

Fosselyngen Runespeak

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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER** 9 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: Outdoor Campfire and Viking Stories (Page 3)
- OCTOBER** 8 Tuesday Wreath Laying on The Statue of Leif Erikson – Oct. 8th, 11 AM (Page 3)
- OCTOBER** 14 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: Steve Andersen will offer Part 2 of his recent trip to Norway.
Also, membership award pins will be given out. (Page 3)
- NOVEMBER** 22, 23, & 24 Holiday Folk Fair at State Fair Park (Page 4)
Fri., Sat., & Sun.
- DECEMBER** 8 Sunday Lodge Christmas Party (See article on Page 4)
This year's party will be on Sunday, December 8th, noon to 3 PM, at The
Packing House Restaurant at 900 E. Layton Ave, Milwaukee, WI
This event will be by reservation only; the reservation form and full
information will be included in the Nov/Dec issue of the 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 2024)

President's Message, August 13th, 2024

It's been a hot summer with lots of activity. In July, over 50 of us had a wonderful time at our picnic. We played Kubb and Bingo and indulged on traditional picnic fare. It was a beautiful sunny evening at a delightful park like setting at Dave and Victoria Christianson's home. (See photos on Page 6.)

Last night was our August lodge meeting. Forty of us enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner and enjoyed the program on Stave Churches in Norway. (See photos of Stave Church program on Page 7.) We also viewed a State of the Union address on video from Sons of Norway's new CEO Dan Seyfried. If you missed it, here is the link: https://youtu.be/ReD9PapEMIo?si=w4UD_2BWOavBjOI- He gives important information about the business of our organization, history, and plans for the future.

In June, 15 of us completed a volunteer opportunity making 200 bag lunches for "The Gathering". (See photo on Page 7.) They provide 10-11 free meals each week, cooked on site at four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry. www.thegatheringwis.org At the Saturday meal, they send guests home with a bag lunch for their Sunday meal. That's where we come in. Our next volunteer date is on Friday, September 13th at 1PM at Resurrection Lutheran Church. I deliver the bags on Saturday morning to Ascension Lutheran Church, where they will be distributed. Members signed up for this at our August meeting. Thank you volunteers!

Are you interested in joining me at Viking Fest at UW Green Bay on Friday, October 4th? I'm waiting for them to update their website to get the details. If we have enough interest, we could meet and carpool there. Let me know if you are interested. Last year's fest included a Viking encampment with blacksmiths, silversmiths, a potter, weavers, woodworkers, glass bead makers, and more.

Sadly, we will not be offering Norwegian language classes this fall as our instructor is moving out of the area.

New member directories are available for pick up at the September meeting if you have not already received your copy.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 9th, dinner at 5:30pm. After dinner and weather permitting, we will have Viking Stories around the campfire in the parking lot of the church with s'mores. Please bring your lawn chair. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Sue Roedel
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FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS

President	Sue Berg Roedel	414-526-8312
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Treasurer	Gretchen Bjork	262-502-9197
Secretary (Correspondence)	Janice Gregoire	262-784-6953
Secretary (Recording)	Karen Smeiska	414-690-4402

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2024
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, potatoes, and vegetables.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program: Outdoor Campfire and Viking Stories

Weather permitting, we will have Viking Stories around the campfire in the parking lot of the church with s'mores. Please bring your lawn chair.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2024
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: Pork loin, potatoes, and vegetables.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program: Steve Andersen will offer Part 2 of his recent trip to Norway, featuring the Hurtigruten Cruise from Bergen to Trondheim and the Lofoten Islands.

Also, membership award pins will be given out for various years of membership.

**PLEASE JOIN US – WREATH LAYING ON THE STATUE OF LEIF ERIKSON
IN HONOR OF HIS DAY**

Tuesday, October 8th, at 11 AM – Juneau Park – near Prospect and State St, Milwaukee

2024 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

The 2024 Holiday Folk Fair will be held at State Fair Park on November 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2024. This year's theme is "Celebrate the Culture of Traditional Art". As we did last year, we, along with other Nordic groups, will be participating in a joint Nordic Cultural Booth.

In a shared space with the other Nordic groups, 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, answering people's questions about the items that are displayed on our table, 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 22nd (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 23rd (10:00am-9:00pm)
Three shifts: 9:45am-1:30pm, 1:15pm-5:15pm, and 5:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday, November 24th (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

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS- Save the Date (December 8th)

This year's party will be on Sunday, December 8th, noon to 3PM, at The Packing House Restaurant at 900 E. Layton Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (near the airport). We will have a sit-down dinner which will be served at 12:45PM. The menu will be Beef Tips, Baked Cod or Chicken Parmesan. All meals include freshly baked bread, salad, soda and coffee, and vanilla ice cream for dessert. A cash bar will also be available.

Price will be: \$15.00 per member (less than 50% of actual cost) \$30.00 Guests

This event will be by reservation only; the form will be included in the Nov/Dec issue of the Runespeak.

Member Awards

At the October 14th meeting, the following individuals will receive pins awarded for various years of membership:

5 YEAR

Leslie Ann Jansen
Philip G Reykdal
Jill Ann Roffers
Ronald A Thorson

25 YEAR

Gary L Christianson
Kathleen A Holmes
Susan L Larson
Joan M Peterson
Marcia N Stein

10 YEAR

Frank John Amundson
Nicholas Gene Rogneby
Alison Welli

35 YEAR

Norma D Devine
Beth P Johnson
Carol J Owens
Christopher M Roper
Nancy J Steinke
Verna M Thompson

15 YEAR

Aleta L Chossek
Dennis Clifford Dale
Helen Dorothy Dale
Ernst Hensersky
Sharon Jean Hensersky
Judith E Mathison
Karen Lee Riccobono
Darla J Thingvold

45 YEAR

Cheryl L Eskridge

20 YEAR

Solfrid M Fountain
John P Williamson

50 YEAR

Ingrid B Graff
Lars U Graff

55 YEAR

R J Hutchinson

(If you are not able to be at the October 14th meeting, call Arlette Johnson at 414-368-3324 to make arrangements to get your pin.)

