

Nyheter fra Løven



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Sons of Norway
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Løven Lodge 5-029
Organized April 14, 1904

The Friendly Fifth

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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Fra Presidenten

Love the community of members.
Øpportunities abound.
Viking ancestry.
Each member is included and needed.
New friendships developed.

Learning about our heritage.
Open to all.
Delicious treats shared.
Giving to the community.
Enjoy the monthly activities and presentation.

Summer activities are scheduled and ready for you to enjoy:

- Saturday, July 11th is the National Kubb Championship at the Eau Claire Soccer Park. We are assisting in pin placement from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please join us if you are able. We currently have five members signed up to help and would like to have 7-10 members.
- July 15th Joint picnic with Osseo, and Mondovi lodges at Tourist Park in Mondovi at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert to share.

- Saturday, July 18th, at 8:30 a.m. The Tusenbeiner 2K/5K Fun Run and Walk to support the Ager House. The walk begins in the Mayo parking lot across from the Ager House. More information can be found at agerhouse.org.
- Uffda Trolley tour is on Monday, August 3rd from 6-7:30. Currently two spots are available, \$30 each. Contact me if interested (gutschjc@yahoo.com). This takes the place of our August lodge meeting.
- Pure Water Days Parade, August 8th at 1:00 p.m. in Chippewa Falls. If you are interested in riding or walking, please let me know.
- Chippewa Valley Multicultural Festival at Phoenix Park on Sunday, September 13th from 11:30-4:30. Only one person has signed up to volunteer. Please let me know if you are available to help this year.

I hope to see you at several events this summer and then back at Spirit Lutheran for our lodge meeting in September! Enjoy!

Christine Gutsch,

Løven Lodge President



**Løven Lodge #29 Regular Meeting
June Celebration
June 16, 2026**

Løven Lodge #29 met at Spirit Lutheran, 1310 Main Street, at 6:00 pm with President Chris Gutsch presiding. Twenty-six members were in attendance. Officers absent were Julie Carr and Louise Urness. Visitors present were Mary Jo Rathke, Janet Drevlow, Astrid Nilsen, and Hailey Hince. The meeting opened with the singing of the USA, Canadian, and Norwegian National Anthems.

The black draped charter was in honor of recently deceased member Celeste Luedtke. A game of Løven Lodge knowledge for the past year was played by those in attendance. Chris Gutsch gave an update on the back injury to Rae Swingen who has been very active in our Sons of Norway activities.

Business:

Joint Picnic: Løven Lodge members are asked to bring a dessert to the joint picnic to be held at the Tourist Park in Mondovi on July 15th beginning at 6:00 pm.

Uffda Trolley Tour: Space is still available for the tour on August 3rd from 6-7:30 pm. The cost is \$30 and should be paid at this meeting.

Chippewa Valley Multicultural Festival: There is a signup sheet for volunteers to work on Sunday, September 13 at Phoenix Park from 11:30-4:30. We are looking for someone to do tattoo placement, finger knitting, treats, pins, etc.

Pure Water Days Parade: There is a who want to participate in this Chippewa Falls parade on Saturday, August 8th beginning at 1:00 pm. Kathy Nelson informed us that our lodge won 1st prize of \$75 for our float, Fjord Cruiser, in the Comm. Op. category at the Eleva parade. That is two years in the row for that prize.

Float Repair Committee: Our driver, Jeff Nelson, has noticed that some repairs are needed on the float. Deb Jarvar explained that Jeff will take care of repairing the safety chains and the lift wheel. Later, others can help with touch up paint sign up sheet for those and applying a coat of polyurethane.

Financial Update: Because of changes in the Sons of Norway organization with the addition of BetterLife as a partner in the holdings at the international level, the board decided to move our holdings from Sons of Norway to our local Royal Credit Union. Some money is going into a one year CD (\$18,000) and the rest into our existing checking account (\$7,000). Chris Gutsch and Kathy Nelson met with Hanz and Christina at RCU to set this up.

Sports Medals: Tom Buckli presented a sports and fitness super hero award to Dale Larson.

