



**SONS of  
NORWAY**

**Kristiania Lodge 1-047**

**God Jul!**

# KRISTIANIA POSTEN

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## COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Saturday, Dec. 7	<b>Julefest.</b> Dinner and program by Ross Sutter. Catered pork roast dinner, free for members, \$20 for guests. <b>RSVP</b> by phone or text to <b>Sue Walch</b> at 507-273-4025 before <b>Nov. 29</b> .	12 noon
Thursday, Dec. 12	Board Meeting via ZOOM	5:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 24	<i>Julaften</i> (Christmas Eve)	
Wednesday, Dec. 25	<i>Juledag</i> (Christmas Day)	
Tuesday, Dec. 31	<i>Nytårsaften</i> (New Year's Eve)	
Wednesday, Jan. 1	<i>Nytårsdag</i> (New Year's Day)	
Thursday, Jan. 9	Board meeting	5:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 9	Chapter meeting. "Norwegian sweaters then and now " <b>Louise Hanson</b> , Nordic Shop. Wear your Norwegian sweater!	6:30 pm

### ***Hilsen Fra Presidenten—***

Our lodge has had a full year of historical and cultural events that brought us closer to our understanding of the Norwegian ways of life, both past and present. I want to thank you for sharing your time and talents and look forward to many more experiences. Be safe. *Jeg ønsker dere en god jul og et godt nytt år.*

—President **Sharon Kingsley**

### **Officers for next year**

Dear Sons of Norway Members,  
Kristiania Lodge is at a pivotal moment and needs your support to continue our mission of celebrating and preserving our rich Norwegian heritage. As of the first of the year, we will have vacancies for the roles of **President, Vice-President, and Secretary**. Filling these positions is essential for our lodge's success. If you have a passion for our culture and organization, we encourage you to step forward and take on one of these leadership roles. Please consider volunteering or accepting a position if asked. Your involvement will help us thrive and ensure that our traditions are passed down to future generations. Current board members are experienced and knowledgeable and would provide support for anyone taking on a new role. Together, we can achieve great things!

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.

## Bell-ringing 2024

A great big “thank you” to those who signed up to ring bells for Salvation Army. Thank you to **Bob & Kathy Rosedahl, VJ & Dave Anderson, Ed & Linda Manthei, Doris Sneve, Sharon Kingsley, Kaye Johnson, Judy Stevens, Barry & Sue Dahl, Carol Volstad, Lois Eskelson, Casey Condos, Renee Thoreson, & the Fenton family—Luke, Lisa, Erik, Leah & Laina!** They raised \$544.26!!! —**Carol Rogelstad**, Volunteer Coordinator.



## Tusen Takk!

It is an easy task being in charge of hospitality for our chapter meetings when we are blessed with so many willing *nisser*. In 2024 the group totaled 14. We thank these 2024 *nisser*: **Lucy Phelps, Sharon Kingsley, Lori Conklin** (served twice), **Sarabeth Watson, Carol Rogelstad, Kathy Rosedahl, Ann Romo, Renee Thoreson, Casey Condos, Lisa and Luke Fenton, Betty Danielson, Carol Volstad, and Jean Mortenson** (also served twice.) You can join this group in 2025 by calling Kathy Rosedahl at 507-289-8621. **Sue and Barry Dahl, and Sue Walch** have already joined the 2025 team, and we need one more to be *nisser* in January. Join the group—it’s fun! *Tusen takk!* —**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director



## Festival of Trees

Once again, our lodge is supporting Hiawatha Homes by decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees. This year our tree theme is “A *Hygge* Christmas” and will be decorated with Scandinavian swastika ornaments, red bead garland, and a Yule Goat under the tree!

