



*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.)

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| Saturday, May 10  | <b>Syttende Mai Celebration.</b> Catered meatball lunch.<br><b>RSVP</b> by phone or text to <b>Sue Walch</b> at 507-273-4025<br>by <u>May 2</u> . Members free, guests \$20, children \$10.<br>Kristiania's 2025 scholarship winners will attend and receive<br>their awards.<br>Program: <b>Chad Filley</b> , humorous and historical storyteller | Noon    |
| Thursday, May 17  | <i>Syttende Mai</i> (Norwegian Constitution Day)   |         |
| Thursday, June 12 | Social Event: Bingo!   | 6:30 pm |

## KRISTIANIA OFFICER NEWS

We are happy to announce that **Carol Lucido** has accepted the position as President of our Kristiania Lodge. Carol is currently a lodge trustee and the chair of the Scholarship Committee. Our lodge will pay Carol's one-year Sons of Norway membership fee. Carol and our Vice-President, **Judy Davis**, will share responsibilities, as each may be unavailable at different times. Thank you to both Carol and Judy for stepping forward!

We are continuing to recruit a secretary for our lodge. The duties are to record, read, and distribute minutes of board meetings as well as conduct lodge correspondence. The lodge will pay a bonus, a one-year membership renewal. 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.

## **SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION: MAY 10, NOON**

### **Meatball Lunch**

**Program: Chad Filley, Humorous and Historical Storyteller**

Join us for a catered meatball lunch before the program. Scandinavian storyteller Chad Filley is making his mark in the world of storytelling. Chad's blend of historical and family tales will bring a smile to our Syttende Mai celebration. Chad spent June of 2024 touring Norway. He performed there before audiences, gathered more stories, and spent a week learning about the Sami and the Kven in the Arctic. What a fun event for potential members—please invite them!

Kristiania Lodge Scholarships will also be awarded to graduating high school seniors at this event.

See Calendar on page 1 for RSVP details.

## **TUSEN TAKK FRA KATHY**

Fellowship time at our lodge meetings is a great time to gather. It happens because of volunteers like **Wayne and Carol Rogelstad**, who are in charge of the wonderful Boy Scouts, cook the coffee, and set up the condiments. The Girl Scouts also help with setup and serving regularly. What wonderful help we have from these willing young folks! You can't gather without coffee, and treats make it even better.



We are so lucky to have willing volunteers, and today we say *Tusen Takk* to **Kristi Simmons, Jean and Curt Mortenson, and Lori Conklin**, who enjoyed providing sandwiches, bars, and cookies at the April meeting. It is fun to meet and work with other members. If you enjoy volunteering, please call **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507-289-8621. We will not need volunteers until September.

*Tusen takk* to our past willing volunteers! —**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

## **Attention!**

**The May issue of *Today* magazine will feature a Norwegian heritage article written by Ann Romo and Judy Davis, members of Kristiana. The magazine is often available free at store entrances or at offices.**

## **From our Financial Benefits Counselor:**

In the last two articles I have talked about what an annuity is. Now I will list the kinds of annuities that Sons of Norway has:

- ♦ Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity
- ♦ Single Premium Deferred Annuity
- ♦ Single Premium Immediate Annuity
- ♦ Bonus Annuity
- ♦ Single Premium Deferred Annuity with Multi-year Options 3, 5, or 7

Each of these annuities work differently. To find out how they do work, please contact me so I can answer any questions. I will say that both the Flexible and Single Premium Deferred Annuities offer a 4% interest rate with a 1% bonus, totaling 5% in the first year. The Bonus Annuity has a guaranteed one year interest rate of 4% with options of 4% to 8% bonus rate on top of the 4%. I look forward to visiting with you about these annuity products.

Please contact me for additional details.

—**Len Carlson**, 651-253-1943

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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.



## Summary of April 10 meeting

Kristiania Chapter enjoyed a presentation by Karla Brown at its April 10th lodge meeting. Karla lives in the house of her great-aunt, who accompanied her husband on a turn-of-the-last-century trip to Norway to visit his relatives. Karla's family has been devout keepers of the family artifacts and history, so Karla tells this interesting and humorous story through actual post-cards sent home from the trip.

