

# Fosselyngen Runespeak

mars og april 2021  
Volume 46 No. 2



Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

PO Box 20957, Milwaukee, WI 53220

## FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For each of the following Zoom meetings, an email with the Zoom invitation will be sent approximately three 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).

- MARCH 8 Monday** Virtual Lodge Social Meeting & Program for All Members via Zoom @ 7PM.  
**Program: “Coming Home”: Documentary Video About Kayaking on Fjords In Norway**  
We will see the 25 minute documentary, “Coming Home”, by adventurer-author-speaker David Ellingson, about his one month kayak adventure on the Sogne and Hardanger Fjords in Norway. David will join our Zoom meeting to answer our questions. David will also talk about his book, “Paddle Pilgrim: Kayaking the Fjords of Norway.”
- APRIL 12 Monday** Virtual Lodge Social Meeting & Program for All Members via Zoom @ 7PM.  
**Program: Presentation via Zoom by Timothy Boyce About Odd Nansen’s Secret Diary Written in a World War II Concentration Camp**  
See a more detailed description of the program on Page 3.
- MAY 10 Monday** Virtual Lodge Meeting for All Members via Zoom @ 7PM.  
Put on your calendar. See May/June 2021 *Runespeak* for details.

### Contents of This Issue:

- Pg. 1: Calendar of Events; Table of Contents
- Pg. 2: President’s Report; Officers
- Pg. 3: April 12<sup>th</sup> Program by Timothy Boyce RE: Odd Nansen; Story of Nina Hasvoll; Mr. Boyce’s Blog
- Pg. 4: Sympathy; King Harold’s 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday; 7 Nordic-Inspired Ways to Celebrate Spring
- Pg. 5: Homeless Collection Notice; Welcome New Member; Snow Birds
- Pg. 6: 2021 Masse Moro Youth Camp
- Pg. 7: Notices; Mail Staff; Newsletter Input Deadline April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Pg. 8: Postal Page

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 2021)

January and February have been flying by. We enjoyed our program in January by Daryl Wunrow introducing the new Bradley Symphony Center in Milwaukee. Our February meeting by Shelia Kershek took us on a photo journey on her winter trip to Norway in 2019. Both were wonderful programs on Zoom. It is so good to see as many members as we have at our Zoom meetings until we can again gather in person.

Did you watch the Super Bowl commercials? There was one with Will Ferrell about Norway leading the world in sales of EV (electric vehicles). He's coming to Norway to "Crush them" on EV sales. Now, the funny part is that they called Norway to see if they were up for this. Norway said, "Bring it on!". You must check out [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and see some of the commercials this spawned. One has Prime Minister Erna Solberg thanking Will for sending pizzas but asking if they could have pineapple next time. There is one where the University of Agder extolls the free education and health care, while apologizing to Will. Another has Norwegian children waiting for him – they'll even teach him to ski. My take on this is that the Norwegian people took this with a grain of salt. No hurt feelings, but good humor. Couldn't we all learn a lesson from this? Let's not take ourselves so seriously and take offence at what others say. Let it go and move on.

We have selected our Community Service Project for 2021. We ask that if you are willing and able, to knit or crochet hats, scarves and/or mittens for donation to Repairers of the Breach. They are a nonprofit daytime shelter located at 1335 W Vliet St in Milwaukee. They empower homeless and at-risk men and women with resources to get back on track. Our member Anita Jensen has already collected and delivered a carload of hats, scarfs, mittens, and clothes as our first donation. Thanks Anita! Continue to make and collect items for our collection at our July picnic, or you could drop off at Anita's home in Shorewood. For more information and a list of needed items, please visit their website at [www.repairers.org](http://www.repairers.org).

Did you know that there is a "Scandinavian Hour" radio broadcast that comes out of Washington State? It has been on the air since 1959. The show airs on 1150AM KKNW and can be streamed live online at [www.1150kknw.com/listen](http://www.1150kknw.com/listen). The program will also be available via podcast soon. \*(See note below.)

Hope to see you at the next Zoom meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM. I will send a reminder email on the Friday before; however, the meeting number and passcodes are the same as previous months (Jan.-May). Please keep safe and warm!

