



SONS OF NORWAY

# Edvard Grieg Lodge 657 District 5

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- First Lodge in Ohio -

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## From the ~~President~~ Editor

Esther is having a little trouble with her computer and was not able to write up her "From the President" section, so your newsletter editor is filling in this time.

In recent events, we had our August meeting in which Grace Bosworth told us about her company (G2Local) that does translating and interpreting. She spoke to an enthusiastic audience, some of whom had done translating. Most interpreters are needed for medical appointments, court cases, schools and social service visits. This fast growing company provides services for over 500 languages!

In September, Jessica Lorey, music director of WGUC, spoke to our lodge members about how she schedules classical music at this station. Using audio visual aids, Jessica told us about several Scandinavian composers and we listened to their music. Ms. Lorey is a graduate of U of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and majored in Music History. She hosts "Clef Notes", a musical discussion blog.



Jessica Lorey, music director of WGUC.

We want to make sure everyone is aware of the Viking exhibit coming to the Cincinnati Museum Center in November. Also, we have meetings set for October, November, and December. You can read more about all of these elsewhere in the newsletter.

## Birthdays

### October

Roby Bowman[12], Curtis L Anderson[13], Judy Pieper[15], Susan K Herman[16], Bryce Pillman[20], Jens Basberg[20], Nelda C Chandler[25], Arlene Carol Nelson[31].

### November

Caroline W Schlenig[1], Dario Sedler[1], Dianne M Clark[5], Evelyn Rewerts[10], Glenn G Mikaloff[14], Trine W Wernes[15], Michael S Luiso[29], Shelby Sansom[29].

### December

Lois A Evensen[5], Lindsey Ann Heatherton[6], Susan L Mikaloff[7], Esther L Charlton[12], Leah Burge Sedler[12], Edmund W Charlton[13], Nicholas Chandler[13], Teresa E Lowen [15], Carol A Olson[16], Aida Storetvedt[26], Konrad J Nelson[29].

### January

Francis J Kosobud[1], Liv M Ramstad[1], Constance S Holmen[10], Anna Catherine Reeder[11], Kelly J Lawson[28].

## Upcoming Meetings

**Oct 15:** White Elephant Auction. 4PM, Mikaloff's, Springboro

**Oct 29:** Reading Circle 2-3 PM Panera Bread, E. Kemper Rd, Cincinnati

**Nov 12:** Rommegrøt at the Johnson's, 2:30 PM. Johnson's, Oregonia

**Dec 4:** Julefest Celebration, 4PM, Augsburg Lutheran church, Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati

## White Elephant Auction

Sat., Oct 15, 4 PM

The place to be on Sat, Oct 15 is the Mikaloff's for our annual White Elephant Auction. Bring white elephant items (and/or other gently used items) to be auctioned off by Glenn. There will be good food, lot's of laughs and bargains. Proceeds will benefit the Sons of Norway Foundation.

Please bring a dish to share for the Pot Luck Dinner. Location: Susie & Glenn Mikaloff's home, 7472 Stone Ridge Dr., Springboro, 45066

For more info and to RSVP, contact either Susie 937.748.8121 [g\\_mikaloff@email.msn.com](mailto:g_mikaloff@email.msn.com) or Carol 513.683.3631 [CHLuiso@aol.com](mailto:CHLuiso@aol.com)

## Reading Circle Meeting

Sat., Oct 29, 2-3 PM

The Summer Book by Tove Jansson is the book we'll be discussing for our Sat., Oct 29 meeting. This short novel tells the story of Sophia, a six-year-old girl and her grandmother, as they spend the summer on a tiny unspoiled island in the Gulf of Finland. All lodge members are welcome to join us.

We meet every two months at Panera Bread (across from Tri-County). 405 E. Kemper Rd, Cincinnati 45246.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Carol Luiso 523.683.3631 [CHLuiso@aol.com](mailto:CHLuiso@aol.com)

## Vikings Beyond The Legend

Starting Nov 11, 2016 at Museum Center



Experience a myth-busting exhibition that has captivated millions of people around the world, as the largest collection of Viking artifacts to visit North America comes to Cincinnati Museum Center. <http://www.cincymuseum.org/vikings>

## Rommegrøt at the Johnson's

Sat., Nov 12, 2:30 PM



Join us as Laurie demonstrates making Rommegrøt, a traditional Norwegian porridge on Saturday, Nov 12 at 2:30 PM. Tasting the Rommegrøt will be a real treat. We visited the Johnson's timber frame home a year ago. Now we'll see the lovely home completed.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Address is: 2765 North Waynesville Rd, Oregonia, OH 45054. Call Laurie at 513.932.8291 or send email to [plj2605@gmail.com](mailto:plj2605@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP.

