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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the following Zoom meeting, 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.

MAY 10 Monday Virtual Lodge Business Meeting & Program for All Members via Zoom @ 7PM.

Program: Presentation by Daryl Wunrow About Princess Martha Louise's Book: "Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns"

The May meeting program is based on the illustrated children's book by Princess Martha Louise of the Norwegian Royal Family called "Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns". Daryl's presentation will include the narration by the Princess and photos of the book's illustrations. This should be a meaningful program to coincide with the May 17th observance.

JULY 12 Monday Lodge Picnic Put on Your Calendar.
(See July/August 2021 *Runespeak* for 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

(mai og juni 2021)

Well, as spring approaches and vaccines are given, I hope we are getting ready to be able to gather this summer. We just finished our April program with a great speaker, Timothy Boyce, who published a secret concentration camp diary of Odd Nansen. It was a wonderful presentation.

We are happy to welcome three new members, Hanne and Peter Bonovich and Steve Hoseid who all joined in our Zoom meeting in April. We are happy to have you with us.

We have great news from International! The dates have been set for the next International Convention in Minneapolis, MN on August 30th-September 2nd, 2022. With the convention so near, it's a great opportunity to be a delegate and take part in decisions on the International level. I think this must mean a tour of the new Sons of Norway Headquarters too. The pictures of it look beautiful!

Our May 10th Zoom meeting will include Daryl Wunrow presenting "Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns", a book written by Princess Martha Louise of the Norwegian Royal Family. The presentation will include the narration by the Princess and photos of the book's illustrations. Hope to see you then.

Take care,

Sue Roedel

FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS

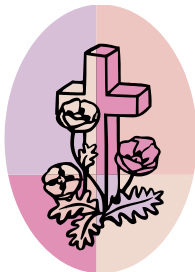
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If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

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

Remembering our members who passed away this past year (between May 2020 and May 2021):

Irene Brandies
Betty O'Sullivan
Betty Anderson
Pam Steuernagel
Jeanne Johnson
Dr. Don Reed



Please remember these members and their families, and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- Don Reed's wife Linda Reed. Don passed away on March 27th, 2021 at the age of 73. He was a member of our lodge since 1984. He was a past president of the Nordic Council. Don earned a PhD degree. He retired from a long career with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Introduced at Zoom meeting of 3/8/21:

Aleta Chosseck (re-joined)

Introduced at Zoom meeting of 4/12/21:

Hanne Bonovich
Peter Bonovich
Steve Hoseid

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.

Our March 8th, 2021 Zoom Meeting with Our Guest Presenter David Ellingson “Coming Home”: Documentary Video About Kayaking on Fjords In Norway

Adventurer-author-speaker David Ellingson joined our Zoom meeting from his home in Washington state. He showed us his exciting documentary video of his month-long paddle adventure on the magnificent Sogne and Hardanger Fjords in Norway as he explored the area where his ancestors lived before emigrating to America in the 1850's, and afterwards he answered our questions.

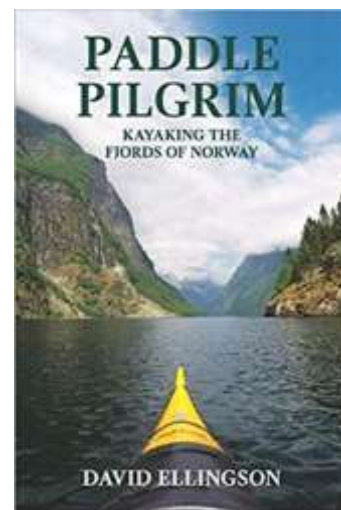
For all of you who could not attend this Zoom meeting, you can see this 25 minute YouTube video by clicking on the following link: [Kayak Norway Coming Home Final Jan 23, 2019 Final 012319 for 30p YouTube - YouTube](#) . (Or if you already saw this video at the Zoom meeting you are welcome to watch it again.)

David wrote a book about this adventure called, “Paddle Pilgrim: Kayaking the Fjords of Norway”. (This book is available at www.Amazon.com .)