Kind regards,  
Sue Roedel

**\*Editor's Note:** This radio station is located in Seattle, WA, which is in the Pacific time zone. For listening in Milwaukee in the Central time zone, you have to add two hours to the schedule times shown on the station's web site. Therefore, in our Central time zone, you can listen to the "Scandinavian Hour" on Saturdays & Sundays from 8AM until 9AM, or on Saturdays from 11AM until Noon.

### **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)	Maureen Welli	414-774-0507

If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

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

## Program for April 12<sup>th</sup>: Presentation Via Zoom by Timothy Boyce About Odd Nansen's Secret Diary Written in a World War II Concentration Camp

Hailed by *The New Yorker* as “among the most compelling documents to come out of the war”, *From Day to Day* is a World War II concentration camp diary—one of only a handful ever translated into English—secretly written by Odd Nansen, a Norwegian. Arrested in January 1942, Nansen, son of polar explorer and humanitarian Fridtjof Nansen (Nobel Peace Prize, 1922), was held captive in various Nazi camps in Norway and Germany. This inspiring diary brilliantly illuminates Nansen's daily struggle, not only to survive, but to preserve his sanity and maintain his humanity. After having been out of print for over 60 years, Timothy Boyce rescued the diary from oblivion after reading the memoir of another Holocaust survivor, whose life, as a 10 year-old boy, was saved by Nansen while both were prisoners in Sachsenhausen.

Through selected readings, Tim will explain who Nansen was, why he was arrested, why he wrote the diary, how he preserved it, and why this diary is as important today as it was when first written.

## The Story of Nina Hasvoll

From the Blog of Timothy Boyce  
(Reprinted Here by His Permission)

In 1938, following the Anschluss (*See Note 1*), Odd Nansen's relief organization, Nansenhjelpen, helped Jewish children travel from Vienna to attend summer camp in Norway. As conditions in Austria worsened, the children were allowed, reluctantly, to stay in Norway, at a Jewish Children's Home headed by one Nina Hasvoll, herself a refugee from Russia and Germany. The following year Nansenhjelpen brought children from Czechoslovakia to the children's home in Oslo as well. Nina continued to look out for her young charges in Oslo for several years, until late 1942, when conditions for Jews in Norway worsened. On the morning of November 26, 1942, acting on a tip, Nina was able to spirit all of her 14 children away from the home a mere two hours before the Norwegian police arrived to round them up for deportation. [Virtually all the Jewish children who were rounded up were ultimately murdered in Auschwitz.] She helped the children escape to safety in Sweden with the help of several friends, a taxi driver and two border pilots, all of whom were later recognized as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem (*See Note 2*).



**Note 1:** “Anschluss” is the annexation of Austria into Nazi Germany on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1938.

**Note 2:** “Yad Vashem” is the World Holocaust Center in Jerusalem.

## Timothy Boyce's Blog

The above story of Nina Hasvoll is one of many stories about the Holocaust in the blog on Tim's web site. You are welcome to read any or all of these stories. To get to the blog, click on the following link: [From Day to Day: One Man's Diary of Survival in Nazi Concentration Camps - TIMOTHY J. BOYCE \(timboyce.com\)](http://www.timboyce.com) and then click on "MY BLOG -- ODDS & ENDS" at the upper right corner of this web page.

Tim occasionally adds new stories to his blog. If you would like to get an email notice when a new blog post is published, you can subscribe for updates on the form near the upper right corner of the home page of Tim's web site. (Unsubscribing is very easy to do if you change your mind later.)

**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.

## Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- The family and friends of Betty Anderson. She passed away on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as the age of 93. Betty had been a SofN member since 1963, and a huge supporter of our lodge and Norway House.



## Feb. 21- Gratulerer med foglesdagen Kong Harald V

On Feb 21st is a flag day in Norway. King Harald will celebrate his 84th birthday. First, on February 6th, he is scheduled for surgery on his knee for a tendon problem.

King Harald just celebrated 30 years on the throne on January 17th but did you know these other "Fun Facts"?

