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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: The Koshkonong Prairie program for March 14th is in place of the program “Norwegian Geography for Genealogy” previously announced for the March 14th meeting in the Jan/Feb *Runespeak*. The topics for the April 11th & May 9th programs are reversed from what were previously announced.

- MARCH 14, Monday** Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.
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(See full details on Page 3.)
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- MAY 9, Monday** Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
Program: Syttende Mai (17th of May)
Lodge Member Daryl Wunrow will present his PowerPoint of two Syttende Mai celebrations he has witnessed: one in Oslo in 2000 and one on an island community Giske near Ålesund Norway in 2006.
(See the May/June 2022 *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

(mars og april 2022)

Dear Members,

In January we held the installation of officers for 2022-23. Your officers are already working hard to plan the rest of the year programing and business. Daryl Wunrow has been working on interesting programs. Arlette and I have been attending District 5, Sons of Norway Leadership Training for new ideas. Gretchen is working hard on closing the books for 2021, the audit and preparation for the taxes. John is working on the latest edition of the *Runespeak*. These are just a few of the duties needed to run our organization. I thank all our officers and volunteers!

In the final count, Norway won the medal count with 16 Gold medals, 8 Silver medals, and 13 Bronze medals, for a total of 37! How exciting is that? I hope you enjoyed watching the Olympics as much as I did. We have a lot to be proud of.

Are you aware that Sons of Norway District 5 (which we are part of) sponsors the non-competitive ski tour for youth ages 3-13 years old, called the Barnebirkie in Hayward, WI? This years event is February 24, 2022. Imagine nearly 1000 kids skiing on Main Street to the iconic finish line of the American Birkebeiner! At the end of the ½ km -3km race, they are welcomed to the Treat Tent where they are served Swiss Miss hot chocolate and cookies. Fosselyngen has donated \$100.00 towards cookies and expenses. In past years, we have asked for donated baked cookies, but since we do not meet in February, pick up and arrangements to deliver them there would have been complicated.

Sons of Norway has posted as of February 12th, all entry restrictions to Norway have been done away with. Looks like we can go ahead and make our plans to visit Norway. Anyone going?



Our next meeting is Monday, March 14th at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Please arrive by 5:30PM. Dinner will be served at 6PM.

Sincerely, Sue Berg Roedel

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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, MARCH 14TH, 2022

Social/Cultural Meeting

At Mt. Hope Lutheran Church In West Allis
(8633 W. Becher Street)

(Mt. Hope's COVID rule: Masks are required in hallways & restrooms, but are NOT required in our meeting room.)

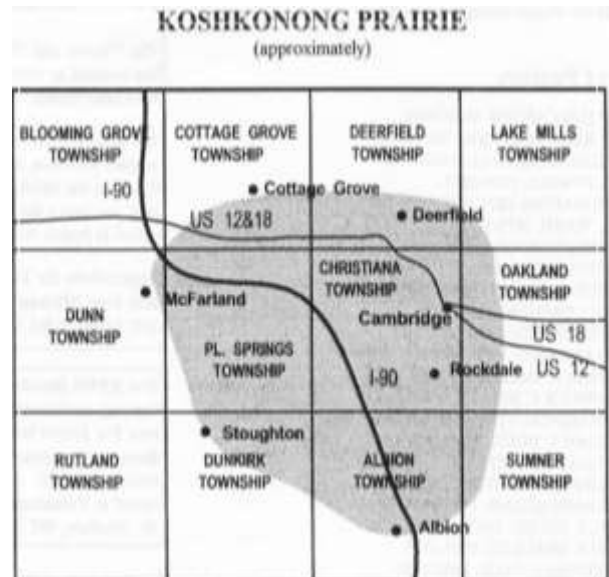
Socialize at 5:30 PM. (Someone will be at the doors from 5:15 until 6:00. After that, you must call the cell phone number posted on the door for someone to let you in).

Dinner at 6 PM. Menu is sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots and dessert prepared by our caterer.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program: Koshkonong Prairie - Queen of the Norwegian-American Settlements

The Koshkonong Prairie was also known as Kaskeland. The first pioneer Norwegian settlers arrived in 1840 and began what would become for a time the largest [Norwegian-American](#) community in America, located at Koshkonong in eastern [Dane](#) and western Jefferson counties. By 1850 over half of the Norwegian immigrants in Wisconsin lived on the Koshkonong Prairie. Eventually, Koshkonong Prairie became the largest Norwegian-American settlement in North America. The Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society produced a video which we will feature.



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Dinner at 6 PM. Menu is mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread and dessert prepared by our caterer.