Among the guests welcomed at the meeting were **Lucy Phelps'** relatives from Australia and Alaska.

—Sue Walch, Social Director

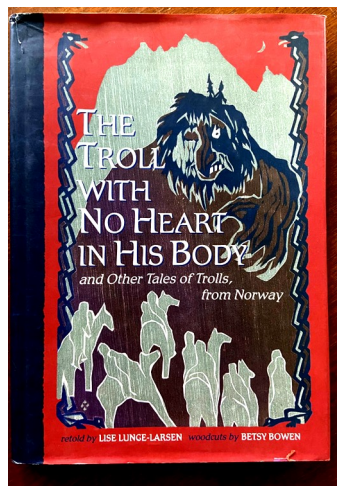
## King's Guard to make appearances in Minnesota

His Majesty the King's Guard, the military guard, charged with ensuring the safety of the Norwegian royal family, will be making several appearances in Minnesota in May. For more information on the King's Guard, see <http://www.royalcourt.no/artikkel>.

May 8—Drill and band show outside Minnesota State Capitol Building at noon

May 10—12:30 Show in Tostrud Fieldhouse at St. Olaf College  
1:45 Program in Skoglund Auditorium at St. Olaf  
5:20 Drill and band show at Target Field prior to Twins vs. Giants game.

May 11—11 a.m. Church service at Mindekirken (Memorial Church) In Minneapolis  
2 p.m. Ceremonial Outdoor Marching Performance at Norway House, Minneapolis **[norwayhouse.org](http://norwayhouse.org)**



## Library News

Who doesn't love a Norwegian Troll tale? We have books in the library to share with your family. The book is one of the best and most famous collection of troll tales.

Visit the library before or after the *Syttende Mai* dinner! —Sharon Barsness, Librarian



## Crossings—200th Anniversary of Norwegian Migration

2025 marks the 200th Anniversary of the first organized emigration of Norwegians to the United States. The single mast sloop, *Restauration*, left Stavanger on July 4, 1825, with 52 people on board. Often referred to as the "Sloopers," they arrived in New York City harbor on October 9, 1825.

The coordinated undertaking for the 200th anniversary has been identified as Crossings, Norway & North America, 1825—2025. The Crossings Bicentennial in North America is managed by a group of dedicated professionals representing the Norwegian American Historical Association, Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, Norway House, *The Norwegian American* newspaper, with representation from Sons of Norway and the Sons of Norway Foundation. (Submitted by **Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director.)



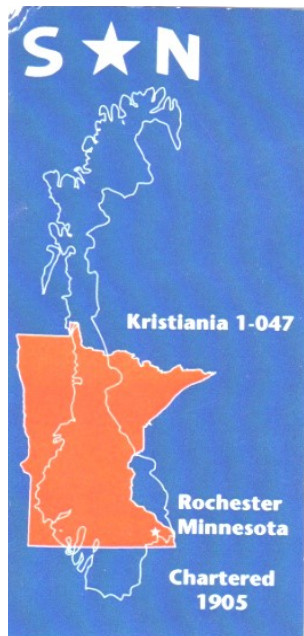
## Pop Tabs—save your pop can tabs!

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**

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### Coming Events in our Area

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| May 1      | Program on Henrick Ibsen at Heimbygda Lodge SON in Lanesboro  |
| May 8-12   | Appearances of His Majesty the King's Guard in various MN locations. See page 3 for times and locations.  |
| May 16     | Lutefisk Dinner at Lands Lutheran Church, Zumbrota, beginning at 4 pm, \$25.  |
| May 16-18  | Syttende Mai Festival, Spring Grove, MN . <a href="http://sgsyttendemai.com">Http://sgsyttendemai.com</a>   |
| June 18-22 | Crossings and Connections: Norwegian Migration to North America, Conference at St. Olaf College, Northfield. Registration now open. Website: <a href="http://crossings.norwegianamerican.com">crossings.norwegianamerican.com</a> |