

# Fosselyngen Runespeak

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## FOSELINGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For each of the two following Zoom meetings, an email with the Zoom invitation will be sent approximately 2 to 3 days before the meeting. If you do not receive an invitation and want to join us, please contact Sue at 414-526-8312 or [sjroedel@gmail.com](mailto:sjroedel@gmail.com).

- NOVEMBER 9 Monday** Virtual Lodge Meeting for All Members via Zoom @ 7PM.  
Program Title: - **Mount Horeb - Troll Capital of America**  
(Video by Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, Vennelag Lodge, Mount Horeb.)  
Cheryl's program features the many trolls around Mount Horeb. Also featured in this video are the four troll photo cards from the recent District 5 photo contest along with a commentary by each person who sent in a winning troll photo. One of the winning troll photos was sent in by a member of our lodge, Mark Bjorgo.
- DECEMBER 14 Monday** Virtual Lodge Meeting for All Members via Zoom @ 7PM.  
We expect to see the lodge julenisse. Maybe he'll have a story or two to share with our members.  
Also, we will watch a video that became a Christmas Eve tradition in Norway. Every Christmas Eve most Norwegians watch a television program that includes a very hilarious movie called "Grevinnen og Hovmesteren/Dinner for One". It is in English with Norwegian sub-titles. Following is a synopsis of the movie:

The movie is about an elderly, blind, and wealthy woman, Miss Sophie, and her butler, James. Sophie is seated at the head of a large dining room table. She thinks that there are several guests seated around the table because James told her so. There really are no guests, but because Sophie is blind, she doesn't realize that the guest chairs are empty. James makes up voices for the imaginary guests, which convinces her that the guests are really there. The whole routine is very funny as James serves drinks and food to the imaginary guests.

**NOTE:** The 2020 Holiday Folk Fair will **NOT** be an in-person event because of the pandemic, but instead will be a virtual event on Fri., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> thru Sun., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. (See article on Page 3.)

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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 2020)

President's Message 10-13-20

Greetings Friends,

Hope this issue of the Runespeak finds you in good health! It sure is a beautiful time of year as we watch the colors change on the leaves around us. I'm writing this message the day after our October meeting on Zoom. I apologize for the technical difficulties. I'm still getting acquainted with this new friend. I did note that one of the benefits of meeting on Zoom is that our many out of town members are able to join us without leaving home!

To recap the business of the September and October meetings: We had 20 members join us at the September meeting and 16 members and two guests in October. In September, it was recommended and approved to grant 2019 attendance awards to our most active members by paying forward their SON dues for one year. Congratulations to the 37 members who received this award. (See "2019 Member Attendance Award" article at bottom of Page 3.)

It was discussed and voted that we postpone our Christmas party until July 2021. We will meet on Zoom December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM instead. Please wear your Norwegian sweater for all to see.

Our election took place at the October meeting, and we thank Dave Christianson for continuing to serve as Trustee for the next three years.

October was foundation month at Sons of Norway. The foundation offers many scholarships and grants to strengthen the Nordic legacy. Please consider a donation to the foundation if you are able. More information can be found on the Sons of Norway website at [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com). Checks can be sent directly to Sons of Norway Foundation at 1655 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408, or use the envelope inserted in your Viking Magazine.

Our SON Zone Director, Judy Ghastin joined our October Zoom meeting and gave us an update on things happening at the zone level. Thank you Judy!

It was recommended and approved that we donate \$200.00 to the food pantry at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church for our Christmas offering.

Hope you have enjoyable holidays and I look forward to the time we can meet in person. Stay safe.

Fraternally yours,

Sue Berg Roedel

**FOSSELYNGEN OFFICERS**

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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.

### **SKI FOR LIGHT 2021 EVENT**

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual Ski for Light International Event, set for the last week in January 2021, will be a virtual event, organizers have announced, due to the continuing threat of COVID-19.

For more information, click on the following:

[Learn more about the next Ski For Light](#)

Sue received a report from member Tom Westgaard on the 15<sup>th</sup> WI Norwegian Infantry Volunteers who fought in the Civil War. There is a detailed history of all the volunteers. Sue has a digital version of it; if anyone is interested in obtaining this, contact Sue at 414-526-8312.

