

November 2021

Kjære venner;

Please join us at our meeting this Saturday, 9 am, Scotty's Pizza as we continue to plan the necessary steps to close our lodge and merge with Stevens Point Vennligfolk Lodge.

Please carefully review the attached minutes of our previous meeting of 8 March 2025. Our treasury and inventory of Myrmarken's personal property will be discussed.

I hope to see you all there.

Hilsen fra Sherrie, editor



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Time to fire up for Syttende Mai!



Syttende Mai

Syttende Mai—May 17—is Norway's foremost national holiday, commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the country's constitution in 1814. For most Norwegians, it's a fun day filled with parades,

fireworks and family get-togethers.



Happy Easter!

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

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Gratulerer med dagen to Sherrie Framness, 20 April

Minutes of Myrmarken Lodge meeting 8 March 2025 to be reviewed and approved at the meeting of 12 April 2025.

8 March 2025
Myrmarken 5-609
General Membership

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Framness with 11 members present. Three flags were present and three anthems spoken.

The treasurer's and secretary's reports are accepted as read.

Old Business

Doug & Sherrie Framness attended the Vennligfolk Lodge meeting in January. Myrmarken Lodge would be warmly welcomed should we merge with their lodge.

No one from our lodge was available to attend the Cultural Fair table this year.

Continuation of business

It was decided to disband formally on July 1, 2025. A description of the meeting at Vennligfolk Lodge was given. Our total present membership at present is 18. It was unanimously voted to merge with Vennligfolk Lodge.

Copies of the original charter will be made for anyone desiring a copy. The original must be sent back to the Sons of Norway headquarters. It is suggested we donate a copy to the Marshfield History Center at the Senior Center.

Discussion about the use of our treasury. Options include: investigate the rental of a van for a road trip to Stoughton; gift certificates to each member of our lodge; Slidre Cemetery upkeep; Ski for Light; Masse Moro; a scholarship to Micah Horvath for his acceptance into the International Summer School in Norway.

The suggested date for the road trip is June 14th. Julaine will check on the availability and cost of a van rental. It was voted and passed that a road trip be taken subject to cost and availability on June 14, 2025.

A 2nd road trip was suggested to Mindekirken and Norway House in Minneapolis, but cost and distance could make this less possible.

An inventory of lodge belongings should be taken and their dispersal decided; also what to do with the incomplete banner and materials to finish it.

For the good of the order

A memorial service John & Lois Fadness is planned for May 3rd in Lake Hallie, WI.

Our next meeting will be April 12th at Scotty's Pizza, 9 am.

The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Framness, secretary.



Photo Credit: University Museum of Berge

Metal Detectorist Discovery

Norway is no stranger to archeological digs. Given its rich Viking history, it is no surprise that there are significant and frequent excavation discoveries. In 2023, some amateur metal detectorists from the Bjørgvin Detector Club stumbled across a site in Fitjar, on the Skumsnes farm in southwestern Norway. The group alerted a local museum who enlisted the assistance of Søren Diinhoff from the University Museum of Bergen.

It was immediately evident that this was a significant find. The archaeologists discovered coins, jewelry and stones from the grave sites. While the items themselves are not unusual, what sets this site apart is that they believe the items belonged to high status Viking Age women. It is theorized that the women specialized in textile production. The jewelry and coins suggest that the women were involved in trade with others outside of the region. One brooch was repurposed from a book clasp, which experts believed may have been plundered from an English or Irish monastery, while another was forged from Frankish sword belts. One rare coin was likely made in southern Denmark between 823 and 840 A.D.

There are a total of twenty or more graves at the site, of which only two have been fully excavated and a third is being analyzed. Time is of the essence for these digs because the graves are mostly just below the surface, meaning that they are at high risk for exposure and erosion of the contents. It is likely that this isn't the last we have heard about this rich historical site.