Scholarships: Tom Buckli, and Pat Hermundson were on the scholarship committee for this year. Tom announced that there were two recipients for the \$500 college scholarships, Emerson Sliva from Tennessee (grandniece of Chris Gutsch) and Casey Gardner-Anderson from Virginia (grandson of Jeanne Anderson). Thank you notes and pictures from the recipients will appear in the next newsletter. Jeanne played a short video clip of Casey Gardner-Anderson thanking the lodge for his scholarship.

Name Tags: Lanyards with name tags and red ribbon were gifted to all members. Members can place their pins on the ribbon and should take them home until the next meeting. Tickets for door prizes will be given to members who wear their new lanyards to the next meeting. Door prize tickets for visitors will continue as before.

Tusenbeiner: This walk/run event will take place on Saturday, July 18 th at the Mayo parking lot across the street from the Ager house beginning at 8:30 am. Kristin Humphrey explained the purpose of the event and shared her experiences as a past participant. Entrance fees of \$25 for adults will go towards creating a future Nordic center just east of the Ager house. Participants will get a t-shirt and a light breakfast at the conclusion of the event. Løven Lodge donated \$50 for this campaign and received a complimentary registration for one person. This Tusenbeiner door prize was won by Tom Buckli.

National Kubb Tournament: The national kubb championship will take place in Eau Claire from July 10-12 at the soccer park. Jeanne Anderson explained that our lodge donated \$500 to this event and is one of the sponsors. She shared her past experiences as a spectator and encouraged others to attend this tournament which has grown across the country mostly due to Erik Anderson's introduction and promotion of the sport.

A group picture was taken of all members present at the meeting,

Awards were given: New members, Jeff Nelson, Bill Hilgedick; 5 year pins, Julie Carr, Chris Gutsch, Dorothy Sorlie, Donna Thompson, James Urness; 15 year pins, Suzanne Smith; 20 year pins, Mary Elworthy, Mavis Gardow, Rod and Susan Seningen; 25 year pins, Jean Sivertson, Deb Jarvar, Louise Urness; 45 year pin, Priscilla Strizic.

Lunch was served by Jan Wyss, and Judy Swellenbach. After lunch, members played kubb outside, or played bingo inside.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Anderson, Secretary



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Kalender

Lørdag, **4 July 2026, Happy 250th Independence Day!**
Lørdag, **11 July 2026, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**, Please join us if you are able to help with assisting in pin placement for the National Kubb Championship at the Eau Claire Soccer Park. We have 5 volunteers so far, we could use 2-5 more helpers.
Onsdag, **15 July 2026, 6:00 p.m.**, **annual Viking, Trygvason, and Løven** (Mondovi, Osseo, and Eau Claire) picnic at Tourist Park in Mondovi. Løven members are to supply desserts. Yum!
Lørdag, **18 July 2026, Tusenbeiner**, Ager Association's 2K/5K Fun Run and Walk. Entrance fee is \$25, come on out and get a little exercise with a little food afterward. More information: agerhouse.org
Mandag, **3 August 2026, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, **Uffda Trolley Tour**, There are

currently two spots available, \$30 each. Contact Chris if interested (gutschjc@yahoo.com).

Lørdag, **8 August 2026, 1:00 p.m.**, **Pure Water Days** parade in Chippewa Falls, please let Chris Gutsch know if you would like to ride the Fjord Cruise or walk along handing out candy.



Gratulerer med dagen!

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9 Jeanne Anderson
9 Peter Nygaard
12 Donna Thompson
22 Mavis Gardow
24 Janet Buckli
27 Iva Kellerman
28 Brantley Amaya
30 Barb Hardy

august

1 Juniper Janke
6 Isak Pederson
12 Georgia Beighley
25 Julie Carr
25 Dalton Strizic
26 Suzanne Smith
28 Vickie Froseth-O'Meara
31 Shirley Semington





Let's all give a big welcome to new member Mary Jo Rathke!



Kondolenser

Our deepest sympathies to the Fenno family on the death of Mindy's father, Michael Andrews; and to family and friends of member Celeste Luedtke. They will be missed.

Memorials

Memorials were received from Janice Wnukowski, and Dale Larson in honor of Dawn Bergstrom; from Deb Jarvar, and Dale Larson in honor of Michael Andrews; from Dale Larson in honor of Celeste Luedtke; and from Deb Jarvar in honor of Deb Bradshaw.



Bli frisk!

Get well wishes to Dorothy Sorlie on continuing health issues.

