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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT LODGE MEETING LOCATION!

We are trying a new location for the August, September, and October Social/Cultural meetings at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 12400 W. Cold Spring Rd., New Berlin, WI 53151. The meeting room is on the first floor, and parking is very convenient in their lot.

FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 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: The Gjetøst/Primøst cheese story. (See mtg. details on Page 3.)
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Program: Mike Palecek, a member of our neighbor Racine Lodge, will share his program about Capt. Ingar Olsen - Norw.-Am. Lifesaver.
(Meeting includes Election of Lodge Officers and Membership Awards.)
(See mtg. details on Page 3.)
- NOVEMBER 17, 18, and 19** Holiday Folk Fair at State Fair Park (See articles on Page 4.)
Fri., Sat., & Sun.
- DECEMBER 17 Sunday** Lodge Christmas Party (See article on Page 2.)
Noon until 3PM at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant at Mayfair Mall.
Look for reservation form and full details in the Nov/Dec 2023 *Runespeak*.

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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
(september og oktober 2023)

Dear Members,

The summer is going by fast. I had a great summer and enjoyed a trip to France in July. A lot to see and do. I watch my grandchildren twice a week and love spending the time with them. I also love to play pickleball five mornings a week (it's addicting). I hope you have enjoyed your summer too and would love to hear what you have been up to.

We had our lodge meeting last night at Resurrection Lutheran Church and a wonderful dinner from Bev's Catering. We enjoyed watching the Norwegian wedding video and seeing many members from the past and present. I presented a program on Norwegian silver and hope it was enjoyed as well. The extra food from our dinner at the last two meetings was donated to the local fire department. They were very thankful to receive it.

I would like to know if you liked this location for the meeting, so if you have a chance, send me an email, call or text. We are going to have the next two meetings there as well. Next month we will have a presentation on Gjetost/ Primost cheese and enjoy samples. I hope to see you.

Fraternally yours,

Sue Berg Roedel

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LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 17th, at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant located at Mayfair Mall, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Family style menu will consist of:

- First Course: Mozzarella Marinara, Stuffed Mushrooms, and Chopped Salad
- Second Course: Mom's Meat Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan, Oven-Roasted Pork Loin, and Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Third Course: Dessert.

Price per person:

Adult: Members (\$15.00), Guests (\$25.00) Child: (ages 5-11 (\$10.00))

(Please Note: Meal price shown is 50% of the cost paid by the Lodge.)

Look for reservation form in the November/December *Runespeak*.

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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2023

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: Turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetable

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program

The Gjetøst/Primøst cheese story. Does your family enjoy Ski Queen Norse Brown Cheese? We will learn about how Norwegian brown cheese is made and enjoy samples of this delicacy, courtesy of Norseland.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2023

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: Beef tips, mashed potatoes, vegetable

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program

Mike Palecek, a member of our neighbor Racine Lodge, will share his program about Capt. Ingar Olsen, - Norw.-Am. Lifesaver. Olsen was stationed at the Coast Guard Stations at Jones Island, Bradford Beach, and Door County. He was the only Wisconsinite to be awarded the Coast Guard's gold lifesaving medal. Learn about his many thrilling rescues.

(See more info and photo of Capt. Olsen in the box below.)

Meeting includes 2023 Election of Lodge Officers and 2023 Membership Awards. (See lists of members receiving awards and officer candidates on Page 6.)

Capt. Ingar Olsen: - Norwegian-Wisconsin Lifesaver

Capt. Olsen is the only Wisconsin recipient of the Coast Guard's gold lifesaving medal, earning it for his heroic efforts in the 1893 Milwaukee water system's intake crib disaster. Olsen's first experience doing water rescues was in Norway as a teenager, saving two sailors whose rowboat capsized during an Atlantic coast storm. Immigrating to Milwaukee, Olsen initially worked out of the Jones Island Lifesaving Station. He was transferred to run the Door County station, where he did hundreds of water rescues at Devil's Doorway. Olsen was then sent back to Milwaukee, commanding the Coast Guard stations at Jones Island and Bradford Beach. Olsen's scrapbook, reporting his deeds, is archived at the Milwaukee County Historical Society.



2023 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

The 2023 Holiday Folk Fair will be held at State Fair Park on November 17th, 18th and 19th, 2023 and we, along with three other Nordic groups, will be participating in a joint Nordic Cultural Booth.

In a shared space with groups from Sweden, Finland and Denmark, we are asking for volunteers to staff our Lodge table. Two people are needed for each shift and you will be able to sit while working in the booth. You will be stamping passports and answering people's questions. These questions could be about the items that are displayed on our table, the theme of this year's Holiday Folk Fair, or about the country and people of Norway. We will have information in the booth to help you answer anticipated questions.