Here is an excerpt from this book:

As I paddle my natal fjord I think of my grandma, Helen. I wonder if she ever dreamed of her homeland as she put on her native dress, the bunad, and made lefse, romegrot, and krumkake? As I traverse these holy waters, I have come to feel a deep connection with and care for this place that was home to my family. In a very profound way, it is becoming home to me. "Grandma, I am home and wish you were here."

Dave has a website at www.paddle-pilgrim.com where you can get information about his many books, videos, podcasts, etc.



Queen of Norway?

When Princess Märtha Louise of Norway was born in 1971, women were barred from ascending the throne of Norway. Her brother, Crown Prince Haakon, was born two years later and would eventually become next in line to the throne.

Eventually, in 1990, the law was changed so that women could become queen. But it only applies to those born after the law was put into place.

The Princess recently shared that she was given the option to change the law. “When I was 15, the Prime Minister at the time was a woman, and she suddenly came up with the idea that [the law] was wrong. I remember she came home to us, with granddad [King Olav V], and we had a discussion about whether we should change the whole system and I should be queen.”

"They said, 'What do you want, Märtha?' And I'm like, 'I'm 15, I don't know about these things,'" she added. Ultimately, the laws remained unchanged for a few years, but it started the discussion about updating the rules.

Now, Norway is set to have a female monarch in the future. Crown Prince Haakon's first-born child is Princess Ingrid Alexandra, and is second in line to the throne.

(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)

Our April 12th, 2021 Zoom Meeting with Our Guest Presenter Timothy Boyce

Historian-author-speaker Timothy Boyce joined our Zoom meeting from his home in North Carolina. Tim told us about the book “From Day to Day – One’s Man’s Diary of Survival in Nazi Concentration Camps”, which is a World War II concentration camp diary—one of only a handful ever translated into English—secretly written by Odd Nansen, a Norwegian.

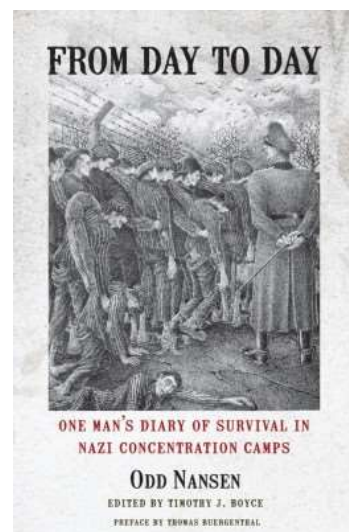
Arrested in January 1942, Nansen, son of polar explorer and humanitarian Fridtjof Nansen (Nobel Peace Prize, 1922), was held captive in various Nazi camps in Norway and Germany. This inspiring diary brilliantly illuminates Nansen’s daily struggle, not only to survive, but to preserve his sanity and maintain 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.

Tim explained 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.

You can purchase this book from Tim’s website that you can get to by clicking on the following: [From Day to Day: One Man's Diary of Survival in Nazi Concentration Camps - TIMOTHY J. BOYCE \(timboyce.com\)](https://www.timboyce.com) . Ordering information is on the home page. When you order the book directly from Tim, you can ask Tim to autograph it for you, and Tim donates all profits from sale of this book to humanitarian agencies.

(Tim says on his website that alternatively you can order the book online from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or IndieBound, or from your local bookseller.)

(Note: The 10-year-old boy saved by Odd Nansen is Thomas Buergenthal who grew up to be a famous humanitarian. Read about Thomas Buergenthal in the separate article at the bottom of this page.)



Timothy Boyce’s Blog

From the same [From Day to Day: One Man's Diary of Survival in Nazi Concentration Camps - TIMOTHY J. BOYCE \(timboyce.com\)](https://www.timboyce.com) website you can click on "MY BLOG -- ODDS & ENDS" at the upper right corner of this web page. You are welcome to read any or all of the stories in this blog. 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.

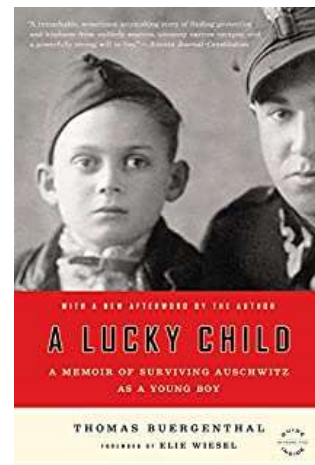
Thomas Buergenthal

Thomas Buergenthal was the 10-year-old boy who was saved by Odd Nansen from being killed by the Nazis at a concentration camp. Thomas grew up to be considered one of the world’s leading international human rights law experts.

