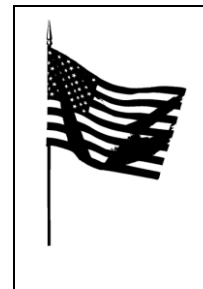


Sons of Norway



Kristiania Lodge #1-47, Rochester, MN

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MARCH 2013

MARCH and APRIL EVENTS

(All events are held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road NE, unless otherwise indicated.)

March 14 Chili and Pie Supper / Lodge meeting 6:00 p.m.

\$5 members; \$7 non-members

Speakers: **Robert and Bruce Bjorgum**: "Norwegian Ski Unit in World War II "

March 23 Ethnic Dinner (German) 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12 members; \$14 non-members. Reserve at 507-282-1477 or kcc2@aol.com by March 16

Speaker: **Kathy Mellem**: "Growing up in and around Berlin"

April 4, 5, 6 Rosemaling class with Ken Magnuson 9 a.m. –4 p.m.

April 11 Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

April 11 Lodge meeting 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Norwegian Consulate representative: "Relations between Norway and USA"

April 27 Potluck 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Scott Moon, mgr., Sargent's on 2nd: "Gardening, coming of age:"

April 28 Kristiania Lodge will serve the evening meal at Ronald McDonald House.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN: (Greetings from the President)

Last month I had the good fortune to witness fabulous young people demonstrating the art of Nordic skiing. Eighty-seven of them did time trials on the lake at Chester Park. Two Nordic Skiing Club members and I had a table at the finish line serving cookies made by a couple of our members. The racers all gave Sons of Norway many thanks for the gesture. They were a great bunch of young people, and some had an interest in joining Sons of Norway. We will follow up. Hats off to the Rochester Nordic Skiing youth! *Ha det bra, Byron Stadsvold*

KRISTIANIA LODGE MEETING—February 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President **Stadsvold** at 7 p.m. We opened with the National Anthems of Canada, Norway and the US, accompanied by **Beth Haaland**, and with the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests recognized were Darald & Leitha Bothun, Joan Nelson, Brad Finseth, and Ian Wright.

Secretary **Darlene Stadsvold** asked if there were corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. There were none. She also announced the following items to be picked up: extra newsletters, 2013 “hours sheets” for tracking volunteer hours, and blank ornament discs to paint for the Festival of Trees.

Social Director **Barb Chase** announced the upcoming programs as listed in the yearbook and newsletter. Hospitality Director **Kathy Rosedahl** introduced the servers, and they were applauded. President Stadsvold reported on the Ski Team time trials (see p. 1). He had handed out SON tri-fold brochures.

Trustee **Dean Vigeland** spoke to the need for a Cultural Director. The trustees (**Bob Rosedahl**, **Don Olson**, and **Dean Vigeland**) will act as Interim Directors until a member volunteers to fill the position. A Norwegian language class has started, and another rosemaling class will be held April 4-6. The cost will be approximately \$100, depending on the class size.

The World War II Roundtable has invited us to attend the meeting on Sat., Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. at Rochester Assembly of God Church, 4240 18th Ave. NW. The topic will be “Norwegian Air Force.: The speaker and one or two others will come to our noon potluck.

Lars and his other brother, **Lars**, entertained with a few short stories. In honor of Valentine’s Day we sang “Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” accompanied by **Beth Haaland**. The meeting adjourned, and after a brief set-up we enjoyed the evening’s program.

Respectfully submitted, **Darlene Stadsvold**, Sec.

Velkommen NEW MEMBERS! Kristiania Lodge welcomes new members **Steven** and **Michelle Evjen**.

TUSEN TAKK! Thanks to the greeters for the Feb. 14 meeting, **Judy** and **Denny Stevens**. Hosts at the Feb. 23 potluck will be **Beth** and **Dale Haaland**, and **Lois** and **John Rink**.

