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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

PO Box 20957, Milwaukee, WI 53220

FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 22, 23, & 24 Holiday Folk Fair at State Fair Park (Page 3.)
Fri., Sat., & Sun.

DECEMBER 8 Sunday Lodge Christmas Party (See reservation form on page 9.)
This year's party will be on Sunday, December 8, noon to 3 p.m., at The
Packing House Restaurant at 900 E. Layton Ave, Milwaukee, WI
This event will be by reservation only. **Full information is included on the
reservation form.**

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**”.
(For full meeting updates and details, see the January/February 2025
Runespeak.)

NO LODGE MEETING IN FEBRUARY

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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
(november og desember 2024)

President's Message- October 14, 2024

As I write this message to you, the weather is turning cold and rainy, and I'm packing to head to Florida for a while.

Our September meeting was a big hit with a great meal, followed by Viking stories around the campfire and topped off with s'mores on a beautiful warm evening. (See pictures on page 5.) It had been requested that we make this an annual event. Make sure to attend next September.

A group of 12 members met at Juneau Park on Tuesday, October 8 for a wreath laying at the statue of Leif Erikson, a beautiful tribute in honor of his day. (See picture on page 6.) Thank you to the Sandes for heading up this annual tribute and to all who attended.

We are looking forward to our member awards at our October meeting, as well as an update on Sons of Norway Foundation. Please consider them for your charitable giving. In 2023, the foundation distributed over \$241,000 in awards: \$160,000 in scholarships for students, \$67,336 in grants for Norwegian culture and heritage programs, and \$14,000 in camperships for kids to attend Norwegian cultural camps. This contributes to our core values of building Nordic culture and heritage for the future.

In November we will be participating in the Folk Fair. December will be our Christmas party. Please be sure to send in your reservations with the form and details included in this newsletter. (See reservation form on page 9.)

Stay safe and warm. Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Fondly yours,

Sue Roedel

414-526-8312

sjroedel@gmail.com

2024 VOLUNTEER HOUR SHEETS

Please remember to have your filled out **2024** Volunteer Hour Sheet ready to give to Jan Gregoire during January 2025 so that she can give totals to S of N Headquarters by February 15.

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

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”**.

(For full meeting updates and details, see the January/February 2025 Runespeak.)

International Folk Fair Nov. 22-24 at the State Fair Expo Hall

Our Lodge is joining with the other Nordic groups for the second year with a combined exhibit called "Nordic Countries". Each Nordic country member in the Nordic Council will feature a large colorful banner showing cultural scenes along with many display items. The theme this year is Celebrate the Culture of Traditional Art and the featured food is traditional desserts.

This combined effort worked very well last year, so we will again collaborate and show the public our unique similarities and differences. We encourage our members to attend the Folk Fair and promote our Nordic heritage.

There is still a need for one more volunteer for the Sunday, November 24 from 1:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. shift. Please contact Gretchen at 262-502-9197 or thebjorks@att.net .

Arlette Johnson and Gretchen Bjork

Fesztival of Trees

Fosselyngen Lodge will be participating in the Tripoli Shriners 7th Annual FEZtival of Trees event being held at the Tripoli Shrine Center, 3000 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, from Saturday, November 23 through Saturday, November 30, 2024 (CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY).

This family fun event is open to the public, and tickets are available at the door - admission is \$5.00 for adults, and children under 12 are free. Each year, various companies and organizations donate a decorated tree, and attendees can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the trees.

This is our fourth year participating in this event, and new this year is a craft fair that will also be held on Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, November 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See the Shriners website www.tripolishrine.com/fesztival-of-trees for more information, hours and videos from previous years.

Arlette Johnson and Gretchen Bjork

TRIPOLI SHRINERS
7TH ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF TREES

Holly Jolly
Christmas

ADMISSION \$5
CHILDREN
UNDER 12 FREE

- CHOREOGRAPHED MUSIC LIGHT SHOW
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- WIN A TREE, DECORATIONS AND ALL GIFTS UNDERNEATH
- PHOTOS WITH SANTA
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- FOOD COURT

THANKSGIVING WEEK
3000 W WISCONSIN AVE
MILWAUKEE, WI

Contact: Tripoli Shrine Center • 414-933-4700
tripolishrine.com/fesztival

Times and other info available on the website.

Schedule for Fosselyngen Meetings for 2025

Monday, January 13: Social Meeting
No February Meeting
Monday, March 10: Social Meeting
Monday, April 14: Social Meeting
Monday, May 12: Social Meeting
No meetings in June
Monday, July 14: Picnic 5 p.m.
Monday, August 11: Social Meeting
Monday, September 8: Social Meeting
Monday, October 13: Business Meeting-
Social, Elections and Service Awards
No meetings in November
Sunday, December 7: Christmas Party; Time
and place to be determined
General Information: Meetings held at
Resurrection Lutheran Church, 12400 W
Coldspring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151, unless
stated elsewhere.
Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.,
and meeting immediately following
(approximately 6:45 p.m.).
Schedule subject to change; to verify call Sue
Berg Roedel at 414-526-8312
10-10-24

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the family of long-time member Helen Davison who passed away on September 24, 2024.



