



## Norse Valley Lodge 5-491 Nytt Notes July 2024

I want to wish our friends to the north a happy Canada Day (formerly known as Dominion Day), celebrated on July 1st.

Canada Day is the anniversary of only one important national milestone on the way to the country's full sovereignty, namely the joining on July 1, 1867, of the colonies of Canada (divided into Ontario and Quebec), Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a wider British federation of four provinces. Canada became a "kingdom in its own right" within the British Empire, commonly known as the *Dominion of Canada*.

Although a British dominion, Canada gained an increased level of political control and governance over its own affairs, the British parliament and cabinet maintaining political control over certain areas, such as foreign affairs, national defense, and constitutional changes. Canadian troops played a major role in England's success in two World Wars.

Canada gradually gained increasing sovereignty over the years—notably with the passage of the Statute of Westminster in 1931—until finally becoming completely sovereign with the passing of the Constitution Act in 1982, which served to fully separate the Canadian constitution from Great Britain rule.

Our Sons of Norway organization has many lodges in Canada. We sing the Canadian National Anthem before each of our Norse Valley Lodge meetings (for my part, the most musically stirring national anthem is Canada's but maybe it's because I've watched too many National Hockey League games). My father, grandmother, and grandfather all were born in Canada and emigrated to the USA in the early 1950's. I was born in a Minnesota border town less than 1/4 mile from Canada.

### **In case you missed it**

On Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Green Bay and Fox Cities lodges hosted a presentation by Jorn Magnus Rivojen Langseth at the Community Church of Appleton. We had approximately 40 people in attendance and refreshments and cookies were served in the 90 minute presentation by Jorn and his wife, Anne-Grete.

Jorn played a piece on his drum and shared other artistic pieces connected with the Ume Sami culture that exists in Northern Norway as well as answering audience questions about Sami language preservation, Sami culture, and Sami history. He described how Sami culture was slowly European out of significance, specifically the taking away of Sami drums where they were either destroyed or sold to art collectors or museums.

His spouse, Anne-Grete, gave a presentation about the interaction between the Sami people and the Christian church in Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia. The Sami religion had multiple gods and was female centric which ran counter to Christian thoughts and practices. Through Anne-Grete's and the government of Norway efforts, the Sami people's culture is now gaining more acceptance in the Christian church, as well as throughout the country.

Attendees walked away with a better understanding of the Sami peoples and cultures after the lectures.

**Jorn playing the Sami drum.**



**Jorn in traditional Sami dress.**



**Corey presenting some Wisconsin culture to Jorn and Anne-Grete.**

## **No Lodge Meetings in July or August**

We will continue the tradition of suspending our monthly Lodge meetings during the summer months so we can take advantage of the little warm weather we have in northeast Wisconsin but will start up again on Saturday 5:00 p.m. September 21<sup>st</sup>. Our autumn kick-off Lodge meeting will feature Erich Knapp and a Scandinavian cooking demonstration so mark your calendars according taking special note of the earlier start time.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity:

On Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>, we invite our Norse Valley Lodge members for a day of volunteering at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center near the state capitol building in Madison. When we arrive at 10:30 a.m. to the NAGC, we commence with some outdoor grounds clean-up and indoor filing. These are two projects we are usually tasked with. We usually carpool down and some folks stay for the nearby Concerts on the Capitol Square by the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra at 7:00 p.m. with feature artists Bill Miller on flute and Jane Story on Violin. A piece by Bergen Norway's own Edvard Grieg will be featured.

By July 3rd, please contact Corey Olson at [clobadger87@gmail.com](mailto:clobadger87@gmail.com) or (920) 858-7642 if you are interested in helping out on July 10<sup>th</sup>. So far we have the following list of volunteers:

Pat Dier, LeAnn Knoeck, Judy Ghastin, Lucy Ghastin, Lois Greutzmacher, and Corey Olson.

I hope you can still join us and volunteer.

## Still Another Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity:

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>, we are looking for Norse Valley members to volunteer at Feeding America on the north side of Appleton to pack food for the less fortunate. Please contact Norse Valley member Linda Hash ([lhash@new.rr.com](mailto:lhash@new.rr.com)), our volunteer coordinator, if you would like to help out.

