

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.

mai/juni 2026

Fra Presidenten

Let's Celebrate! Løven Lodge has many opportunities during this season of celebrating:

Syttende Mai is being held on Sunday, May 17th, at Holiday Inn Eau Claire South (Johnny's Steakhouse), 4751 Owen Ayres Court. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Paul Kaldjian, Professor Emeritus of Geography at UWEC. "Myth, Meme, or Meliorism? Understanding Nordic Happiness". Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Festival Foods (Mall Drive), or with Linda Curtis.

Eleva Broiler Fest Parade is being held on Sunday, May 31st. We are still looking for candy donations and walkers/riders for the Fjord Cruiser (our Løven Lodge float).

Please let us know if you can contribute in either way.

Løven Lodge Summer Celebration is on June 16th, at 6:00 p.m. at Spirit Lutheran. Treats, awards, and games will be shared with all. Our annual Løven Lodge picture will also be taken. We look forward to celebrating you!

Joint Picnic with Osseo and Mondovi lodges held Wednesday 15 July, 6:00 p.m., Tourist Park in Mondovi. More details to come!

Uffda Trolley Tour will be on Monday, August 3rd from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please sign up during our June meeting. Cost is \$30 per member. (Please do not sign up at The Local Store/Volume One, since we have already reserved the entire trolley for our group.)

Many more opportunities with details to be shared at a later date.

Thank you for all you do to make our lodge a welcoming place!

Christine Gutsch, Løven Lodge President



Løven Lodge #29 Regular Meeting April 21, 2026

Løven Lodge #29 met at Spirit Lutheran, 1310 Main Street, at 6:00 pm with Vice President Julie Carr presiding. Twenty-four members were in attendance. Officers absent were Chris Gutsch and Barb Hardy. Visitors present were JoAnn Parks, and Michelle Wengler. The meeting opened with the singing of the USA, Canadian, and Norwegian National Anthems followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business:

UWEC CultureFest: This event was a success with \$1,013.25 taken in from our baked goods sale for the scholarship fund. There were some leftovers at the meeting which could be taken with a possible donation, if desired.

Masse Moro Scholarships: The applications are due on May 17, 2026.

Trolley Tour: On Monday, August 3rd, our Sons of Norway has reserved a trolley for an Uff Da tour. It will run from 6-7:30pm. Members need to sign up and pay \$30 for a spot at our June meeting. This will be in place of our August meeting.

Eleva Broiler Fest: Members brought in candy to be used for the Eleva Broiler Fest Parade on Sunday, May 31st. Additional candy can be brought to the parade, to Syttende Mai, or given to Deb Jarvar beforehand. The parade starts at 1:30 pm. Deb Jarvar has outfits that can be worn on the float. A sign-up sheet was available for those who want to participate as walkers or riders.

Syttende Mai: This event will take place on Sunday, May 17 th at Johnny's. Tickets are available from Linda Curtis. The tickets are \$30.

Picnic: There will be a joint picnic with Mondovi and Osseo on July 15 th beginning at 6:00 pm. It will be located at the Tourist Park in Mondovi. Chris Gutsch will have details about that at our June meeting.

Leftovers: If members donated goodies to the Chippewa Valley Museum, please take home your leftovers and containers.

Minutes: Secretary and treasury reports will be available at meetings when not in the newsletter.

Thank you: A thank you card was received from the Ager House Association for our \$50 donation towards the Tusenbeiner run/walk fundraiser event on July 18th.

Members are encouraged to participate. Thank you to Mark and Kristin Humphrey for the treats at tonight's meeting. Jim Urness publicly thanked Dale Larson for the great work he does on the newsletter.

Sports Medals: Tom Buckli presented an enamel sports fitness award to Jeanne Anderson.

Moving: Deb Jarvar got a call from Louise Koxlien notifying her that she had a fall, was hospitalized and will be moving to Heritage Assisted Living on Damon St. for rehab.

Program: The program was presented by Deb Jarvar. Deb shared information and pictures about the Svalbard Seed Vault: Norway's 'Doomsday' Protection in Norway. It's a worldwide collection of seeds located on the Norwegian island of Spitsbergen in the remote Arctic Svalbard archipelago.

The Norske Nook gift card door prize was won by Audrey Parrett.

Next Meeting: We will be attending the Syttende Mai celebration in May. The summer celebration will take place on June 16th at Spirit Lutheran.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Anderson, Secretary



Syttende Mai
Sunday, May 17, 2026
Norway's Constitution Day
Featuring Paul Kaldjian
Professor Emeritus of Geography, UWEC
"Myth, Meme, or Meliorism?"
Understanding Nordic Happiness"

Holiday Inn South
(Johnny's Steakhouse Location)
4751 Owen Ayres Ct
Eau Claire, WI

Doors Open at 5:00
Dinner at 6:00

ALL
Tickets \$30

Purchase Tickets by May 11
at Festival Foods - MALL DRIVE ONLY
or agerhouse.org or call 715 834-5204
NO Ticket Sales at the Door

Sponsored by: Ager Association, The Nordic Collaborative (MWISC) and Sons of Norway, Løven Lodge

The poster features a large, stylized Norwegian flag on the left side. A portrait of Paul Kaldjian, a man with grey hair and a mustache wearing a green suit, is positioned on the right side of the poster.

