



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

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Greetings from the Lodge President

Hei alle,

HOT, HOT, HOT! This would be the word for June. I am sure we have had weather like this before, but not a stretch like this. My yard is burning up, but I know it will come back. The tree that I planted last year has been watered and is looking good.

June has been a difficult month for me, and I thank the board, especially Jim, for stepping in and taking care of the business of keeping the lodge going in the right direction. I look to be more involved beginning this month. My thanks to all the board members who work so hard and take an interest in the lodge. I would ask our members to step up and take some of these positions for future events. Help from our members adds to making this a strong and worthwhile organization.



The second picture was taken at the Sons of Norway booth at the International Affair. I am standing with Sharon beside the painting of "The Scream" by Edvard Munch. Sharon has many talents, and painting is just one. We had a very good time; volunteers came to help, and many people stopped by. I offered to trade my great-looking hat for a really nice cowboy hat. She just could not part with her hat. I was happy as I like the Norwegian hat that I wear. It was good to see so many folks stop by and greet us. In a few words, I would say many nice crafts, good food, very good entertainment, and the beer tasting was the best. My favorite was from Lebanon.



Just a word about the two pictures. The one with Esther Charlton, Sharon Smythe, Larry Bannick, and Kathy Skinner was taken at the Ashville Viking Festival. We had a good time greeting people who stopped by and wanted to know more about the lodge. We spent the last Saturday in April at the booth in a covered area. I think the exposure for the lodge is a good thing.

Look in the newsletter for other lodge events that will be happening in the next couple of months or so. If you are looking for something to do this summer, check your local activities for the many festivals that will take place.

President Larry

Birthdays

July

Soren Russell[5], Magnus DuShane[6], Janice Betscher[7], James Knudson[7], Angel Shirkey[8], Tim Holmen[9], Ben Powers[11], Monica DuShane[13], Maria Luiso[13], Roy Solvik[16], Jorgen Jorgensen[17], Richard Knudson[17], Katherine Herman[23], Conor DuShane[25], Sky Kosobud[27], Tom Varland[29], Bill Rykhus[30], Kristin Szava[31].

August

Erik Kosobud[8], Sandra Nelson[12], Karen Warden[12], Austin Scherbarth[13], Maxwell Bakkum[16], Eloise Drinan[21], Evelyn Hetzler[29], Alisa Suzanne Jordheim[29],

September

Kjell Evensen[3], Ordelle Hill[4], David Bratten[9], Christina Kosobud[10], Noel Julnes-Dehner[13], Larry Welin[19], Chris Butterworth[20], Mario Mirone[20], JoAnn Krugh[26], James P. Herman[28].

Recent Events

Festivals

On Saturday, April 27, three lodge members, Larry Bannick, Sharon Smythe, and Esther, manned a booth at the Asheville Viking Festival. For once, the weather was beautiful, and we met many interesting people.

Then, on the next weekend, we had a booth at the World A'Fair. This is a three-day festival, and we had a great team from the lodge to help in our booth. A huge thanks goes to all these people: Jim and Susan Herman, Shirley Hodek, Frank Golich, Barb Smith, Adam Sokol, and Erin Rykhus. A really, really big thanks goes to Connie and Tim Holmen, Larry Bannick, and Sharon Smythe for helping set up our booth and tearing it down, plus taking care of the closing shift on Friday and Saturday. Larry and Sharon were there all three days, along with Esther. Just to let you all know, our hot seller was our fuzzy Vikings, as we sold 77 of them. It was a fun time, and we will do it again next year.

Syttende mai celebration

For our Syttende mai celebration, we met at the Barth's home on May 18. It was a beautiful day with 19 attending and we began our celebration with the national anthems and "hip, hip, hurrahs". There were a few short videos appropriate for Constitution Day, a bit of current Norway news shared courtesy of Elisabeth Sonoff, recap of the Asheville Viking Festival and Dayton International Festival, and some discussion of Lodge business. We enjoyed our potluck of Norwegian meatballs, pølse, fiskeboller, kransekake, krumkaker, and many other delicious items. Many thanks to Karen and Ed for hosting all of us.



LaComedia Outing

A group of 20-22 met at LaComedia in Springboro on June 2 for brunch followed by the play “The Church Basement Ladies: Plowin’ Thru”. Quite a popular series (this being the 9th installment), for some this was their first and others in our group have been to 5 or more! Being Norwegian, of Scandinavian decent, or having grown up with Lutherans in the Midwest, it was comedy from real life memories.



Summer Solstice

We celebrated Summer Solstice at the Mikaloff’s home in Springboro on June 30 (due to District 5 Convention this year from June 19-22). Unfortunately the weather did not permit us to eat outside around the pool or play yard games. We gathered inside (26 in total) and had a lovely meal together along with reconnecting with friends and meeting new ones. Our lodge convention delegates

shared information about their experiences in Indianapolis last week, along with activities that they participated in. A big thanks to Susie and Glenn for hosting all of us.



SofN District 5 Convention Highlights:

On Wednesday eve, entertainment was provided by a local Folk Dance and Instrumental group called Dans Norden, of which 12 dancers and 6 musicians performed. They interspersed their more difficult dance step pieces with easier ones and invited all in attendance to join them and learn on the spot. It was quite fun to learn and take part in dancing with the group, and the musicians did a great job.

