

# Fosselyngen Runespeak

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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

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## FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH**      11 Monday    Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church  
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI  
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.  
**Program:** Margo Renner shares her experiences living in Iceland for 35 years. (See Page 3.)
- APRIL**        8 Monday      Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church  
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI  
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.  
**Program:** Member Steve Anderson presents "Spring Travels in Norway from Oslo to the Lofoten Islands". (See Page 3.)
- MAY**            13 Monday    Soc/Cult Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church  
12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI  
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.  
**Program:** Learn the Full Olav Eide Story at Our May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 "Syttende Mai" Meeting (See brief description of program on Page 2)  
(See May/June 2024 *Runespeak* for full details of meeting and program.)

### **NO LODGE MEETING IN JUNE**

- JULY**            8 Monday    **Lodge Picnic –Reserve the Date!**

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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**  
(mars og april 2024)

Greetings Members and Friends,

We are looking forward to a wonderful and fun-filled year for our lodge, and we thank all of you for being members of Fosselyngen Lodge, Sons of Norway. Without you, we couldn't make this happen! Keeping our traditions from the Nordic countries keeps our culture alive, and every one of you is a huge part of this. I hope you feel as at home at Sons of Norway as I do! We recognize how important each member is to the lodge. Not everyone is able to attend meetings, and a special mange tusen takk goes out to all members who can't be with us at meetings or events, but still support the lodge and stay in touch when they can. The simple fact that you continue your membership or provide memberships for your children and grandchildren greatly helps the lodge, and you and yours will always be welcome to join us whenever you can.

Our officers have been working hard to complete year end reporting, the financial audit, and planning programs for this new year.

We will be completing the delegate election for Sons of Norway convention at the March meeting. I believe Arlette, Gretchen, and I are planning on attending. We have one more delegate opening as well as alternates. Please let me know if you are interested and would like more details. It is a great way to connect with other lodges in our district and learn more about Sons of Norway. The convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 2501 S. High School Rd., Indianapolis, on June 20<sup>th</sup> -June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Fraternaly yours,  
Sue Berg Roedel

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**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Celebrate Syttende Mai, the Norwegian National Day.**

Daryl Wunrow's presentation about "Past Lodge Member Olav Eide - Norwegian-American member of the 99<sup>th</sup> Viking Battalion and OSS in World War II". Olav's son Erik Eide will be present to show his father's memorabilia and share memories of his father.

(More details will be in the May/June 2024 Runespeak. See related article at bottom of next page).

**FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS**

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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, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**Social/Cultural Meeting**  
**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
**12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151**

Socialize at 5:30 PM.

Dinner at 6 PM. Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs and Salad

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

**Program:**

Margo Renner shares her experiences living in Iceland for 35 years as she presents "Iceland: A Country Truly Settled by 'The Sons of Norway'". After going to Iceland as an exchange student from Wauwatosa, Margo returned after high school to spend 35 years on a tiny island off the southwest coast.

Margo will be joining us to tell about her experience and share some fun facts about post Viking life in this small, but vibrant Nordic nation. The land of ice and fire, Iceland has a rugged allure with volcanoes, glaciers, and weather-beaten cliffs of puffins.

Questions about history, culture, and travel are welcome.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**Social/Cultural Meeting**  
**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
**12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151**

Socialize at 5:30 PM.

Dinner at 6 PM. Menu: Sliced Ham, Potatoes and Vegetable

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

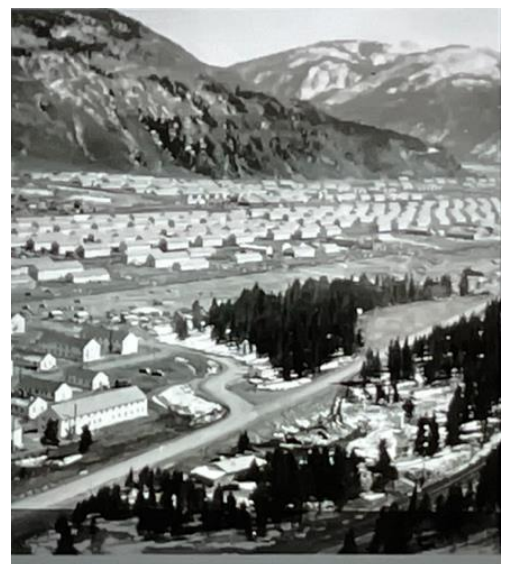
**Program:**

Member Steve Anderson presents "Spring Travels in Norway from Oslo to the Lofoten Islands."

