st year. Lives have changed here. ... As the youth of today become the leaders of tomorrow, the Fifth District is honored to provide them with this experience ensuring that the Norwegian heritage and culture of our ancestors will be passed on to successive -2- generations. It is through one's membership dues that Masse Moro lives. I encourage you to enroll a young person you know in our heritage camp in 2020. For more information: www.massemoro.org

(Above is a portion of a letter to SON District 5 lodges written by district sport & recreation director, Cheryl Wille-Schlesser. Our own Karen Broadhead is the Zone 2 Director/representative to District 5. <http://sonsofnorway5.com/>)

Litt på Norsk...

Dronning Sonja gir bort kunst i gave

Dronning Sonja gir bort sitt eget kunstverk «Kolåstind». Den heldige mottakeren er Den Norske Turistforening (DNT). De fyller 150 år.

Dronningen er æresmedlem i organisasjonen. Hun gir bort til sammen 45 eksemplarer av verket «Kolåstind». Det er laget med teknikken tresnitt. Dronningen har tidligere fått skryt for kunsten sin.

Bildene skal selges. Medlemmer i DNT kan kjøpe bildene. Etter dronning Sonjas eget ønske vil det de tjener gis til DNTs hyttefond.

Fondet skal sikre at DNT kan gjennomføre arbeid og oppgraderinger. Det gjelder ting som organisasjonen ikke får løst til gjennom dugnad.

– Det er en sterk anerkjennelse fra dronningen. Hun viser at hyttene våre betyr noe. Vi vil forsette arbeidet med å gjøre tilbudet tilgjengelig for alle. Dronningen gir en gave til det norske folk, sier Dag Terje Klarp Solvang. Han er generalsekretær i DNT.

DNT har satt prisen per trykk til 25.000 kroner for medlemmer. De koster 100.000 kroner for bedrifter som er medlem.

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center
Hours From Nov - Apr:
Monday-Friday from 8am--4pm
Saturdays 10am--3pm
Sunday from 11pm--3pm



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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