### **2020 Virtual Holiday Folk Fair**

As the article in the September/October newsletter explained, this year's Holiday Folk Fair International will not be done as an in-person event due to COVID-19, but is being reimaged, with the event to be available virtually as "wherever you are" from Fri., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> thru Sun., Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Although our Lodge is not participating this year, we encourage you to check their website or Facebook page for details.

### **God Bedring**

We wish the following member who had health issues since the last newsletter a speedy recovery:

- Dean Schmidt

### **Sympathy**

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- The family of Jeanne Johnson who passed away on September 19<sup>th</sup>. She was 97 years old and was a member since 1972.

**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 or Ellie Thoresen so that the person can be remembered and other officers notified.

Also, don't forget to notify Arlette Johnson 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.

### **2019 Member Attendance Award**

At our September Zoom meeting, the Board recommended, and lodge members approved, a 2019 Member Attendance Award. This award was given to members who attended five or more meetings in 2019. The Lodge has recognized the following individuals and gifted them with a one-time payment of their dues for one year.

Karen Arneson, Gretchen Bjork, Gary Christianson, Dennis Dale, Helen Dale, Shirley Engelmann, Ella Marie Enger, Jan Gregoire, Carol Hense, Marit Hoff, Arlette Johnson, Carol Kalscheur, Sandra Kelley, Sheila Kershek, Carolyn LeBeck, Randall LeBeck, Jack Lofte, Reidun Mayer, Karen Riccobono, Sue Berg Roedel, Nicholas Rogneby, Milton Sande, Nancy Sande, Glendean Schmidt, John Schneble, Carol Schwarz, Donald Schwarz, John Seastrand, Heidi Strom, Mary Christine Taylor, Eleanor Thoresen, Kristin Toth, Maureen Welli, Steve Welli, Melanie Woellert, Bonnie Wunrow and Daryl Wunrow.

Congratulations!  
Fosselyngen Board

## “Shivaree”

### Did You Know?

Thanks to Kathy Theige for giving us a trip down memory lane.

Have you ever heard the word Shivaree? Well, it was not uncommon in the past around the New Hope Township. (*Editor’s note: Located in Portage County, Wisconsin.*)

A Shivaree is a serenade to a newly married couple, with singing, beating on kettles, pots and pans, and usually performed by neighbors and friends making a lot of noise! Many times they wouldn’t let up until the couple would come out and show themselves! Or, they wouldn’t go away until they were invited into the home or cabin where the couple was staying, in this case the groom’s parents, hoping to receive food or drinks.

The Shivaree I will mention was told to me and took place not very far from the South New Hope Church, actually right down Trout Creek Road, to a small Norwegian country Homestead Farm.

What was most unusual about this Shivaree was that the revelers demanded that the bridal couple must come outside or they would come in. This frightened the parents of the groom! So the bridal couple came out and listened to their singing and noise making. When the groom disappeared for a short time to the cellar to get some homemade beverage, the revelers took the bride in their vehicle and rode around the countryside. When the groom came back from the cellar, the parents hollered, “They kidnapped the bride!”

To make matters worse, some time had elapsed, so the groom got in his car to look for his bride. Meanwhile, one of the participants of the Shivaree party, a cousin of the groom, felt sorry for the bride and persuaded the rest of the group to bring her back. The group actually was not far away. They had taken the bride back to Rhinehart Lake to serenade her there. Eventually the group made their way back to the homestead; the revelers got their treats and drink, so everyone was happy, especially the bride and groom.

*Suggested by Shirley Englemann*

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## Norway Reintroduces Dual Citizenship

Following a global trend of connecting worldwide, the Parliament of Norway approved changes to the Citizenship Act in December 2019 to allow for dual citizenship.

This change, which took effect in 2020, means that both Norwegians living abroad and those living in Norway can have passports in their country of birth as well as their country of residence.

