



Dear Members and
Friends of Myrmarken -



The month of May, the
17th in particular, is a high-
light for us as descendants of a proud Norwegian heritage. Hip, hip, hooray!!

We also dedicate the 30th of May to those Americans who gave their life
that we might be proud of our American ancestry, no matter what the roots
of our fathers. We memorialize those for their ultimate service and sacri-
fice. We will celebrate these two holidays this month.

We will have the pleasure of hearing about the Lions Club eyeglasses pro-
gram from Tom Stram at this month's meeting. If you have any eyeglasses
that you would like to donate to this program, you are invited to bring them
with you to the meeting. Tom states that the Lions do not accept just the
lens, but the whole frame and lens are welcomed.

We wish "Happy Birthday" to six of our members in the
merry month of May: Donald Berg, Doug Framness, Anne
Grethe Cook, Roberta Johanssen, John Fadness, and Sarah
Kolstad.



We look forward to seeing all of you again at our May meeting, Saturday
the 14th, 9am at Scotty's Pizza. Bring a friend. The public is most welcome!

Sherrie, editor



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FUN FACT

According to *The Happiness Research Institute*, Norway is the second happiest country on earth, only beaten by Finland (must be that extra coffee they consume!).

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

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Kristin Harila: 14 over 8K

June 2 | 11:00AM CDT | Zoom

In May 2021, Kristin Harila became the fastest woman to climb Mount Everest and Lhotse in less than 12 hours. She has now set out on a new challenge: to become the first woman in history and the second person to ever climb all 14 peaks over 8,000 meters in just 6 months. She summited the first peak of Annapurna. Kristin will join us via zoom from Katmandu to tell us about her experiences. [Register here.](#)



The Norwegian flag's history and symbolism.

The Norwegian flag became official in 1905.

Symbolism: The flag has a red background with a cross of white and blue. The cross symbolizes Christianity. The color combination of red, white and blue is used by many free lands, including the USA and France, and symbolizes in this way the desire for a free land. The colors are also from the flags of both Denmark and Sweden as Norway had been in union with them.

History:

The oldest known form of Norwegian flag dates from 1318, and is used in the seal of Princess Ingeborg of Norway (c. 1301 – c. 1361). In the seal, Ingeborg is depicted holding two banners: on the left side is thought to be the emblem of Norway (featuring a lion holding an axe), and on the right side is the emblem of Sweden.



To this day, the lion carrying an axe is used as an emblem of Norway within the Standards of the Norwegian Royal Family.



In the 16th to the 18th centuries, Denmark's flag was often used. After separation from Denmark, the flag used had the Norwegian lion in the top left field. This was used until 1821, when Frederick Meltzer drew the flag as it appears today.



During the union with Sweden, this was used with a union brand, also known as "herring salad", in the upper left field. At the dissolution of the union in 1905, the mark was removed of the flag, and since then the flag has been used as we know it today.



Source: Internet, Ryfylke Lodge 8-023 Sons of Norway



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Bring a flag - wear a bunad (both events?) 15th & 29th

COMING MAY 29TH 2022 1pm Madison Wisconsin Capitol SUVCW GAR Col Hans C Heg Statue Rededication

COL. HEG STATUE TO BE REDEDICATED IN MADISON ON MAY 29TH

Have you been following the story of the statue of Col. Hans Christian Heg, which stood on the north-east corner of the Capitol Square until it was pulled down and seriously damaged in the protests in June of 2020? The good news is that the statue has been repaired and reinstalled, and will be rededicated in a special ceremony on Sunday, May 29, 2022, at 1:00pm, to which the public is invited

Hans Christian Heg was born in 1829 in Lier, Norway, and emigrated with his family to Racine County in 1840. In 1861 he left his job as State Prison Commissioner at Waupun to raise volunteers to form the 15th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment, composed almost-exclusively of Norwegian-born men from Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois. At only 33 years of age, Col. Heg was fatally wounded while leading his troops on horseback at the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, on September 19, 1863, and died the next day. He was the highest-ranking Wisconsin soldier to give his life in battle during the Civil War. The statue of Col. Heg was erected in October 1926, when citizens of Norwegian descent presented it to the people of Wisconsin. Fred J. Campbell, chair of the committee planning the rededication, said, "The people who paid for this monument were celebrating the fact that Col. Heg was a Norwegian immigrant, fervent abolitionist, and organizer of the 15th Wisconsin. They called it a debt of gratitude."

The ceremony will include members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUV-CW) in Civil War-era uniforms performing military honors and color guard duties. Historic music and marches will be performed by the 1st Brigade Band of Watertown. Choral pieces in English and Norwegian will be performed by the Edvard Grieg Chorus of Dane County, and several speakers will honor Col. Heg, including a third great granddaughter. And Heg descendants will travel from afar to attend this special tribute to their ancestor...a true patriot.



Norwegian Film Nominated for Oscar: “Verdens Verste Menneske”

In October 2021, the Norwegian film “Verdens Verste Menneske” was released in France and Norway. The film, which translates to “The Worst Person in the World,” has been a hit and has since been released in the USA in early February 2022. In fact, the film has been nominated for an Oscar in the “Best Foreign Language Film” category by The Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences in Hollywood.

This is not the film’s first praise, however. The film has already won “Best Foreign Film” at the New York Film Critics Circle in December, making it the first-ever Norwegian film to win. In the lead role, Renate Reinsve has also been in the spotlight since the film’s premiere as she won “Best Actress” at the Cannes Film Festival. The film depicts her character finding her way through life and love.

This is the sixth time Norway has been nominated for an Oscar in that category, however all previous nominations have not been the winners. Sadly, it was not in the cards for “Verdens Verste Menneske” this year. The award went to the film “Drive My Car” from Japan.

