



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

Jan 2025

Greetings from the Lodge President

Hei alle,

It seems that the year 2025 will be special for several reasons. If my memory serves me correctly, this marks the 25th year of the Edvard Grieg Lodge. It doesn't seem so long ago that I, along with others, attended the organizational meeting. I'd like to think the next 25 years will be even better.

A quarter of this century has already flown by. It doesn't feel that long ago that we were concerned about the year 2000 and its potential impact on computers. If you made a 25-year plan, this would be the year to celebrate. My plans tend to be on a five-year scale.

I hope your New Year's resolutions align with what you truly want—whether you resolve to start something (like reading more) or to refrain from something.

Godt nytt år! (Happy New Year!)

Julefest in December was a great success. We changed the event time to the afternoon, and by all reports, it was a good decision. More people attended, we didn't have to drive home in the dark, the food was excellent, and we enjoyed one another's company. One guest even wandered in after seeing the flag outside the church, and I believe he will become a member. We are grateful to Esther Charlton for arranging the use of her church for this event, and I hope we can hold it in the same location next year.

There is a change in leadership:

- Jim Herman will be the new president.
- Larry Bannick will serve as vice president.
- Sharon Smythe will be the Foundation chair.
- All other officers will remain the same.

There is still time for someone to step up for the social chair position.

I want to thank everyone for your support over the past two years. Serving as president has been a humbling yet joyful experience. I will continue to write an article or two—and may even include an interesting photo.

Vice President-elect,

Larry

Birthdays

January

Diane Kosobud[1], Aimee Russell[4], Connie Holmen[10], Anna Reeder[11], Kenneth Leque[15], Anders Russell[26], Kelly Lawson[28], Linda Welin[29].

February

Nancy Johnson[2], Ava Mikay Briann Powell[2], Lorna Sullivan[5], Aaron Nelson[5], Edwin Barth[6], Shirley Hodek[6], Tony Torgersen[11], Lee Luiso[12], Mark Kosobud[20], Karl Halvorson[21], James D. Herman[22], Myron Hetzler[23], David Kosobud[28].

March

Pamela Knudson[7], Natalie Bakkum[12], Elisabeth Sonoff[12], Larry Bannick[17], Rolf Bergman[19], Marjorie Davis[28].

Membership Notes

We welcome Maren Halvorson as a new member to our lodge. Yes, she is the sister of our member Karl Halvorson. Maren Recently Moved from Blowing Rock, NC to Cincinnati. Maren and Karl are half Norwegian on their dad's side. They grew up Celebrating their Norwegian heritage in Hudson Wisconsin, which is close to the Twin Cities: Minneapolis-Saint Paul. Their cherished memories are of celebrating Christmas Eves at Their Great Aunt Nina's house where they enjoyed a Norwegian feast of rømmegrøt, lutefisk, lefse, krumkaker, sandbakkels, rosettes, pickled herring, and many other delicious Norwegian foods.

If you have someone that would like to join Sons of Norway, let me know their contact info.

Esther Charlton, membership secretary

Upcoming Meetings and Events

February 15, 2PM

North Central Branch Library, 11109 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, 45231

Member Roland Johnson will present "A Road Trip Through Norway, 1962"

March 15, 2PM

North Central Branch Library, 11109 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, 45231

Member Ed Barth will present "Environmental Consequences of WWII Submarine Wreckage", found off the coast of Bergen.

Bring yourself, bring a friend, and bring a snack!

Questions? Kathy Skinner
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Past Events

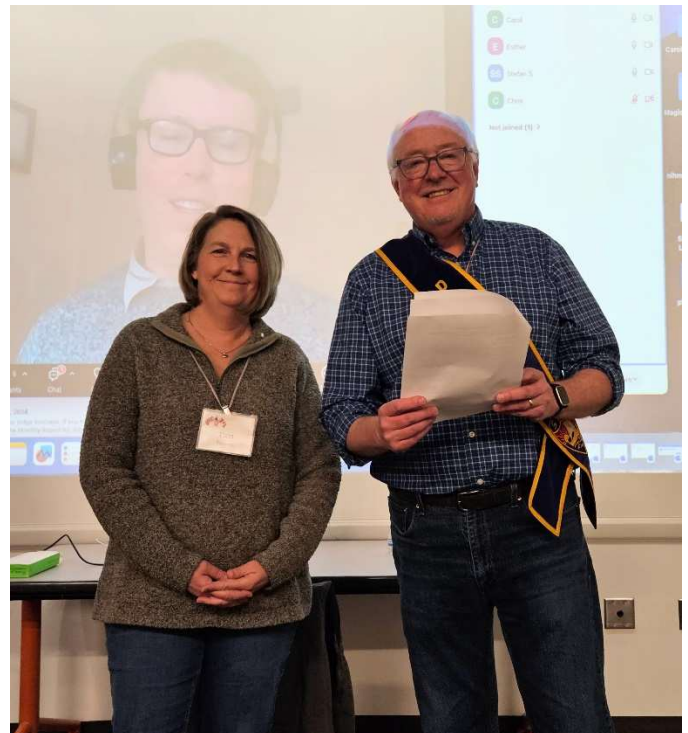
The January meeting was held on the 18th at MidPointe Library, Middletown Branch. There were twelve members in attendance and five more by Zoom. The following officers were installed for 2025:

President, Jim Herman
Vice President, Larry Bannick
Cultural Chairman (Interim), Lary Bannick
Secretary, Liv Ramstad
Treasurer, Pam Nelson
Membership, Esther Charlton
Foundation, Sharon Smythe
Publicity, Kathy Skinner

Jim announced that Anna Nelson has agreed to be our new webmaster. We are thrilled to have her on board.

January 16 marked the 130th anniversary of Sons of Norway. Kathy Skinner found a video on the history of the organization and at the end there was a picture of our lodge celebrating Syttende Mai many years ago at Jim and Susan Herman's home. That was a nice surprise.

Hope to see all of you at the February meeting!



Treasurer Pam Nelson & President Jim Heman



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Foundation: Sharon Smythe & Publicity: Kathy Skinner



Membership Director: Esther Charlton

If you missed the November meeting with the Cincinnati Curling Club, you missed a good one! Members had an enjoyable afternoon learning the basics of curling on the ice at the Cincinnati Curling Club, followed by lunch from McAllister's Deli and social time.

We learned the rules, technique and etiquette of the sport of curling and then got to try our hand at a match. Even those who did not wish to curl had a nice time watching the others from either the warming room or the outer seating area with heated blankets!

Connecting and socializing with those in attendance was the whole idea of the meeting. The facilities and staff were amazing! The Curling Club Members who oversaw the day said that they were pleasantly surprised at the diversity in ages of our group! We had young adults to seniors...with 3 sets of grandmothers

with granddaughters! It truly was a memorable activity, and one our lodge should do again.

If anyone is interested, the Curling Club has many social events and opportunities to learn the sport. Cincinnati Curling Club 5150 Duff Dr.