**OLAV EIDE – A STRANDED NORWEGIAN MARITIME SAILOR**

Olav Eide was living in Chicago with his uncle and aunt when he became eligible to enlist in the U.S. Army in December 1942. Since he was fluent in Norwegian, he was sent to join an ethnic battalion, the 99<sup>th</sup> Viking Battalion, a part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Infantry Division at Camp Hale, Colorado. The 99<sup>th</sup> Battalion, a separate ethnic Norwegian-speaking unit, consisted of 1000 soldiers who were either stranded Norwegian maritime sailors or first-generation Norwegian-Americans. The 10<sup>th</sup> Division was being trained for future action in Nazi-occupied Norway.

*LEARN THE FULL **OLAV EIDE** STORY AT OUR  
MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 "SYTTENDE MAI" MEETING.*



## TWIN BROTHERS BUILDING NORSE-THEMED VILLAGE IN MONTANA

This is a fascinating project. The twins grew up in Minnesota and moved to Montana.

See this article at: <https://flatheadbeacon.com/2024/01/22/the-vikings-of-blacktail-mountain/>

Thanks to Sandra Kelley for suggesting this.

## Re. Stave Church Model Transfer

Recently, Bonnie Wunrow's grand-daughter Regan met Erik Kringen in River Falls and successfully gave him the model. Erik is the son of Brian, the museum director. **update**

So, our precious model is now on its way to its new home at Chapel in the Hills in Rapid City, South Dakota.  
Daryl

## Swedish American Historical Society

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at Martin Luther Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd.

The program will be "Swedish Folk Music" presented by the Goda Vänner music group. This group consists of Goda Vänner, Carol Gustafson, Mary Stetson, Patty Horn, and Eva Christiansen.

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

**VELKOMMEN**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Gustave Taalbi  
Steve Gamm

## God Bedring

Ellie Thoresen was recently in the hospital but is now at home feeling better.

## Hey Snow Birds!

Those of you who move from one place to another as the seasons change are asked to contact Sons of Norway International headquarters **each time you move**. Please call 800-945-8851 to notify them so you continue receiving your *Viking* and other mailings the home office may send out.



## Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- The family of Donald Schwarz who passed away in September 2023. He was a member since 2002.
- The family of David G. Christensen who passed away in November 2023. He was a member since 1975.
- The family of Shirley Engelmann who passed away on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She was a member since 1974 and was a past president of our lodge.



**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.

## January 8<sup>th</sup> Presentation by Jack Kelley

Jack Kelley, son of lodge member Sandra Kelley, presented “The Harsh Arctic: Svalbard, Greenland and Iceland” based on his recent trips and his Norwegian ancestry.

Jack started his presentation talking about his strong interest in his Norwegian ancestry. He has made many trips to Norway. He extensively studied the Norwegian language and became very expert in speaking and writing in Norwegian.

Before Norwegian church records became available for viewing on the internet, Jack spent countless hours while in Norway studying ancestry records in churches. He was able to trace his family tree back through several generations.

Jack had been on tours in Norway that went to all of the places that tourists normally visit. But he wanted to go to places that typical tourists rarely see. So, he went on a tour of “The Harsh Arctic: Svalbard, Greenland and Iceland” in a relatively small boat with the number of passengers on board about the same as the number of crew personnel.

They saw the very barren landscape by the shorelines of Greenland and the other islands in the Arctic Ocean.

Jack and some of the other adventurous passengers did such things as kayaking in the Arctic Ocean and doing a very short “Polar Plunge” in the cold Arctic Ocean.



## THE "VIKING" REPLICA SHIP MADE AN APPEARANCE IN MILWAUKEE.

The "Viking" replica ship made an appearance in Milwaukee when it sailed from Bergen to America, up the Erie Canal to the Great Lakes to be exhibited at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The photos below show the ship while it was in Milwaukee. The photo on the right shows an event held at the Leif Erikson statue in Milwaukee. The ship is currently housed in Geneva, Illinois.

This is the ship that some of you saw on a trip to Geneva in 2023, and others saw on an earlier visit to Geneva.

These rare photos were a recent donation to the Cedarburg History Museum from Creekside Antiques in Cedarburg.

