



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

March 2025

Greetings from the Lodge President

Greetings all,

It is my pleasure to again serve Edvard Grieg Lodge as President. Our lodge is doing very well, maintaining our membership and continuing to offer quality programs and events. Over the last year, we have been on world-wind tours across Norway, travelled all the way to Antarctica, learned how to curl and ventured into our regional past with the trip to Ft. Ancient. We've had our cultural celebrations of Syttende mai, Midsommer and Julefest, and explored cooking delights with our monthly Food Zooms. In upcoming months, we will be voyaging to the bottom of the North Sea; celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Sloopers, the first of the wave of Norwegian immigrants heading to the US; and joining with the Scandinavian Society of Cincinnati to celebrate Constitution Day on May 17th. We have recently brought on one of our own, Anna Nelson, as our new Webmaster, and anticipate welcome changes to our web presence. We hope you will join us on this year's adventures and help us to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Lodge in August. We are always looking for help, so if you are interested in pitching in, our Anniversary Planning committee can use additional ideas and help with event planning. Come and join us as we look to an exciting 2025!

We do have some areas of opportunity for service. We are still in need of a Social Director to help with putting together programs and need a volunteer with better AV skills than me to help run Zooms at our monthly meetings.

Jim Herman

Birthdays

March

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

April

Sonja Kinney[1], Harriet Drinan[2], Katherine Sanders[2], Barbara Smith[6], Kathy Skinner[12], Raymond Sonoff[18], David Johnson[19], Sharon Smythe[22], Erin Rykhus[24], Laurie Johnson[30].

May

Liv Ramstad[15], Maren Halvorson[17], Anna Nelson[21], David Bruestle[22].

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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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March 21 at 1:30pm

Food Zoom Class

Topic: Tea Breads, Cakes or Cookies

Dayton International Festival

This is a three-day event May 2, [5-10],
May 3[11-10], May 4[11-6].

Once again will have a booth at the Dayton festival, held at the Greene County fairgrounds. We have participated in this festival for over ten years, and it has not only been great fun but also a source for new members. We sell items and talk to people about the Lodge. Our top seller is the fuzzy Vikings. Each year has a different theme and this year's is persons of peace from your country. As usual, we are in need of help manning the booth. The festival is well worth visiting before or after working the booth. Contact **Esther Charlton** if you would like to help.

Syttende Mai

May 17th

This year our celebration of Syttende mai will be on May 17th.

This year we will join with the Scandinavian Society for the festivities. Join us for great food and company, and a program celebrating our Constitution Day. This year's celebration will be at the auditorium at Maple Knoll Village. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. If you want to volunteer to help, please contact **Esther Charlton**.

Save this date

August 23 we will hold our lodge's 25th anniversary event! Join members new and old as celebrate our Lodge heritage. Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, our District 5 President, will be in attendance to help with the festivities. We are forming a committee to organize the event and additional volunteers will be welcome. Let **Jim Herman** know if you would like to help. Stay tuned for details on the event!

Past Events

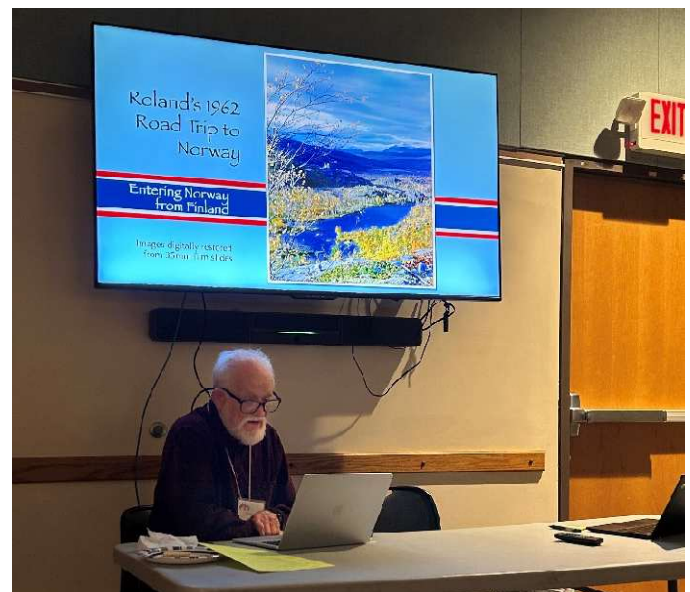
At the February 15 meeting, Member Roland Johnson presented "A Road Trip Through Norway, 1962"



Roland J., Jim H., Stefan S. setting up for Roland's presentation via in-person and Zoom



Members at February 15 presentation



Roland J. giving his "A Road Trip Through Norway, 1962"

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