



SONS OF NORWAY

Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

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Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway Newsletter

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Greetings from the Lodge President

Hei all:

I hope you are all having a great beginning to summer, the soccer results notwithstanding.

IMPORTANT: we will need the help of the lodge as we move into 2027. Three of our four board positions will need to be filled by the end of the calendar year (Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President). Larry Bannick has agreed to serve as President if elected. These are elected positions and **MUST** be filled for us to remain in compliance with our by-laws and those of Sons of Norway. Please consider nominating yourself (or someone else) for one of our open positions. Some details on the work involved for each position:

Secretary: Record minutes of lodge and Board meetings, maintain the membership roster, send out emails and keep our board roster up to date on the Sons of Norway website.

Treasurer: Maintain and update financial transactions for the lodge, arrange for an internal financial audit each year, file lodge financial statement with the Sons of Norway, and file tax forms.

Vice-president: Preside over Lodge or Board meetings in the absence of the Board President, assume duties of the Lodge President should they become unavailable.

In addition, we will be needing someone to take over management of the Newsletter.

I want to sincerely thank Pam, Liv and Karl for all their hard work over the last several years. I will also be stepping down from the Board. I am proud of all we have done to contribute to a vital and active Lodge, despite the obstacles of COVID and last year, the elements. We have offered strong programs and meaningful events over the years, including excellent outside speakers, musical activities, and delicious food experiences. Also coming up: we will be attending 'The Scandinavian Home: Landscape and Lore' exhibit at the Taft Museum in September, having an October Foundation Month waffle event, experiencing a wonderful concert of Scandinavian music by our former member Alisa Jordheim in November, and have our annual Julefest celebration December 5.

So, as you see, we continue to be a vital organization and new officers will enter into a financially healthy and thriving endeavor. Please consider serving on the Board to help keep our momentum moving forward,

As a reminder, we have a date set for Alisa Jordheim's concert this fall. The concert will be **November 8, 2026**, Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church at 2:30 PM. Mark your calendars now!

Jim Herman, President

Membership

From the membership secretary, please pay your dues when you receive your invoice. It helps with the bookkeeping.

Esther Charlton, membership secretary

Birthdays

July

Soren Russell[5], Magnus DuShane[6], Janice Ohlsen Betescher[7], Tim Holmen[9], Maria Luiso, Conor Dushane[25], Thomas Varlandp[29], William Rykhus[30], Dr. Kristin Szava[31].

August

Sandy Nelson[12], Karen Warden[12], Austin Scherbarth[13], Alisa Suzanne Jordheim[29].

September

Kjell Evensen[3], Ordelle Hill[4], David Bratten[9], Christina Kosobud[10], Noel Julness Dehner[13], Larry Welin[19], Chris Butterworth[20], JoAnn Krugh[26].

Upcoming Meetings & Events

November meeting

November 8, 2026, 2:30

Alisa Jordheim's concert. The concert will be at Armstrong Chapel, United Methodist Church, at 2:30 PM. Mark your calendars now!

Past Events

June was a busy month for Edvard Grieg Lodge members, starting with a Dayton Dragons game on June 14 and then our annual Summer Solstice cookout at the Mikaloff's. We all enjoyed Glenn's famous Bjorn burgers and Elisabeth's "Best Cake in the World". No one left hungry!

Special thanks to Susan and Glenn for their hospitality.



Dayton Dragons game

Lodge members had a great time in June, at our second annual Dayton Dragons game. The Dragons were on fire, beating Fort Wayne, 17-1. The game

was eventually called due to a thunderstorm which flooded the field, but despite the weather, a good time was had by all!



All Shook Up

Once every four years, soccer fans around the world cheer on their favorite teams participating in the FIFA World Cup. Norway fans have been in a 28-year drought, last cheering on their men's team in the 1998 event.

This time around, the Norway team took on Iraq in their first match. During the game, the University of Bergen's Department of Earth Science recorded seismic activity in the basement of the building where their equipment is located. A similar pattern emerged for the second match against Senegal. The movement, however, was not related to any natural event. The small earthquakes coincided with goals that team Norway made during the games. It was particularly evident in the data when Norway's football superstar, Erling Haaland, scored a goal.

The equipment is quite sensitive, so it can pick up activity produced in natural earthquake situations, and in scenarios like this, where thousands of people are jumping and yelling in unison to support their favorite team. The collective enthusiasm can generate enough kinetic energy to travel through buildings and be recorded in any nearby seismometer.

While this phenomenon happens at many sports and even music venues, it doesn't occur as often in places like Bergen. Professors Mathilde Sørensen and Lars Ottemöller at the University say the phenomenon just demonstrates that, "Bergen is a vibrant city with a lot of energy. Go Bergen and go Norway!"

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