



Kristiania Lodge 1-047

KRISTIANIA *POSTEN*

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Godt Nyttår!

COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Thursday, Jan. 9	Board meeting	5:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 9	Lodge meeting. "Norwegian Sweaters Then and Now " Louise Hanson , Nordic Shop. Wear your Norwegian sweater!	6:30 pm
Thursday, Feb. 13	Lodge meeting. Kris Meyer's Norwegian Stories and Folklore	6:30 pm

Norwegian Sweaters Then and Now

Jan. 9, 6:30 pm

Louise Hanson of the Nordic Shop, and a member of Kristiania, will share a presentation about Norwegian sweaters. She will share some history and also current trends. Louise and her husband Walter own the Nordic Shop business in the Galleria in Rochester. Did you know that the Nordic Shop has the largest supply of Oleana and Dale of Norway sweaters in the United States? Louise has authored sweater articles in *The Norwegian American* newspaper.

It's sweater weather! **Let's all wear our Norwegian sweaters** to the meeting! Also, we have a **giveaway opportunity!** The lodge received a generous gift of a Norwegian sweater from a lodge member. We will hold a drawing to give it away at this event. Each attendee will have a chance to win the sweater. A dollar will get you an **extra entry** into the drawing. (Please bring exact change.)

Kristiania Lodge still needs:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Please volunteer!

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.

Charitable Support

Kristiania Lodge 1-47 contributed \$4,925 to the following organizations in 2024:

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	Rochester Nordic Ski Club
Century, JM, Mayo Booster Clubs	High School Alpine Ski Team
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	

— David Anderson, Treasurer



2025 Scholarships

Our lodge will be awarding \$1000 scholarships to **public school seniors in Olmsted County and/or children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of current lodge members regardless of where they live.**

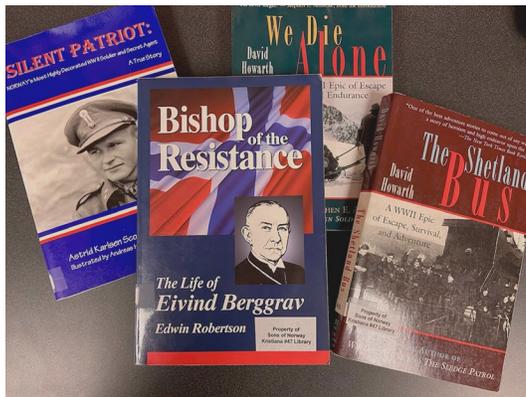
To be eligible, a student must be a graduating senior who will be attending a college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2025. Additional information and the application can be found at our website; www.kristiania1-47.org

— Carol Lucido, Scholarship Chair

Velkommen!

Welcome to new Kristiania member **Steve Milburn**, who joined at our recent Julefest! He led us in the Norwegian table prayer before the meal. We look forward to seeing him at our chapter events.

LIBRARY NEWS



How much do you know about the Norwegian Resistance Movement during World War II? Our library has books like these that are true stories. They are written mostly for young readers so they are a quick but interesting read. Check them out!

—Sharon Barsness, Librarian

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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.

Sons of Norway at the 2024 Festival of Trees, supporting Hiawatha Homes

The 2024 Festival of Trees closed out its 39th year as Hiawatha Homes' signature fundraiser. This year our tree, "A Hygge Christmas," was purchased by Daniel and Sheila McNallen of Eyota. It is believed they are long-time supporters of Hiawatha Homes and have bought trees in the past. (Notice the *Julbok* under the tree.)



Thanks to Renee Thoreson and Sue Blood for their excellent work as decorating *nisser!*

Nordic Literary Event at Library of Congress

The Library of Congress recently collaborated with the Nordic embassies in Washington D.C, to celebrate fiction and non-fiction works being published in those countries. Each embassy invited an author to represent their country at the forum, which was attended by Norwegian Ambassador Anniken Huitfeldt. .. During the separate panel events two different themes were discussed...

One theme dealt with the Nordic landscape, which focused heavily on the works of the Danish and Finnish authors. Finnish author Hanna Pylvänen's work, "The End of Drum-Time," and Danish author Josefine Klougart's "On Darkness" both move beyond the usual assumption in their writings that the Nordic landscape is cold and forbidding.

The second theme revolved around the keeping of secrets—both from others and ourselves. This theme is found in "Ti Amo" by Hanne Ørstavik (Norway), "The Divorce" by Moa Hergren (Sweden), and "The Night Guest" by Hildur Knútsdóttir (Iceland). During the panel Norwegian author Ørstavik discussed her own longing for truth, being vulnerable, and emphasized the need for having a listener in your life. She also suggested that books can even fill these needs at times.—Adapted from Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

From our Financial Benefits Counselor:

Happy New Year to all ! A new year is upon us, and speaking of something new, I am repeating last month's article because Sons of Norway has this new annuity product that I feel is worth sending out again.

Sons of Norway introduced a new annuity product recently called the Multi-Year Guarantee Annuity. You can choose either a 3.5 or 7-year annuity where the interest rate is guaranteed for either 3.5 or 7 years. The minimum guaranteed rate is 3%. The 3- and 5-year annuity current rate is 4%, and the 7-year annuity current rate is 4.10%. Other features:

- * Protect your principal and gains during market volatility.
- * Take advantage of tax-deferred growth potential
- * Position your assets to keep pace with inflation.
- * Have access to penalty-free withdrawals.
- * Receive guaranteed income for life.
- * Pay zero fees.

Please contact me for additional details.

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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**

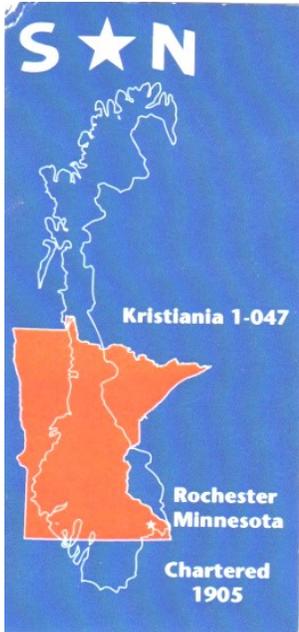
We are still collecting stamps for **Tubfrim** to send to Norway to help children and young people with disabilities and handicaps as well as those with serious illnesses. Please bring used stamps with ¼—½ inch border on them to one of our meetings. We will store them in our board room until we take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



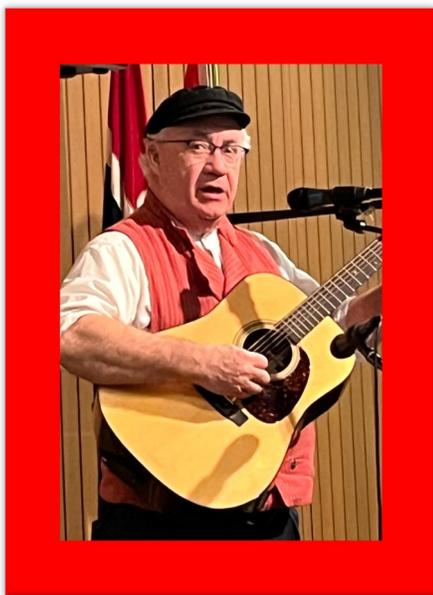
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Yulefest at Kristiania— December 7. 2024



Members and guests at Yulefest enjoyed a sumptuous meal prepared by Gleasons, delighted in the singing and stories of Ross Sutter, and cheered the dancing of **Wayne Rogelstad** and his granddaughter, Lydia Skadberg.