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SONS OF NORWAY- CIRCLE CITY LODGE #5-614 CARMEL, IN

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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 its members.

Greetings from the President

Hilsen fra Presidenten

Last weekend I attended an event at the Indy Global Village. I want to thank Karen Courtney and her daughter Chelsea for all of their work setting up the display to represent Norway and Circle City Lodge. Pictures of the display will be included in the newsletter.

Our next joint event will be on November 7 Scandinavian Fest 2026 from 12pm to 5pm. Admission is free and is a joint Celebration to show heritage and traditions of Norway, Denmark and Sweden. It will be held at 701 E McCarty St, Indianapolis.

October brings the International Festival on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Jerry has sent out a sign up sheet. Volunteering involves manning our booth and answering questions about Norway and our Lodge, it's a great opportunity to interact with other cultures.

For September our meeting is at the Sailing Club in Muncie. Contact Glenna Divine if you are attending or have questions.

The October 10 meeting is on the and our presentation is on Rosemaling, I'm really looking forward to it.

I have recently been meeting with Yaniv Shmukler Director of Community Engagement Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations. We are planning a joint meeting for March next year on the 14th. It will be on a Sunday instead of Saturday. We will do a joint pitch in so Norwegian dishes on our part. The requirements will be **no pork, no shellfish and no meat and dairy in the same dish**. It will be a joint presentation with cultural and historical information from both groups.

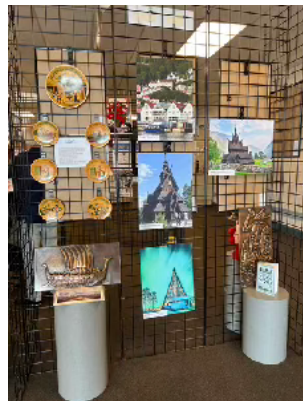
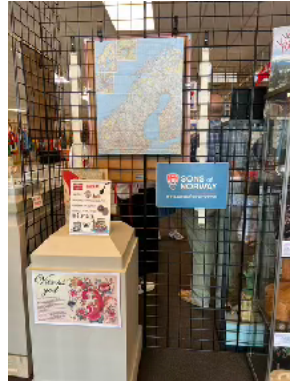
I think it is great that all of our various communities are joining to share our culture and heritage.

Looking forward to coming meetings.

Takk.

Nancy Andersen

OUR SONS OF NORWAY DISPLAY AT THE GLOBAL VILLAGE



STAVANGER, Norway (AP) — King Harald V of Norway, who went into exile in the United States as a child during the Nazi occupation of his homeland and refused a string of potential brides from the European nobility so he could marry his longtime sweetheart, died Friday. He was 89.

The palace said he died at the National Hospital in Oslo at 6:35 a.m.

Harald was Europe's oldest monarch. The popular king modernized the royal house but refused to follow in the footsteps of [other aging monarchs](#) who have abdicated in recent times. His son automatically became [King Haakon VIII](#).

Like other royal houses in Europe, the Norwegian monarchs serve a largely symbolic role, enjoying celebrity status while real power in the democracy of 5.5 million rests with an elected parliament. Harald was crowned after his British-born father, King Olav V, died in January 1991, and reigned during an oil-and-gas-driven economic boom in his country.

“A whole nation is in mourning and the people of Norway are left with a deep sense of gratitude for a long life in the service of Norway,” Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre said in a statement. “For more than three decades as monarch, Harald V demonstrated an unwavering faith in the Norwegian people. He helped us to see the best in ourselves — and in one another.”

Funeral arrangements were not immediately released.



IN LOVING MEMORY

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KING HARALD V

1937 – 2026

A LIFE OF DUTY, DIGNITY AND DEVOTION TO NORWAY



• **21 FEBRUARY 1937**

Born at Skaugum, Asker.
First prince born in Norway
in 567 years.



• **1940–1945**

Childhood in exile during WWII.
Returned to Norway on
7 June 1945.



• **1955–1959**

Graduated from Oslo Cathedral
School and completed military
training at the Norwegian
Military Academy.



• **1957**

Became Crown Prince on the
death of his grandfather,
King Haakon VII.



