



**SONS of
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Kristiania Lodge 1-047



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October 9 is Leif Erikson Day

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

Our board is planning a lefse giveaway for members next month. I am looking forward to seeing members, even at a social distance, while helping with the event. Hopefully, we will be able to have some form of the *Julefest* in December. We will meet at the end of October as a board to discuss the options.

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. If you are interested in being the Vice-President, or filling another position, please feel free to contact any of us on the board.

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

—**Erica Ward**, President

District 1 awards gift to lodges during pandemic

The District 1 board of Sons of Norway voted to award each lodge in the district \$500 to be used to strengthen their lodge during the pandemic. **Kristiania** applied for the gift, and our board voted to divide it between two of the local charities which we usually support at the end of the calendar year. We sent \$250 each to Ronald McDonald House and Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge. Each responded with gratitude.

Zone Director takes note of Kristiania plans in report

Zone #5 Director Gloria Coulter (we are in Zone #5 of District 1) recently described in her report activities of the zone lodges during the pandemic. Among those she mentioned were a lefse giveaway, a board meeting in a park, and a Norwegian culture quiz. Do these sound familiar? She must have read about us in the September *Posten*!

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.

LEFSE TO GO! FOR YOU!



Don't forget to pick up your free LEFSE on November 14 from 10 a.m.—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.

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

Lisa Fenton, Social Director

From our Financial Benefits Counselor—

Are you tired of low, non-exciting interest rates at your bank, or are you tired of the rollercoaster of the market? If so, a Sons of Norway annuity is your answer.

Sons of Norway's annuities can enhance your retirement. A fixed annuity offers tax-deferred growth and principle protection from market volatility. A deferred annuity will provide a predictable stream of income for your recent or future retirement needs.

A Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity allows you to add additional amounts to your annuity while you are still accumulating funds for retirement. A Single Premium Deferred Annuity allows you to make a contribution of just one lump sum. Often a Single Premium Annuity is used when you do an IRA transfer or rollover from a 401K.

In summary, an annuity may be a great fit if

- * you like the thought of guaranteed growth
- * you want access to free withdrawals
- * you would like to transfer assets without probate.

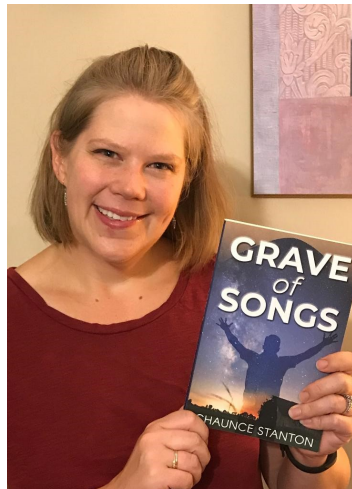
Please contact me for more information on Sons of Norway's annuities and how they may fit into your diversified portfolio.

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Kristiania Lodge Wins!

Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove had a book giveaway on Facebook. They were promoting a recently published book about Norwegian immigrants in Minnesota in 1888. The heritage center was consulted during the book-writing process. **Lisa Fenton** (right) won the giveaway contest and is donating the book to the Kristiania Lodge Library. Thank you, Giants of the Earth. Kristiania Lodge wins!



Set in Annandale, Minnesota in 1888, this is the story of a farm family confronted by a changing world. The *Grave of Songs* is a powerful confluence of historical family drama, folklore, imagination, and coming-of-age storytelling. From the author Chaunce Stanton, the *Grave of Songs* is a gripping love letter to hometowns across America.

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!*

verlajean@aol.com or 289-3794.

In-Person Meetings Remain on Hold

Our meetings will remain on hold through November because of the pandemic. The Bake and Craft Sale in November has also been cancelled. In the fall the board will address the feasibility of December and early 2021 events.—**Lisa Fenton**, Social Director

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.



October is Foundation Month

This is a time to celebrate the Sons of Norway Foundation and the value the Foundation brings to our

membership and communities. The Sons of Norway Foundation was founded in 1966 to support our members and now offers a wide range of scholarships and grants focused on promoting Norwegian heritage and culture, cross-cultural educational opportunities and humanitarian aid.

The Sons of Norway Foundation gives out over \$130,000 in grants and scholarships every year, but we need your support. Our scholarships and grants can be a lifeline for students, families, and our lodges, and the economic effects caused by COVID-19 only increase the need for these vital opportunities. During Foundation Month we ask that you find a way to support the Foundation, whether it be through a personal donation or participating with your lodge.

Be a part of something bigger with the Sons of Norway Foundation. Stay tuned on the Foundation's website and Facebook to find out how to get involved in October.

Donations are accepted online at:
Sofn.com/foundation

—Submitted by **Jan Heusinkveld**,
Kristiania Foundation Director

Yes, Virginia, there will be a

Sons of Norway Tree!

Not even a big troll can stop the Festival of Trees, and our chapter will once again have a tree representing our Norwegian

heritage. Due to COVID, we won't be able to view all the decorated trees at the Civic Center as we

have in the past. However, each tree will be transported to several locations around the

city. You can view them online, or if you'd rather, a map will be provided on the Hiawatha Homes website, and you can drive to see the trees in person.

We won't know until later where our Sons of Norway tree will end up! What we can tell you is that we have a 6-foot tree that is named **Nordic Woodland Forest**. It will have white lights, and look for reindeer, bears, wolves, winter birds, snowflakes, icicles and even some *nisser* hidden in the branches. Stay tuned for more news!



—**Renee Thoreson** and **Sue Blood**, Kristiania 2020 Tree Committee

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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