We are counting on our members to be dependable and only sign up if you are able to work. The people working the next shift are counting on you as well to show up on time so they may leave.

The shifts are as follows:

Friday, November 17th (Education Day 9:00am-4:00pm/General Public 2:00pm-9:00pm)
Three shifts: 8:45am-1:00pm (3 people needed), 12:45pm-5:00pm, and 4:45pm-9:00pm

Saturday, November 18th (10:00am-9:00pm)
Three shifts: 9:45am-1:30pm, 1:15pm-5:15pm, and 5:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday, November 19th (10:00am-6:00pm)
Two shifts: 9:45am-2:00pm and 1:45pm-6:00pm

If you can help, please either contact Gretchen, thebjorks@att.net or 262-502-9197, or sign up at an upcoming meeting. Thank you. Gretchen Bjork & Arlette Johnson

Seeking Some Norwegian Photos for Banner at 2023 Folk Fair

Daryl Wunrow is designing a Banner for our Booth at the International Folk Fair in November. He would like to include some member photos showing the following: Costumes, Food, Special Scenery, etc.

Each photo should be at least 1 MB, best taken with a cell phone. Can you share one or two favorites? Send to Daryl at his email address - dmwunrow@gmail.com

Money can't buy you happiness. But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope

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.

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.

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 Nadine Gollhofer who passed away on July 2nd, 2023. She was a member since 2001.



- The family of Ralph "Doc" Olsen who passed away on July 9th, 2023. He was a member since 1980.



- The family of Thomas Westgaard who passed away on July 16th, 2023. He was a member since 1989.



**Lodge Officer Candidates
For the 2023 Election on October 9th
Social/Cultural Meeting**

All Lodge Officer terms are 2 years unless noted otherwise.

*(Tentative list at time of release of this newsletter.
Subject to change if someone opts not to continue or
if someone wants to be added to the nomination list
for an office.)*

Fosselyngen No. 82 Officers 2024-25	
President	Susan Berg Roedel
Vice President	Arlette Johnson
Treasurer	Gretchen Bjork
Secretary- Corresponding	Jan Gregoire
Secretary- Recording	Karen Smeiska
Counselor	Milt Sande
Cultural/Social Director	Daryl Wunrow
Marshall	Steve Welli
Assistant Marshall	Gary Christianson
Greeters	Dave Christianson
Greeters	Randy LeBeck
Sports Director	Dennis Dale
Musician	Helen Dale
Editor	John Schneble
Historian	Daryl Wunrow
Trustee, 2024	Sheila Kershek
Trustee, 2024,25	Jack Lofte
Trustee, 2024,25,26	Dave Christianson
Foundation	Bonnie Wunrow
Auditors	Gary Christianson
Auditors	Glendean Schmidt

2023 Membership Awards

At the October 9th meeting, the following members will be receiving pins awarded for various years of membership:

5 year

David Oswald Christianson
Brita Dallmann
Heidel Dallmann
Janet Dallmann
Kirstin Dallmann

25 year

Anita G Jensen
Arlette E Johnson
Susan Berg Roedel

30 year

Devon Lorraine Eckermann
Mary Louise Erickson
Treadaway
Nancy Kelly

Linda L Marcinowski
Carol L Steffan
Gale Huse Tanger

Randall N LeBeck
Dorothy C Wegner

35 year

Gretchen E Bjork
Kimberly M Dane
Annette L Endres

10 year

Roger J Myhre
Susan D Van Lith
Steve Welli

40 year

Judith J Paz

15 year

Abigail D Bjork
Elizabeth S Bjork
Heidi L Strom

45 year

Ray Carlson
Lori K Pritzl
Paul A Solie

20 year

John H Kittelson
Jack Lofte

(If you are not able to be at the October 9th meeting, call Arlette Johnson at 414-368-3324 to make arrangements to get your pin.)

Odd Lovoll Presentation on the Life of Colonel Hans Heg in Wind Lake on Saturday, September 9th at 3 PM

Odd Lovoll, the leading Norwegian-American historian, will present on the life of Hans Heg at the Norway Town Hall, 6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, WI. The event will include a book signing by Lovoll and a tour of the Heg Park museum.

