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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

(All events held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.)

Wed., Dec. 31	Nytårsaften (New Year's Eve)	
Thurs., Jan. 1	Nytårsdag (New Year's Day)	
Thurs., Jan. 8	Board meeting.	5:00 pm
Thurs., Jan. 8	Lodge meeting. Program: Norsk Show and Tell by Members See details below!	6:30 pm
Thurs., Feb. 12	Lodge meeting. Program: Nordic Figure Carving Journey with James Miller. James is the youngest recipient of the Vesterheim Gold Medal in Woodworking,	6:30 pm

Norsk Show and Tell by Members—Lodge meeting program for Thursday, January 8

We will hold a members' "SHOW and TELL" by bringing an item and taking turns sharing a few words about it at the microphone. Perhaps you have a Norwegian memento that has been passed on to you from generations ago: a woodworking tool, a kitchen gadget, a photo. We're told that other lodges that have shared this activity say it was fun, educational, and a beautiful opportunity to build connections within their Sons of Norway lodges. Of course, guests are welcome! —**Sue Walch**. Social Director

Hilsen fra Presidenten

Memories! All through the holidays, I was flooded with memories of childhood, especially of all my Norwegian traditions passed on through the generations. As you reflect on your family, consider what you might share at our January meeting. By sharing our items and memories, we share a bit of ourselves. And, of course, hearing other people's stories may well stir up more memories for you. My husband and I actually head south for January and February, but I will be excited to hear about this special January meeting,

—**Carol Lucido**, President

The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries. (Updated mission statement, 2025).

From our Hospitality Director

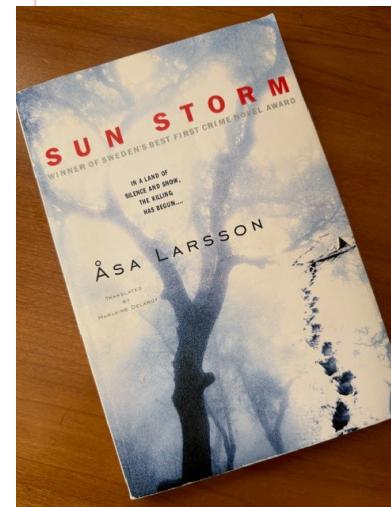
Happy New Year! From the Hospitality Department of Sons of Norway! January 2026 comes in fast, and with it is a whole new year of chapter (lodge) programs and fellowship. It begins on January 8th when our fellowship servers will be **Sharon and Eric Barsness** and **Barb Chase**. We appreciate your willingness to serve to keep our fellowship time so special. Maybe January will be warmer than December?? There will be many opportunities in 2026 to donate treats for chapter meetings. Please call **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507-289-8621 if you want to be a Fellowship Gnome.

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

Til Minne

Richard G. Norman (Nov. 8, 1935—Nov. 21, 2025), member since 2013.

News from the Kristiania Library



January and cold weather make reading mysteries a must in Norway. Check out our shelf of Norwegian mysteries in the Kristiania Library in the Board Room.

—Sharon Barsness, Librarian

2026 Scholarships



Our lodge will be awarding \$1,000—scholarships to public school seniors in Olmsted County and/or **children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of current lodge members regardless of where they live**. To be eligible, a student must be a graduating senior who will be attending a college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2026. Additional information and the application form can be found at our website: www.kristiania1-47.org.

—**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chairperson

Gratulerer med dagen! A Golden

Member, Marilynn Schumann, celebrated her 100th birthday on December 1, 2025, with her family at her home at The Waters. She has been a Kristiania member since 1974.

Postage stamps

We are still collecting cancelled postage stamps, which are collected on the district level and sent to Norway to help raise funds for humanitarian causes. Look for a box for depositing or bring to the board room/library.—**Ann Romo**, trustee

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NOTE—Please notify **Kristi Simmons** (ssimmons10@aol.com) or **Lisa Fenton** (lj.fenton789@gmail.com) if you know of a Kristiania member who should receive a get-well or sympathy card with greetings from the lodge.

Charitable Support

Kristiania Lodge 1-47 contributed \$4,925 to the following organizations in 2025:

Ski for Light	Hope Lodge
Salvation Army	Norway House
Vesterheim	SON Foundation
Hiawatha Homes	The Landing MN
Channel One Food Bank	Boys and Girls Club
Ronald McDonald House	Mobility Worldwide (PET)
Christmas Anonymous	Vinland National Center
Gift of Life Transplant House	Friends of Alpine Skiing
Century, JM, Mayo Booster Clubs	of Rochester
History Center of Olmsted County	
Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge	
Giants of the Earth Heritage Center Language Camp	
Norwegian-American Historical Association	
Norwegian American Genealogical Center	
Rochester Nordic Ski Club	

— David Anderson, Treasurer

Velkommen! Welcome, new member!

Welcome to **Sandra Berndt** of Rochester, who recently became a member of Kristiania. We look forward to meeting you personally at our meetings.

Going Paperless

As of September 1, 2025, membership cards have no longer been mailed for annual renewals. Members can print off their card from our website under their profile or save a digital copy to their phone to show proof of membership. For members who belong to a lodge with property, card mailings stopped as of December 1.

These changes are being made due to the rising costs of postage and our desire to continue to be good stewards of our resources. Please encourage members to create a profile so that they can access the card and print one from their computer.

—From the International Sons of Norway office



Pop Tabs—

Kristiania lodge will continue to collect aluminum can tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House. A marked collection box will be available at each lodge meeting on the table located on the side wall.—**Monica VanKirk**

JULEFEST 2025

Members enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal catered by Gleasons of Stewartville on Dec. 6. A bounteous table of desserts provided by members satisfied everyone's sweet tooth.

The program was presented by Pati Kachel of the Twin Cities, who told stories of her immi-



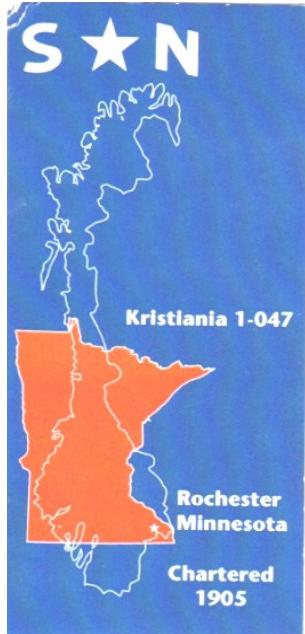
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40th FESTIVAL OF TREES

Kristania Lodge again sponsored a tree at the 2025 Hiawatha Homes Festival of Trees. The theme was "Simply Nordic," and featured straw ornaments, Norwegian flags, and other Scandinavian decorations.

Renee Thoreson was in charge of this project, as she has been many times in the past.

