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Kristiania Lodge 1-047



*Hurrah for
Syttende Mai!*

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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

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| May 12 | Board meeting | 6:00 pm |
| May 12 | Chapter meeting | 7:00 pm |
| | Program: Damon Ramaker , Sled Dog Racer
Syttende Mai treats. Details on page 2. | |
| May 17 | Syttende Mai/Grunnlovsdagen (Constitution Day) | |
| May 21 | Piano concert presented by winners of Rochester
Keyboard Club contest, including Scandinavian
music. Coffee after concert. Details on page 2. | 7:00 pm |

BREAKING NEWS!

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and coffee time have been resumed! Phone calls to solicit servers will also resume! If you are willing to help serve at chapter meetings on the second Thursday of the month, please give me a call at 507-289-8621. Servers are needed for the months of January-June and September-November.

Tusen takk.

—**Kathy Rosedahl**,
Hospitality Director

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

This April the Scholarship Committee met to review the applications from eligible high school seniors. It was good to see how accomplished the applicants are and what their future plans are. This year's program went very well due to the leadership and organization of our new Scholarship Director, **Carol Lucido** (she is also our new Trustee). Thank you, Carol!

With summer rapidly approaching (where does the time go?), many of you may be planning summer trips. Hopefully, you will be able to visit with family and friends, some of whom you may not have been able to see since the start of the pandemic. If you are able to visit Norway this year, please consider writing a short article about your trip for the *Posten*. It would be good to hear about, and maybe see a picture from, your trip.

Please let me or one of the other board members know if you are interested in volunteering for one of our open positions: Vice President, Cultural Director, or Foundation Director.

—**Erica Ward**, *Presidenten*



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.

May 12 Program: Damon Ramaker, Sled Dog Racer

Damon Ramaker, founder of Deep Root Kennel in southeast Minnesota, and Mayo Clinic ER nurse, tells his story of the 2020 Iditarod Race in Alaska. He was part of the Elim 11: 11 teams of mushers that could not make progress as the sea ice advanced over the trail. Damon finished the two-week, 900-mile race but faced further challenges as the COVID-19 pandemic shut-down approached. This is sure to be an interesting program on May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

—Lisa Fenton, Social Director

KRISTIANIA CHAPTER MEETING—April 7, 2022

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's with **Erica Ward** presiding. **Judy Davis** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Lars and Lars reunited with stories about Lena's crossword puzzle woes and Sven and Ole's ice fishing adventures.

Sarabeth Watson received her 2021 Recruitment award. **Barry M. Dahl** was presented with a Golden Membership award. Others who achieved this rank are **Jean Mortenson** and **John Tuseth**; their certificates will be mailed to them.

Several board positions remain open: Vice-President, Cultural Director, Librarian, and Foundation Director.

Kathy Rosedahl announced that luncheon will again be served beginning in May, and that she will be calling for helpers. Kathy provided all of tonight's cookies and bars.

Ann Romo is donating a copy of We Signed Our Lives Away to the lodge library. This book is by Kari Torjesen Malcom (d. 2014), the sister of Hakon Torjesen, who spoke at our chapter meeting on March 10.

The evening's speaker was Kari Tauring from Minneapolis. She works full time as a Norse cultural educator and will be a headliner this summer at the Norwegian Language Camp in Spring Grove, MN. Kari grew up immersed in the three "L's" of Norwegian-American culture: Lutheranism, Lefse, and Lutefisk. She was introduced to runes by her linguistics professor at the University of St. Thomas in 1988. During her presentation, she explained the earliest runes (the Elder Futhark), the transition to the Younger Futhark, and their connection to the Iron Age and the Vikings.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Simmons, Secretary



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

Sons of Norway Piano Contest with Rochester Keyboard Club: Sat., May 21, 7-8:30 pm



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Kristiania Lodge partners with the Rochester Keyboard Club for an annual piano contest. Students from the club choose to participate in our contest, find the perfect piece of music, then practice for weeks in preparation for our contest. On the morning of our concert the students

are judged on their piano performance. They come to our social gathering in the evening as the musical entertainment, and the awards are presented at the conclusion of the concert.

