



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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## From the President

A big thanks to all that had a part in making our annual Julefest a huge success. There were several new people at Julefest and some of them have already joined Sons of Norway and our lodge. It was delightful to see almost everyone dance around the Christmas tree, a truly Norwegian tradition. There was a delicious array of foods for the buffet table. The weather even co-operated. It was just cold, with no sight of rain or snow. Do plan on our next Julefest, it's the first Sunday of December.



At our January lodge meeting we installed our new board for the next two years.



Back Row: Sharon Smythe, Membership; Karl Halvorson, Newsletter Editor; Trine Wernes, Foundation; Carol Luiso, Social Director. Front Row: Susan Herman, Treasurer; Nelda Chandler, Vice President; Esther Charlton, President; Teresa Lowen, Secretary.

Sandy Nelson was the installer as Tim Lisko, president of the Circle City Lodge (Indianapolis), was unable to make our meeting. Many thanks to Sandy for her assistance on very short notice. And a big thanks to Sandy for her four years serving as our lodge treasurer. Our new faces on the board include Teresa Lowen as secretary and Susan Herman as treasurer. Nelda Chandler is now our vice-president and Carol Luiso fills the position of social director.

We still have a couple of positions to fill on the board to help with the planning of our lodge events.

We learned some of the background of the movie "Frozen". It had quite a history before it was actually put into production. There is much Norwegian culture woven into the movie.

Our next lodge meeting will be March 21.

Hope to see you all soon,  
Esther Charlton, President

## New Members

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the Sons of Norway and our lodge this month.

Ms Evelyn Rewerts and her granddaughter Lyndsay Heatherton delighted the folks at their table with their cheer and stories at Julefest in December and returned to our January lodge meeting. Evelyn's parents were from Norway and she was very close to them, so being with us helps restore memories and a sense of culture. We are so happy they both joined us.

Also, joining our lodge is Joann Krugh. She and her daughter Laura was also at Julefest. Joann is half

Norwegian and likes lefse, Norwegian meatballs, and krum kake, but not lutefisk. Her mother's parents came from southern Norway and homesteaded in North Dakota. She has fond memories of attending Sons of Norway Events in California where she was born. As to why she decided to join our lodge she says, "I have some beautiful rosemaling in my home that my mother painted. I'm glad that my daughter wants to learn the art of rosemaling. I would like some of my Norwegian heritage to be passed on to my kids and grandkids. I've intended to join the Sons of Norway for awhile, and am glad to finally be a member". We, too, are glad that Joann has joined our lodge.

## Membership Service Pins

Annually, we award membership service pins for every five years that you are a member of Sons of Norway. Those members listed below received their pins this year, congratulations!

### 5 Year pins

Chris Butterworth  
Laurie Johnson  
Rob Jorgensen  
Yvonne Joy

### 15 Year pins

Nelda Chandler  
Esther Charlton  
Lois & Kjell Evensen  
Francis Kosobud  
James Lee  
Sandra Nelson  
Katherine Sanders  
Walt & Elaine Varland  
Clare Williams

### 10 Year pin

Lance Larsen

### 30 Year pin

Susie Mikaloff

## Birthdays

### February

Aaron Nelson[5], Lee Luiso[12], Sylvia Casas[15], Bob Bowman[17], Linda Burge[17], Helge Bjorvik[21], Karl Halvorson[21], James D Herman[22], George Bjorvik[28].

### March

Nancy Cooper [2], Bob Charlton[11], Megan Luiso[15], Larry Bannick[17], Ray Olson[26].

### April

Sonja Kinney[1], Katherine Sanders[2], Braden Watts[8], Logan Opals[13], Mark Kosobud[20], Sharon Smythe[22], Walt Varland[27], Laurie Johnson[30].

## St Olaf Choir

**Wednesday, February 11 – 7:30 p.m.**

St Olaf choir will be here in Cincinnati, Wednesday, February 11, for a concert at St Peter in Chains Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

This choir was established over 100 years ago and is considered to be the best collegiate a cappella choir.

