



Kristiania Lodge 1-047



KRISTIANIA *POSTEN*

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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Saturday, March 22	Social Event: Soup and Pie Potluck.	12 noon
	Program to follow lunch: Paul Dahlin, Fiddle Folk Music	
	<i>Details: See below.</i>	
Thursday, April 10	Lodge Meeting. Program: Karla Brown, Travel to Norway with the Hoinesses in 1908	6:30 pm
Thursday, April 24	Lodge Excursion: Trip to Vesterheim in Decorah, IA	



Soup and Pie Potluck: Something New for our March Social

For our new potluck social we would like members to bring a crockpot of soup to share, and the board members will provide pies. We have 6 soup volunteers so far and would like to add 4 more for a total of 10 crockpots (including accompaniment toppings, if appropriate)



Musical Entertainment at Soup and Pie Potluck—Saturday, March 22, noon

Born in 1954 to a Swedish-American family in Minneapolis, **Paul Dahlin** began playing the fiddle at the age of nine. Learning from his grandfather, Edwin, who came to the US from Dalarna, Sweden, in 1924, and from his mother and uncle, Paul was soon performing at Swedish-American events in the Upper Midwest. Paul took the lead in their group known as the American Swedish Spelmans Trio with his grandfather and his uncle, and he continues to entertain today. In 1996, he was recognized as a National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts because of his work with traditional Swedish music. This is sure to be another outstanding musical program!

Kristiania Lodge still needs: President and Secretary
Please volunteer!

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.

Tusen Takk

The February 13 lodge meeting was followed by fellowship time. The treats were provided by *nisser* **Ann Romo, Judith Davis, Renee Thoresen, and Kathy and Bob Rosedahl**. They featured a Valentine theme with heart-shaped waffles, rosettes, sugar cookies, all frosted in pink. The treats also included cheese, sausage, and crackers. It was fun to celebrate this special day. We do not need *nisser* in March, but in April we need three families to furnish treats. Please call **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507-289-86521 or email **Bob** at rer1558@msn.com if you want to be a *nisse* at the April meeting. *Tusen takk!*

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director



Ann, Renee, and Judy with the Valentine treats.



Library News

At the February meeting **Lisa Fenton** talked about Cultural Skills projects available to our members, including cooking, literature, crafts, etc. The picture shows the medal for various levels of cooking. The library has many books to help you with various projects.

—**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

Viking Swords in Oslo Airport

In early September, a new exhibition was installed at Oslo's Gardermoen Airport. This display consists of seven Viking Age swords that have been unearthed in various places in Norway. The project was a joint effort between the Historical Museum and Gardermoen. Each sword has additional information with it, and there is a QR code that travelers can scan to visit the museum's homepage.

The hope is that the exhibition will promote cultural experiences in Norway since nearly four million people will likely pass by the display within the year.—*SON Newsletter Service*