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Ivar Lundy, retired director of the Eau Claire Symphony, produced a DVD that celebrates Norwegian Music from 1814. His narrated video features many musical excerpts of Norwegian and Norwegian-American music. You'll be surprised at what he shares with you. Maestro Lundy has agreed to share his video with us.

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:

Milt Sande whose brother Roy Sande of Denver, CO passed away on January 11th, 2022. Roy had been a member of our Fossegrymen Lodge before it became Fosselyngen Lodge.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jerry Smeiska

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 1ST, 2022 UPDATE

By Daryl Wunrow, Lodge Representative To The Nordic Council

The Nordic Council which sponsors the festival will meet in March to decide on the 2022 Scandinavian Festival. The decision will be based on several factors/concerns:

- 1) Is vendor commitment sufficient?
- 2) Are all Nordic Council member organizations on board to participate?
- 3) Are the projected costs vs. revenue sufficient to fund the event?
- 4) Is the recent threat of the COVID virus under control?

Our Lodge has expressed positive interest in participating. We are hopeful the Festival will continue annually. We need many of our Lodge members to participate. Look for more information in the May/June *Runespeak* newsletter.

For now, save the October 1st, 2022 date on your calendar and watch for more information about baking our cookies for the festival and other ways to make the festival a success.

2022 LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

As has been suggested by our members, this year's Christmas Party will be a bit different. The party will be held on Sunday, December 11th, but venue and times have changed.

We have reserved the banquet room at Clifford's, 10418 West Forest Home Avenue in Hales Corners. Arrival time will be noon with a buffet served at 1:00 PM. We hope that by having the party during the day more of our members will attend. Details will be published later this fall.

Save the date on your calendar!

NORWEGIAN COOKIE BAKING CLASS

As was mentioned in the January/February *Runespeak*, some members have expressed an interest in learning how to make Norwegian cookies. Whether you have been a member for many years or have recently joined, we are here to help you learn how to make Krumkake, Sandbakkels, and possibly Rosettes. Not only can you learn to make them for yourself and your family, but we hope you will also help us in making cookies for future events that the Lodge may be participating in. The class will be held at Mt. Hope, and a date will be finalized by the May/June *Runespeak*.

Thank you. Arlette Johnson

Borgund Stave Church in Norway and Our Lodge Model of It

(By Daryl Wunrow)

Many of our Lodge members are familiar with the model stave church that has been a part of our Lodge for many years. "Our" stave church is based on the Borgund stave church near Lærdal in Norway. According to member Shirley Engelmann, the model was built by an early member, Chris Christiansen, who was a 1908 charter member of our Lodge. Shirley recalled that our longtime member, John Seastrand, remembers seeing the model at the first Norway House on Greenfield Avenue, many years ago. Christiansen is believed to have created our model in 1935, making it nearly 80 years old.

Since the closing of our Norway House a few years ago, Shirley has shared and routed the model stave church with churches in central Wisconsin that have a Norwegian heritage, and she hopes to continue to share the model soon.

The Borgund model we have also includes a separate bell tower. You may wonder, why would the bell tower be separate? Well, Shirley believes the bells in very old stave churches were used to sound emergency alarms to the nearby community. Access to the bell was essential and so the bell tower was at ground level and easily rung by anyone. And, Shirley says that even some animals were trained to ring the bell.

The Borgund Stave Church, spelled Borgund Stavkyrkje in Norway, in the Lærdal parish, was active until 1868 when it closed and was turned into a museum. The church is near Bergen on the western coast of Norway. Here's a bit about the construction of stave churches:

*"A **stave church** is a wooden [Christian church building](#) once common in north-western [Europe](#). The name derives from the building's structure of [post and lintel](#) construction, a type of [timber framing](#) where the load-bearing [oak-pine](#) posts are called stafr in [Old Norse](#) (stav in modern [Norwegian](#)). Two related church building types also named for their structural elements, the [post church](#) and [palisade church](#), are often called 'stave churches'. Originally much more widespread, most of the (28) surviving stave churches are in [Norway](#)." (Wikipedia)*

Most of the surviving stave churches in Norway were built between 1150 and 1350. In Norway, stave churches were gradually replaced by stone and mortar churches. Many stave churches survived until the 19th century when a substantial number were destroyed. Today, 28 historical stave churches remain standing in Norway.

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Did you know there is a Borgund stave church in the United States?

How did it come about that there is a stave church in the Black Hills of South Dakota, thousands of miles from the lands where this type of architecture and construction originated? It is the result of a dream of one man and the generous support of another.