Kristiania will present certificates in three age categories and a trophy with monetary prize in two categories. The trophies (*rosemaled* plates) are awarded to the winner in a Scandinavian Composer Category as well as to the overall contest winner. The plates are beautifully designed and painted by Kristiania member **Dean Vigeland**.

Please join us for the concert and award presentation on Saturday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. and then for refreshments and coffee following the event.

—Lisa Fenton, Social Director

NORDIC EVENTS in our area

Tuesday, May 17—Syttende Mai Celebration at Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, IA
Vesterheim.org/events/annual/syttendemai

—SyttendeMai Minnesota Banquet, MN Valley Country Club, Bloomington, MN
17MaiCommittee@gmail.com

Until Sun., May 29—Exhibit at Norway House; "Terje Lundaas: Hot Glass Design." 913 E. Franklin Minneapolis. NorwayHouse.org

Sat., June 18—Nordic Midsummer Fest, Buck Hill Ski Resort, Burnsville. 9 am—9 pm, \$10
Nordicmidsummerfest.com

July 28-30—Nordic Fest, Decorah, IA



Member News,

Please keep **Maxine and Orland Thoreson** in your prayers. Maxine broke her leg in three places, spent time in the hospital and is in week #9 at rehab at The Homestead. She is recovering like a Viking, but still has a ways to go. She would love visits or phone calls (cell 507-358-4543). **Renee** is working full time from home and caring for Orland (who is on hospice) during this time.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN NORWAY

Norway could accept 60,000 Ukrainian refugees this year, the country's Directorate of Immigration (UDI) said while presenting scenarios for the arrival of Ukrainian refugees on Wednesday. "We must take into account that the flow of refugees can last a long time, and the government has therefore asked the police to establish a new registration centre at Gardermoen", said justice and emergency management minister Emilie Enger Mehl in a press release.

The UDI presented a low scenario, a middle scenario and a high scenario in its [last report](#). The UDI now recommends that the authorities plan for 60,000, which is the estimate presented in the middle scenario. "Which of the scenarios will be most realistic is very difficult to assess. For planning purposes, however, we would recommend using the middle scenario with 60,000 as a point estimate", the UDI states in the report.

Hostilities will continue throughout the summer in this scenario, with some seven million refugees fleeing Ukraine in 2022. In the middle to long term, countries bordering Ukraine will have difficulty dealing with the number of refugees.

Many refugees could give up hope of returning to their homes in 2022 and seek refuge in neighbouring countries and other European countries. Norway is considered a country with good welfare schemes and a reasonable labour market, meaning the country might eventually have to welcome a more significant number of refugees than expected.

In this scenario, Norway, a country with five million inhabitants, would receive 60,000 refugees, between 0.7% to 1% of those who fled Ukraine. In its forecasts, the UDI assumes a settlement need of 35,000 refugees in 2022.

—EURACTIV, April 6, 2022

Lodge's Liability Insurance

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

FROM OUR FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR

A year ago I wrote an article about LAZY MONEY!! It's time to revisit it. It's money sitting in your savings account, checking account, or in a bank CD. What do these have in common? LOW INTEREST RATES OR HARDLY ANY INTEREST RATE!

LAZY MONEY can also be money that you aren't going to spend and are going to pass along to your children or grandchildren. Here are some examples of what I mean:

- ⇒ Male, age 65—\$34,098 buys \$50,000 of income-tax-free death benefit.
- ⇒ Male, age 65—\$17,079 buys \$25,000 of income-tax-free death benefit.

Think about this: \$34,00 provides \$15,902 of additional money instantly, income-tax-free to the beneficiary!!

I ask you to just think of this concept and how it can enhance the amount of money that you can pass along to your loved ones.

I have lots of good ideas of how to make the most of your LAZY MONEY! Give me a call. I would be willing to help. Len

Please contact me for more information.

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