Tusen takk to Roland Johnson for designing our lodge’s ad in the convention booklet. Esther Charlton volunteered every day at the Cultural Arts display. Liv Ramstad took two classes before the business meetings began: needle felting, and Sami bracelets. She also served as a Marshall at the banquet dinner and installation of district officers. Susan Herman served on the Fraternal Affairs Committee, and also accompanied for the singing of the three National Anthems at the opening of the Business meetings. We all certainly kept busy in addition to listening to speakers and voting on District business.

Mange takk to our lodge delegates for this convention year: Liv Ramstad, Jim Herman, Susan Herman. We had no alternate delegates this year. Jim Herman was elected Vice President of District 5 to serve from 2024-26.

If you would like to take part and learn more about SofN at the district level, please consider being a

delegate or alternate delegate in 2026. The convention will be held in Stoughton, Wisconsin! Lots to see and do there if you love all things Norwegian.

For more photos of the convention, go to the District 5 Sons of Norway facebook page.



musicians for folk dancers



Dans Norden group



Convention booklet showing our lodge's ad

(Roland's artwork)



Esther volunteering at the Cultural Display area



Needle Felting class display



Sami Bracelets



Susan playing for national anthem singing



Seated at the table and answering questions from the delegates are the SN CEO Daniel Seyfried, SN Foundation Director Amy Tuchenhagen, International Director Duane Kittleson, and International Secretary Robin Fossum.



Cookies at the coffee breaks



Your Edvard Grieg lodge delegates



Layout of business meeting room



Viking ship table decorations at banquet dinner



Newly installed D5 Board for 2024-26

Upcoming Meetings

July Lodge Event

Wednesday, July 17 at 11:30 am

On Wednesday, July 17, we will have an informal gathering at the IKEA. We have done this for the last two years and all had enjoyed it. We will put some tables together at the back of the restaurant at 11:30. Come and enjoy lunch and chat and then do some shopping.

Let me know if you plan to come to IKEA
esthersofn@aol.com.

Cruise to Antarctica

Saturday, August 10 at 2:00pm

Lodge member (and Publicity Chair) Kathy Skinner will give a presentation on her cruise trip to Antarctica in late February/early March. We look forward to hearing stories and seeing beautiful photos of this once in a lifetime trip that Kathy experienced!

Location: Franklin-Springboro Public Library
 (meeting room)
 44 E 4th St.
 Franklin, OH 45005

Beverages provided by the lodge.
 Bring an appetizer or snack.
 RSVP to Kathy Skinner
kathyaskinner@msn.com

Tour at Fort Ancient

Saturday, September 14 at 1:00pm

Tour at Fort Ancient Earthworks & Nature Preserve (newly designated this year as a UNESCO World Heritage Site)

We will be meeting at Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve, located at 6123 OH-350, Oregonia, Ohio. This is Ohio's oldest state park and the largest hilltop enclosure in North America. It was built around 2,000 years ago by the Ancestors of many American Indian tribes as a gathering place for ceremonial purposes.

Please arrive by 1 pm. Let's see if we can carpool together (the green thing to do and a good opportunity to get to know each other better.) We will have a guide give us an overview and then a guided tour of the mounds. For those who don't feel up to the



District 5 President Cheryl Wille-Schlesser escorted around the banquet room



Our lodge members at banquet dinner

outdoor tour, the museum is really interesting so go ahead and check it out.

Please bring snacks to share. Drinks and apples will be provided!

Our lodge will be paying the entrance fees.

Please RSVP to Liv Ramstad
(ramstad.liv@gmail.com) by September 10.

Julefest 2024

Saturday, December 7: Celebrate Julefest!

Location: Friendship United Methodist Church
1025 Springfield Pike, Wyoming (Cinci), OH 45215
Note the new time this year: 1:00—4:00pm
(Dinner at 2p)

Food Zoom dates:

We will resume again in the Fall!

Membership

The lodge is glad to welcome Stefan Sirko as a new member. Stefan found our meeting in April at North Central library. He also enjoyed the meeting at the Barth's.

If you know of someone that might be interested in Sons of Norway do give me their contact info.

Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

Oldest known ship burial is located in mid-Norway

Excerpt from norwegianscitechnews.com



This summer, archaeologists and a metal detectorist conducted a small survey of Herlaugshaugen at Leka in the northern part of Trøndelag County. They found something amazing.

The goal was to date a burial mound and find out if it contained a ship. They carried out the surveys on behalf of the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage and in collaboration with Trøndelag County Authority.

The archaeologists were over the moon when they found large rivets confirming that this was indeed a ship burial, and their enthusiasm didn't subside when the finds were recently dated.

"The mound was constructed in approximately 700 CE. This is called the Merovingian period and precedes the Viking Age. This dating is really exciting because it pushes the whole tradition of ship burials quite far back in time," said Geir Grønnesby, an archaeologist at the NTNU University Museum.

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"The burial mound itself is also a symbol of power and wealth. A wealth that has not come from farming in Ytre Namdalen. I think people in this area have been engaged in trading goods, perhaps over great distances."

He is supported by archaeologist Lars Forseth from Trøndelag County Authority who also participated in the surveys this summer.

"I think that the location along the shipping route plays a key role in understanding why Herlaugshaugen burial mound is located at Leka. We know that whetstones have been traded from Trøndelag to the continent from the mid-700s onwards, and goods transport along the route is key to understanding the Viking Age and developments in ship design before the Viking Age," Forseth said.

This link was sent in by member Elisabeth Sonoff. You can read the article in its entirety at:

<https://norwegianscitechnews.com/2023/12/scandinavia-oldest-known-ship-burial-is-located-in-mid-norway/>

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