



Norse Valley Lodge 5-491

Nytt Notes July 2026

Norway Soccer Squad moves on to the Field of 16!

It was touch and go for the entirety of the match but Erling Haaland directed a beautiful cross in the 88th minute to power Norway over the Ivory Coast contingent 2-1 this afternoon in their first knockout game.

Haaland's winning goal was a bit of a miss-hit but when you score 60 goals in 53 international matches, they all can't be 40 mile per hour rockets. Norwegian Oscar Bobb threaded a superb pass through to teammate Patrick Berg who quickly crossed the ball to a wide open Haaland in the low middle of the box who side footed the ball in the yawning net.

21 year-old Antonio Nusa became Norway's youngest scorer (International Match) in a great individual effort in the 39th minute to put Norway up 1-nil. After being fed by Arsenal forward Martin Odegaard, Nusa spun and sent a high bender in the upper right quadrant of the Ivory Coast net.

Ivory Coast's substitution Amad Diallo had tied it at 1-1 in the 74th minute on a stupendous give and go as Ivory Coast had the better possessions from half-time on.

The Viking fans will now row their ship from today's match site of Dallas to New York in order to take on a strong Brazil team on Sunday July 5th at 3:00 p.m.



Erling Haaland after today's match

Upcoming Lodge Meetings are as follows:

We'll take the summer off for any formal Lodge meetings (July and August) but there will still be opportunities to still get together (see below).

Our first Lodge meeting after the summer break will be September 19th at 6:00 p.m. which will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located at 3009 North Meade Street in Appleton. It will be another good one!

Olaf Minge from Saint Paul, Minnesota will travel to Appleton on September 19th and speak to us about the United States Army's 99th Battalion, a group initially formed to help liberate Norway from Nazi occupation in World War II, were almost exclusively of Norwegian descent. These soldiers began their training at Camp Ripley, MN, but were eventually transferred to Fort Snelling, MN. They

were moved to Camp Hale in Colorado around Christmas of 1942, and the mountains of Colorado, much, much larger than Norway's, gave the men a great advantage in their alpine training.

His presentation dives into the 99th's experiences in their training, and also explores the group of soldiers from the 99th that were put into the Special Ops branch and Operation RYPE. These soldiers would be among the few to go to Norway in 1945. The Battalion undertook many challenges during their time in the war, and also lost many. They did, however, come out with a sense of pride and unity as a small group, and eventually served as Honor Guard for the return of King Haakon to Norway.

October 17th Lodge Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Program Speakers are being canvassed.

November 1st: Sunday at 4:30 p.m. **Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner** at La Sure's Banquet Hall in Oshkosh. **Mark your calendars!** The Packers play on the previous Thursday night so there is no conflict with your favorite team.

December 5th: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Julefest at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Volunteer Opportunities coming up in the next three months!

Norwegian American Genealogical Center Volunteer Day Monday July 13th.

We'll make a car-pool trip to NAGC to help them with some projects to spruce up their grounds and/or inside library projects. We'll arrive at their location at 9:30 a.m. in Madison at 415 West Main Street and work until 2:30-ish.

So far we have the following volunteers: **Pete** and **Mary Vandenberg**, **LeAnn Knoeck**, **Judy Ghastin**, **Patrick Dier**, and **Corey Olson**. If there are any others Corey may have missed or if you haven't contacted Corey yet, please contact him at clobadger87@gmail.com by July 9th so he can provide a count for lunch and figure out carpooling.

The staff at NAGC is always appreciative of our annual Volunteer efforts and serves us that catered lunch I mentioned.

The next Feeding America volunteer event is coming up on July 22nd!

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday July 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** to help the less fortunate in Northeast Wisconsin at Feeding America. Norse Valley members can volunteer at Feeding America on the north side of Appleton, at that time. This will be a Tribal Pack to supply Elders of our Wisconsin Native American population with good nutritious foods grown here in our state. We will pack boxes with these food items.

Please contact Norse Valley member Linda Hash, (lhash@new.rr.com), our volunteer coordinator, if you would like to help out on Wednesday, July 22nd. I'm looking forward to it and I hope to see you there!

Lodge Fund-Raising Brat Fry Saturdays July 25th and August 22nd.

These are our top two fund-raisers each year and we need your help to man the sales counter and / or publicize to your friends and neighbor.

On July 25th, we will be at the Festival Foods Brat Stand on Northland Avenue. Corey Olson will be our grill master throughout the day. We'll be open to selling from the brat stand from 10:30 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. We should be good on volunteer help for that date but again, tell your neighbors and friends and support the Lodge fund-raising. .

On August 22nd, we will be at the Festival Foods Brat Stand on Green Bay Road in Neenah. Again, Corey has again volunteered his whole day for the Lodge to be grill master. He'll need one person to help with set-up from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30. We need two people to help sell brats and burgers from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to handle the lunch rush. One or two people are still needed from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to help with sales and brat stand clean-up.

If you can help the Lodge to fill one of these shifts on August 22nd, please contact Corey Olson at clobadger87@gmail.com

Anyone going to Scandinavia in July?

Summer is a great time to visit. Scandinavia bustles and glistens under the July and August sun; it's the height of the tourist season, when all the major sights are open and in full swing.

In many places, things don't kick into gear until about June 20, when Scandinavian schools let out. You'll notice crowds in July, but up here "crowds" mean fun and action rather than congestion.

Norway has a season called **Fellesferien**: Many Norwegians take their vacation during the last three weeks of July, which can make some local businesses quieter, while tourist spots are busy. It quiets down when the local kids go back to school, around August 20th.

At these northern latitudes, the days are long — in Oslo, on July 1st the sun comes up around 4:00 a.m. and sets around 10:21p.m.

Despite being summer, rain is possible, and July is often the wettest month in northern Sweden. Mosquitoes tend to be the worst in July.

Malmö is an attractive destination in Southern Sweden this month for its Street Food Festival. At the same time, the city's impressive array of parks tempts urban outdoor lovers for walks and picnics.

Stockholm obliges as ever with big festivities, particularly Lollapalooza at the end of July, and offers nearby kayaking in the Stockholm Archipelago.

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Got a question? Send an email to norsevalley@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or concerns about lodge activities, please contact Lois Gruetzmacher at gmacher@charter.net or 920-527-1337.