



## Fra Presidenten

*Kjære Venner,*

As I write this, it's Abe Lincoln's birthday, a past U.S President whose life and contributions to our society and to our U.S. history are known by almost every American. But his personal characteristics may not be so well known by everyone. One of those was his quiet nature. Also, he was contemplative, a deep thinker.

I'd like each of you, our Idun Lodge Sons of Norway members, to take on this contemplative nature and give some deep thought to how each of you can do something, make a contribution, and/or provide an idea for the betterment of your lodge over the next few months or for the year. There is an old English proverb dating back to the 1300s which is so apropos: "Many hands make light work." I hope each one of you gets on the phone and calls or texts one of the Idun Lodge officers, or emails one of them, and offers your contribution of time or talent to making Idun Lodge the best it can be. All ideas are welcome. Thank you in advance!

Those who "attended" - or more appropriately "joined" - our February 2 monthly lodge meeting were part of a history making event. It was the first time Idun Lodge conducted its lodge meeting virtually. We must thank our District 5 Vice President Cheryl Wille-Schlesser for hosting the "Go To Meeting" gathering. Thank you, Cheryl! Thank you also to the more than 20 Idun Lodge members who joined either by computer or on their mobile telephones. It was a great first-time experience; it was wonderful seeing and being able to communicate with fellow Idun members; much was accomplished, and Cheryl provided an enlightening program about the former Little Norway stave building being moved to Norway... to the community from which it first derived. You can watch Cheryl's presentation, which she had done previously, at <https://www.screencast.com/t/BKDOPd32>. It's well worth watching.

Lucy Ghastin continues to lead the committee working to host the District 5 Lodge Meeting and Convention, which will be held June 15-19, 2022. If you can give some of your time and talent to the effort, give Lucy a call at 608-836-1697 or email her at [leghastin@gmail.com](mailto:leghastin@gmail.com). It's a fun event!

My intention is to have our March 2 monthly Idun Lodge meeting live and at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cultural Director Jo Sommers will provide a program on the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program and all that it has to offer its members. Many of our own Idun Lodge members have participated in this program over the years and their efforts have been exemplary. Come and join your fellow lodge members for an interesting and enlightening presentation.

The weather is warming and the pandemic is cooling, I believe. Time to get active with your lodge.

Fraternally,  
Jon M. Grinde, President

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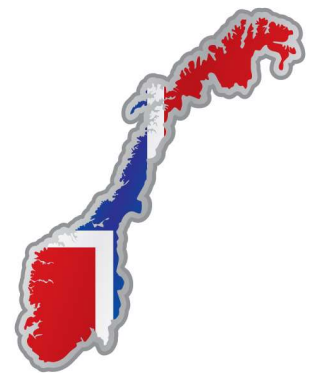
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## Idun Lodge's Meetings and Programs

### Wednesday, March 2 - 6:30pm

This month's program will be presented by new member Jo Sommers. Jo has recently joined the organization as part of the family of Larry Sommers, a long-time member. Her family comes from Mosjøen in Nordland; Larry's family is from Evje in Aust-Agder.

Jo's first introduction to Sons of Norway - other than the Frokosti every year - was in working with her husband on the Cultural Skills Program for Genealogy, where they completed all three levels and received the pins. This made her interested in learning about the other Cultural Skills offered by the Sons of Norway. At our gathering she will reintroduce the 14 skills and discuss with the group their personal experiences. Please be ready to share; bring your medals to show them off.



*This meeting will begin at 6:30pm with desserts and coffee.*

### Wednesday, April 6 - 6:30pm



Have you heard about District 5's Viking Chest and Immigrant Trunk? This collection of cultural artifacts was created in 2013 by former District 5 president, Owen Christianson, a master woodworker and Viking historian, who constructed a replica of an immigrant trunk handed down in his family. The chest has since traveled around the District from lodge to lodge, with most lodges adding an appropriate item to the collection along the way.

Come to our April meeting to learn more about this unique Viking Chest project and to have a chance to inspect its contents, which include a short description of each item and its significance. And be thinking about what Idun Lodge could contribute...especially something unusual that might not already be included.

*This meeting will begin at 6:30pm with desserts and coffee.*

*Although our intention is to hold future meetings in person at Trinity Lutheran Church – observing appropriate masking and social distancing – if county mandates are tightened and indoor meetings of 20 or more people are prohibited, we will switch to online via the Go-To-Meeting platform. We will email such notification to all members with emails. If you aren't on our email list, you may be added by emailing [news@sonsofnorwaymadison.com](mailto:news@sonsofnorwaymadison.com); or you may call or text one of our officers in advance of the meeting to learn about any changes.*

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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## KALENDAR

### March

2 – Monthly Member Meeting 6:30pm

### April

6 – Monthly Member Meeting 6:30pm

*All events are free and held at Trinity Lutheran Church, at First and Winnebago Streets, unless indicated otherwise. Please use the entrance on Atwood Avenue closest to the parking lot (or the accessible entrance on Winnebago Street; call an officer to let you in) and proceed to the Fellowship Hall in the basement.*

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