*(Article suggested by Daryl Wunrow)*



**SONS OF NORWAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MASSE MORO**  
**NORWEGIAN HERITAGE YOUTH CAMP**  
**SHARING THE NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP EXPERIENCE SINCE 1979**

**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2024 MASSE MORO YOUTH CAMP:**

- **DATES:** *SUNDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> at 2:00 PM (check-in) thru SATURDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.*  
*(On the final day a culminating program will start at 9:30 for parents and other guests.)*
- **ELIGIBILITY:** District 5 youth\*, ages 9 to 15 (as of 1<sup>st</sup> day of camp, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024).  
\*Sons of Norway affiliation, while strongly encouraged, is not required for participation at Camp.
- **COST:** \$ 1200.00
- **CAMP APPLICATION FORMS** are available from our Lodge Secretary (Janice Gregoire), or get forms from the S of N District 5 website [www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com) or [www.massemoro.org](http://www.massemoro.org) .
- **PAYMENT:** Note dates for 2024 to better plan for staffing and camp programming.  
**Registration Deadline: April 13, 2024.** A \$100.00 **non-refundable deposit** & processing fee is payable with application. Parent or guardian must sign this form.  
Please mail to **Lisa Rove-Williams, District 5 Youth Director, 711 W. Dresser Road, DeKalb, IL, 60115.**
- **Matching Funds Deadline to Apply is May 17:** Contact our LODGE SECRETARY (JANICE GREGOIRE, 262-784-6953) FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MATCHING FUNDS. Our Lodge has voted to give matching funds of \$500 to each of two youths (**registration deadline is April 13, 2024**). District Five will also contribute UP TO \$250.00 each for the two youths.
- **Application deadline is April 13, 2024 for those who wish to qualify for further support through District 5 and Draxten Funds.** **NOTE:** For campers to receive additional monies from the Draxten Fund (that comes from S of N headquarters) toward their cost of camp, applications **MUST** be received by the registration deadline of **April 13, 2024**. The amount of Draxten funding per camper is determined by the number of campers who have applied by the deadline.
- **Final Payment:** Youth Director, Lisa Rove-Williams, will contact all applicants after receiving their registration fee, matching grant, first time campers, recruitment of a friend, and any and all scholarships they received to establish final payment. Final payment should also be sent to Lisa Rove-Williams by **June 1, 2024**. **Make all checks payable to: Nordic Legacy Foundation.** **Please print camper name(s) on all check memos.** Campers may make all camp fee payments via *PayPal* at [www.MasseMoro.org](http://www.MasseMoro.org) or by check or a combination of both methods.

**Bring a Friend: We encourage our youth to bring a friend! Campers who recruit a new camper and they both register by April 13, 2024 will also receive \$25 each toward their registration.**

**FOSELYNGEN GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH HERITAGE APPLICANTS AND MATCHING FUNDS:**

- A. The Lodge will provide matching funds from its Masse Moro scholarship fund for two applicants.
- B. Application is to be sent to our Lodge Secretary (Janice Gregoire).
- C. The applicant must be the child, grandchild, nephew or niece of a Lodge member in good standing. 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.
- D. The applicant must provide one of the following after attending camp:
  1. A thank you and article written about his/her experience at camp that will be published in the Lodge newsletter. **OR**
  2. A presentation at a Lodge meeting about their experience at camp. They may also wish to bring photos and any type of project, e.g., rosemaling, hardanger, or wood carving.
- E. The applicant and his/her sponsor must sign a contract stating his/her obligations when applying for a scholarship to Heritage Camp.

## HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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

**To Send Postal Mail:**

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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  
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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 &

**Notice:** All articles & information for the May/June 2024 newsletter are **due by April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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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“Ole”, observed Lena one day, “our new neighbors are so darling. Every time he leaves for work he tenderly kisses his fair lady farewell.”

Ole grunted and continued reading his newspaper.

“Well, Ole, why don’t you do dat vunce in a vwhile?” asked Lena.

Ole looked over his newspaper and replied, “Vell, Lena, I don’t even know her!!!”

Well, ya know folks, Lena is on a beauty kick. She uses lotza cream and mud packs on her face, and she is always doing her hair up in curlers. Well, just this morning, she heard the garbage truck come just a little earlier than usual. She rushed out the back door and yelled, “Hey, am I too late for da garbage?”

The garbage man took one quick look at her and answered, “Nope, hop in!!!”

Did you hear about the latest Norwegian invention? It’s a rungless ladder for washing the basement windows!

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

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.

Sons of Norways mission er a fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings-og finansprodukter til alle medlemmer.

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