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Myrmarken Lodge 5-609
Marshfield, WI 54449



Myrmarken Lodge will meet at 9 am at SCOTTY's PIZZA, Saturday, June 13th. Our guest presenting "Second Honeymoon Trip" is Carl Rasmussen from Vennligfolk Lodge of Stevens Point.



Fun
Fact

St. Hans (St. John) Festival in Norway combines both pagan and Christian customs. This festival was originally held in honor of the sun god, for the ancients believed that the sun's change of course at the Summer Solstice was an important event.



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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From our Editor

Hei, Myrmarken members and friends! Summer has arrived. It is wonderful to see the trees in full leaf and the colorful flowers once again.

It will also be a joy to see as many of you as would like to come to our meeting this Saturday, June 13th, at Scotty's Pizza on Chestnut St. Please note that the meeting place has changed due to availability of our regularly scheduled room at Faith Lutheran. The Marshfield City alderman voted in favor of reopening everything on June 1st, so depending upon if you feel safe about coming on Saturday, come. If you don't, then stay home.

We have Carl Rasmussen coming from Stevens Point to present our June program "A Second Honeymoon Trip". This should be very interesting; also a fun time to remember our own anniversaries, and perhaps a story or two to add to our own honeymoon trips if we were able to take one.

We also warmly welcome new members Shannon and Thora Tollefson to our lodge, and look forward to getting to know them.

We do not have a meeting in July, so this will be a great time to get together again.

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Sherrie





Norwegian Wedding Traditions

Norwegian couples usually get married in both civil and religious ceremony.

An engagement period can last for years. An engagement ring is worn on the left hand. After a **wedding ceremony** the ring is worn on the right hand. The wedding ring in Norway is usually a simple golden one. The local wedding procession is traditionally lead by **two people playing violins**. The bride and groom walk right behind them. She wears a white wedding dress.

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An Update from Minneapolis

Minneapolis has been the site of significant riots in the past week. The epicenter of these riots has been Lake St. in south Minneapolis where the new Sons of Norway headquarters building is located.

We at Sons of Norway are grieving the racism that is still so prevalent in our society and the violence we've seen in our streets in response. We continue to hope and work for a more peaceful, just, and inclusive society; and believe our fraternal purpose of strengthening our communities continues to play an important role in achieving this shared goal.

Our staff is safe and no one has been harmed or seen property destroyed. We are most thankful for this.

The new Sons of Norway headquarters has not been damaged. This is in spite of the fact that the building is only a few blocks from some of the worst of the riots. Again, we are so grateful that the new building we are scheduled to move into later this month has not seen any damage.

We have not received our mail the last several days. The post office where Sons of Norway's mail is routed was in the middle of the affected area and has been closed indefinitely. It is possible some mail was destroyed in the damage on May 27th, but limited to afternoon mail only. Since May 28, 2020 we have not been able to receive our mail from the postal service.

We are working with the USPS to retrieve our mail in a timely and expedited fashion, but this serves as a good time to remind all of our members to only mail checks to our PO Box:

Sons of Norway PO Box 856812 Minneapolis, MN 55485-6812

We so appreciate all of your concern for the wellbeing of our staff and Sons of Norway's physical assets. We are continuing to stay focused on our mission and delivering value and excellent service to our members.

SAVE THE DATE:

International Day of Friendship is July 30 Celebrate your lodge friendships with a cheery call or card.

PLUS: make an extra call or two and invite friends to join Sons of Norway.

No matter where they live, it's easy for them to join online at sofn.com.

Let's work together to help our Sons of Norway family grow in 2020!

Coming Soon: [Viking for Kids](#) As part of our 125th anniversary celebrations, we are delighted to announce the return of Viking for Kids. Coming this August, Viking for Kids will be a quarterly digital publication that will be available for download on our website. It will include Scandinavian-inspired articles, quizzes, coloring pages and more! We are excited for our heritage members to have a magazine of their own and we look forward to the launch of Viking for Kids.

For updates, visit sofn.com/vikingforkids.

Photo Contest = = =

The D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest is really heating up, currently with almost 100 wonderful entries of scenes of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland. We are still looking for some Greenland entries.

You have less than a month to get your entries in for the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest. At this week's Nordic News, Sharon Lassiter from Vikings of the Smokies – Knoxville TN said she and her sister Sharol really enjoyed looking over photos of their last Norwegian trip to put together their contest entry.

View the pictures submitted so far:

<http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/galleries/details/27-District-5Scandinavian-Photo-Contest>

Lodge members who have been to any Scandinavian country are encouraged to submit their photos to the contest. Deadline is July 5.

Rules are here: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/convention_contest.php

Viking Chest Rotation

- The rotation will begin again with this rotation.
- The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
- The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

TIME PERIOD	ZONE WITH CHEST
October 2019-April 2020	5
April 2020-October 2020	2
October 2020-April 2021	4
April 2021-October 2021	6
October 2021-April 2022	1
April 2022-October 2022	3

Nordic News



Last week's "Nordic News" featured a presentation by Glenn Borreson, "Coffin Ships: Death on the Ocean Crossing and One Family's Story." Glenn is a member of Wergeland lodge in La Crosse WI. He does over a dozen different presentations on Norwegian-American topics.

In this picture, we see a close-up of one of Glenn's slides, showing a burial at sea (circa 1910) with a Norwegian flag over the corpse. Some of the Nordic News participants are shown at left, watching the presentation.

Upcoming "Nordic News"

June 9 - TBD June 16 – Joy of Norwegian Woodcarving (James Miller, Valkyrien-Woodville WI) June 23 – TBD June 30 – Norsk Museum: Norway IL (David Johnson, Cleng Peerson-Norway IL)

Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

By computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)

By iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

Past episodes include:

Norwegian-Americans in Michigan: A Short History (Nordkap lodge)

"Project Hermott/Thams Pavilion" (Cheryl Wille-Schlessler) Cheryl talks about the replica stave church which was Norway's exhibit at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, which found its way to Little Norway, near Mount Horeb, Wisconsin; then brought back to Norway .

75th Anniversary of the End of WWII in Norway: Eyewitnesses (Ola Hirth)

Chicago's Eastland Disaster and Norwegian-American Heroes (Andy Johnsen)

Norwegian Midwives in the Midwest (Glenn Borreson)