Thomas authored a book titled “A Lucky Child – A Memoir of Surviving Auschwitz as a Young Boy”. This book covers his childhood in his Nazi-occupied homeland, then in his imprisonment in various Nazi concentration camps, and finally his search to be reunited with his mother after Russia liberated the Nazi concentration camps at the end of the war.

You can purchase this book at [www.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) .

A paragraph at the bottom of the back cover of this book states that “Thomas has served as a judge at the International Court of Justice and as judge and president of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He is the Lobinger Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence at the George Washington University Law School and the recipient of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s 2015 Elie Wiesel Award.”



First “godhouse” Dedicated to Old Norse gods Unearthed in Norway

In the village of Ose, Norway, archaeologists from the University Museum of Bergen recently uncovered the remains of an eighth-century “godhouse”. In its day, this structure was dedicated to the worship of the old Norse gods and housed ceremonies such as midsummer or midwinter solstice. This is a particularly special discovery as it is the “first temple of its kind identified in Norway”, according to Smithsonian Magazine. Through digital reconstruction, researchers were able to determine that it resembles similar temples found in southern Sweden and Denmark.

In recent excavations, archaeologists have unearthed animal bones and cooking pits; their theory is that the worshippers prepared the food in offering to Thor, Odin and other Norse gods. These religious displays also doubled as feasts where “you would have a good mood, a lot of eating and a lot of drinking,” explains archaeologist Søren Diinhoff.

Researchers are still unclear as to what caused the demise of the godhouse, but they hope to uncover the truth as they continue their efforts.



A digital reconstruction of the newly unearthed Norse godhouse (Courtesy of the University Museum of Bergen)

(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)

Norway Leads the Way on Plastic Recycling

To curb the growing environmental concerns around plastic waste, the European Union has set ambitious goals for recycling: by the year 2029, EU countries will be required to recycle at least 90 percent of the plastic they use. But Norway has already blown past this target, with a 97 percent recycling rate, and it has done so a decade ahead of schedule.

One secret to Norway’s success appears to be a robust and near-universal deposit system in which buyers pay a few cents more for their purchases, and then return the empties for a refund at conveniently located “reverse vending machines.” The concept: buy the product, borrow the packaging.

The deposit system in Norway has been so successful that it is beginning to catch on elsewhere. In Lithuania, for instance, plastic recycling jumped from 34 to 92 percent in just two years after adopting a similar, deposit-based method.

The process of returning empty plastic bottles has become such an ingrained part of Norwegian life that it even has its own verb: a pante, pronounced “oh-pant-uh”.



(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)

Norwegian Language Class

Save the date: - September 15th, 2021. Start six sessions 6 to 8 PM at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 86th & Becher in West Allis. More info to follow, or call Heidi at 262-716-9118.

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<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.

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and Sue Berg Roedel

Thanks for helping with the labeling, assembly & mailing of the March/April 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

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

Note: This is a **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 csljohn@att.net.

John Schneble, Editor

Notice: All articles & information for the July/August 2021 newsletter are **due by June 15th**.

Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, csljohn@att.net or mail to: 1024 North 121st Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.



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 Lars was a stranger in town, and he entered church in the middle of a sermon and seated himself in the back pew. After he had sat a few minutes, he began to fidget. Finally, he leaned over to the white-haired man next to him, who evidently was an old member, and asked quietly, "How long has he been preaching?"

"Thirty or forty years, I think," the old man answered.

"Vell, I'll say den," said Lars, "he must nearly be tru!!"

Sven was stopped by a police officer who said, "Sven, you are going to get a ticket for speeding."

"Vell," Sven said, "I vas only driving 40 miles an hour."

"No," replied the policeman, "you were going 50 in a 30 mile zone."

"No," said Sven, "I vas only going 40."

Just then, helpful Helga piped up! "Officer, don't argue vit my husband ven he's been drinking."

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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