As a youth, Heg emigrated from Norway with his family in 1840. Heg became the first Norwegian American to hold a statewide elected office anywhere in the United States. When the Civil War broke out, he resigned his position and recruited an all-Scandinavian military unit, the 15th Wisconsin "Iron Brigade." Heg was the highest-ranking Wisconsinite to die in a Civil War battle. Heg Park was the first county park in Racine County. One of three bronze Heg statues is located there. Another marks his birth in his hometown of Lier, Norway. The third was defaced during the 2020 Madison capital square riot and has been restored. This event has brought Heg and his abolitionist views back into the news.

In his lifetime, Professor Lovoll has written many books and articles on Norwegian-American topics. Lovoll was born in Norway and emigrated to the Pacific Northwest just after World War II. He taught at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Many of his books have been published by the Norwegian-American Historical Association, where he was publications editor. Lovoll's new book "Colonel Hans Christian Heg and the Norwegian American Experience" has been described as "a full, rich harvest gained from years of teaching and scholarship on Norwegian Americans' immigrant history. Readers will treasure this new work."

CONTACT INFO: Christopher Paulson Racine Heritage Museum, Executive Director 262-636-3926 crpaulson@racineheritagemuseum.org



LODGE MEETING AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH ON AUGUST 14TH, 2023
(Picture from Daryl Wunrow)

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

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

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

***** 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

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 July/August issue.

CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR EMAIL ADDRESS

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 & update your member profile.

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

Notice: All articles & information for the November/December 2023 newsletter are **due by October 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.

SCANDINAVIAN EVENTS

VASA PARK

35W217 Route 31
South Elgin, IL 60177

The 43rd Scandinavian Day Festival Sunday, September 10, 2023

Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
\$10.00 per person, Children 12 and under free!

For full information go to www.scandinaviandayil.com

SAHSWI October Annual General Meeting—Saturday, October 21st, 1:30 pm - Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee. In addition to a brief business meeting and review of the past year, SAHSWI member **Cookie Anderson** will present “**Gotland, a rich in history and popular tourist retreat.**” <https://sahswi.org/>

Finnish American Society of Milwaukee Events for Autumn 2023

The Finnish American Society of Milwaukee is having two events this autumn at Grace Lutheran Church, 3030 West Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee.

- On Sunday, September 24th, at 2 PM sharp, we will have a program called "Swedish Pancakes for Breakfast" presented by Marcus Cederstrom of UW Badgertalks. This a free program followed by by a “Mojakka” dinner (stew) with fixings. (Mojakka is beef or fish soup. We will have both). Cost of the dinner is ten dollars. Bring a dessert to share.
- On Sunday, October 22nd at 2 PM we will have “Finntoberfest”. For dinner we will have “Makkara” (sausage on a stick) with accompaniments of picnic fare. Dinner cost is five dollars. Bring a dessert to share. The program is about the Saarinen war memorial. There will also be outdoor activities if the weather permits.

For more information, call Mary Jane Anttila at 414-581-6260.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 2023

LAST CALL!

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (mixed beginner and intermediate).

Held at: MT. HOPE CHURCH 86th and Becher in West Allis

2023 Dates: September 13th & 27th, October 11th & 25th, and November 8th & 15th -- all Wednesdays.

Instructor: Mette L. Baran

Class fees \$20 per session. Payable in full (\$120) to Fosselyngen Lodge ASAP.

Student Name _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge and mail to Gretchen Bjork, W149N8235 Norman Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.

Call Heidi w/questions 262-716-9118.

(You can also give payment to Gretchen or an officer at a regular meeting.)

If not enough students sign up, the lodge reserves the right to cancel classes and refund money. So please sign up soon and bring your friends.

Non-members are welcome but will be charged \$22 per session. (\$132 total)



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Lena said to Ole the other day, "Don't you tink I look pretty good? I jüst lost 25 pounds."
 Ole said, "I don't believe it!!" So Lena says, "Come upstairs and look at da scale."
 So they both went upstairs and Lena says, "Now look for yourself. I have both my feet on da scale."
 But Ole just shook his head. "Lena, you're cheatin' --- both your feet are on da scale, but you are cheating ven you lay your stomach on da sink!!!"

 Ole's boss told him just the other day, "You hammer those nails like lightning!"
 "You mean I'm fast?" asked Ole.
 "No, I mean you never strike twice in the same place!!"

 Years and years ago, Ole was in the army. One morning as the troops were all lined up for inspection, the army sergeant yelled at Ole, "Take a look, you dummy, you have your boots on the wrong feet!!"
 "Vat do yew mean, sarge?" asked Ole. "Dese are da only feet I've got!!"

<p>Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates, times, and location of meetings. Web site: http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org</p>
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Sons of Norways mission er a fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings-og finansprodukter til alle medlemmer.</p>
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