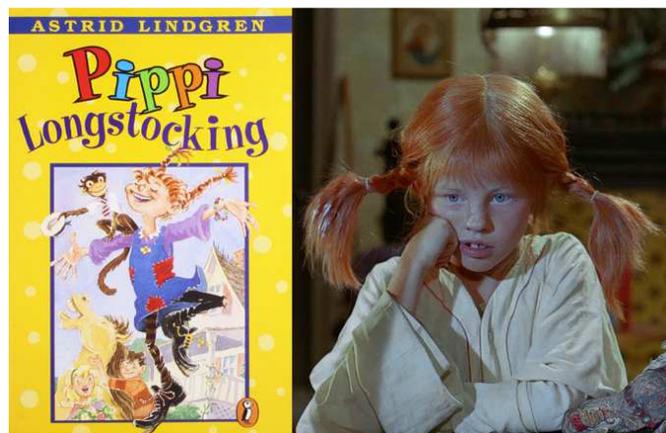
The Cathedral is at 325 W 8th St in downtown Cincinnati. It faces Plum St. There is a parking lot just to the south of the Cathedral.

Advance Tickets are \$38. At the door they cost \$40.00. You can order tickets online at: <http://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org>

## Reading Circle

**March 7 - 2:30-4 p.m.**

The book for March is *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren, and/or another Scandinavian book of your choice.



*Pippi Longstocking* is a Swedish national treasure. The book is in the news due to a controversy regarding the editing of the two scenes for a showing on Swedish TV. The scenes were considered offensive in 1969.

We'll be meeting Saturday, March 7 from 2:30 - 4 PM at Panera Bread (across from Tri-County), 405 E. Kemper Rd. Cincinnati 45246. Everyone is welcome!

## March Lodge Meeting

Saturday, March 21 - 2:30 PM

Join us at the Symmes Township Library to meet Dennis Flessland, Norway's Honorary Consul to Michigan.

Mr. Flessland will tell us about his role as honorary consul. He was awarded The Royal Norwegian Order of Merit in 2012. This honor is conferred on foreign and Norwegian nationals as a reward for their outstanding service in the interest of Norway.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

The Symmes Township Library is located at 11850 Enyart Rd, Loveland, OH 45140 (Enyart Rd is south of Fields-Ertel off of Montgomery Rd).

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## April Lodge Meeting

Sunday, April 19 - 3 PM

Mark your calendar for our April 19 meeting at Laurie and Paul Johnson's. Note this meeting is on a Sunday. We'll meet at 3 PM and have a tour of their new timber frame home.

## Dayton International Festival

May 15-17

We are starting preparations for our booth at the Dayton International festival. Part of our booth will be a cultural display related to the theme. This year it is "Architectural Wonders of the World". If you have any posters, pictures or photos with buildings in Norway, that you could loan us for the display, we would really appreciate it.

This is also the time we think about what new items to order for sale at our booth. There are two companies from which we do most of the ordering. If you have been looking for some particular Norwegian items, check with us at the March lodge meeting. There is also a nice selection of T-shirts and sweatshirts. You might wish to see what is available in your size.

The Dayton Festival is our lodge's biggest fundraiser of the year.

## Tubfrim

Tubfrim is an organization in Norway that resells cancelled stamps and donates the proceeds to help fight tuberculosis. The Sons of Norway is proud to support Tubfrim in their work to support children in need.



In 1928 Ditlef Frantzen, postmaster of the small Norwegian town of Nesbyen, got the idea to collect and market canceled stamps as a way of raising funds for the Tuberculosis Association in Norway. Within a few years, his idea caught on and many communities in Norway and beyond were collecting and sending bags of canceled stamps to Nesbyen. When Frantzen left Nesbyen in 1943, he donated his stamp collecting institution to the Norwegian Health Service. Since tuberculosis is no longer the threat to health that it once was, today disabled and needy children receive the proceeds from the resale of the stamps.

To help Tubfrim do its crucial work, simply clip canceled stamps from envelopes, leaving at least a quarter of an inch around the edge. Please take time to cut the stamps properly. Stamps cannot be used if they are torn, have extra layers of envelope behind them, are on a string of multiple stamps (i.e. 3 stamps in a row without the spacing), or non-profit or bulk stamps. Stamps can be from any country and all styles of stamps will be accepted. Forever stamps are also acceptable. If envelopes or postcards are over 40-50 years old, send the whole envelope or postcard. They also will use old phone cards.

Bring your stamps to a lodge meeting and give to Esther Charlton.

We currently have an open position for Tubfrim chairperson if anyone is interested.

## Newsletters - emailed or printed

If you currently are receiving printed newsletters in the mail and would like to help us save the cost of printing and postage by getting the newsletters only by email, please let Esther Charlton know by phone:

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