



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Kristiania Lodge 1-047



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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

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| Dec. 5 | Julefest at Eagles Club. Bring Norwegian pastries for dessert. Entertainment: Andrea Een, Hardanger Fiddle Music. Award-winning composer, fiddler, and former St. Olaf College professor. | 12 noon |
| Dec. 9 | Board meeting. Board Room . | 6:00 pm |
| Dec. 24 | Julaften | |
| Dec. 25 | 1. Juledag | |
| Jan. 13 | Board meeting. Board Room . | 6:00 pm |
| Jan. 13 | Chapter meeting. Speakers: Pinkney Family, Birkebeiner Race at Hayward, WI. | 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 10 | Board meeting. Board Room | 6:00 pm |
| Feb. 10 | Chapter meeting. Speaker: Ventriloquist Kevin Doely. | 7:00 pm |

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN —Erica Ward, *Presidenten*

I hope this month's Posten finds you and your family healthy and safe. With all of the contention from the many issues we face in our local, national, and global community, it is nice to be able to meet for our Julefest for a great dinner and entertainment as well as socializing. This event will provide a platform for us to enjoy each other's company while celebrating our combined interest in Norwegian heritage and culture. I hope I will see you at the Julefest.

Speaking of Christmas, there are many traditions we do each Christmas season. In my family we have at least seven sorts of cookies. Of course, normally it is more than seven types since my daughter Dahlia and I love to bake. Each year I host a cookie decorating day for my kids and their cousins. Thankfully, my husband, Victor, handles clean-up. Those traditions lead up to the big three days for Christmas. We host family on the 23rd for *risengrøt* and bread pudding (nice change from the cookies and other desserts), and the person who finds the almond wins the marzipan pig. Next, we celebrate Christmas Eve with the family, having dinner, lots and lots of cookies and other desserts (*riskrem*, *karamellpudding*, etc.) followed by opening presents. Finally, on Christmas Day the morning is spent with the nuclear family followed by a lunch or supper at my parents' house with the family.

As we begin to get back to our in-person meetings, please keep in mind that we have several board positions available. If you are interested in one of the positions or in volunteering in general, please reach out to any of us on the board. The current open positions, which have varying duties and time commitments, are : Vice-President, Trustee, Librarian, and Foundation Director. In order to keep our lodge strong and healthy, we need to ensure continual leadership and volunteers.

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.

KRISTIANIA CHAPTER MINUTES—11-11-21

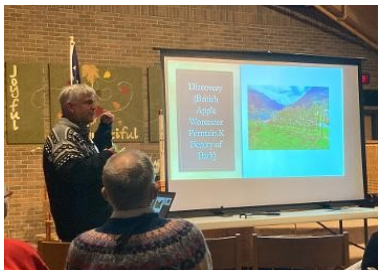
Kristiania Lodge gathered in the sanctuary of Our Savior's with **Ann Romo** presiding. **VJ Anderson** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ann asked the veterans to stand, and they received a hearty round of applause. Ann also acknowledged the recent passing of member **Katharine Bilodeau**.

Lisa Fenton noted that Julefest will be held this year at noon on Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Eagles Club. Their location is 917 15th Ave. SE, Rochester, members are free; non-members pay \$19 per meal. Please reserve your spot by calling (507-202-1811) or through email at info@kristiania1-47.org. Lisa also asked members to consider volunteering for one of several open positions on the board. Kristiania 1-47 needs you!

Renee Thoreson and **Sue Blood** are decorating our lodge's tree for the Hiawatha Homes Festival of Trees this year. Their theme is "Merry Nisse-mas!" and they showed us some of the cute little *nisser* that will appear on our tree. Trees will be on display in downtown Rochester Nov. 22-28.

Carol Rogelstad announced that our lodge will be ringing bells for Salvation Army on Nov. 19 at the north door at JC Penneys and asked volunteers to pick a time slot on the sign-up sheet. Ann reminded the group of the lefse giveaway on Saturday, November 13.

Last, but not least, **Lars and Lars** got a chance to catch up on the high jinks of Sven and Ole.



Dr. David Heine presented a program titled "Norsk Frukt—Sett Fra Hardanger" (Norwegian Fruit—A View from Hardanger). David's Norwegian relatives have an apple orchard in the small village of Tokheim, near the town of Odda on the Hardanger Fjord. The fjord stabilizes the local climate, allowing local fruit production; the region accounts for 40% of the fruit grown in Norway. David and his family travel to Tokheim every year to help with the apple harvest, and his talk was filled with historical information, family anecdotes, and semi-technical aspects of fruit agriculture, accented by pictures of the beautiful area surrounding the farm. The stories were delightful and engaging.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Simmons, Secretary

FESTIVAL OF TREES



The two masked *nisser*, **Sue** and **Renee**, decorated the Sons of Norway tree with ornaments, garland, snow, and a sprinkle of magic. Other tree designers liked our theme of "Merry Nisse-mas." The special part of this tree is the little red cardinal perched on a branch near the top and is in memory of **Darlene Stadsvold**, who was the original tree designer for our lodge. We like to think she is smiling and counting how many *nisser* we have on the tree. —



Renee Thoreson

RSP Architects purchased our tree, and it was on display at DBS Studio LLC at 326 S. Broadway during the Festival of Trees benefiting Hiawatha Homes.