---**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

KULTURHJØRNET (Culture Corner)

Rosemaling Class to be Offered

The next rosemaling class with Ken Magnuson is scheduled for April 4, 5, and 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our Kristiania office can accommodate up to 9 rosemalers, so this would be a great time to learn a new skill or to get ideas and instructions on your present project. Please contact **Dean Vigeland** (281-6879, davigeland@charter.net) or **Bob Rosedahl** (289-8621, rer1558@msn.com) to reserve a spot or to get more information. The cost will be \$900, divided among the number of participants. Members of neighboring lodges are invited to participate. Members of Kristiania Lodge who complete the class will receive a rebate of 20% of their tuition.

---**Dean Vigeland**, Trustee

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Yearbook correction: Page 16—The Syttende Mai Steak Fry is **not** a potluck. Attendees will purchase their steaks, and the lodge will furnish baked potatoes and salad. More details will follow.



LIBRARY NEWS

Trolls are everywhere! Read their stories collected by Asbjørnsen and Moe in one of the many books on trolls in the Sons of Norway Library. —**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

Library is HeritageQuest.com

Rootsweb: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

Greetings from your historian!

Lodge Pedigree Project: We got off to a great start, thanks to all those who submitted a pedigree to be included in the pedigree notebook in the library. I think a little friendly persuasion is in order to get a few more of you to work on that pedigree. Sons of Norway has a Genealogy Cultural Skills program that would allow you to get a pin for participation. Your children may appreciate the work you do on it also.

Since my retirement, I have been doing a lot of reading, mostly mysteries. The detectives always try to get a timeline on the crimes involved. I think when researching our ancestors this is a great idea also. Make a list of life events which you find recorded for your ancestor and set out a detailed record of your finds. In this way you will know which records to begin searching in.

From their birth to death, what events occurred during their lifetime, such as christening, confirmation, communions, marriage and burials? Do they correspond to national events, such as census, wars or military service, migrations, etc.? Are there city directories, Farmers Atlases, county histories, local or town histories, or church histories that may yield information? There are many online resources that are now available to the researcher. (See below,) For the Norwegian researcher there are farm histories or *bygdebøker*, *Kommune* histories, tax records, rent records and probate records from Norway that yield great information. For Norwegian sites or questions, just e-mail me. Make that list and give that pedigree chart a story to go with it!

<http://www.ancestry.com>

MN Death Index: <http://people.mnhs.org/dci/>

Search all 50 states: <http://usgenweg.org/>

US census records: at the Rochester Public

Latter Day Saints:

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

Dex, the telephone directory:

<http://www.dexknows.com/>

Ellis Island Immigrant Museum: passenger lists, etc. Useful if your family arrived there after 1893. <http://www.ellisland.org>. Ellis Island was open 1892-1924.

Hilsen fra **Barry M. Dahl**, Lodge Historian,
bs200@juno.com

	
GERMAN DINNER	
<i>March 23, 2013. 6 p.m.</i>	
<i>Schweineschnitzel</i>	<i>Pork Cutlet</i>
<i>Heißer Kartoffelsalat</i>	<i>Warm Potato Salad</i>
<i>Rotkohl</i>	<i>Cooked Red Cabbage</i>
<i>Grüne Bohnen</i>	<i>Green Beans</i>
<i>Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte</i>	<i>Black Forest Cherry Torte</i>
<i>Brötchen und Butter</i>	<i>Rolls and Butter</i>

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR, Barbara Chase

Hei , members, I hope you are all staying warm. THINK NORWAY! Attend lodge meetings to learn about Norway and much more. Please encourage our inactive members to attend lodge meetings. Thanks to all who attended the Feb. 14 meeting when our President, **Byron Stadsvold**, gave an interesting and informative talk titled "Finding our Roots in Norway."

March 14—Chili and Pie Supper. Board members will supply the pies. Cost: \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Speakers will be member **Bruce Bjorgum** and his father Robert on "Norwegian Ski Unit in World War II." A staff member from Commonweal Theater in Lanesboro will give a brief presentation.