



Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5  
Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio & Kentucky

The First Lodge in Ohio  
Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway  
October 2012

**Meetings**

**October 20** – Waffles, Raffles & Variety Show, at the Clubhouse at Mallard.

**November 17** – Holiday Potluck, Friendship United Methodist Church

**August Lodge Meeting**

Tusen takk to Gro Marthinussen for presenting at our August meeting. Gro is an exchange student from Frederikstad, Norway and is attending high school in Sidney, Ohio. Gro told us why she wanted to be an exchange student.

Gro began doing gymnastics when she was very young and now is a cheerleader at Sidney High School. We were shown a video of her gymnastics as well as her family and home in Norway.

We wish Gro well this year in America and hope to stay in contact as the school year progresses.

Mage takk to Laurie and Paul Johnson, for hosting this meeting.

**Accolades to Speaker and Edvard Munch**

We came to the September meeting knowing the program was going to be “Edvard Munch”. We left feeling in awe of Norway’s most famous artist and thanking Karen Linser for her wonderful presentation.

Ms Linser, a Cincinnati Public School art teacher, definitely had our attention as she told us about Munch, from the time of his birth, until he died 80 years later in 1944. She had us all enthralled with her enthusiasm and knowledge of the artist. Through a power point presentation of Munch’s life and paintings, we learned what influenced Munch to paint “breath and life” into his paintings.

The Munch Museum opened in November 1963, in Oslo and exhibits 1200 of his paintings, including his famous, “The Scream”. To learn more about Edvard Munch, Ms Linser recommends the biography titled “Edvard Munch: behind the Scream” by Sue Prideaux.

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**Membership**

Let us welcome Bruce Southers as our newest member. He found our lodge website last year and came to our Julefest. Recently, he emailed me that he and his brother, are planning a trip to Norway soon. We will be anxious to hear all about his trip at a future lodge meeting.

If you need information on the process of membership, contact me.

Esther Charlton, Membership Secretary

**Bob Hippert**

We wish all the best to Bob Hippert as he has moved to Maryland to live with his daughters Signe and Pat. He is now having chemo-therapy treatments for lung cancer. Here is his address if you might wish to send him a card or note: Robert D Hippert, 208 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Denton, Md. 21629.

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Will you be our newsletter editor?  
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**International Convention**

As a delegate to the biennial Sons of Norway, I represented our zone of the district. This was my third International Convention as I had been to the conventions in Washington DC, (2004), and San Diego,(2008).

The theme of the convention was “Bringing Good People and Great Ideas Together”. Dan Rude, outgoing president, did an excellent job at chairing the convention.

Here are some of the highlights.

Joseph Annotti, who is President and CEO of the American Fraternal Alliance gave a presentation on the way fraternal organizations are governed. The state insurance regulators are making some strong suggestions on major changes to come.

The “Viking for Kids” a quarterly publication for heritage members, had been dropped. Now there will be an effort to re-instate something similar for kids.

A committee will investigate the possibility of changing the name of Sons of Norway to something more gender neutral.

Our new International President is Marit Kristiansen, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska. You will be seeing her column in the front of the Viking magazine.

All in all it was a pleasant drive to Fargo meeting lodge members from faraway places was very enjoyable.

Esther Charlton

*Tell someone about Sons of Norway and our Edvard Grieg Lodge!*

## **Reading Circle Expands Choices**

Our Reading Circle has expanded the choice of books to Scandinavian authors. For the past four years, we have concentrated on Norwegian authors and books relating to Norway.

*Italian Shoes* by Swedish author, Henning Mankell, was suggested for our next meeting. Mankell is one of Scandinavia’s most popular mystery writers. *Italian Shoes* is not a mystery, but has many twists and turns. Several copies of this book are available through the Cincinnati Library system.

You’re welcome to join us to discuss any other Scandinavian books you’ve read.

We meet at Panera Bread, across from the Tri-County Mall. (405 E. Kemper Rd 45246). The next meeting is Saturday, November 3, at 2:30 p.m.

We welcome new members!

For more information or to RSVP for Reading Circle, contact Carol Luiso, 513.683.3631 or [CHLuiso@aol.com](mailto:CHLuiso@aol.com)

## **Interim!**

As you may notice, there are no photos in the newsletter. This interim editor needs some help in learning how to put photos in the newsletter. Actually it would be far better if one of you would volunteer to be our lodge newsletter editor. If you would like to find out more about being editor of our lodge newsletter contact Esther Charlton. Please!

## **Saturday, October 20**

Our October lodge meeting will be a fun meeting to celebrate the Sons of Norway Foundation. There will be waffles prepared by our own chefs Nina and Carol. You can enjoy the waffles from 2 p.m. until the last drop of batter.

There will be some really special raffle items. Lefse from the Countryside Bakery in Blair, Wisconsin will be one of those raffle items. To top off the afternoon, we will have a variety show. We need some participants for the variety show so think about what you might do to entertain us.