## And Yet Another Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity:

With our sending and reimbursing delegates to the District 5 Convention in Indianapolis in mid-June, our Lodge funds have been reduced. To pump those funds back up so that we can help defray children's costs with Masse Moro Norwegian immersion summer camp scholarships and reimburse interesting guest speakers at our monthly Lodge meetings, we will conduct a brat fry as a Norse Valley Lodge fundraiser at Festival Foods on Saturday August 3rd in Darboy. Corey Olson has reserved **August 3rd** with Festival Foods as the date of our Brat Fry.

With my addition as a salesperson for the blank space from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., we have all the **official** spots filled but still would love to have extra hands in either food preparation or sales. Shifts are 8:30AM to 11:30AM, 11:30AM to 2:30PM, and 2:30PM to 6:00PM. Corey will act as griller/setup for the first shift and come back at 5:00 p.m. to help with shut down and settling up with Festival.

Please email Corey at [clobadger87@gmail.com](mailto:clobadger87@gmail.com) with the time that you would like to work, if you want to work as a griller or sales, and your telephone number.

Norse Valley Brat Stand Sign up	
Saturday August 3, 2024 start setting up at 8AM and close at 6PM	
Darboy Festival foods	
W3195 Van Roy Rd. Appleton (Next to Lowes on CE/E. College Ave)	
Name	
<b>Set-Up/Open 8:30AM - 11:30 AM</b>	
<b>Corey Olson</b>	Grill and work with Festival to open stand, buy supplies, etc.
<b>Judy Ghastin</b>	Sales
	Sales
<b>Lunch Rush 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM</b>	
<b>Lois Mueller</b>	Grill
<b>Judy Ghastin</b>	Sales
<b>Pam Ulness</b>	Sales
<b>Afternoon and Close 2:30 PM - 6:00PM</b>	
<b>Pete Vandenberg</b>	Grill
<b>Mary Vandenberg</b>	Sales
<b>Pam Ulness</b>	Sales
<b>Corey Olson</b>	Corey will come at 5 to close the stand and settle up with Festival

## **“Tracking Trolls from Norway to the New World” Presentation**

As part of 2024’s ongoing celebration of Mount Horeb’s most mysterious and (in)famous residents (including the spring debut of the all-new, always free Troll Museum), the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St) is proud to host internationally recognized folklorist Jim Leary.

On Monday, July 08<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Dr. Leary will present “Tracking Trolls (and Underjordiske) from Norway to the New World.”

Have you ever wonder why the small town of Mount Horeb is known as the Troll Capital of the World?

Nordic immigrants arrived with stories and beliefs aplenty about trolls and underjordiske (underground/hidden creatures). While most considered these supernatural creatures permanently confined to the forests, fjords and mountains of Scandinavia, others imagined their evolving New World presence.

Join Dr. Leary for a multi-media presentation tracking troll legendry from Norway to southwestern Wisconsin, including segments featuring Mount Horeb from a 2006 Norwegian television documentary, “Ja, de elsker.”

Dr. Leary is emeritus professor of Folklore and Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he co-founded the Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures. His books include Wisconsin Folklore and So Ole Says to Lena: Folk Humor of the Upper Midwest. Born and raised in Rice Lake, Leary has called Mount Horeb home since 1988.

This free event is supported in part by a Wisconsin Humanities grant. Registration is not required. For more information call 608-437-6486 or email [mthorebahs@gmail.com](mailto:mthorebahs@gmail.com)

The Troll Museum exhibit, mentioned above, is open to all during the museum’s regular business hours of Friday through Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. but Dr. Leary will be giving this special presentation at 6:00 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Attention Facebook Users**

Be sure to Follow our lodge’s Facebook page (@norsevalley) and check in regularly to Like and Share our posts if you happen to miss them in your feed.

The more our posts are Shared and Liked, the more exposure our lodge gets which is great advertising for us. Don’t forget that our website [norsevalley.org](http://norsevalley.org) is a great place to find out about upcoming events and check out photos from past events.

***Got a question? Send an email to [norsevalley@gmail.com](mailto:norsevalley@gmail.com).***

***If you have any questions or concerns about lodge activities, please contact Judy Ghastin at [judy62ghastin@gmail.com](mailto:judy62ghastin@gmail.com) or 920-450-3584.***