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.

St. Olaf's Annual Lutefisk Dinner, Bake Sale and Butik (Including delicious Swedish meatballs)

Saturday

December 7, 2024

Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Olaf has been serving Lutefisk with all the trimmings (Including Norwegian cookies) for more than 70 years.

Come check out our Butik for interesting, fun, and unique items (gifts, decor and clothing).

Adults: \$20.00

Children 5-10: \$8.00

Under 5: Free

**"TO GO" ORDERS AVAILABLE
ADD \$2.00 PER DINNER**

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
W653 Roosevelt Road
Located East of Alderly
Dodge County, Town of Ashippun

*****RESERVATIONS PREFERRED AND MAY BE MADE
BY VISITING www.st-olaf.org
FOR ON-LINE TICKET SALES AND OTHER
INFORMATION**

*****RESERVATIONS ALSO AVAILABLE BY CALLING
ELAINE MONIS AT (414) 840-4629**

*****Tickets also sold at the door (Visa, Mastercard,
Check, or Cash accepted)**

Everyone is welcome to attend St. Olaf's
Saturday 5 p.m. worship service

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 LODGE MEETING
Outdoor Campfire and Viking Stories**



**STEVE WELLI BROUGHT A REPLICA
VIKING SWORD**



**SUE BERG ROEDEL "KNIGHTS"
MARK BJORGO**



**LEIF ERIKSON STATUE WREATH PLACEMENT IN JUNEAU
PARK IN MILWAUKEE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**



From left to right: Kath Holmes, Nancy Sande, Bonnie Wunrow, Arlette Johnson, Sue Berg Roedel, Gretchen Bjork, Judy Dimmick, Daryl Wunrow, Kristin Toth, Milt Sande

OCTOBER 14 LODGE MEETING



LODGE OFFICERS



**FOSSELYNGEN LODGE
116TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE**



MEMBER STEVE ANDERSON'S 2ND HALF OF HIS 2023 NORWAY TRIP PRESENTATION COVERED THE HURTIGRUTEN BOAT TRIP, THE VISIT TO THE CITY OF TRONDHEIM (INCLUDING ITS CATHEDRAL), AMONG OTHER PLACES IN NORWAY.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

To Phone: Call 414-526-8312

To Send Postal Mail:

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Sons of Norway
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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.

Greg Ragan, Sons of Norway
Fraternal Benefits Counselor,
Insurance & Investments

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Roscoe, IL 61073

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www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

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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 January/February 2025 newsletter are **due by December 15.**

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.

Fosselyngen Christmas Party Registration Form



Sunday, December 8, 2024

The Packing House - 900 E. Layton Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

12 Noon- 3 p.m. (Lunch will be served at 12:45 p.m.)

Cost for Members \$15.00 (less than 50% of cost)

Guests \$30.00

Children 10 & under \$10.00 – kids' meal -chicken strips

Select your choice of:

_____ Beef Tips in a rich gravy, served over egg noodles or

_____ Chicken Parmesan, chicken breast pounded thin, and pan fried with Italian breadcrumbs, topped with marinara and melted mozzarella and served on a bed of linguine or

_____ Baked Cod served with homemade tartar sauce, rice pilaf and lemon.

Name _____

Phone _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Please indicate meal choice for yourself and for each guest listed. This event is by reservation only. We cannot accept additional people at the door without reservations.

Make check payable to: **Fosselyngen No. 82, Sons of Norway**, which must be received by November 20. Thank you!

Mail reservation form with check to our Treasurer:

Gretchen Bjork

W149N8235 Norman Dr.

Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-3832



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OLE: Did you hear about Swede Johnson?
 LARS: No. What happened?
 OLE: He got kicked in da head by a horse last veek.
 LARS: Boy! Dat must have hurt.
 OLE: I'll say. Dat horse vas limping for several days.

 Olga was a lonely widow who often went to a night club in Minneapolis, being a bit desperate to meet a potential husband. One night she was talking to a pale man who didn't seem familiar to her. "Are you new around here?" she asked. "I don't believe I've seen you here before." The man replied, "Yes, I'm new here and I haven't been much of anywhere for many years." "How come?" asked Olga. "Because," said the man, "I've been in prison." "Really?" said Olga. "For what?" "Oh, I killed my wife and cut her up with an ax," the man explained. "Oh," said Olga excitedly. "Then you're SINGLE?"

<p>Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates, times, and location of meetings. Web site: http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org</p>
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Sons of Norways mission er a fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings-og finansprodukter til alle medlemmer.</p>
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