The meeting will be at the Clubhouse in the Mallards of Mason. Call Sandy Nelson, 513/336-9810 or [snel1234@fuse.net](mailto:snel1234@fuse.net) for more information.

## **Holiday Potluck**

On Saturday, November 17, at 4 p.m., the lodge will have a potluck. The meatballs and lefse will be provided by the lodge. You will need to bring a side dish: potatoes, vegetables, salads, desserts and appetizers.

The potluck will be at the Friendship United Methodist Church, 1025 Springfield Pike, Wyoming, Ohio 45215. We have had several of our Julefests at this church in the past.

After we eat, there will be a time for “Sharing your Christmas Memories”.

Our Butikk will be open for early Christmas shopping. If you have items that you would like to donate to the Butikk to help the lodge, that would be greatly appreciated.

This potluck replaces our annual Julefest for this year.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 12 to Esther Charlton, 513/923-3798 or [esthersofn@aol.com](mailto:esthersofn@aol.com). Let Esther know what you will bring to the potluck.

## **Online Auction Open! Let the Bidding Begin**

The Sons of Norway Foundation Month Auction is now open. The auction will run from October 1, 2012 to October 20, 2012, with proceeds going to

Sons of Norway Foundation to support the heritage and culture fund. This fund promotes Norwegian themed programming for lodges and provides communities exposure to Norwegian culture. Auction items range from exotic vacation getaways to donated items guaranteed to delight and surprise. So, tell your friends, family and community about us. Let the bidding begin! Find the auction on the Sons of Norway website

### Update on Alisa!

Alisa Suzanne Jordleim was with us for a couple of years while attending CCM. She is now in Milwaukee with the Florentine Opera. You can check out everything about Alisa on her website: <http://www.Alisasuzannejordheim.com> Alisa's plans are to go to Norway in the fall of 2013 to do the research for her Doctoral project.

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### Birthdays

#### October

Roby Bowman[12], Judy Pieper[13], Susan Herman[16], Ken Soberg[19], Jens Basberg[20], Bryce Pillman[20], Nelda Chandler[25].

#### November

Caroline Schoenig[1], Dario Sedler[1], Diane Clark[5], Bruce Sourthers[7], Nina Downs[9], Ed Vallette[11], Ann Christiansen[12], Glenn Mikaloff[14], Trine wernes[15], Sissel Rasdal Unneland[18], Michael Luiso[29], Shelby Sanosom[29].

#### December

Lois Evensen[5], Susan Mikaloff[7], Kari Poe[8], Carole Hanson Burge[10], Esther Charlton[12], Leah Sedler[12], Nicholas Chandler[13], Ed Charlton[13], Teresa Lowen[15], Carol Olson[16], Olivia Leigh Dillon[17], Kim Pillman[25], Aida Storetvedt[26], Konrad Nelson[29].

### Lodge Future Planning

Soon your lodge board will start planning for meetings and programs for next year. If you have suggestions on some locations for meetings please write them down and give them to one of the board. We will also be thinking of programs and speakers for lodge meetings. Actually, you could write out suggestions for either locations or programs and put them in a box at the Holiday Potluck

### Leif Erikson Day

Leif Erikson Day is an annual American observance of which occurs on October 9. It honors Leif Ericson, the Norse explorer who brought the first Europeans known to have set foot in North American. In 1930, Wisconsin became the first U.S. state to officially adopt Leif Erikson Day as a state holiday, thanks in large part to efforts by Rasmus Anderson. A year later, the state of Minnesota followed suit.

October 9 is not associated with any particular event in Leif Erikson's life. The date was chosen because the ship *Restauration* (coming from Stavanger, Norway) arrived in New York harbor on October 9, 1825, at the start of the first organized immigration from Norway to the United States.

By 1956, Leif Erikson Day had been made an official observance in seven states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois, Colorado, Washington, and California) and one Canadian province (Saskatchewan). In 1964, the United States Congress authorized and requested the President to create the observance through an annual proclamation. Lyndon B. Johnson and each President since have done so. Presidents have used the proclamation to praise the contributions of Americans of Nordic descent generally and the spirit of discovery. In addition to the federal observance, some states officially commemorate Leif Erikson Day, particularly in the Upper Midwest, where large numbers of people from the Nordic countries settled.

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Remember to go to:

website: [www.evensens.net/sons/sons.html](http://www.evensens.net/sons/sons.html)

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### Member Notes & News

We wish Ed Vallette a speedy recovery from his recent hip surgery. Ed is leader of the Lost Viking Hoard that hosts the annual Ashville Viking Festival at end of April each year.

Our thoughts are with Kristin Szava as she goes to Norway every few months to help her parents move into an assisted living facility.

If you have news or wish our thoughts, let the editor know, or ask any officer to pass it along for the newsletter.

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