Since many of the original settlers of the Dakotas and surrounding states were Norwegian Lutherans, the idea was suggested that the chapel be built in the style of an original stave church (in Norwegian, "stavkirke"). The chapel is an exact replica of the famous Borgund stavkirke, of Laerdal, Norway. The Borgund stavkirke was built around the year 1150 and is considered the most completely preserved stave church still standing in Norway.

The Norwegian Department of Antiquities graciously provided a set of blueprints of the Borgund church to be used in the construction of the Chapel in the Hills. The carvings were a combined effort by Mr. Erik Fridstrom, one of Norway's best woodcarvers, and a local Rapid City resident, Mr. Helge Christiansen. Also, an authentic grass-roofed "stabbur", or store house, was built in Norway, shipped to Rapid City, and reassembled on the grounds. The Chapel in the Hills was dedicated on July 6, 1969. Today the Chapel sees 20,000 to 25,000 visitors a year and hosts numerous weddings and vow renewals, along with other special services.

Many of us know there is a stave church replica on Washington Island in Door County. It's near the Lutheran church there in the center of the island.



BORGUND STAVE IN
LÆRDAL, NORWAY



OUR LODGE MODEL



CHAPEL OF THE HILLS IN
RAPID CITY, S. DAKOTA

Icy Sonic Wonder

There's nothing cooler than the sound of a saxophone wafting out blues in the night; especially when the saxophone is made of ice! Spanning February 4-6, this year's Ismusikkfestivalen was enjoyed by crowds of warmly clad art and music enthusiasts at the Bergsjøstølen resort in the municipality of Ål, Norway, about three hours northwest of Oslo.

The Ice Music Festival is an annual tradition going 16 years strong. It was founded by Terje Isungset, a performer of jazz and traditional Norwegian music. The first festival was held in a hollowed-out ice cave near his home village of Geilo.

Not only are the instruments made of ice, but the venues are too. This year's incarnation featured a main stage built on a frozen lake, flanked by three igloos hosting their own rounds of performances. These spaces were created by Professor Petter Bergerud and his art students from Bergen. The glacial glockenspiels, violins and horns are designed, carved and played by talented artists and musicians from around the world.

Learn more at their website, <https://www.icemusicfestivalnorway.no/> or watch a short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWJ871NmJXI>



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(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)

SONS OF NORWAY 5TH DISTRICT MASSE MORO
NORWEGIAN HERITAGE YOUTH CAMP
SHARING THE NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP EXPERIENCE SINCE 1979

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022 MASSE MORO YOUTH CAMP:

- **DATES:** *SUNDAY, JULY 17TH at 2:00 PM (check-in) thru SATURDAY, JULY 30TH, 2022.*
(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 1st day of camp, July 17th, 2022).
*Sons of Norway affiliation, while strongly encouraged, is not required for participation at Camp.
- **COST:** \$ 1000.00
- **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 or www.massemoro.org .
- **PAYMENT:** Note change in dates for 2022 to better plan for staffing and camp programming.
Registration Deadline: April 1, 2022. A \$100.00 **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 250th 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, 2022**). District Five will also contribute UP TO \$250.00 each for the two youths.
- **Application deadline is April 1, 2022 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, 2022**. The amount of Draxten funding per camper is determined by the number of campers who have applied by the deadline.
- **Final Payment:** Youth Director, Sandra Olson, 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 is due on or before June 1, 2022** 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 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 1, 2022 will also receive \$25 each toward their registration. Final payment is due on or before June 1, 2022.

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 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.

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.



HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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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.

NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Arlette Johnson

Thanks for helping with the
January/February issue.

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)

Email: gragan51@gmail.com

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.

Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at csjohn@att.net.

John Schneble, Editor

Notice: All articles & information for the May/June 2022 newsletter are **due by April 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.



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Knut was arrested for speeding---driving 66 miles per hour in a 50 mile zone! However, he explained to the officer, "I saw a big sign vit 66 on it."

"That's Highway 66," the officer said disgustedly.

"Goodness sakes," said Knut. "You should have seen me yesterday on Highway 110!!"

Sven got a car phone and on his way home on the freeway, he calls up Helga and says, "Oh, Helga, I'm calling you from the freeway on my new car phone."

Helga says, "Be careful, Sven, because on the radio they say that some nut is driving the wrong way on the freeway."

Sven says, "One nut---heck, there are hundreds of them!"

So, there was a big snowstorm and a snow emergency was called. Lars had to park on the odd-numbered side of the street. Two days later, more snow, and he had to park on the even-numbered side of the street. The next day, another snowstorm, another snow emergency, odd-numbered side of the street. Lars said, "Kari, I'm tired of this. I'm gonna leave the dang car in the garage, and if they want to tow it, let 'em tow it."

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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