Please note that last day to purchase tickets is 11 May 2026. Poster by Deb Jarvar

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outfits you may wear for the parade.
We will be Vikings, ya!
Deb Jarvar, djarvar@wwt.net

Tirsdag, **16 June 2026, 6:00 p.m.**, Spirit Lutheran church, 1310 Main St., Eau Claire, **Løven Lodge Summer Celebration.** Come enjoy treats, games, and awards, as well as being part of our annual Løven Lodge photo! Servers are: Jan Wyss, and Judy Schwellenbach; two for set up, and another greeter are needed.
Fredag, **19 June 2026, Juneteenth**
Søndag, **21 June 2026, Happy Father's Day**, on the first day of summer!



Kalender

Søndag, **10 May 2026, Happy Mother's Day!**
Søndag, **17 May 2026, Hipp Hipp Hurra! Syttende Mai**



Mandag, **25 May 2026, Memorial Day**
Søndag, **31 May 2026, Eleva Broiler Fest Parade** starting at 1:30 p.m., come join us on the Fjord Cruiser, or walk along handing out candy, or just come and watch to see if you recognize any of us Vikings!

If you are signed up to ride on the Fjord Cruiser float in the Eleva Broiler Fest parade on Sunday, May 31, please let me know because I have Viking

Gratulerer med dagen!

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1 Mark Humphrey
1 Susan Seningen
6 Kathleen Kovell
7 Judy Schwellenbach
17 Mary Anne Elworthy
17 Landon Hermundson
17 Elijah Kellerman
20 Jean Kleven
28 Barbara Culver
28 Bonnie Stone
31 William Hilgedick

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1 Aidan Amaya
5 Audrey Parrett

- 11 Kristin Humphrey
- 13 Susan Waterhouse
- 16 Ella Kellerman



Kondolenser

Our deepest sympathies to Louise Koxlien on the death of her cousin Sally Sterner; to Chris Gutsch and family on the death of her brother-in-law Douglas Gutsch; and to family and friends of former member Dawn Bergstrom on her death. They will be missed.



Bli frisk!

Wishing a speedy and full recovery to Louise Koxlien after her recent fall.



As you may know, Norway is the new Oil Kingdom with off-shore drilling bringing millions, if not billions to the country. A publication went to us from Norway tells of

how the Swedes have been telling jokes about Norwegians on the oil platforms throwing breadcrumbs at the helicopters. But the Norwegians had a comeback, telling how the Swedish helicopter pilots swoop down to pick up the breadcrumbs.
~From: Grandson of Norwegian Jokes



Bokgruppe

One of our favorite books this past year was “The Witch's Heart” by Genevieve Gornichec. It is a Norse mythology retelling that centers on the witch Angrboda, a figure often marginalized in the myths, as she falls in love with Loki and raises their three monstrous children, (Hel, Fenrir, and Jormungandr) in hiding from Odin. The novel reimagines the familiar epic from a feminist perspective, focusing on themes of love, motherhood, and fate, with a modern, conversational style that humanizes the gods and explores the lead-up to Ragnarök through Angrboda's eyes. The books portrayal of the Norse gods as human makes it much easier to remember and identify them. If you like Norse Mythology, this is for you.
~Deb Jarvar





Tim Hirsch presented the program:
“Ella the Elephant: Eau Claire
Racetrack and Circus Grounds” at our
17 March 2026 meeting.



Dale Larson, Kay Karker, Judy
Schwellenbach, and Linda Curtis ready
for sales to begin. Photo by Deb Jarvar

UWEC CultureFest 2026



Cookies all set up ready to go! Photo by
Deb Jarvar



And here we go! Photo by Deb Jarvar



Decisions, decisions! Photo by Chris
Gutsch



Dale Larson, and Jeanne Anderson;
photo by Kay Karker.



Tom Buckli presented Jeanne Anderson
with her enamel Idrettsmerke (sports &
fitness) at our 21 April meeting.



Dale Larson, Judy Schwellenbach, Deb
Jarvar, and Linda Curtis; photo by Kay
Karker.



Deb Jarvar presented the program “The
Svalbard Seed Vault: Norway’s
‘Doomsday’ Protection” at our 21 April
meeting.



Sue Sivertson, and Chris Gutsch; photo
by Kay Karker.



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17th of May Celebration Planned Here

“A good program has been arranged by the Sons of Norway for the annual 17th of May celebration to be held at the city auditorium, including speeches, music, and a moving picture film showing scenes in Norway, also scenes along the way.

The celebration will be held on Monday evening, May 17th.

The 17th of May is the anniversary of Norway’s independence.

Ben Blessum of New York and A.J. Sutherland of this city will be the speakers of the evening.”

