

Myravisen

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Hei alle sammen—

What a beautiful weekend. I hope everyone enjoyed this past Easter Day. It's so good to see the crocuses and daffodils starting to bloom.

Did anyone have a Norwegian food served at their Easter dinner this year?

Our next meeting date is this Saturday, **April 10, 9:00am at Scotty's**. I hope to see all of you there. John & Lois Fadness will be presenting the program "The Northwest Passage". Bring a friend.

Hilsen fra Dorothy



FUN FACT

The national symbol is a rather exotic animal, the lion.

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.



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Livsreise Norwegian Heritage Center presents:

"Warmth and Color: Traditional Norwegian Coverlets"

APRIL 23 | 1:00PM - 2:00PM | VIRTUAL EVENT
VIA [ZOOM](#) | FREE A

Laurann Gilbertson, chief curator at the [Vesterheim Museum](#) in Decorah, Iowa, is giving this online presentation, hosted by [Livsreise Norwegian Heritage Center](#). She will speak about the colorful, wool coverlets, called åklær, that women wove in farm homes all across Norway. These coverlets were used as warm bed coverings and also for wall hangings on festive occasions. They played important roles during baptism, weddings, and funerals. They came to America with the immigrants and were an important reminder of their life in Norway. The presentation is illustrated with images of many of Vesterheim's 140 coverlets as well as some from the [Livsreise collection](#). Please [pre-register here](#).





March 31, 2021 from International President Ron Stubbings

Who would have predicted a year ago the impact of COVID-19 on our lives? It has been unimaginable! While it has been a challenging 12 months, you, your fellow members and lodge leaders have responded in so many positive ways. **Our fraternal spirit is going strong.**

As we wait for in-person meeting restrictions to ease, I hope you take heart from knowing that even in 2020, new members still flocked to join Sons of Norway.

You helped Sons of Norway exceed the new member goal by an impressive 24%—reaching a total of 7,815 new members!

Though the pandemic may put restrictions on gathering at times, you can still invite friends and family to join and enjoy the exclusive benefits of Sons of Norway membership.

Please continue to spread the good word about membership as we move forward in 2021. Take a minute to chat with family members about Sons of Norway. Offer a friendly invitation to take part in a fun activity or event, even if it is virtual for now. You never know what a difference your invitation will make for that person.

Here's the information you need to know about our 2021 New Member Campaign... 1. Our Sons of Norway International Board of Directors has set a goal of 8,200 new social and financial benefits members. That is a 5% increase over the actual number of 7,815 new members recruited in 2020. 2. While our organization goal is a 5% increase, your lodge is being asked to build on last year's success by recruiting 4% more new members in 2021 than in 2020. For lodges that recruited 3 or fewer new members in 2020, the goal is 4 new members per lodge. 3. View the recruitment goal listing by district and lodge online, updated quarterly.

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis,

Yes, We Love



"Ja, Vi Elsker" extends over an abnormally wide tonal range to be a sing-along. It is over-ambitious. Many have probably experienced starting as deeply as they can, and still ending up with a squeaky voice at the end of the song. The lyrics are written by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson. When the poem is to be set to music for the Constitutional Jubilee in 1864, Bjørnson of course gives the assignment to his dear cousin.

The first official performance takes place at the constitutional jubilee, May 17, 1864. The men's choir conductor recounted about the first rehearsal that the song "was immediately beloved and that everyone felt: 'Now, this is our national anthem!'"

The timing is perfect. As Bjørnson says, "Ja, Vi Elsker" inhales the breath of an entire people, a few decades prior to Norway becoming independent.

"Ja, Vi Elsker" quickly becomes the national anthem by virtue of its popularity. At 21 years old, Rikard Nordraak has managed something incredible.

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