• **29 AUGUST 1968**

Married Sonja Haraldsen in
Oslo Cathedral.



• **1971 & 1973**

Became a father to Princess
Märtha Louise (1971) and
Crown Prince Haakon (1973).



• **1987**

World sailing champion with
the crew of Fram X.



• **17 JANUARY 1991**

Succeeded his father, King Olav V,
as King of Norway.
Swore his oath on 21 January and was
consecrated at Nidaros Cathedral
on 23 June 1991.



• **28 AUGUST 2026**

Died peacefully at Oslo University
Hospital, Rikshospitalet,
at 6:35 AM.
He was 89 years old.

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For more than 35 years, he served our nation with heart,
steadfast leadership and unwavering love for the Norwegian people.

HE WAS TOLD TO MARRY A PRINCESS.

HE CHOSE SONJA OR NO ONE.

Today, King Harald V and Queen Sonja should have been celebrating 58 years of marriage.

Instead, Norway is mourning its King and Sonja is facing their anniversary without the man who once put the future of the monarchy on the line for her.

Their story began in June 1959.

Harald was Norway's Crown Prince and sole heir to the throne. Sonja Haraldsen was the daughter of a clothing merchant a commoner with no royal title and, according to tradition, no place beside a future king.

But Harald fell in love.

The Palace saw a problem. Harald saw the woman he wanted to spend his life with.

King Olav V refused to approve the relationship. Norway's monarchy was still relatively young, and many feared that allowing the heir to marry a "girl of the people" could weaken the Crown.

For nine agonising years, Harald and Sonja waited loving each other largely in secret while pressure mounted for him to choose a princess instead.

Finally, Harald drew his line.

His message to his father was unmistakable:

Sonja ~ or no one.

If he could not marry her, he would remain unmarried for life. As Norway's only heir, that decision could leave the dynasty without a future and place the monarchy itself in danger.

Harald was willing to risk it all.

King Olav eventually understood that this was no passing romance. After consulting the government, he finally gave them permission to marry.

Then came the most extraordinary twist.

On 29 August 1968, the very king who had once opposed their love took Sonja's arm and escorted her down the aisle of Oslo Cathedral.

She entered as the daughter of a clothing merchant.

She left as Crown Princess of Norway.

Twenty-three years later, she became his Queen.

When their son Haakon later wished to marry Mette-Marit a commoner and single mother Harald and Sonja gave him the acceptance they themselves had been denied for nine long years.

They knew what it meant to be told that love was not enough.

King Harald died on 28 August 2026 just one day before the anniversary of the wedding he had fought so fiercely to make possible.





OSLO, Norway (AP) — King [Haakon VIII](#) of Norway used his first speech in his new role to eulogize his father, [King Harald V](#), as a loving parent and dedicated monarch a day after he died at 89.

“We are in mourning. At the same time, it brings us comfort and strength to know that so many are mourning with us,” the king said wearing a black suit as his speech was shown live on public television.

After Harald V’s death on Friday morning, the crown prince became [King Haakon VIII](#) immediately.

He thanked the people for their outpouring of compassion and remembered what a loving father and husband Harald had been.

Tens of thousands of mourners paid their respects, placing flowers and condolence cards outside the royal palace in Oslo, where the coffin arrived late Friday from the hospital.

Across the country, churches and city halls opened specially so people could light candles, and write their thoughts about the deceased king in condolence books.

Getting to know members

Karen Rose

Hi – I joined Sons of Norway in January 2026. My Mother was Norwegian a fact of which she was very proud. Her parents were Norwegian, and both were born in Western Wisconsin in the Westby area. All 4 of my maternal great grandparents were born in Norway.

I was born in Northwest Indiana, and I currently live in Indianapolis. I worked in hospitality accounting my entire career with the last twenty-five being in the position of Controller for one of the concessionaires at The Indianapolis International Airport. I have been happily retired since 2020.

I like to travel and visiting Norway is number one on my travel bucket list. If all goes as planned, I will be checking that off my list in May 2027 as I am booked on a cruise that will take me to Bergen, Stavanger, Eidfjord and Oslo in Norway as well as to Denmark, Estonia, Poland, Germany, and Sweden.

