



**SONS of
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Kristiania Lodge 1-047



KRISTIANIA *POSTEN*

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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Thursday, June 13	Board meeting	5:30 pm
Thursday, June 13	Social Gathering— Bingo! Bring your friends and family! Win prizes! Bring appetizers!	6:30 pm
Thursday, August 8	Social Gathering— Ice Cream Social	6:30 pm
Sunday, August 25	Twins Norwegian Heritage Event. Contact Lisa Fenton before June 30 if interested. See Board notes, p. 2. Target Field.	1:00 pm

Hilsen Fra Presidenten—What a wonderful Lodge we have! So many enjoyed the *Syttende Mai* celebration with us with delicious food and fascinating entertainment. The celebration continued for many throughout our area for days after. Thank you for carrying on the traditions and keeping Norwegian heritage alive in our community.

We have much planned for the remainder of the year and we hope you will be a part of the fun. Thank you for your support and active attendance. It is much appreciated.

See you at the Lodge!

President **Sharon Kingsley**

Get ready for BINGO!

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 pm

Rochester Sons of Norway Presents

BINGO night!

Wear your lucky socks, bring your lucky penny, and have some fun winning prizes. Bingo cards will be \$2 each. The purchased card will be used throughout the evening. Numbers will be both called audibly and displayed visually on the screen. Prizes will include S/N logo items, *Norsk sjokolade* (Norwegian chocolate), sweets, gift cards, various Norwegian memorabilia, cash prizes, and other fabulous items.

We would also welcome donations of small prizes from members, if willing! You are also encouraged to bring snacks to be shared during the evening. Enjoy a tour of the board room and Kristiania lodge library during a break.

Join us on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 pm.

—**Lisa Fenton**, interim Social Director

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

Welcome, new member!

Welcome to Kristiania's newest member:

Laureen Otto, of Northfield

We hope to meet you at Bingo Night or at the Ice Cream Social!

Til Minne

Lawrence Ronnei Barsness
(September 29, 1939-17 May, 2024), Golden Member,
former lodge Financial Secretary.

Summary of Kristiania Board Meeting, May 9 2024

The Kristiania board met over Zoom on **May 9, 2024**. President **Sharon Kingsley**, called the meeting to order. Open board positions include Vice President, *Social Director, and Publicity/Marketing committee chair.

Upcoming events include:

June 13 (6:30 p.m.): Bingo Night. Members are asked to bring appetizers.

August 8 (6:30 p.m.): Ice Cream Social.

Norsota Lodge in Apple Valley has invited Kristiania Lodge to join them for the **Minnesota Twins Norwegian Heritage event**, Sunday, August 25, at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$31 and attendees will need to provide their own transportation. Contact **Lisa Fenton** before June 30 if interested.

Kristiania Lodge will celebrate its 120th anniversary in 2025. Lisa suggested a formal lodge photo, possibly at Julefest. Send additional ideas to Lisa.

The lodge has been contacted by an Austin, MN, nursing home asking if one of our members would be interested in giving a 15–20-minute talk at their facility. This could be someone showing pictures from a recent trip, for example. Contact **Lisa Fenton** if interested.

The lodge will be providing three scholarships for Masse Moro Language Camp. Four delegates will be representing Kristiania Lodge at the District 1 convention in August.

*Lisa Fenton serving as *Interim* Social Director until a new Social Director is elected.

—**Kristi Simmons**, Secretary

Stamps for TUBFRIM



Ann Romo will be bringing stamps to the District Convention in August so they can be shipped to Norway. Bring your stamps for Tubfrim to the

June BINGO event. She will pick them up to take to the convention.

Leave ¼ to ½ inches around on all sides of the used stamps. The stamps are sold, and the profits are used to help children and youth with disabilities, and children and youth with handicaps in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

—Ann Romo, volunteer for TUBFRIM

Please read the 4-page section highlighting the 2024 Kristiania Scholarship winners. Four of them were able to attend our *Syttende Mai* event.

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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.

Syttende Mai was celebrated with food, a musical program and scholarship winners.



Musical presenter Rachel Storlie illustrated the work of Grieg, inspired by the epic poem “Haugtussa,” by Arne Garborg. Dr. John Rauk spoke on the background of the poem.



President **Sharon Kingsley**, Karl Haaland, Emily Miles, Leland Jeardeau, Dahlia Ward, and presenter **Ann Romo**.



From our Financial Benefits Counselor

Summer months are here, time for vacations and relaxation. However, if your thoughts turn to thinking about life insurance and investments, contact me for some advice. I have a great new life insurance product that fills the need for final expense planning. Call or e-mail me for details.

—**Len Carlson**, 651-253-1943 len.carlson253@gmail.com



Tubfrim and Pop Tabs—save your stamps and pop can 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**

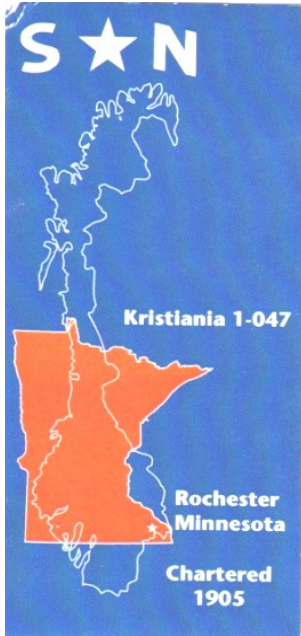
We are still collecting stamps for **Tubfrim** to send to Norway to help children and young people with disabilities and handicaps as well as those with serious illnesses. Please bring used stamps with ¼—½ inch border on them to one of our meetings. We will store them in our board room until we take them to the District One office or to a district convention—**Ann Romo**



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43rd Annual Gammel Dag

Peterson, MN, June 22

Enjoy bandstand entertainment, engaging folk art demonstrations, and interactive fun for all ages.

More information: <https://gammeldag.com>



Nordic Fest

Decorah, IA, July 25-27

The whole family will enjoy delicious food, traditional crafts, a colorful parade, lively entertainment, sporting events, and Saturday night fireworks display.

More information: nordicfest.com