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November 26 is Thanksgiving Day!

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

As we are experiencing a glimpse into the coming Minnesota winter, the November *Viking* has an article on the new indoor ski arena. Located just outside Oslo in Snø, visitors can ski downhill and cross-country year round.

Another small article in *Viking* focused on Norwegian football, so football lovers can now get updates on Norwegian and Swedish teams. As a big Manchester United (part of the English Premier League) fan, I am looking forward to being able to get to know more about these Nordic teams.

On to our lodge news. A big "thank you" to those who have volunteered in various roles in the past year. A special "thank you" to **Arona Schuck** (Publicity/Marketing Director), **Judy Davis** (Cultural Director), **Bob Ronningen** (Trustee), **Betty Ronningen** (Publicity/Marketing Director), and **Sarabeth Watson** (Librarian), who all volunteered as board members in the last year.

Thank you to **Erling** and **Shelly Spallees Hansen**, who have agreed to serve as Co-Cultural Directors. Erling, a native Norwegian who has a tour agency, and his wife, Shelly, will be great additions to the board. They recently moved to Minnesota with their children.

Since we haven't been able to meet, it has been difficult to continue mentioning the vacancies on the board. Our Vice-President position is open as well as the Publicity/Marketing position and the Librarian position. If you are interested in any of these positions, please feel free to contact any of us on the board.

The Vice-President position entails collaborating with the President and board to ensure lodge activities are completed. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, will preside over board and lodge meetings and social gatherings.

Publicity/Marketing Director sends out the notices of chapter meetings and social gatherings to local media. This job is a very important position that helps bring awareness of our lodge for potential new members. Contact information has been developed by those who previously held the position.

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LEFSE GIVE-AWAY FOR KRISTIANIA MEMBERS

Curbside Lefse: Pick up our free lefse on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Our Savior's parking lot. Two packages per member household will be distributed to you while you wait in your car.

Lefse can be picked up on behalf of another member. Let us know the name of the member you are picking up for, and we will cross their name off the list.

We may have leftover lefse. We will offer extra lefse for sale at \$3 per package from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Please note: exact change or a check made out to Sons of Norway are required for purchase. It will be sold on a "first-come, first served" basis. All distribution of free lefse will stop at 2 p.m.

If you are unable to drive to the pick-up, we can deliver it to you. Call **Lisa Fenton** to be placed on the delivery list (507) 202-1811.

—**Lisa Fenton**, Social Director

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 Board Meets at Gloria Dei

The Kristiania board met on Thursday, October 22 at Lisa Fenton's church, Gloria Dei. It was a pleasant setting with lots of room to spread out (and a fireplace!). It was a lengthy meeting covering topics such as open board positions, annual contributions, ideas for membership engagement, and the logistics of getting our mail.

We are excited for the Lefse Giveaway on November 14, and the board discussed at length how to make it as efficient and secure as possible. Please see Lisa's article on page 1 for details. We are also eager to see our Sons of Norway tree at the reconfigured Festival of Trees, thanks to Renee Thoreson and Sue Blood. However, the board did not feel comfortable asking members to ring bells for Salvation Army this year and elected to increase our annual contribution instead.

The board also elected to cancel the remainder of our 2020 programming, along with January 2021 events. We are keeping our options open for February, but it will depend upon Our Savior's being open and whether group gatherings are allowed. Your health and welfare is our top concern. Lisa has been rebooking many of the speakers who could not entertain us this year, so when we get the green light, we will be ready to go.

Wayne Rogelstad is working on the 2021 yearbook, which will be coming out later this year. The lodge has also received a lovely set of rosemaled nesting boxes from Katharine Bilodeau and Elizabeth Gallanis; you may be hearing more about that in the future, so watch the newsletter!

—Kristi Simmons, Secretary

From our Financial Benefits Counselor—

In my September article I mentioned that it was still summer, but guess what's coming—fall, winter, and the holiday season. FALL was eliminated and it's now winter and Christmas. A little review is in order, so this is the same information I wrote in September.

For you grandparents reading this, I encourage you to start your Christmas shopping for your grandchildren early. What better gift than a life insurance policy for them, a gift they will remember for a long time that came from Grandma and Grandpa. One popular product is called the Viking Voyager; it's a single premium, and provides coverage until the grandchild is age 26. You can purchase a \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$25,000 policy. For example, for a child age 0, you can purchase a \$25,000 policy for \$504. A ONE-TIME payment! That's it! For a 5-year-old it's a ONE-TIME payment of \$471!

Sons of Norway has other plans for grandkids as well.

Don't forget, Sons of Norway has a variety of annuities. We do IRA and 401K rollovers, have a wide variety of life insurance policies, and have a final expense policy with no medical questions.