I have been to 3 Lodge meetings so far this year and have really enjoyed them and getting to meet so many wonderful people who also happen to be Norwegian! I joined the beginning Norsk classes and am also really enjoying those. I joined the class late and Berit is working to get me caught up.

Karen Rose



MUNCIE SAILING CLUB

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Noon Picnic at the Muncie Sailing Club Burgers, hot dogs, condiments and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share with the group and what ever drinks you might want for the day. Weather permitting we will sail if you would like to. If you have a life jacket you are welcome to bring your own, otherwise we will have extras. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair if you don't want to sit on picnic benches.

PLEASE RSVP NLT 8 SEPTEMBER

RSVP TO GLENNA DIVINE AT gddivine@me.com or by calling her at 765-749-2567

Pro-Russian hackers claim responsibility for major cyberattack on Norway's public digital services

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A pro-Russian hacker group on Wednesday claimed responsibility for a cyberattack that has affected multiple Norwegian government digital services over the past three days.

The cyberattack has been ongoing since Monday, said Are Kvistad, a spokesperson for the Norwegian Digitalization Agency (Digdir), the state body in charge of making Norway's public services more digital and user-friendly, told The Associated Press.

"It's the biggest attack against Digdir solutions that we have ever experienced," Kvistad said.

The denial-of-service attacks meant that hackers pushed massive traffic toward the agency in order to block services, including one that enables citizens to use one login across multiple public services.

However, the Digdir spokesman said that the agency managed to keep the services running "practically all the time."

In a Telegram post on Wednesday, 26 August, widely reported by Norwegian media, the pro-Russian hacker group Server Killers claimed responsibility for the attack and said it had declared cyber war on Norway after the country renewed its security cooperation with Ukraine on August 23.

On Sunday, Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store announced during a visit to Kyiv that Norway would provide 85 billion Norwegian krone (9.2 billion in US dollars) to Ukraine from next year's state budget for a third year in a row.

The two countries also committed¹ to further cooperation when it comes to drone technology and other forms of modern warfare.

Norwegian officials did not comment on the hackers' claim by publication time.

All countries in Europe are on high alert with Russia stepping up its [sabotage and malign activity](#) across the continent since Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Officials say the attacks are intended to [undermine support for Ukraine](#), spread fear and discord in European societies and drain investigative resources.

In 2025, Norwegian authorities said Russian hackers [were likely behind](#) suspected sabotage at a dam in the country. During that incident, hackers gained access to a digital system which remotely controls one of the dam's valves and opened it to increase the water flow. A three-minute long video showing the dam's control panel and a mark identifying a pro-Russian cybercriminal group was published on Telegram at the time, the police said.

Last year, Danish authorities blamed [Russia](#) for carrying out cyberattacks against infrastructure and websites in [Denmark](#) in 2024 and 2025. Danish officials said pro-Russian group Z-Pentest carried out a "destructive attack" on the water utility company in 2024 and that a separate group, NoName057(16), was responsible for a cyberattack on Danish websites ahead of the 2025 local elections. Both have links to the Russian state, they said.

According to Norwegian media, Server Killers were linked directly or indirectly to previous cyberattacks in Norway and other European countries.

Article from AP world news



Calendar of Events

Sept. 3 Norsk classes every two weeks on non-meeting weeks

Sept. 12 Noon picnic and sailing at the Muncie Sailing Club

Sept. 17 or 24 Hiking with the Indianapolis Hiking Club at Eagle Creek. Watch for more information to come.

Oct. 1-3 International Festival at Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds.
Contact Karen Courtney to volunteer and help.

Oct. 10 Noon Prepared meal of Farikal to be served. "Rhonda Roesch's Rosemaling Journey" will be our program.

10:30 Intermediate Norsk Class

After program Beginner Norsk Class

Nov. 8 Scandinavian Event at the Indianapolis Danish Church

Nov. 14 Noon Pitch-In Meal. Our Program will be Mary Kate Hendrickson's presentation about Thor Heyerdahl.

10:30 Intermediate Norsk Class

After program Beginner Norsk Class

Dec. 12 Noon Julefest

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