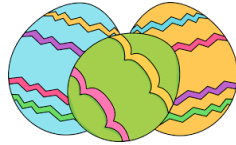




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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Sunday, April 9	<i>God Påske!</i>	
Thursday, April 13	Board meeting in the board room	6 pm
Thursday, April 13	Chapter meeting. Speaker: Eric Dregni , author of <i>For the Love of Cod. See page 2.</i>	7 pm
Thursday, May 11	Board meeting	6 pm
Saturday, May 13	<i>Syttende Mai</i> meal; Reservations will be taken. Entertainment: Kevin Doely, ventriloquist	12 noon

Hilsen fra Presidenten, Sharon Kingsley

Greetings to all. We had our March social meeting today (March 18), and what a grand turnout! The several guests who attended, along with our members, were entertained by the "Birkie Warriors and Inga" contest winners and feasted on chili and pie with all the trimmings. Thank you to all who participated.

I want to thank you for the warm reception that you have given me for assuming the position as President. I enjoy learning about the internal flow of the organization as well as what everyone is actively doing. I rub elbows with many members at other functions about town. It brings a sense of belonging, which is so important for a strong community.

I had a chance to look at the library in the boardroom. Many books are on display that may be of interest to some of you. Swing by and take a look at our next meeting.

We have many exciting programs ahead, and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.

A side note: *Tusen takk* to **Bob Rosedahl** for suggesting ice cream for the pie!

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.

Notes from March 9 board meeting

The Kristiania board met over Zoom on March 9, 2023. Our new president, Sharon Kingsley, called the meeting to order. The minutes from February 9 were accepted, as were the treasurer's report and the financial secretary's report.

- Open positions include Vice-President, Publicity/Marketing, Librarian, and Sports Director.
- Final details for the chili lunch were reviewed.
- Upcoming events include: April 13—Eric Dregni, author of *For the Love of Cod*; May 13—*Syttende Mai* meal; June 8—Bingo night
- Scholarship applications have started arriving and will be reviewed on April 19.
- The Tracphone has been discontinued. Telephone numbers for lodge officers are listed in the 2023 yearbook.
- An election of officers will be held at the April 13 chapter meeting.

Kristiania Social meeting, March 18, 2023

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's for our annual Chili and Pie lunch. **Sharon Kingsley** and **Lisa Fenton** greeted the crowd and acknowledged the many guests and one of our new members. Sharon asked for a moment of silence for **Jean Carlson**. Lisa asked for a round of applause for the Girl Scouts helping with today's meal and passed around a sign-up sheet for the *Syttende Mai* meal on May 13. **Betty Danielson** played piano for the table prayer. After a fabulous lunch, the assembly gave a round of applause for **Luke Fenton**, who crafted the chili, and for the board, who provided the pies.

After lunch, the Pinkney family shared their experience portraying "Birkie Royalty" during the 2020 Birkebeiner ski race in Hayward WI. Vergil and Tasha Pinckney of Rochester, skied as Torstein and Inga, while their son Caelan appeared as Prince Haakon. David Kettula (Tasha's father) of International Falls, MN, skied as Skjervald. David read the essay that won their bid to re-enact the 800-year-old legend that inspired the creation of the American Birkebeiner. Birkie royalty are required to ski the 55-km Birkie Classic Trail on wooden skis and in full period costume, and the family gave a delightful re-telling of their day on the trail (almost 7 hours!) and how Caelan was handed to them just before the end of the race and crossed the finish line with his family on his first birthday.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Simmons, Secretary

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.

Election at April 13 meeting

Kristiania Lodge Sons of Norway will hold Executive Committee elections at the April 13 meeting. The following candidates have agreed to run:

President	Sharon Kingsley
Vice-President	Open
Secretary	Kristi Simmons
Treasurer	David Anderson
Financial Secretary	Wayne Rogelstad
Trustees	Bob Rosedahl
	Ann Romo
	Carol Lucido
Counselor (past President)	Erica Ward

Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

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Jean Marie Carlson (24 May 1935-4 March 2023), Sons of Norway member since 1972.

April 13 Program: Eric Dregni speaks about *For the Love of Cod* (7 pm)



Norway is usually near or at the top of the World Happiness Report. But is it really one of the happiest countries on Earth? Eric Dregni had his doubts. Years ago he and his wife had lived in this country his great-great-grandfather once fled. When their son Eilif was born there, the Norwegian government paid for the birth, gave them \$5,000, and deposited \$150 into their bank account every month, but surely happiness was more than a generous health care system. What about all those grim months without sun? When Eilif turned fifteen, father and son decided to go back together and investigate. *For the Love of Cod* is their droll report on the state of purported Norwegian bliss.

Eric Dregni is the author of twenty books, including *In Cod We Trust*, *Vikings in the Attic*, *Weird Minnesota*, and *Let's Go Fishing!*, all published by the University of Minnesota Press. He is professor of English, journalism, and Italian at Concordia University in St. Paul, and Director of the Concordia Italian Language Village.

—**Sue Blood**, Social Director

KULTUR: Norway's Weird Tradition of Crime Fiction

Bingeing on crime fiction may not be your first choice of Easter activity, but it's high on the list for Norwegians. Tucking into oranges, enjoying the classic Kvikk Lunsj chocolate wafer, grabbing the last chance to ski, or heading off for some sun are all popular Easter activities in Norway, but nothing beats the allure of a crime story.

Hundreds of thousands of Norwegians indulge in crime fiction novels and Nordic noir TV and film every Easter. Known as "Easter crime" (*påskekrim*), the tradition is just as well-known within Norway as it is confusing to visitors.

For more *påskekrim* history, visit <https://forbes.com/sites/davidnikel/2022/03/10/norways-weird-100-year-old-easter-tradition-of-crime-fiction/?sh-3e3d65503da4> Or google: Ingebretsens Easter Crime

Submitted by : **Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director



Board members provided the pies for the Chili-Pie Lunch. L to R: **David Anderson, Bob & Kathy Rosedahl, Kristi Simmons, Sharon Kingsley, Betty Danielson, Wayne & Carol Rogelstad, Lisa Fenton, Ann Romo, VJ Anderson.** (Erica Ward, Sue Blood and Carol Lucido were absent for the picture.)

**Chili /Pie
Luncheon,
March 18,
2023**



From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

This month I will talk about Term Insurance. The focus here would be for you to think of your son, daughter, grandson, and granddaughter. Why? Because I would suspect that they have big needs for life insurance. Term insurance is right for those who:

- *Are just starting a family
- *Want to ensure their family's quality of life if they are not there to provide for them
- *Are financially supporting someone with special needs or an elderly parent
- *Have a mortgage or other debt you do not want to leave for your loved ones to handle
- *Desire the flexibility to convert to permanent coverage in the future.

Here are some examples of term rates:

Male, age 30, \$250,000, 10-year term: \$11.90 to \$16.58 per month. 30-year-term: \$20.19 to \$30.81 per month

Female, age 30, \$250,000, 10-year-term: \$10.63 to \$13.60 per month. 30-year-term: \$17.21 to \$25.50 per month.

For more details, please contact me at: 651-253-1942 len.carlson2532@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 $\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ 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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