



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

Sept 2024

Greetings from the Lodge President

Hei alle,

HOT HOT HOT. This would be a repeat from June. As my grandson would say, "It is hotter than hot."

The first picture features your lodge president sporting a very stylish hat. Not one person came by to offer a trade; the picture was taken at a picnic.



The second picture is from the overhead lift at the state fair. If you haven't been in a few years, it's worth the trip.



My friend Sharon Smythe and I had a great time at the fair. We finally found the butter cow (sculpted from 2,000 pounds of butter). It is kept in refrigeration so it doesn't melt, and it's pretty amazing. I've been thinking we could sculpt one of the Norse trolls and place it in a cold container; it could be the centerpiece for Julefest. We also saw a fantastic horse show but, for some reason, couldn't find the nature center.

The presentation by Kathy Skinner on her trip to Antarctica was wonderful, featuring pictures of glaciers, seals, and penguins. What a trip—thanks, Kathy!

I recently came across an interesting article on Thor Heyerdahl, whom most of us know from his Kon-Tiki

voyage made from balsa logs. Not many know that he led a team of international archaeologists on a Norwegian expedition to the Easter Islands. They focused on solving the riddle of how native people created and transported their megalithic statues. Heyerdahl led a fascinating life and made significant contributions to scientific discovery.

Look in this newsletter for other lodge events happening in the next couple of months.

If you're looking for something to do this summer, check your local activities for the many festivals taking place.

I hope to see many of you at Fort Ancient.

President Larry

Birthdays

September

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

October

Judy Pieper[15], Susan Herman[16], Diana Owens[24], Sarah Bakkum[25], Nelda Chandler[25], Arlene Nelson[31].

November

Dario Sedler[1], Diane Clark[5], Harold Shirkey[10], Glenn Mikaloff[14], Michael Luiso[29], Karen Barth[30], Stefan Sirko[30].

Membership

We regret to inform the lodge of the passing of Jorgen Jorgensen. Jorgen and his wife Brigit had been charter members of our lodge. Jorgen was 96 when he passed. Jorgen and Brigit were both Danish but had enjoyed being members of our lodge.

If you have any questions on membership, contact me.

Esther Charlton, membership secretary

Recent events

In July we had a nice turnout at IKEA to eat lunch together! It was a great time to catch up after Syttende mai and Summer Solstice, before or after vacations, and before school begins again.



Members at Ikea lunch event

Kathy Skinner gave a marvelous presentation for our August meeting (held at the Franklin Public Library). She shared pictures, videos and stories about her cruise on the MS Roald Amundsen (the first of two hybrid ships by Hurtigruten) to Antarctica in late February and early March. As it is a trip of a lifetime for those who dream of it or get to experience the actual excursion, those in attendance were able to get a glimpse of the journey by listening, taking in the sights through photos, and asking lots of questions! Tusen takk Kathy for sharing your trip with us!



Two photos: Kathy Skinner's August Presentation

Upcoming Lodge Meetings

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 earthworks in North America. It was built around 2,000 years ago by the Ancestors of many local Native American tribes as a gathering place for ceremonial purposes.

Please arrive by 1 pm. Let's see if we can carpool together (the economical 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 take a guided tour of the mounds. For those who don't feel up to the outdoor tour, the museum is really interesting and worth checking out.

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

The lodge will be paying the entrance fees.
Please RSVP to Liv Ramstad by September 10.
ramstad.liv@gmail.com

Saturday, October 12 at 12:00pm

Foundation FUNdraiser

Heart Waffles & Smørbrød

Location: Mallards of Mason Community Clubhouse, located at the corner of Cedar Village Drive & Mallard Creek Drive.
4821 Mallard Creek Drive, Mason, OH 45040
Bake sale and silent auction items.

Join us for a light lunch of waffles and smørbrød. We ask for baked goods as well as basket gifts or other hand crafted items you wish to donate for Foundation FUNdraiser. We encourage bakers to use a recipe from Elisabeth Sonoff's cookbook "Baking the Norway Way". Contact Kathy Skinner or Susan Herman if you do not have the cookbook (contact info on last page).
Questions: contact susan.herman3501@gmail.com

November Meeting

Saturday, November 9

More details to follow.

Julefest

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)

RSVP to Esther Charlton by December 4.

esthersofn@aol.com

Food Zooms

We will resume Zoom class on Friday September 20 at 1:30pm (EDST).

Topic: How do you preserve the fruit and vegetable bounty for the winter? Also discussion on traditional Norwegian pickled vegetables.

For more information contact:

susan.herman3501@gmail.com

Calendars

We will again have calendars of Norway and Sweden. They will be \$14.00. Let Esther know if you wish a calendar so she can set aside one for you.

Update your Contact info

A reminder as members of SofN, please visit:

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How to Login to SofN

If you have never logged in to SofN.com or do not know how to, here is a video from SofN to help show you how: <https://youtu.be/4q-7Mxuwv5Q?si=BNgdhKdlv2V687DT>

Mange takk.

Sons of Norway Membership Benefits you should try!

#1- PerkSpot

By visiting Sons of Norway's exclusive PerkSpot portal you can start saving today on products and services, like travel, clothing, food, entertainment and electronics. But that's not all! Every month new discounts are added to enhance the benefit and, once you create your account, the discounts you see will be tailored to the area in which you live! To take advantage: Log in and sign up to get the weekly updates.

https://www.sofn.com/member_benefits/member_discounts/

About Membership Dues

As you probably already know, Sons of Norway membership dues have increased this year. It is important to consider that the International Board has tried hard to limit dues increases for several years, and indeed this is the first increase in seven years. The need for the dues increase is related to the last several years of inflation, which has greatly impacted the cost of doing business (see International Board President Ron Stubbings' article in the July/August Viking).

While I realize that this places some additional burden on you, I would like to remind you of the many benefits offered by your Lodge membership. We have a healthy and growing membership and over the last few years have increased and expanded our programmatic and social offerings to our membership, including game night; a lodge outing to La Comedia; and an upcoming curling outing this fall or early winter. Our monthly meetings have been high-quality, with great presentations and discussions from members as well as distinguished invited guests. See the slate of exciting upcoming programs elsewhere in this newsletter.

The international organization and district offer numerous benefits, including: 1) the *Viking* magazine; 2) grants and scholarships through the Sons of Norway foundation (we have received several, including support for our curling outing); 3) the Sons of Norway organization website (<https://www.sofn.com/>) cultural and genealogical

resources; 4) educational trips; and 5) sports programs and cultural camps.

You may or may not know that Sons of Norway membership includes a number of perks and discounts, including 30% off on Avis and Budget car rentals, 5-10% discounts at Best Western and Radisson hotels, 5% on Dell computers, Maytag appliances, even pet food. See the Member Benefits tab on the Sons of Norway home page (https://www.sofn.com/member_benefits/member_discounts/). You'll just need your member number to sign up.

Please reach out to us if you have any additional questions about the dues increase or what the lodge has to offer. We care about each and every one of you and want to keep you as members as we grow into the future.

Jim Herman, Edvard Grieg VP

Lodge Awards

Our Lodge received two Merit Awards from International in June at the D5 Convention. Way to go Edvard Grieg Lodge 5-657!



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