



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 2018

Notes from Lodge President Susan Herman

As I write this, there are only three days left of the 2018 Winter Olympics. Haven't they been fun and so exciting to watch?! I think I have spent more time than usual this year watching them, and it has been thrilling to see the Norwegians medal in so many events. I hope you all have had some time to enjoy them as well and to cheer on your favorites.



Our January meeting was held at Friendship UMC (thanks to Esther Charlton for reserving the space). It was a very informative presentation on the Cincinnati Museum Center and all of the renovations going on there, given by Gwen Elliott who is the Director of Community Festivals & Events there. One bit of information she gave was that, even with how beautiful the building was as we knew it, the original construction was not properly built to withstand Cincinnati weather (and was coming apart at the seams, so to speak) and they had to make modifications to strengthen and shore it up. Another cool thing is that the Museum Center moved exhibits or parts of exhibits to all parts of the city to be on display during the renovations, including something(s) at every public library branch in greater Cincinnati.

Our Board decided to return to six newsletters per year, so the next one will come out in May.

I look forward to our next meeting on March 17 (more details under Lodge Meetings), and hope to see you then!

Susan Herman

Upcoming Meetings

Reading Circle & Board Meeting

Saturday, March 10, 2:00pm

March lodge meeting

Saturday, March 17 at 4:00pm

April lodge meeting

Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 pm

May lodge meeting

Celebrate Syttende Mai!

Date & time to be determined

Birthdays

March

Nancy Cooper[2], Bob Charlton[11], Elisabeth Pettersen Sonoff[12], Larry Bannick[17], Kathy Ann Johncox[19].

April

Sonja Kinney[1], Katherine Sanders[2], Kathy Skinner[12], Sharon Smythe[22], Laurie Johnson[30].

May

Arlene Norman[11], Liv Ramstad[15], David Bruestle[22], Marilyn Bossman[27].

Membership News

In the last few months, we have had a wonderful influx of new members, which is great.

Our newest member is Ethan Peake, who lives in Huntington, West Virginia. He was a member at large but wished to be affiliated with a lodge, and our lodge was the closest to him.

It is fantastic to have two college students in our membership, Peach Norman Owen and Ethan. We can follow and encourage their educational endeavors.

We regret to inform the lodge of the passing of Curtis Burge, husband of Linda Burge at the end of November. Curt and Linda were Charter members of our lodge. We just recently learned that Francis Kosobud had passed at the end of the summer. Francis, his wife Joyce (she passed a few years ago), and his son Mark's family had all been Charter members of our lodge. We extend our sympathy to Linda Burge and Mark Kosobud.

If you have any relatives or friends that might be interested in Sons of Norway, please pass their name on to me and I will send them information.

For those that have not heard from Facebook or the grapevine, I broke my shoulder in a fall at our local Walgreen's. This happened on February 13 and I am praying that I heal in time for our next lodge meeting. I had surgery on February 14, and now have my left arm in a sling. It is not easy to only have the use of one hand/arm.

Esther Charlton,
Membership Secretary

Reading Circle & Board Meeting

Saturday, March 10



2:00pm Reading Circle followed by 3:00pm Board Meeting

All members are welcome at either or both meetings.

Location: Panera Bread (near Tri-County Mall),
405 E. Kemper Rd., Springdale, OH 45246

Contact Susan Herman, 513-227-8790 or
susan.herman3501@gmail.com

March lodge meeting

Saturday, March 17 at 4:00pm

Location: IHOP, 9540 Colerain Avenue,
Cincinnati, OH 45251

New Members Social (for all members to mingle, meet and greet new members). Share a Norge memory or story. Order a late lunch, snack or dinner off the menu.

RSVP to Jim Herman, Social Director at
jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com

April lodge meeting

Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 pm

Location: Sharonville Library,
10980 Thornview Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45241

Tracy Law, PhD will give a presentation on the GeoCamp Program in Iceland.

See more details at:

<https://www.summitcds.org/upperschool/international-law>

RSVP to Jim Herman, Social Director at
jpherman.edvardgrieg@gmail.com or
513-919-5218.

Ashville Viking Festival



This is the 15th year for the AVF. Our lodge has participated in every one.

The best way to describe it is as a Renaissance Festival with a focus on Vikings. It takes place in the Village Park of Ashville, Ohio which is about 20 miles south of Columbus.

The details are Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is an outdoor festival, so do dress for the weather.

If you can help us set up the booth Saturday morning or pack it up on Sunday afternoon, contact Esther Charlton.

May lodge meeting



Celebrate Syttende Mai! Look for information to be posted on the website or announced at upcoming meetings.

Lodge Library update

Tusen takk to Sharon Smythe and Liv Ramstad for helping Esther Charlton with the lodge library collection. They spent a few hours going thru all the books and DVDs and input the information into an excel spreadsheet. Go to our lodge website to see the newly updated list, which is a much bigger collection than we had known!

<http://www.evensens.net/sons/sons.html>. If there is a book you are interested in reading, please contact Esther at esthersofn@aol.com.

Sons of Norway D5 bowling tournament!

From January thru April you can help the Sons of Norway Foundation by bowling and having fun!

Rules: A \$5 donation (per person) to the Foundation is required. Bowl, record your scores, send in results, and have fun!!

Categories include: youth 12 and under, youth 12-17, adult females, adult males and WII bowlers.

Please send in your score sheets and checks (made out to Sons of Norway District 5) to:

Michaela Decker 1247 Center Street, Racine, Wi 53403. Phone # 262-498-2085.

Largest Underwater Restaurant to Open in Norway

From Sons of Norway ePost



Photo Credit: visitnorway.com

An extreme dining destination will soon be submerged under the sea near a village on the southernmost coast of Norway. While other underwater restaurants exist in exotic locations like the Maldives and Dubai, Under will be Europe's first underwater restaurant and the largest in the world.

Oslo-based architecture firm Snøhetta plans to construct a 6,500 square foot three-level structure with a 36-foot-wide panoramic window. Immersed more than 15 feet below water, visitors will pass through a coat room and a champagne bar before their final descent to the formal dining room. The restaurant will accommodate up to 100 guests and will have an emphasis on seafood cuisine.

Under was designed with careful consideration to its aquatic environment. The building will feature a concrete and coarse surface on which mussels can cling. Over time, the submerged restaurant will become an artificial mussel reef and will attract more marine life to the space. Outside of opening hours, the restaurant will double as a marine biology research center.

Norwegian Flag Days

Mars (March): No flag days in March

April (April): 1 - Påskedag/Easter Sunday

Mai (May):

1 - Arbeidernes Dag/Labor Day in Norway

8 - V-E Day, Frigjøringsdagen, 1945

17 - Syttende Mai/Norway's Constitution Day

20 - Pinsedag (Whitsunday)/Pentecost

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