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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	14 Monday	Lodge Picnic at Matty's Bar & Grille in New Berlin, 5PM-8PM (By reservation only. See page 9 of May/June 2025 Runespeak for details.)
AUGUST	11 Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church 12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI Please note that we are <u>NOT</u> serving a dinner that night as we are inviting all the Scandinavian groups to join us. We will start at 6:30PM with socializing, dessert, and coffee. Program will begin at 7:30PM. Program: Restauration 200th Anniversary, 1825-2025 Mark Bjorgo will feature the 200 th Anniversary of the first organized Norwegian emigration to North America. (See page 3 for full details.)
SEPTEMBER	8 Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church 12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI Kubb Game, Viking Stories, chili cook off, campfire and S'mores. (Page 3) (See September/October 2025 Runespeak for full details.)
SEPTEMBER	16 Tuesday	Lake Geneva Lunch Boat Cruise (By reservation only. See page 9 of THIS issue of Runespeak for details.)
OCTOBER	13 Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church 12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI Officer Elections, Membership awards, and S of N Foundation (Page 3) (See September/October 2025 Runespeak for full details.)

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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
(jul og august 2025)

June 15, 2025

President's Message

Dear Members,

We have been busy with a great Syttende Mai celebration at our last meeting on May 12th. Then we gathered to prepare 200 lunches to be served by "The Gathering" at Ascension Lutheran Church on May 23rd. Our next date for making lunches is Friday, July 25th at 1PM at Resurrection Lutheran Church, and we could use a few more volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help, please let me know.

On June 14th, 14 of our members met at Col. Heg Park in Wind Lake and enjoyed a picnic lunch and a wonderful tour of the Norwegian Historical Museum. It was a beautiful day.

We are now looking forward to our picnic on July 14th and our special meeting August 11th about the Restauration Crossing 200 Voyage presented by Mark Bjorgo. Please note we are not serving a dinner that night as we are inviting all the Scandinavian groups to join us. We will start at 6:30PM with socializing, dessert, and coffee. Program will begin at 7:30PM.

I hope to see you there!

Sue Roedel

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FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS

President	Sue Berg Roedel	414-526-8312
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If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

***NOTE:** For membership information, call our Vice-President, Arlette Johnson.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
Social/Cultural Meeting
Resurrection Lutheran Church
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151

Please note that we are NOT serving a dinner that night as we are inviting all the Scandinavian groups to join us. We will start at 6:30PM with socializing, dessert, and coffee. Program will begin at 7:30PM.

Program: Restauration 200th Anniversary, 1825-2025

Our Aug. 11, 2025 cultural program will feature the 200th Anniversary of the first organized Norwegian emigration to North America that will be celebrated in 2025.

Mark Bjorgo will feature the 200th Anniversary of the first organized Norwegian emigration to North America. On July 4, 1825, a group of 52 Norwegians set sail on the ship Restauration to make the first organized migration from Norway to North America. Who were these people? What caused them to seek a new life?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
Social/Cultural Meeting
Resurrection Lutheran Church
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151

Kubb Game. 4-6 PM. Come as soon as you can and play this popular lawn game, or just come and watch.

Chili Cookoff at 6 PM followed by campfire & S'mores and Viking Stories.

Daryl needs 4 or 5 Viking story readers.

Please let Sue know if you are willing to make a pot of chili for this event.

(See September/October 2025 Runespeak for full details.)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025
Social/Cultural Meeting
Resurrection Lutheran Church
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151

Socialize at 5:30 PM.

Dinner at 6 PM

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Officer Elections, membership awards, and S of N Foundation.

(See September/October 2025 Runespeak for full details.)

OUR MISSION

(updated)

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

VASA PARK

35W217 Route 31
South Elgin, IL 60177

The 45th Scandinavian Day Festival

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$15.00 per person, Children 12 and under free!

For full information go to www.scandinaviandayil.com

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) 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.

