

# Fosselyngen Runespeak

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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

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## FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY** 13 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church (Page 3)  
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI  
Socialize at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at about 6:45 p.m.  
**Program:** Our member Peter Bonovich will make the following presentation:  
“**Mead, the Vikings, Honey and the Honey Makers**”.

### **NO LODGE MEETING IN FEBRUARY**

**MARCH** 10 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church  
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI  
Socialize at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at about 6:45 p.m.  
For full meeting and program details, see March/April 2025 Runespeak.

**APRIL** 14 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church  
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI  
Socialize at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at about 6:45 p.m.  
For full meeting and program details, see March/April 2025 Runespeak.

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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 2025)

President's Message    December 15, 2024

Dear Members,

As I write this message to you, we are all preparing for Christmas. It's a great time of the year to count our blessings.

I'm sorry to have missed our wonderful lodge Christmas party on December 8, as I was out of town. All the accounts I have heard it was a great one enjoyed by 60 attendees. Thanks to Arlette, Gretchen, Victoria and Daryl and all who assisted at the party and in the planning.

Please read this newsletter for upcoming events on our 2025 schedule. Our next meeting is on January 13, at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Fondly yours,

Sue Roedel  
414-526-8312

[sjroedel@gmail.com](mailto:sjroedel@gmail.com)

**WANTED: YOUR IDEAS FOR OUR LODGE CULTURAL PROGRAMS**

Please share your ideas or topics or names of speakers for future SofN cultural programs.

Send you ideas to Daryl Wunrow - Cell/text 414-460-5285 or email to: [dmwunrow@gmail.com](mailto:dmwunrow@gmail.com)

**FOSELYNGEN 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 13, 2025**

**Social/Cultural Meeting**

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

**12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151**

Socialize at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 p.m.

**Program:** Our member Peter Bonovich will make the following presentation: **“Mead, the Vikings, Honey and the Honey Makers”**

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025**

**Social/Cultural Meeting**

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

**12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151**

Socialize at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 p.m.

For full meeting and program details, see March/April 2025 *Runespeak*.

**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**

**Social/Cultural Meeting**

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

**12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151**

Socialize at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 p.m.

For full meeting and program details, see March/April 2025 *Runespeak*.

**2024 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION**

Please remember to have your filled out **2024** Volunteer Hours Worksheet ready to give to Jan Gregoire **during January 2025** so that she can tabulate totals for S of N Headquarters in February.

The 2024 Volunteer Hour Sheet was distributed to you with the January/February 2024 *Runespeak*.

If you did not receive it, or if you misplaced your copy of the 2024 Volunteer Hour Sheet, please request another copy of it from John Schneble by phone at 414-771-4176, or email [csjohn@att.net](mailto:csjohn@att.net).

**2025 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION**

A blank 2025 Volunteer Hours Worksheet is included as Page 9 of this Jan/Feb 2025 *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 2025 so that it will be ready for you to turn in during January 2026.**

## FEZtival of Trees

We participated in the 7th annual FEZtival of Trees at the Tripoli Shrine Center, 3000 W. Wisconsin Ave, during the week of Thanksgiving. This year's theme was "Holly Jolly Christmas." 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 great photos. We decorated our "A Scandinavian God Jul" tree with straw ornaments, woodland animals, red baubles, and star garland and included a tree skirt, doormat, a burlap toy sack, an advent gnome, and a basket with some Scandinavian Christmas treats. We plan on participating again in 2025, as it's for a great cause and a way to introduce our lodge to the public. (The QR codes on our sign linked to our lodge's Facebook page and website.)

Arlette Johnson & Gretchen Bjork



## Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- The daughter (Susan Dillon) of member Gloria Belling who passed away October 17, 2024. Gloria was a member since 1996.



- The family of Roger Myhre who passed away on August 25, 2024. He was a member since 2013.



- The family of Norma Devine who passed away on November 11, 2024. She was a member since 1989.



- The family of Beth Johnson who passed away March 1, 2024. She was a member since 1989.
- Mary Taylor for the death of her brother.
- Mark Bjorgo for the death of his mother.