- ♦ He was on the Norwegian Sailing Team in the 1964, 1968 and 1972 Olympics.
- ♦ He is the sixth King of Norway to bear the name Harald.
- ♦ He is a descendant of Queen Victoria through his paternal grandmother, Queen Maud
- ♦ He stood behind Franklin D. Roosevelt as he was sworn in at the White House in 1945.
- ♦ Until 2012, he was the formal head of the Church of Norway.
- ♦ He holds an honorary Doctorate from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.



## 7 Nordic-Inspired Ways to Celebrate Spring

As late winter gives way to Spring, here are some Nordic-inspired ideas to celebrate the change of seasons.

1. Be inspired by natural beauty and savor the stillness of each morning by photographing the sunrise over several days or weeks.
2. Pick your favorite Norwegian cookie or bread and fill your home with the inviting scent. Then surprise a friend by sharing your homemade treat.
3. Every spring brings changes to our lives. Take time to handwrite a letter to an old friend you haven't seen in months or years and ask "what's new?"
4. Enjoy a walk in the warming weather. Look for budding trees and new growth on shrubs and bushes. Have some early spring flowers like snow drops or daffodils started to pop up?
5. Is there a cultural skill you want to explore this year? Consider a skill you're curious about but have never tried. Even better, share the fun of learning by inviting a friend or family member to join your exploration.
6. Fill a bird feeder and your bird bath, if temperatures permit. Keep a birding guide handy to identify returning migratory birds. When will the first robin of the season arrive?

It's been said that when you plant kindness you gather joy. As you go about each day, live your Nordic values with simple acts of kindness to others and add joyful moments to your life!



## HOMELESS COLLECTION NOTICE

Hello Fellow Fosselyngen Lodge Members,

As was discussed at the January Lodge meeting, the membership would like to start a community service project in which we do what we are able to support, Milwaukee's homeless community. It was discussed that those who are able should start making winter hats and/or scarves for the homeless. These would be collected at the summer Lodge picnic for donation in the fall.

In the meantime, while we are busy sewing, knitting and crocheting, I would like to offer my Shorewood home as a location for items needed to help people through this winter's cold weather. I have found items in my home to share and will be making drops as I collect more items. You may find you have some unused necessities tucked away as well. Clean, lightly used, scarves, gloves, long underwear, coats, and unused hotel toiletries would be on a short list of necessities. Please see full wish list below.

### **Cleaning & Sanitation Supplies:**

Bleach, Pine Sol, laundry detergent, masks, Lysol or generic disinfectant spray, large size gloves, and hand sanitizer.

### **Meal program:**

8 oz disposable coffee cups w/lids, disposable soup bowls w/lids, three compartment to-go containers, utensils individually wrapped, sugar packets, creamer packets, and stir sticks.

### **Clothing:**

Men's clothing (all sizes), women's clothing (all sizes), coats (men's and women's all sizes), blankets, men's and women's thermal under clothes, men's and women's boots (common sizes), sheets, and gloves.

### **Personal care:**

Deodorant, individual soaps and shampoos, women's ankle socks, men's ankle socks, men's and women's underwear (all sizes), bath towels and face towels, and hand warmers.

These donations will go to Repairers of the Breach, a shelter and social services organization located at 1335 W Vliet St.

I have a plastic bin on my porch to put your donations in. It keeps things out of the weather and allows for a no-contact drop off. My address is in the Lodge directory or you can privately message me through the Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook page. I can also be reached on my land line at 414-332-0742 for directions.

Mange Takk,  
Anita Jensen



### **Welcome New Member:**

A new member was announced at the  
January 11<sup>th</sup> Virtual Social/Cultural Meeting:

Karen Smeiska

### **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.



# 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 2021 MASSE MORO YOUTH CAMP:

- **DATES:** *SUNDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> at 2:00 PM (check-in) thru SATURDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021.*  
*(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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021).  
\*Sons of Norway affiliation, while strongly encouraged, is not required for participation at Camp.
- **COST:** \$850.00.
- **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 change in dates for 2021 to better plan for staffing and camp programming.