**CELEBRATING SYTTENDE MAI, (17TH OF MAY), NORWAY'S CONSTITUTION DAY
MAY 12, 2025 LODGE MEETING**



**WEARING THEIR NORWEGIAN BUNADS
L-R: ARLETTE JOHNSON, SHEILA KERSHEK, & SUE BERG ROEDEL**

CREW MAKING LUNCHES ON MAY 23, 2025 FOR "THE GATHERING"





FOSSELYNGEN LODGE VISIT TO HEG PARK ON JUNE 14, 2026

COLONEL HEG MEMORIAL PARK NEAR WIND LAKE IN THE TOWN OF NORWAY

Our lodge members visited Heg Park recently. We toured the museum and heard about the Norwegian migration to the Town of Norway in the 1830's – 1850's. It was a common stopping point for immigrants from Norway. Many then moved on to Dane County and elsewhere in western Wisconsin. The museum displays are excellent as well as the tour commentary by Marilyn who was an amazing resource of Norwegian immigration to the Muskego area.

Colonel Heg's family farm was about a mile north of the park. So Heg is truly a local boy. Heg was an active community leader before the Civil War, and he was a natural fit to command the 15th Wisconsin Infantry, often called the Norwegian Battalion. He was fatally wounded at Chickamauga in Tennessee in 1863.



The Muskego settlement leaders were members of Hauge religious group. I learned that many of the early settlers in Muskego from Norway were part of this movement which was challenging the formality of the Lutheran state church in Norway and intending to bring new life and vitality to the church.

Our lodge group also visited an 1837 restored log cabin. Our guide carefully led us to understand each of the historic pieces in the cabin.

The museum is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the summer. Stop in. It is well worthwhile.

There will be more about Col. Heg and the Muskego settlement in future newsletters.

Daryl Wunrow

NOTE: See picture on page 6 of our lodge members who visited Heg Park on June 14, 2025.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

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

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

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

7042 Kinnikinnick Drive
Roscoe, IL 61073

Phone: 815-623-8817 (Office)

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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.

www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

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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.

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 September/October 2025 newsletter are **due by August 15th**.

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.

LAKE GENEVA LUNCH BOAT CRUISE



Tuesday: September 16, 2025,
Cruise is from 11:30-1:45 p.m.

EVERYONE MUST ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M.

Location: Lake Geneva Cruise Line
812 Wrigley Drive
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, USA.

COST (Senior 65+): \$40.00 per member (\$25.00 paid by Lodge) and \$65.00 per guest (please contact Arlette if you, or your guest, are under 65). Lunch menu: Braised beef short ribs, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable, fresh fruit, rolls and butter, apple crumb pie and coffee or hot tea. Vegetarian entrée is also available: Pasta with Pesto sauce and roasted vegetables. There is also a cash bar if you would like to purchase soda, beer, wine or mixed drinks.

Please send your check (payable to Fosselyngen Lodge #82) and registration form to Arlette Johnson, 180 East Cherokee Circle, Fox Point, Wisconsin 53217, by Friday, August 22, 2025. We have reserved 25 spaces so please sign up early. Final count must be turned in NO LATER THAN September 1 (NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 1).

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Meal Choice (circle one)</u>
_____		Ribs OR Vegetarian
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NOTE: Reserved seating for our party is on the lower level and there are bathrooms on the boat (bathrooms are NOT wheelchair accessible).

Please contact Arlette (414-368-3324) or Sue (414-526-8312) if you need a ride.



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Ole was golfing with his friends, Lars, Knute, and Arnie. His friends noticed Ole playing with an unusual ball with a small antenna sticking out of it. He explained it was a ball that couldn't be lost because of the beeper system in it. Said Lars: "Where did you get it, Ole?" Ole replied, "I FOUND it."

Ole is working on a new song, "Our cow wouldn't give milk, so we sold him."

Ole's friend Tony tells about his uncle who came to the U.S. unable to speak English. Said Tony: "My uncle made a fortune by using just three little words: "Stick 'em up."

Ole bought a ticket for a flight to Chicago. He bought some flight insurance. On his way to the plane, he stepped on a scale which read his fortune. He became panicky when he read his fortune on a little card: "The investment you made today will pay off tomorrow."

Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates, times, and location of meetings..38 Web site: http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org
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