**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.



## **2024 Holiday Folk Fair International**

For the 81<sup>st</sup> annual Holiday Folk Fair International, we again collaborated with the Danish, Swedish, and Finnish 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 the theme of *Celebrate the Culture of Traditional Art*, and for the featured food of *traditional desserts* there was a display with a dessert provided by each group including Danish kringle, Norwegian krumkake, Swedish pancakes, and Finnish joulutorttu. The booth included a banner for each country with pictures relating to each country. 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: Erin Becker, Hanne Bonovich, Rebecca Taalbi, Jean Maurer, Mary Reykdal, Karen Smeiska, Janet & Kirstin Dallmann, Abby & Elizabeth Bjork, Bill Sorenson, Susan VanLith, Kath Holmes, and Mary Taylor. 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 21- 23, 2025.

Mange Tusen Takk! Arlette Johnson & Gretchen Bjork



Ole was walking down the road when he spotted two friends, Elvis Engebretson and Torvald Bjornson working with spades on the edge of the city park. Ole noted that Elvis would dig a hole and Torvald would follow behind and fill in the hole. Ole was very puzzled by this operation, so he asked Elvis and Torvald to explain. "Vell," said Elvis, "ve're a three man crew, but dat guy who plants da trees is sick today."

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Ole asked his doctor, Luther Snorheim, if he had ever made any medical mistakes. "Only one," said the doctor. "Once I cured a patient in just three visits."

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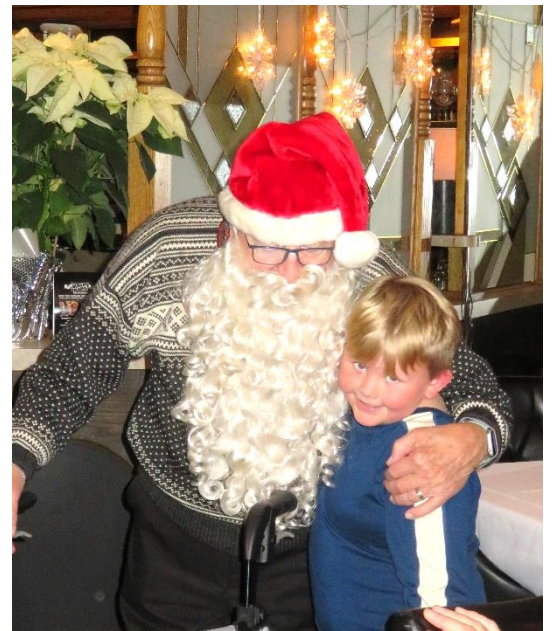
Ole noticed in the paper that Emil Flogstad, the janitor at the bank had died. So, he called Haugo the banker and asked if he, Ole, could take the janitor's place. "Maybe," said the banker. "If we can arrange it with the undertaker."



## **2024 Christmas Party**

Fosselyngen held its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at The Packing House. Fifty-eight adults and two children enjoyed a delicious meal, fellowship, and a visit from the Julenisse. Many thanks to Victoria Christianson for planning and organizing the party. Unfortunately, Victoria developed pneumonia so she and Dave were unable to attend. Hopefully, she has a very speedy recovery before the holidays are in full swing!

God Jul to all members and their families!



## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2025

### **\$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 1, 2025. 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sofn.com/foundation) . See the application deadlines on this website.

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



You are invited to  
**Our Annual Smorgasbord**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

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

Enjoy: Swedish Meatballs, Ham, Turkey, 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)



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## **Swedish American Historical Society**

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 25, 2025, 1:30 p.m. at Martin Luther Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd. Program: "Swedish Authors" presented by SAHSWI member Cookie Anderson.

Fika (coffee and treats) will follow. More information on the meeting and program will be on our website <https://sahswi.org> .



## HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

**To Phone:** Call 414-526-8312

### To Send Postal Mail:

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PO Box 20957  
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Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

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

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

## 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.

## 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.

## \*\*\* 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

## 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.

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## 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.

**Notice:** All articles & information for the March/April 2025 newsletter are **due by February 15.**

Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, [csjohn@att.net](mailto:csjohn@att.net) or mail to: 1024 North 121<sup>st</sup> Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.







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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>

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