



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



### December 8 – Time for Julefest!

After some special events the last several months we are ready for our annual Julefest. This year Julefest will be on Sunday, December 8. It will be at 4 p.m. in the Augsburg Lutheran Church, 11676 Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45240. The church is about 1/4 mile north of I-275 on the east side of the road.

The lodge will provide meatballs and lefse. We will need you to bring the sides, appetizers, salads, potatoes, vegetables and desserts. Please let us know what you will bring when you RSVP to Esther Charlton, before December 4. If you can come a bit early, to help set up, let us know.

We have become aware of six Norwegian exchange students in our area. They have all been invited to Julefest. We hope that they will be able to attend.

As usual our NorskButikk will be open for your Norse Christmas shopping.

Mark your calendars now, and decide what you will bring to Julefest.



Several members of our lodge attended the stage play "I Remember Mama" on Saturday, November

16 at the Loveland Stage Company. Perhaps many of you saw the movie or TV program in the late '40's and '50's. In 1944, the play opened on Broadway. The setting was San Francisco in the early 1900's about a Norwegian immigrant family struggling to make ends meet. The Hanson family consisted of five members with amusing aunts, an uncle and a border. It was a trip down memory lane for many of us. Some of the Norwegian items used on the set were loaned by our members.

Yours,  
Esther Charlton, President

## Calling All Bakers!



It's that time of year. We will have a table of baked goods to sell again at Julefest, Sunday, Dec 8. If you would like to donate baked goods and Scandinavian baking is not your specialty, other baked goods are welcome.

Questions? Contact Carol Luiso at 513.683.3631 or [CHLuiso@aol.com](mailto:CHLuiso@aol.com)  
Tusen takk!

## Lefse! Lefse! Get your Lefse here!



Lefse will once again be available for purchase at Julefest. It is fresh homemade lefse from Countryside Lefse Company in Blair, Wisconsin. This is Old-world Norwegian Lefse. No instant potatoes. No machines used to roll. No shortcuts at all. Look for it at the bakery table!

## Birthdays

### December

Lois Evensen[5], Susie Mikaloff[7], 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 Storevedt[26], Konrad Nelson[29].

### January

Francis Kosobud[1], Rod Krokum[3], Connie Holmen[10], Anna Reeder[11], Kelly Lawson[28].

### February

Aaron Nelson[5], Patsy Bannick[6], Lee Luiso[12], Sylvia Casas[15], Robert Bowman[17], Linda Burge[17], Cassi Rice[19], Mark Kosobud[20], Helge Bjorvik[21], Karl Halvorson[21], James D. Herman[22], George Bjorvik[28].

## Membership

Are you stumped for something to give your Norwegian relative/friend? How about a gift of membership, in our Edvard Grieg lodge/Sons of Norway. If you have any questions on how to do this you may contact Sharon Smythe our

membership secretary or Esther Charlton. If you do recruit someone into Sons of Norway, or give the gift of membership, the lodge will give you a gift of a Norwegian calendar. There is a deadline here of December 20, so that the new membership can be processed before the end of this year.

## Reading Circle

January 4 – 2:30 to 4 p.m.



Our next Reading Circle will meet Jan 4, '14 from 2:30-4, at Panera Bread (across from the Tri-County Mall, 405 E. Kemper Rd. 45246). This time we're reading and sharing a Scandinavian book of our own choice.

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

## January Lodge Meeting

January 18, 2 p.m.

One of our own members, Kristin Szava, will be our program on "Growing up in Norway". The meeting will be at the Symmes Township Library meeting room at 2 p.m. The address of the library is 11850 Enyart Rd, Loveland, Ohio 45140. Bring a snack/dessert to share for the refreshment table.

It is always a pleasure to have our own members, who have lived in Norway, talk to us. Our lodge is blessed to have so many native born Norwegians. Please RSVP to Esther if you plan to attend the lodge meeting.

## April 12 – Save this date

Our lodge meeting in April will be on the second Saturday. The third weekend is Easter weekend. The meeting will be at the IHOP on Colerain Ave. We will have more details in the next couple of newsletters. Elaine Varland will talk to us about “From Possibility to Print”

## Melting Snow in Norway Reveals Artifacts *by Viking e-post*



A recent discovery in the Trollheim and Dovre mountains in Norway revealed ancient artifacts, including arrows and a bow that were most likely used between 3,800 and 5,400 years ago by hunters to kill reindeer.

Discovered by Martin Callanan, an archaeologist at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Callanan spends his summers with colleagues in the mountains measuring the rate of snow melt and looking for recently upturned artifacts. It was during the summers of 2010 and 2011 that the bow and arrows were initially found and this September Callanan's study was published in *Antiquity*, a quarterly archaeology journal.

Well-preserved by the snow and ice, the bow and arrows are rare specimens that advance the study of archery technology during the Neolithic-period. The bow is made from a type of elm that is common along the coast, while the arrows were made from a variety of woods but all have tips made of slate.

"These are unique finds, they are a signal that something is changing up there. As snow patches

are starting to melt, people are finding archaeological artifacts in all sorts of different places and they are often quite well preserved," Martin Callanan told the BBC News last August.

Despite the academic value of the find, what is most concerning for archaeologists is the rate at which the snow is melting. The discovery of the bow and arrows are but a portion of the unprecedented number of artifacts found since the snow was first measured almost a century ago, indicating an increase in the rate at which the snow melts.

Climate change is a huge concern for archaeologists because the cold naturally preserves artifacts. Without the snow, artifacts could be exposed to the elements and be destroyed before they can be studied. "At the same time," Callanan told the BBC, "as the climate continues to heat up and the snows melt away, one wonders what long-term price there will be to pay for these glimpses of the frozen past."

## Scholarships Deadlines:

The Sons of Norway Foundation offers college scholarships to current Sons of Norway members, children and grandchildren of current members. We have seven different scholarship categories for different types of college studies. Most have an application deadline of March 1, 2014. The applications are done entirely on-line. Students must include grade transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, essays and letters of recommendation with their applications. Winter break is the perfect time for students to gather this information to prepare to apply for scholarships.

To view the scholarship guidelines and applications go to [www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation](http://www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation) and click on scholarships.

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