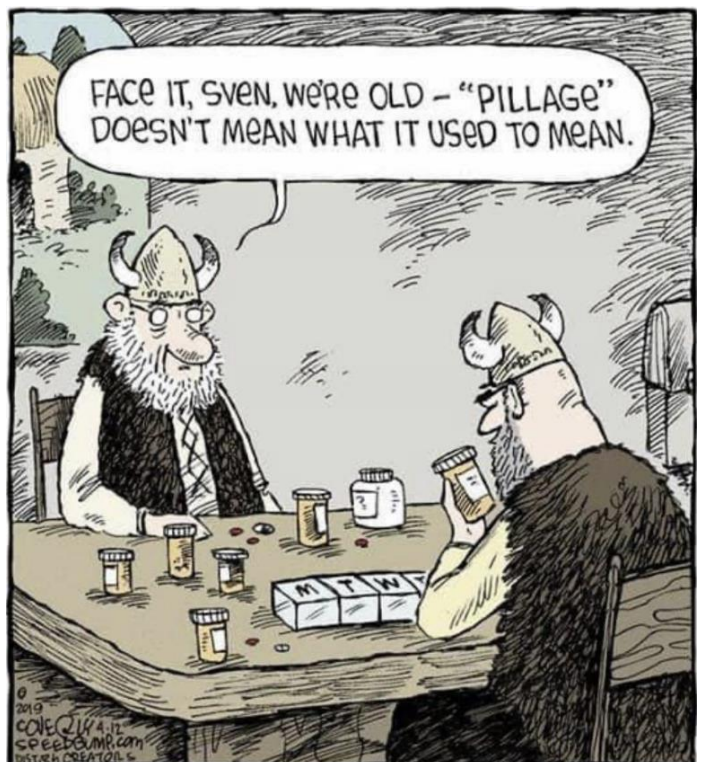
Foreign nationals living in Norway no longer have to renounce their original citizenship in order to become Norwegian citizens. Additionally, Norwegians living abroad may now become citizens of other nations without giving up their Norwegian citizenship.

In some instances, people who previously surrendered their Norwegian citizenship in order to become citizens elsewhere may now apply to regain their nationality.

More than 26,000 people applied for dual citizenship in Norway in the first six months of the new law. Due to the surge in applications, and delays from the coronavirus pandemic, the wait times for citizenship are currently very long.

To learn more, visit the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) website: [udi.no](http://udi.no)

*(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)*



### Norwegian Language Classes

Let Heidi know if you are interested in a future class to be planned in 2021. Call 262-716-9118. The current class is in progress and is going well!

### HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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### NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Sue Berg Roedel & Karen Riccobono.

Thanks for helping with the  
September/October issue.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have a change of postal address, *please* notify the Sons of Norway International Headquarters Membership Department at 800-945-8851.

There are "Slow TV" videos about Norway that can be viewed on YouTube – Slow TV – Norway. The September 2020 "Viking Magazine" has instructions on viewing these videos on page 25.

### To View Archived Weekly SofN District 5 Zoom Presentations:

Members can view YouTube videos of archived previous presentations of the Tuesday evening District 5 Zoom programs by going to:

[http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers\\_bureau.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php)

You will see a list of archived programs. Click on any of the listed programs that you are interested in, and you will be taken to the YouTube video that you can watch.

Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at [csljohn@att.net](mailto:csljohn@att.net).

John Schneble, Editor

### 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.

### 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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### Biking – My Green Bike and Best Friend

In Norway at age 14, I got my first bike. Off I went to many places.

At 84, I still go for even two hours.

I'm happy to see many other bikes going by. It keeps you young at heart.

*(from Reidun Mayer)*

**Notice:** All articles & information for the January/February 2021 newsletter are **due by December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, [csljohn@att.net](mailto:csljohn@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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Two Norwegian hunters from Minnesota got a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot said that the plane could take only four moose.

The two lads objected strongly, "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board and he had a plane just like yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. However, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few moments after takeoff.

Climbing out of the wreck one Norski asked the other, "Any idea where we are?"

"Yaaah, I tink we's pretty close to where we crashed last year."  
*(as seen in Budstikken newsletter)*

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

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