



*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.)

Saturday, Dec. 6	<b>Julefest</b> Social Event and Meal	12 pm
	RSVP by <u>Nov. 28</u> to Sue Walch via email ( <a href="mailto:tsreinke1@yahoo.com">tsreinke1@yahoo.com</a> ) or phone/text 507-273-4025. Catered chicken/pork dinner. Free for members, \$20 for guests.	
Thurs., Dec. 11	Board meeting	5:30 pm
Wed., Dec. 24	<i>Julaften</i> (Christmas Eve)	
Thurs., Dec. 25	<i>Juledag</i> (Christmas Day)	
Wed., Dec. 31	<i>Nytårsaften</i> (New Year's Eve)	
Thurs., Jan. 1	<i>Nytårsdag</i> (New Year's Day)	
Thurs., Jan. 1	Lodge meeting. Program: Norsk Show and Tell by members	6:30 pm

## Julefest Dessert Buffet

**As is our tradition, members attending Julefest are encouraged to bring a sample of dessert items to share at our dessert table.**

## *Hilsen fra Presidenten*

Did you know that since 2009, our lodge has awarded scholarships to 122 high school seniors? Several of those students were related to our members! Do you have a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild graduating from high school this year? If so, be sure to pass on the application information found elsewhere in the newsletter to that senior. We love honoring these wonderful young people! —**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).

## Julefest—Dec. 6

Julefest is approaching fast!

When: Dec. 6, 2025, Noon

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church (as usual)

Who: Kristiania Lodge members and guests

Cost: Members are free, guests \$20

**RSVP by Nov. 28 (day after Thanksgiving) to Sue Walch** via email ([tsreinke1@yahoo.com](mailto:tsreinke1@yahoo.com)) or phone/text 507-273-4025.

Menu: Chicken breast with wild rice and pork loin, parsley potatoes, tossed salad, ambrosia salad, green bean casserole, rolls, butter, lefse.

Scandinavian dessert selections provided by members.

Entertainment by Pati Katchel, storyteller, who shares stories about her heritage as a Norwegian Lutheran, with songs, humor, and historical information, including tales of her ancestors' immigration from Norway to a homestead near Paynesville, MN.



### 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](http://www.kristiania1-47.org).

—**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chairperson

## Til Minne

**Gloria (Leimbek) Rosencrants** (Sept 28, 1931— Oct. 18, 2025. Member since 2007.

January Lodge Meeting, Jan. 8, 6:30 pm

### Norsk Show and Tell by Members

At Christmas we may unpack a special ornament or a handwritten family recipe from long ago. Perhaps you have a Norwegian memento passed on to you from generations ago. We will hold a “show and tell” by bringing an item and sharing a few words about it at the microphone. Other lodges that have shared this activity say it was fun, educational, and a beautiful opportunity to build connections within their Sons of Norway lodge. Of course, guests are always welcome!



### News from the Kristiania Library

The Sons of Norway Library will be open during Julefest, so you can check out some winter reading. The library is self-service.

—Sharon Barsness, Librarian

### 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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## A Heartfelt “Thank You” to our Bake Sale Volunteers

We extend our deepest gratitude to the 30+ incredible volunteers who made our recent bake sale such a sweet success! Your time, energy, and enthusiasm brought the event to life and truly embodied the spirit of our lodge.

From the early risers who baked with love, to those who welcomed patrons with warm smiles, organized the baked goods, coordinated the craft sale details, and prepared and served the delicious meal—every role was essential. We’re also grateful to the volunteers who staffed the checkout stations and the dedicated crew who handled setup, takedown, and cleanup. A special shout-out to the Boy Scouts, whose cheerful and efficient help with setup—and post-event cleanup made a huge difference. Their teamwork and service were deeply appreciated.

We were thrilled to see an increase in patrons this year, and the baked items sold out quickly—a testament to the quality and care put into every treat! The craft sale was especially great this year, with beautiful handmade items and a wonderful variety that drew lots of interest and compliments.

While the funds raised will certainly help support our programs, what mattered most was the sense of connection and community we built together. Whether you were behind the scenes or front and center, your contribution mattered.

Tusen takk for your time, talent, and heart. We couldn’t have done it without you!

—**Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director, Sale Chairperson



<<The lefse arrives.

**Sharon Kingsley, Sue Walch.**

**Kitchen crew:  
Kari Richards,  
Erik Fenton,  
Marilyn  
Pewowaruk**



**Father/Son Norwegian Chefs:  
Lucas and Erik Fenton**



**Sue Walch, Laina Fenton,  
Leah Fenton**  
modeled bunads while assisting at the sale.

## From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

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



### 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**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



### Kristiania Members Volunteer to Ring Bells for Salvation Army



A big THANK YOU to all who spent time ringing bells for Salvation Army on November 21. Our members raised \$438.94 for the day. Those who rang bells were Kathy and Bob Rosedahl, Kaye and Charlie Johnson, Renee Thoreson, Carol Rogelstad, Ed and Linda Manthei, Barry and Sue Dahl, Sharon Kingsley, Lucy Phelps, Dave and VJ Anderson, Carol Volstad, Lois Eskelson, and the Fenton family: Lucas, Lisa, Erik, Leah and Laina.

—Carol Rogelstad, Volunteer Chairperson