JANUARY 13 SPEAKERS EXPERIENCED 2020 BIRKEBEINER RACE

Our speakers were the winners of the Birkie Warriors and Inga contest as part of the 2020 Birkebeiner race in Hayward, WI. The Pickney family from Rochester will share their experience surrounding the race and the Norwegian roots of the race. The Birkebeiner cross country ski race is the largest ski race in North America and one of the longest. Ten thousand skiers participate! This race and the Norwegian *Birkebeierrennet* commemorate the Birkebeiner Party soldiers that smuggled the infant child of King Hakon Sverresson overland on skis from Lillehammer to the safety of Trondheim.

It sounds like an interesting winter program!

—**Lisa Fenton**, Social Director

Til Minne

Katharine S. Bilodeau

February 21, 1937– November 6, 2021



**KRISTIANIA MEMBERS
ENTHUSASTIC ABOUT
LEFSE GIVE-AWAY**

LEFT: **Carol and Wayne Rogelstad** present **Ann Sigford** and **Folke Arbin** their packages of lefse on Nov. 13.



Board members who helped distribute lefse are; l to r: **VJ Anderson, Kristi Simmons, Bob Rosedahl** (in car), **Carol Rogelstad, Kathy Rosedahl, and Dave Anderson**. Five member households received lefse delivery service from Carol, **Lisa Fenton**, and **Erica Ward**. Thanks to Bob and Kathy for making the trip to Blair, WI, to pick up the lefse from the Countryside Lefse factory. Driving conditions were not the best on Nov. 12.

**Glad jul!
God nyttår!**

Lodge's Liability Insurance

Kristiania lodge is covered by a liability insurance policy from Aon Risk Services Central through Sons of Norway International.



Check us out on Facebook

Lodge event photos, interesting articles, and meeting reminders are on Facebook! Our lodge page is public, which means **you don't have to have a Facebook account** to view our posts. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/sonsofnorwaykristiania/>

Weather-related announcements will be communicated through Facebook. —**Lisa Fenton**, Webmaster

Christmas traditions at the Fenton household

Our Christmas includes Christmas Eve service at church, followed by a meatball dinner with mashed potatoes, lefse *kling*, scalloped corn, a fruit salad that doesn't have much fruit in it, and then *rommegrøt* for dessert. Pickled herring might be served but no one really eats it. There are some Norwegian sweets on the cookie plate; *kringla*, *krumkake*, *rosettes*, *brunkake*, heart-shaped *pepperkaker*. After presents are opened (one at a time, of course), and the mess is picked up, we fall into bed only to wake up early to see what little gifts Santa put in our stockings! —**Lisa Fenton**, Social Director

FROM OUR FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR

Merry Christmas, everyone! It's a time for giving and to be with family.

Here is a gift idea for all of you grandparents and great-grandparents—a gift that lasts a lifetime. It's a gift of life insurance. While this type of gift may not bring excitement to your grandkids like an I-phone will, years down the road when they appreciate the need for life insurance, they will remember you and thank you. Here are two ideas:

First, Viking Voyager:

- ◇ Age 17 and under are eligible
- ◇ One premium—coverage to age 26
- ◇ Face amounts: \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$25,000
- ◇ Single premium for age 0 is \$504 for \$25,000.

Second, Single Premium Simplified Whole Life

- ◇ One premium—minimum \$2,000.

Examples:

- ◇ Age 0, \$2,000 provides \$16,203 of coverage
- ◇ Age 5, \$2,000 provides \$14,386 of coverage
- ◇ Age 10, \$2,000 provides \$12,612 of coverage

Please contact me for more information.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HOLIDAY SEASON!

—Len Carlson, 1-651-253-1943,

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Do you need a nametag?

If you need a Sons of Norway nametag, get in touch with **Wayne Rogelstad**, 507-398-2780, wrogelstad@gmail.com, and he will help you out.

You Have Mail!



Send us an Email!

We would like to update the Lodge Email and telephone contact list. **Please send us an email** at: info@kristiania1-47.org and include your name and phone number. Please tell us if we can send text messages to that number. *Takk!*

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