



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.)

Thurs., Feb. 12	Board meeting	5:15 pm
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Thurs., March 12	Board meeting	5:15 pm
Sat., March 21	Soup and Pie Lunch. Soup donations will be requested. Program: Laulualka: Finnish Folk Music Ensemble	noon

Hilsen fra Presidenten

What an honor to be part of the Sons of Norway Board! The best part has been getting to know the amazing people who work so hard on our behalf. Together they provide quality programs, manage volunteers, keep track of all things financial, organize our library, create and send out the *Posten*, connect us with the international level of Sons of Norway, and so much more! In this Valentine season, I send my personal love and thanks to these lovely, creative, and industrious people (By the way, we would love to have someone join us as our **secretary!**)

—Carol Lucido, President



FEBRUARY PROGRAM : Feb. 12, 6:30 pm

A Nordic Figure Carving Journey with James Miller

James Miller is known for his exceptional skill in the Scandinavian flatplane carving tradition and for his deep dedication to preserving Nordic folk art. As the youngest recipient of the Vesterheim Gold Medal in woodworking, he has shared his craft through teaching, demonstrations, and cultural exchange—including in Norway. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the region's most accomplished carvers and celebrate the artistry of our heritage.

The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries. (Updated mission statement, 2025).

From our Hospitality Director:

Tusen Takk to **Sharon, Eric and Tracy Barsness**, and to **Barb Chase** for the awesome lunch they provided at the Jan. 8 fellowship time following the program. A special thanks goes to **Julie Tiedeman** for her "surprise" contribution of rosettes. The fellowship time is such a special time to visit with other members. We appreciated the coffee and snacks. February 12 will be the next time volunteers are needed to provide treats. Please call **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507-289-8621 ASAP. Three people are needed. Please consider being one of them. Any snacks are appreciated—cookies, bars, fruit, cheese & crackers, sandwiches, etc...

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

SOUP NEEDED! The **March 21** meeting will feature a soup and pie buffet. If you are willing to donate a crock pot of soup, please volunteer to **Sue Walch**. 507-273-4025

Louise Hanson writes article for E-Post

Have you read the latest version of the E-POST from Sons of Norway, which arrived in your email on Jan. 23? (The first story is titled "Hero Grandad.") Of special interest to us Kristiania members is the third article "Introducing the Team Norway Sweater by Dale of Norway," which was written by our own member, **Louise Hanson**, about the 2026 Olympic sweater that the Norwegian Olympians will be wearing. Louise owns the Nordic Shop in the Galleria with her husband, **Walter**. You may remember their January 2025 lodge presentation on Norwegian sweaters.

2026 Scholarships



Our lodge will be awarding \$1,000—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 2026. Additional information and the application form can be found at our website: www.kristiania1-47.org.

—**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chairperson

Be a delegate to the District 1 convention !

District 1 of Sons of Norway will meet in convention June 25–27 in Willmar, MN. Kristiania Lodge is entitled to send 3 delegates and 3 alternates. Financial support for registration, lodging, and mileage is available, and a discount can be had for registration before March 15. Volunteer to represent Kristiania Lodge and learn more about Sons of Norway as well as participate in election of officers and other business. Delegate registration deadline is April 1. Let a board member know of your interest in attending!

News from our Financial Benefits Counselor

Is having financial peace of mind important to you in your retirement years? If yes, please consider Sons of Norway's Annuity Products. Here are some of the advantages of owning an annuity:

- * Tax-deferred growth
- * Protection from market risk
- * Guaranteed interest rate
- * Access to free withdrawals

Sons of Norway has 5 different types of annuities:

- * Flexible Deferred Annuity
- * Single Premium Deferred Annuity
- * Single Premium Immediate Annuity
- * Bonus Annuity
- * Single Premium Deferred Annuity with Multi-Year options

Please contact me to see if an annuity is something you should consider.

—**Len Carlson**, 651-253-1943,

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Postage stamps



We are still collecting cancelled postage stamps, which are collected on the district level and sent to Norway to help raise funds for humanitarian causes. Look for a box for depositing or bring to the board room/library.—**Ann Romo**, trustee

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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.

Minutes of January 8, 2026 General Meeting

We started the meeting with the three national anthems: Canadian, Norwegian, and US, and the Pledge of Allegiance. David Stansfield, 14-year-old grandson of **Julie Tiedeman**, spoke to the group about some of the things he does in the Boy Scouts and the work he does for our chapter. We appreciate everything he and other Boy Scout members do for us to set up and take down our meeting area.



David Stansfield

We honored **Marilynn Schumann**, who turned 100 years old on December 1. We had a moment of silence for three members who recently passed away: **Andrea Philipson** (1943-10/4/25), **Dick Norman** (1935-11/21/25) and **Gloria Rosencrants** (d 10/18/2025).

Sue Walch, Social Director, announced future events:

Feb. 12—Nordic Figure Carving Journey with James Miller

March 21—Soup and Pie—Lauluaika, Finnish folk Music Ensemble

April 9—*Kransekake*, The Crown of Norwegian Desserts by Darlene Fossum Martin

May 9—Catered meal—*Syttende Mai* and scholarship awards—Music of Edvard Grieg by Heidi and Phil Dybing.

Julie Tiedemann brought a flyer about the Stoughton Dancers to perform at Winona High School Jan. 18.

For Show and Tell, several people brought Scandinavian things: Grandmother's blankets that came from Norway, *Tine* boxes and other small wooden storage boxes, some hand-painted wall hangings from Sweden, pictures of **Dave Anderson's** great-grandmother's trunk that came on the ship from Norway, and a Danish *mangelbord*.



Barb and Steve Milburn display *mangelbord*.

Lunch of sandwiches and Christmas bakings were served by **Sharon Barsness, Eric and Tracy Barsness, Barb Chase, and Julie Tiedeman**.

Ann Romo, past president, presiding



Scandinavian Show and Tell items



Immigrant trunk from Lærdal, 1896



Folke Arbin, Ann Sigford, and Larry Danielson ready to enjoy lunch and fellowship.



Pop 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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Kristiania members make presentation about Norway and immigration.



Two Kristiania members, **Sharon Barsness** and **Betty Ann Danielson**, recently were part of the Family Night Culture Event at Elton Hills Elementary School in Rochester. They wore their *bunads*, brought *lefse* and *brunkake*, and talked about immigration from Norway to the US. Sharon displayed the trunk that Lawrence Barsness' grandfather brought from Norway in 1866, and she

showed examples of what would have been in it. She talked about the reasons the immigrants came (no land, poor, no chance to inherit, free land in the US, letters from Norway). The two had examples of Norwegian crafts, talked about the importance of religion and education, and answered questions. They even heard stories of families still making lefse.