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 (414-231-3586) or Ellie Thoresen (262-953-2871) so that the person can be remembered and other officers notified.**

Also, don't forget to **notify Arlette Johnson (414-368-3324) 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.

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.



VELKOMMEN

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mary Behringer

Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin

Saturday, October 19th, 2024 at 1:30 pm, SAHSWI Annual Business Meeting & Program:

Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee.

Program: "A tribute to Harry H. Anderson." SAHSWI members remember Harry Anderson, Historian and Founder of SAHSWI. (Harry passed away on May 21st, 2024.)

Reference earlier post:

[Harry H Anderson, SAHSWI founding father | Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin](#)

FIKA (coffee & snacks) following meeting.

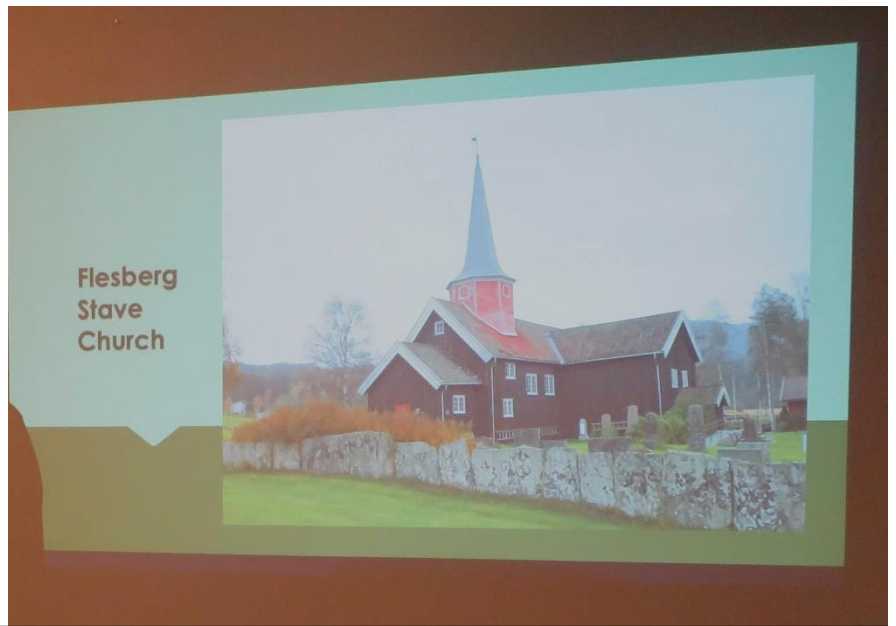
<https://sahswi.org>

JULY 8TH, 2024 LODGE PICNIC
AT THE HOME OF MEMBERS DAVE & VICTORIA CHRISTIANSON





MAKING BAG LUNCHES FOR "THE GATHERING" ON JUNE 15TH, 2024



CORLENE BARTELS TOLD US ABOUT STAVE CHURCHES IN NORWAY AT OUR AUGUST 12TH LODGE MEETING. THE FIRST PICTURE SHOWS CORLENE (R) WITH SUE ROEDEL. THE SECOND PICTURE IS A SLIDE OF ONE OF MANY NORWEGIAN STAVE CHURCHES THAT CORLENE SHOWED US.

44th Annual Scandinavian Day Festival

VASA PARK

35W217 Route 31
South Elgin, IL 60177

Sunday, September 8, 2024

10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Admission \$15.00 per person, 12 and under free, free parking



Entertainment by:

Libido Funk Circus

Steve Solkela One-Man Band

Norwegian Bachelor Farmers

Nordic Folk Dancers of Chicago

Leikarringen Heimhug Dancers

*Morning Church Service at 10:30 AM,
Opening Ceremony and Welcome 11:10 AM
Scandinavian Food, Vendor Walkway and
Children's Activities, Free Pony Rides, Face Painting*

Story time by Elsa



Please No outside food, drinks or coolers in order to support our food vendors. Pets are NOT allowed, however trained service dogs are welcome.



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Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:

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

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

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.

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.

*** 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

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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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.

Notice: All articles & information for the November/December 2024 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.



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As Ole grew older, he suddenly showed an interest in learning Hebrew. Lars was curious about it, so he asked Ole why, so late in life, he wanted to study the ancient language. Ole replied that when it came time to go to heaven, he wanted to be ready with the original language. "Vell," said Lars, "Vat if you go to da OTHER place?" "Oh," answered Ole, "I already know NORVEGIAN."

One day, Ole and Lena were delighted to open an envelope that came in the mail. Enclosed were two tickets to a movie that Ole and Lena had been wanting to see. Also enclosed was a note reading: "Guess who?" So, the next night, Ole and Lena attended the show. When they got home, they were horrified to find the house stripped of furniture and several of the small appliances. And there on the kitchen counter was a note reading: "Now you know."

LARS: Say Ole, could I use your lawn mower dis afternoon?
 OLE: No...I vill need it to mow da yard dis afternoon.
 LARS: Vell, in dat case, maybe I can borrow your golf clubs.

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

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