



SONS OF NORWAY

# Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky  
- First Lodge in Ohio -

Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

May 2026

## Greetings from the Lodge President

Hei all:

I hope all are well. May brings us once again to Constitution Day, commemorating the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814. Susan and I were fortunate to be able to visit the site of the signing in Eidsvoll in our recent trip to Norway.



This year we will again be celebrating in conjunction with the Scandinavian Society of

Cincinnati, including a salmon lunch and other Norwegian delicacies.

**Syttende mai 2026**

**Saturday, May 16**

**🕒 Schedule:**

- **3:30 PM** – Greetings and appetizers
- **4:00 PM** – Program
- **5:00 PM** - Dinner

**📍 Location:**

**Maple Knoll Village Auditorium**

11000 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH

Doors open at 3:30 and the program begins at 4 p.m.

Potluck Dinner Cost per person - \$10.

*Directions to the auditorium: Go to 11100 Springfield Pike. Enter the Maple Knoll property at the light from Springfield Pike onto Maple Trace. At the second stop sign turn right on Rock Maple and drive about 1/2 block to 11100 Maple Rock. The entrance has a green awning and a circular drive in front of it. Parking is just south of the entrance. Rock Maple is not a dedicated street and will NOT show on GPS.*

Our program will include music by Edvard Grieg, performed by Susan Herman and Nancy Woodin, and a presentation on the Viking Ship Museum by Erin Rykhus. Please plan to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert, the more Norwegian, the better. RSVP to Esther Charlton ([esthersofn@aol.com](mailto:esthersofn@aol.com)) by May 13, with the number that will attend and what dish you plan to bring.

We have also finalized a date for the Alisa Jordheim concert this fall. As you know, we were successful in getting grant funding to support part of Alisa's costs, and are fortunate that she can perform for us.

The concert will be **November 8, 2026**, time and place to be announced. Mark your calendars now! As always, we ask for your help with the Lodge as a member of the Board. Our social director position remains open, if you are interested, and over the next few months we will be looking for nominees for our elected positions (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) for the next two years.

## Birthdays

### May

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

### June

Lance Larsen[2], Shane Russell[4], Chris Knudson[5], Clare Williams[7], Pamela Nelson[13], Karl Hoalst[14], Bonnie Golich[19], Dominic Sedler[25], Carol Luiso[28].

### July

Janice Betscher[7], James Knudson[7], Tim Holmen[9], Maria Luiso[13], Richard Knudson[17], Soren Russell[17] Thomas Varland[29], William Rykhus[30], Kristin Szava[31].

## Membership

We are delighted to report that we have a new member to the lodge. Jane Doorley has joined us. She is Executive Director of Fairborn Fish. Jane and her husband Bill have been volunteers of Fairborn Fish since 2012. I am sure that we will learn more about Fairborn Fish at a future lodge meeting.

Do remember to pay your dues when you receive your invoice. Do it so you do not forget to do it.

Esther Charlton, membership secretary

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### FOOD ZOOM

Upcoming dates:

MAY: Friday, May 15th at 1:30pm (EDST)  
Topic: "Celebratory Specialties for May holidays"  
(i.e. Kentucky Derby Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Syttende mai, Memorial Day)

JUNE: Friday, June 12th at 1:30pm (EDST)

Topic: "Summer Fruit/Berry 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](mailto:susan.herman3501@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link prior to the class.

## Dayton Dragons Game

Kathy Skinner is sorry for the delayed reminder about the Dayton Dragons game on June 14, 1:05 PM, and invites you to contact her if interested. Tickets are priced at \$15

Also, she thanks you for attending the Dayton International Festival. See additional article and photos in the Past Events section elsewhere in this newsletter.

Contact Kathy Skinner if interested in Dayton Dragons game tickets. [publicity@son-swohio.org](mailto:publicity@son-swohio.org) or (937) 609-5471

## Norwegian Language Class via Askeladden Lodge

### \*Two Class Options Offered\*

Once a month on Wednesdays at 10:30am EDST via Zoom, or twice monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. EDST via Zoom.

RSVP your interest to [askeladden.lodge@gmail.com](mailto:askeladden.lodge@gmail.com). For questions, please email [astutekaren@gmail.com](mailto:astutekaren@gmail.com).

The class uses the 3rd edition of *Sett i gang* textbook by Kari Lie Dorer and Nancy Aarsvold. The book's subtitle is, "An Introductory Norwegian Curriculum". *Of note*: the textbook is available for purchase in both print (\$62.99) and an electronic (\$32.99) edition from Settigang.com.

Contact [susan.herman3501@gmail.com](mailto:susan.herman3501@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link prior to the class.

## Past Events

Dayton International Festival was a huge success, in spite of the cool weather.

As always, Fuzzy Vikings were big sellers, as well as mugs and books. Thanks to all the members who came to help!

Kathy Skinner, Publicity Director



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