2026 Løven Scholarship winners

We are pleased to announce the two (2) Løven Lodge Scholarship winners for 2026. They are Casey Gardner-Anderson (Grandson of Jeanne Anderson), and Emmersyn Sliva (Grand-Niece of Chris Gutsch). Each one had excellent qualifications and is very deserving of the \$500.00 scholarship that each was awarded. Casey Gardner-Anderson will be attending Virginia Tech as a Physics Major, and Emmersyn Sliva will be attending Samford University and is planning on majoring in Environmental Science.

Scholarship Committee Members
Tom Buckli & Pat Hermundson



My name is Casey Gardner-Anderson. I'm graduating from Maury High School in Norfolk, Virginia and going to Virginia Tech as a physics major. I love lefse, rock climbing, snowboarding, skateboarding, and flirting with girls. I want to say thank you to Sons of Norway. The scholarship money you gave me will be going towards a laptop that I need to complete my classes this upcoming fall. Thanks again,
Casey



I'm Emmersyn Sliva and I'm from Franklin, TN. I'm going to Samford University and planning on majoring in environmental science. I want to thank the Sons of Norway for generously sponsoring my education!

The Norwegian government recently purchased 1,000 used septic tanks; and as soon as they learn how to drive them, they plan to invade Sweden.

ON THE move again...

From 8 June 2026 Ager News special edition:

In May 2024, Gordy Dahl's stabbur arrived in the alley on the east side of the Ager Museum. Dahl had built the structure in the 1980s and now offered it to the Ager Association. The Board accepted the gift. The driver of the truck unloaded the stabbur and dragged it to the north end of the Ager parking area. There it has sat ever since.

Dahl has wondered when the building will be permanently situated. Now, it appears, we have a potential contractor to prepare the site and another to move the structure to the west side of the Ager Museum.

Some members and friends have already created a fund to pay for the costs of moving the stabbur and for sprucing it up. The wood needs a coat of paint, and there are sections that need modest repair. If you wish to add to the fund, please send a check to Ager Association, PO Box 1742, Eau Claire, Wi 54702-1742, Memo: Stabbur
Editor's note: Gordy Dahl is a member of Løven Lodge.

DANE: What would you do if you found a million dollars?

SWEDE: Vell, if it belonged to a poor person, I'd return it.

Genealogical Inquiry:

Does anyone have ancestors who have come from the Hallingdal area in Norway? Specifically the Aal and Gol areas. If so, please contact Tom Buckli at tbuckli@aol.com or give me a text or call at (715) 829-2282.

~Tom Buckli

Sports Medal



Sports Director Tom Buckli presented Idrettshelt (Sports Hero Medal) for walking to Dale Larson. Photo Chris Gutsch.

Syttende Mai 2026

Syttende Mai photos by Deb Jarvar



Buckli, and Woodford families



Audrey, and Judy



Kay, Mavis, Beth, Linda, Judy, and friends



Beth



Jeff, Kathy, Donna, Barb, Audrey, and Jeanne



Astrid, and Tom

Eleva Broiler Fest Parade



Fjord Cruiser Viking clan, photo Chris Gutsch



Dale, Kaitlyn, and Audrey, photo Kathy Nelson



Fjord Cruiser up and coming Vikings, photo Chris Gutsch



Chris, and Julie ready with candy, photo Kathy Nelson



Graham, Kaitlyn, Audrey, Dale, photo by Kathy Nelson

Membership Awards



5 years: James Urness, Dorothy Sorlie, Donna Thompson, and Chris Gutsch



25 years: Deb Jarvar, and Jean Sivertson



20 years: Mavis Gardow



45 years: Priscilla Strizic

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Front l-r: Louise Koxlien, Audrey Parrett, Jeanne Anderson, Jan Wyss, Judy Schwellenbach, Deb Jarvar, Dorothy Sorlie, Chris Gutsch, and Jean Sivertson. Back l-r: Pat Strassman, Georgia Beighley, Mavis Gardow, Norma Klimpke, James Urness, Linda Curtis, Donna Thompson, Jeff Tarbox, Kathy Nelson, Kristin Humphrey, Mark Humphrey, Janet Buckli, Tom Buckli, Dale Larson, and Beth Sherman. Photo by Astrid Nilsen