**Registration Deadline: April 1, 2021.** A \$50.00 **non-refundable deposit** & processing fee is payable with application. Parent or guardian must sign this form.

Please mail to **Sandra Olson, District 5 Youth Director, 733 250<sup>th</sup> Street, Woodville, WI 54028.**

- **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 1, 2021**). District Five will also contribute UP TO \$150.00 to each of the two youths.
- **Application deadline is April 1, 2021 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 1, 2021**. The amount of Draxten funding per camper is determined by the number of campers who have applied before the deadline.
- **Final Payment:** Youth Director, Sandra Olson, will contact all applicants after receiving their registration fee, matching grant, first time campers, bring a friend, and any and all scholarships they received to establish final payment. Final payment is due on or before June 1, 2021 and should also be sent to Sandra Olson. **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.

**APPLY NOW AS MANY CAMPERS HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED.**

**Bring a Friend:** We encourage our youth to bring a friend! Campers who recruit a new camper and they both register by April 1, 2021 will also receive \$25 each toward their registration. Final payment is due on or before June 1, 2021.

## FOSSELYNGEN 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 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.

### Norwegian Language Classes

Call Heidi at 262-716-9118 if you are interested or if you are a past student or have already contacted her recently. She will advise when the next session can be planned. Possibly spring, or otherwise, fall session will be the target. We are hopeful for indoor space by fall again. Thank you for your patience.

#### HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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

**To Send Postal Mail:**

Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082  
Sons of Norway  
PO Box 20957  
Milwaukee, WI 53220

Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

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

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngelodge>

#### 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.

Greg Ragan, Sons of Norway  
Fraternal Benefits Counselor,  
Insurance & Investments  
7042 Kinnikinnick Drive  
Roscoe, IL 61073-9661  
Phone: (800) 442-4146  
Fax: (815) 623-8252  
Email: [gragan51@gmail.com](mailto:gragan51@gmail.com)

#### NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Karen Riccobono, Arlette Johnson,  
and Sue Berg Roedel

Thanks for helping with the labeling, assembly & mailing of the January/February 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.

[www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com](http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com)

Designed to provide up-to-date commentary or news on issues related to Norway and Sons of Norway.

#### To View Archived Weekly SofN District 5 Tuesday Zoom Presentations (now called "Nordic News Radio"):

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/nordic\\_news\\_radio.php](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/nordic_news_radio.php)

**Note:** This is **new** web address, changed from what was listed in previous *Runespeak* issues.

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. New programs are sometimes added, so take a look if you haven't looked at this list recently.

Dear Members,

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

John Schneble, Editor

**Notice:** All articles & information for the May/June 2021 newsletter are **due by April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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



**Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082**  
**Sons of Norway**  
**PO Box 20957**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53220**

NON-PROFIT  
 ORGANIZATION  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 MILWAUKEE, WI  
 PERMIT NO. 2420

Electronic Service Requested

**Dated Material Postmaster:**  
**Please deliver by March 2**

\*\*\*\*\*

Sven had reached the pier just as the ferry drew away, leaving a widening stretch of water.  
 "Yump, Sven, yump!" exclaimed Lars from the deck of the boat.  
 "Aye can't make it," replied Sven.  
 "Yump Sven. Ya can make it in two yumps!"

Ole was driving 100 miles per hour when he was stopped by a motorcycle cop. "What's your hurry?" asked the officer.  
 "My brakes gave out," explained Ole, "so I was trying to hurry home before I had an accident."

Hansen was building a fence and working with great speed. When asked why he was in such a hurry, he said, "I'm trying ta get done before I run outta nails."

English is weird. It can be understood through tough thorough thought, though.

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.

This information is for official Sons of Norway business use only. Use of this information for solicitation or commercial purposes is a violation of the Sons of Norway privacy policy and is strictly prohibited.

Fosselyngen Runespeak (Permit#2420) is the official publication of Fosselyngen Lodge 5-082. Fosselyngen Runespeak is published 6 times a year by Fosselyngen Lodge 5-082, Sons of Norway, PO Box 20957, Milwaukee, WI 53220. Annual membership in Fosselyngen Lodge includes subscription to this newsletter.