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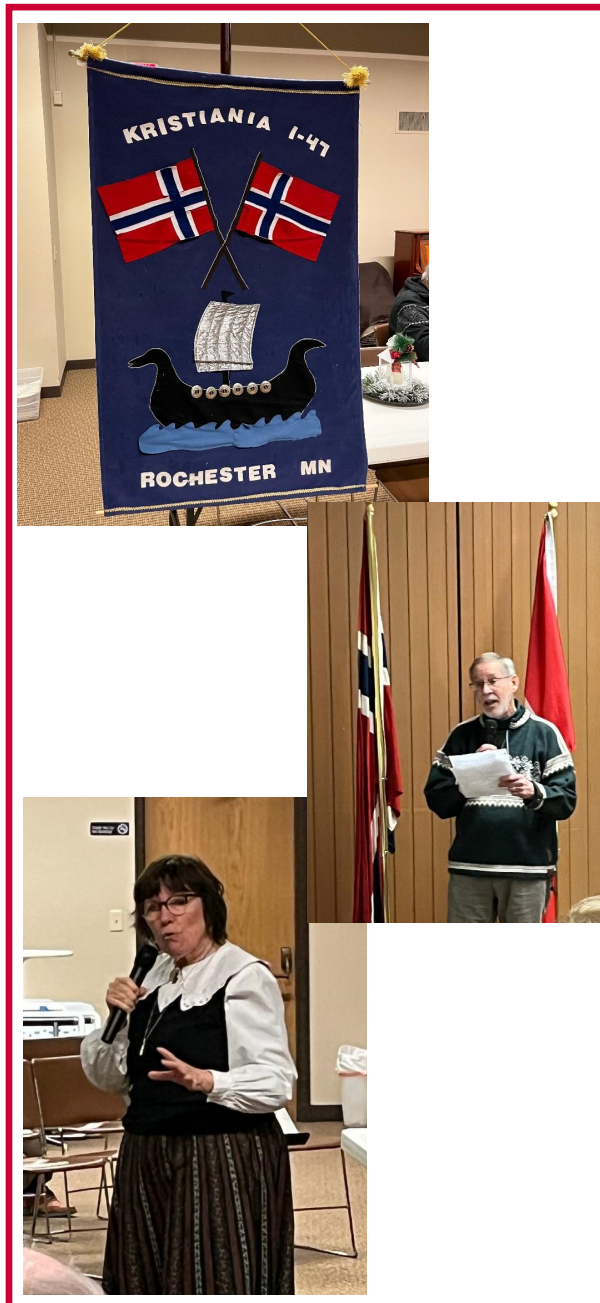
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NOTE—Please notify **Kristi Simmons** (ssimmons10@aol.com) or **Lisa Fenton** (lj.fenton789@gmail.com) if you know of a Kristiania member who should receive a get-well or sympathy card with greetings from the lodge.

February 13, 2025 Lodge Meeting: Recap

- ◇ Vice-President **Judy Davis** opened the meeting with anthems and announcements.
- ◇ Members were encouraged to explore the Cultural Skills binder to investigate earning medals.
- ◇ A Viking ship Kristiania Lodge banner, made several years ago by **Jan Heusinkveld**, was shared with the group. It had been displayed at meetings, conventions, and stevnes.
- ◇ Another plea was made to fill the vacant roles of lodge Secretary and President.
- ◇ Cousins **Lars and Helga** entertained, with Lars presenting an original poem composed praising Helga and her many talents.
- ◇ **Steve Milburn** sang “Just a Little Lefse” with **Betty Danielson** accompanying on the piano.
- ◇ Member **Dale Haaland**, who formerly volunteered at the Norwegian-American Historical Association library at St. Olaf College, has recently had an article published in the NAHA magazine titled “Religious Dissenters in the Records.” A copy was on display.
- ◇ The evening’s program was presented by **Kris Meyer** of Rochester, She told stories of family, *nisser*, trolls, billy goats, and cleverness. She recited the tale of the three Billy Goats Gruff in the Norwegian language. Young children in the audience appeared mesmerized during her final story.
- ◇ A special Valentine-themed lunch with pink rosettes, brownies, cookies, and crackers was prepared and served by **Judy Davis, Kathy Rosedahl, Renee Thoreson, and Ann Romo.**

—Lisa Fenton, Cultural Director



Pop Tabs—save your 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**

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2025 Scholarships



Our lodge will be awarding \$1000 scholarships to **public school seniors in Olmsted County and/or children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of current lodge members regardless of where they live.**

To be eligible, a student must be a graduating senior who will be attending a college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2025. Additional information and the application can be found at our website; www.kristiania1-47.org Application deadline is March 31, 2025. —**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chair

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Report

Thank you for your support of the Together We Are The Future campaign. Together we raised \$200,000 from members, lodges, districts, and friends. *Tusen takk!*

In 2024 the Foundation awarded over \$280K in grants and scholarships to our members, lodges, and communities. These awards bring our mission to life.

In the 2024-25 cycle, grants and scholarships are currently in the process of evaluation. Stay tuned for results.

Thank you!

—**Betty Danielson**, Foundation Director