This free festival will be at the Kahler Grand Hotel on  
Friday, Nov. 29 (10 am –7 pm)  
Saturday, Nov 30 (10 am–7 pm) and  
Sunday, Dec. 1 (10 am–2 pm)

Come and see what your Sons of Norway *nisser* have done!  
—**Renee Thoreson**, chief decorating *nisse*

## Yulefest at Kristiania

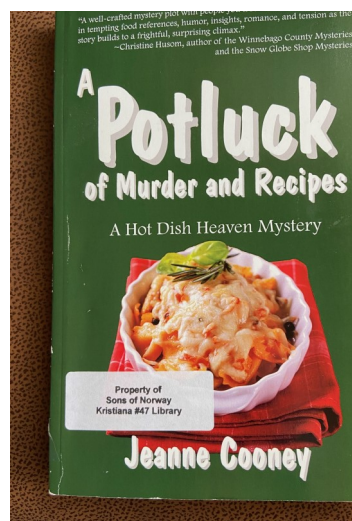
Please join us for Yulefest on Dec. 7 at noon at Our Savior’s Lutheran church. We will enjoy a catered dinner from Gleason’s Catering. Members are welcome without charge, and the cost for guests is \$20 at the door. Please RSVP by Nov. 29 by phone or text to Sue Walch at (507)273-4025.

Program: Ross Sutter will share a selection of songs from his Swedish heritage as well as from Norway, Finland, and Denmark. He accompanies himself on the guitar, dulcimer, button accordion, and bodhran (Irish goatskin drum). *God jull!* Sue Walch, co-social director

Lefse will be on sale at Yulefest for \$5 per package while supplies last!

## Library News

Do you like a good mystery in the middle of winter? Check out the Sons of Norway library, maybe when you come to Yulefest! —



—**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

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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.

### Bake and Craft Sale Thank Yous—

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Bake and Craft Sale a success!

—**Sharon Barsness** and her team received, priced, and filled the tables quickly and efficiently! Thank you, **Casey Condos, Kathy Rosedahl, Renee Thoreson, Carol Lucido, Julie Tiedeman, Betty Danielson, Carol Rogelstad, and Kari Richards.**

—**Betty Ronningen** organized all the crafters and worked with the Boy Scouts to set up the fellowship hall. Thank you, **Boy Scouts**, for moving furniture and helping us quickly clean up the whole space!

—**Luke Fenton** and his kitchen team prepared and served the wonderful meal and *rømmegrøt*. Thank you, **Casey Condos, John Carlson, and Marilyn Carlson.**

—**David Anderson** and his team of cashiers, totalers, and baggers helped the checkout stations run quickly and smoothly. Thank you, **Wayne Rogelstad, Kristi Simmons, Sue Walch, VJ Anderson, Monica VanKirk, Carol Volstad, Bob Rosedahl, Lydia Skadberg, Leah Fenton, Laina Fenton, and friend Veronica!**

—Thank you to our team of hospitality representatives who welcomed and invited patrons to lodge events. Thank you, **Kari Richards, Lori Conklin, Betty Ronningen, and Jean Mortenson.**

—One last HUGE thank you to everyone who brought wonderful baked Norwegian specialties. This lodge has a lot to be proud of with this event! —**Lisa Fenton**, chairperson  
(An additional HUGE thank you to **Lisa**, who organized the whole event!—Ed.)

### 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](http://www.kristiania1-47.org)

—**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chair

### Takk og velkommen!

*Velkommen* to **Sue Walch**, who is joining the board as Co-Social Director. She also deserves thanks for transporting the lefse order from Wisconsin in time for the sale.

*Tusen, tusen takk* to **Sharon Kingsley and Kristi Simmons**, who have so ably led our lodge as President and Secretary, respectively, the last several years. They have decided to take a break from these positions on the board, beginning in January.

Sharon is a very skillful leader, and Kristi's writing talents and attention to detail talents are first-class. Kristi is responsible for sending the *Posten* via email.

A huge thank you to all three!

### From our Financial Benefits Counselor:

Sons of Norway introduced a new annuity product recently called the Multi-Year Guarantee Annuity. You can choose either a 3.5 or 7-year annuity where the interest rate is guaranteed for either 3.5 or 7 years. The minimum guaranteed rate is 3%. The 3- and 5-year annuity current rate is 4%, and the 7-year annuity current rate is 4.10%. Other features:

- \* Protect your principal and gains during market volatility.
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- \* Pay zero fees.

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—**Len Carlson**, 651-253-1943  
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### Tubfrim and Pop Tabs—save your stamps and 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**

We are still collecting stamps for **Tubfrim** to send to Norway to help children and young people with disabilities and handicaps as well as those with serious illnesses. Please bring used stamps with ¼—½ inch border on them to one of our meetings. We will store them in our board room until we take them to the District One office or to a district convention—**Ann Romo**





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**2024**  
**Kristiania**  
**Bake & Craft**  
**Sale and**  
**Lunch**

