



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 all:

Edvard Grieg Lodge is again celebrating the season with our annual Julefest—details are below. I warmly encourage you to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and fantastic food. We're always grateful for volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and kitchen duties. If you're interested in lending a hand, please let me know!

Julefest 2025

Saturday, December 13

⌚ Schedule:

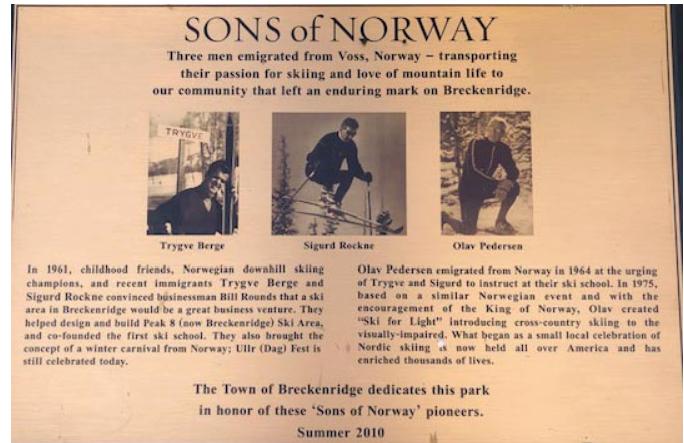
- 1:00 PM – Appetizers & Butikk Shopping
- 2:00 PM – Dinner
- ~2:45 PM – Program Begins

📍 Location:

Friendship United Methodist Church
1025 Springfield Pike
Wyoming, OH 45215

lodges and individuals in need, and also supports a youth camp, Masse Moro, in Hayward WI during the summer. Masse Moro's mission is to provide a Norwegian culture experience for campers 9-15 years of age, and it would be a great opportunity for your kids or grand-kids to learn about their heritage (and perhaps meet fellow Norsk descendants). Information can be found at <http://www.massemoro.org>.

In November (next week!) our program will feature representatives from Ski for Light. Their mission is to provide visually and mobility-impaired individuals with access to vigorous outdoor activities in summer and winter.



This has been a busy few months. We had a great turnout at the Mikaloff's home for our annual October Foundation meeting. We raised over \$430 on the auction items and will be sending the proceeds to the Sons of Norway Foundation and the District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation. A big thank you to the Mikaloffs for hosting the event. We are particularly grateful for Glenn's talent as auctioneer!

October also included a trip to Stoughton for the District 5 Board meeting. We have a great group of dedicated leaders that is working hard to reach out to lodges across the District. It is useful to remember that the District supports small grants to

This organization is intimately connected with the Sons of Norway and we are proud to contribute to their mission every year. Join us at Mid Pointe Library Mid Pointe Library (6716 Yankee Rd. Liberty Twp 45044) at 2 PM on the 15th.

Susan Herman, Carol Luiso and I were fortunate to be able to connect with long-time lodge member Alisa Jordheim, who was in town giving a concert of Norwegian songs. She is doing great with her singing career, appearing in numerous opera performances and teaching in the Milwaukee area.



Finally, I wish you and your families the happiest and healthiest of holidays.

Jim Herman

Birthdays

November

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

December

Lois Evensen[5], George Kaufman[5], Lauren Keyser[5], Susan Mikaloff[7], Manville Flugum[10], Esther Charlton[12], Leah Sedler[12], Edmund Charlton[13], Frank Golich[18], Laurie Sorman[19], Roland Johnson[24], Aida Storetvedt[26], Richard Distad[29], Konrad Nelson[29].

January

Daphne Mitchell[4], Aimee Russel[4], Connie Holmen[10], Kenneth Leque[15], Carol Carpenter[17], Anders Russell[26], Kelly Lawson[28], Linda welin[29].

Calendars

We will again have calendars for sale, Norway and Sweden. They will be \$14.00.

Let Esther know if you are interested in a calendar so we know how many to order.

LEFSE ORDERS



Place a pre-Order for your lefse for the Holidays and pick up at Julefest on December 13.

This helps us know how much to order and also assures that you get as much as you need for the holidays and beyond! Hand-rolled, real potatoes, no shortcuts, made by Countryside Lefse in Blair, Wisconsin. Let me know the number of packages you want and you can pay/pickup at Julefest on December 13. It is \$4.00 for a package of 6 pieces. Cash or check made payable to the lodge.

Deadline for pre-orders: Monday, December 1st.
Contact Susan Herman for your pre-order (see last page for Susan's contact information).

Upcoming Meetings

Monthly Food Zoom

Our monthly Food Zoom class resumes this month. TOPIC: "Favorite Apple Recipes"

We share recipes with each other on the monthly topic, discuss, ask questions and spend an hour of fun conversing over food and stories. If you are interested in joining us, please email susan.herman3501@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link prior to the class.

Ski for Life Presentation

November 15, 2025 – 2:00 PM

Midpointe Library Liberty Location
6716 Yankee Rd. Liberty Twp 45044

Please join us in welcoming Julie Coppens, President of Ski for Light. She will give a talk about the Ski for Light organization. This is an organization that our lodge supports with an annual donation.

She has indicated that she may even have a visitor from the Norwegian Ridderrenn with her who could offer their perspective on Ski for Light and the cross-cultural connection. Or possibly a local visually impaired participant who could share what the program has meant to them.

This is sure to be an informative and enjoyable program for us!

Dayton Dragons 2026



Our trip to the Dayton Dragons game in August produced 100% positive feedback and everyone who was there wanted to do it again next summer. A daytime weekend game in May should work out weatherwise and hopefully we can get a big turnout for this fun outing. Kathy Skinner will buy the tickets asap when she gets a firm head count. Tickets will be around \$15. If you are interested in going, please contact Kathy Skinner (see last page for Kathy Skinner's contact information under **Publicity**)

Past Events

Games meeting in September!



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