## Julefest Celebration

Sunday, Dec 4, 4 PM

Our annual Julefest will be on Sunday, December 4, at 4 PM. It will be at the Augsburg Lutheran church at 11676 Hamilton Ave. 45240. The church is just a little north on Hamilton Ave, from I-275, exit 36. As soon as you pass the Speedway, be ready to turn right into the church. The lodge will provide the meatballs, potatoes and lefse, and there will be lefse for sale. Please bring a salad, vegetable, dessert or appetizer. There will be a bake sale table with yummy baked goods and lefse. The Norsk Butik will be open for your Christmas shopping.

Please RSVP to Esther at [Esthersofn@aol.com](mailto:Esthersofn@aol.com) by Nov 30, with the food item you will bring.

## Baked Goods for Sale!



Again this year, we will be filling a table with Scandinavian or American baked goods to sell at Julefest. If you enjoy baking and would like to donate baked goods, bring your labeled items to Julefest Sunday afternoon, Dec 4. Any donations will be very much appreciated!

## Decorate a Table!

Would you like to decorate a table for Julefest, Dec 4? It's an opportunity to be creative and share any Christmas decorations or ideas you have with the lodge. The rectangular tables are 6 feet long and seat six. Paper plates, napkins, cups, glasses and silverware will be provided. It's not a contest!

If you would like to participate, let Carol know by Nov 12. Any questions? Contact Carol Luiso, [CHLuiso@aol.com](mailto:CHLuiso@aol.com) or 513.683.3631.

## Build Cultural Connections with the Cultural Skills Program

Looking for a way to deepen your connection to your heritage or an accessible way to acquire a new skill or hobby? Consider participation in the Sons of Norway Cultural Skills Program. A benefit only available to members, the self-guided program provides a framework for delving into both traditional and contemporary Norwegian culture through a series of skill-specific activities. Have a passion for cooking? Try your hand at the Traditional Norwegian Cooking unit. Have you always wanted to research your family tree? The program includes a unit on genealogy.

In all, the program contains 14 different units covering topics ranging from knitting to literature to the newly revised unit on folk dancing. As you progress on your chosen unit, you not only expand your knowledge base, you also receive Cultural

Skills pins for each level you achieve. Best of all, participation furthers your connection to Norwegian heritage in an engaging way, building bridges to cultural traditions.

To get started, log in to the members resources section of the Sons of Norway website and visit [https://www.sofn.com/member\\_resources/cultural\\_programming/cultural\\_skills\\_program/](https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/cultural_programming/cultural_skills_program/) and select the unit of your choice. Or, visit with your lodge's cultural director to help identify which unit may be of interest.

## Why Americans pay more to fly Norwegian

*The Local no*

Budget carrier Norwegian has admitted that it charges US-based customers more for the same flights than it does its customers in Norway.

American travelers looking to save a bit of money might want to take up the Norwegian language. Broadcaster NRK reported that prices for a round trip flight between New York and Oslo costs around 25 percent more if it is booked in dollars on low-cost carrier Norwegian's English-language page [norwegian.com/us](http://norwegian.com/us) rather than the [norwegian.no](http://norwegian.no) site for Norway-based customers.

The airline's communications director acknowledged the price difference and said it is simply a matter of letting the market dictate prices.

"In the US, demand for transatlantic flights with Norwegian is strong and growing because we have offered prices that no other companies can come close to – neither American nor European [airlines]. And when the demand in the US is so great, then the prices in that market will be adjusted somewhat," Lasse Sandaker-Nielsen wrote in a statement provided to NRK.

Norwegian is not alone in offering its Norway-based customers lower rates. NRK also revealed that cruise operator Hurtigruten charges almost twice as much for ferry tickets on its American site than it does on its Norwegian one.

According to NRK, the average price for a double cabin on a late September cruise between Ålesund and Kirkenes cost 1,470 kroner on Hurtigruten's US website – a full 77 percent higher than the 830 kroner the same tickets cost on the Norwegian-language site.

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