We have it all. Don't be bashful—feel free to contact me to discuss how Sons of Norway's plans can fit into your financial goals.

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In-Person Meetings Remain on Hold

Til Minne

James Isaacson (1922-2020)

Jim was a long-time member who for many years faithfully secured bell-ringers for Salvation Army from our membership.



SNOWBIRDS AND WINTER TRAVELERS! Keep the *Posten* editor advised of your winter address and the effective dates! Bulk mail is not forwarded, and Kristiania is required to pay postage on the returned copies. *Takk!*

Please continue to watch for updates in lodge emails, on the website (www.kristiania1-47.org), or on the Facebook page (@sonsofnorwaykristiania). If you know fellow members who do not have access to electronic media, please pass information to them by phone. You may phone any of the lodge officers if you have questions. Their contact information can be found on pages 3-5 of your 2020 Kristiania yearbook.

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The Librarian maintains the lodge library, which focusses on Norwegian and Scandinavian literature as well as various other media. Previous library knowledge is not required. Once Our Savior's is opened for our group to meet again, the library will also be open again.

For those in our membership who are experiencing an illness or have a loved one who is sick or has passed away, please know that during this time of distancing, we are thinking of you and your family. Until our next meeting, I hope you are able to connect with others online, through email, on the phone while remaining safe and socially distant.

If you know a lodge member who is not receiving the *Posten* by email, please let them know about this option. They can join the mailing list either through our website, www.kristiania1-47.org or by emailing our Social Director/Webmaster **Lisa Fenton** at lj.fenton789@gmail.com.

Erica Ward, President



Festival of Trees

Don't forget that Kristiania Lodge will have a tree this year at the 35th annual Hiawatha Homes Festival of Trees. The display will NOT be at the Civic Auditorium as in the past, but will be dispersed throughout the community and presented online

November 27-29. At this time we do not know where our tree will be located, as businesses have not had an opportunity to choose yet. Hiawatha Homes' website is: <https://hiawathahomes.org/festival-of-trees/>. If you do not have an opportunity to see the tree in person or view it online, **Sue Blood** and I will get a picture that can be printed in a later newsletter. —**Renee Thoreson**, Kristiania Tree Committee

From our Cultural Director

I have enjoyed planning cultural activities for our lodge the past few years. Thanks for participating in baking classes, language classes, genealogy and music activities, etc.! I will remain an active member but have resigned my position.

The new Cultural Co-Directors are **Shelley** (teacher) and **Erling Hansen** (a native Norwegian), who have wonderful cultural skills and talents to offer our lodge!

—**Judy Davis**, Cultural Director

News

***As part of our Virtual Lodge programming, Sons of Norway will present a virtual screening of *The Blinding Sea*, a compelling film by award-winning filmmaker George Tombs on the life of another famed explorer, **Roald Amundsen** (1872-1928). The film explores the life and loves of Amundsen, combining factual accuracy with bold storytelling, a cross-cultural approach, and oral histories from the Amundsen and other families. The film is available for members only until Nov. 9 on www.SonsofNorway.com.

*****Gingerbread Wonderland** at Norway House in Minneapolis is open for viewing by appointment only from Nov. 6-30 and Dec. 1-Jan.2. Viewing time is 45 minutes, with masks, and limited to 10 visitors at a time. General admission is \$10, seniors and kids \$5; a cookie and a warm beverage to take home are included. 913 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. 612-871-2211. info@norwayhouse.com

***The new Omni Viking Lakes Hotel near the Minnesota Vikings headquarters in Eagan, MN, displays three carved wooden columns featuring Viking ship themes. Visitors are welcome to view them. Contact Twin Cities SON member Mike Wick at mwick4249@comcast.net to view his photos.

TUBFRIM Stamps

A reminder to all to cut off your used postage stamps to send to Norway for the TUBFRIM program. Leave a ¼ to ½ -inch border around all sides. Please bring to a chapter meeting to deposit in our TUBFRIM container. The stamps are sold (to collectors), and the profits are used to help children and youth with disabilities, and children and youth with handicaps, in Norway and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis. —**Ann Romo**, Volunteer for TUBFRIM

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

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!*

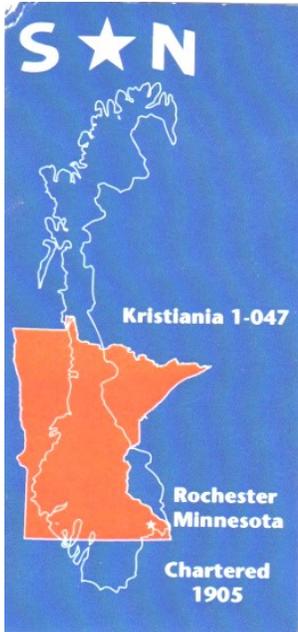


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