***2025***

***Sons of Norway***



***Kristiania 1-47***

***Rochester, MN***

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**1905 – 2025**

**Kristiania Lodge #1-47**

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The lodge meetings and socials (unless otherwise noted) are held in the Social Hall at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. The lodge office is in the church building.

For additional information please visit our website or call the lodge phone and leave a message.

All business meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated. The lodge will be opened at 5:30 p.m. and coffee will be on. You are welcome to come early and socialize.

Watch the lodge monthly newsletter, *Kristiania Posten*, for changes to the schedule.

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**Programs and Social Events**

All events are held at:

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 2124 Viola Road NE, Rochester, MN

### **Thursday, January 9, 2025, 6:30 pm**

### **Lodge Meeting: Norwegian Sweaters: Now and Then with Louise Hanson**

### Louise Hanson of the Nordic Shop will share a presentation about Norwegian sweaters. She will share some history and current trends with Norwegian sweaters.

### **Thursday, February 13, 2025, 6:30 pm**

### **Lodge Meeting: Kris Meyer’s Norwegian Stories and Folklore**

### Kris is a storyteller, educator, and counselor. As a storyteller, she enjoys audiences of all ages. She offers her stories with inspiration, a quick wit, a warm spirit, and lots of energy. Kris’ stories grow out of folklore, human experiences that teach an understanding of life, and things conjured up in a vivid

### imagination. Her love of Nordic folklore, particularly troll stories, grew as she sat at the knees of her storytelling father and grandma. Kris is an experienced keynote speaker, workshop presenter, and retreat leader. She has presented throughout the Midwest as well as in Sweden and China. She hosts a Podcast called “L.I.V.E. Life Inspired Views for Everyday”. She and her husband, Dan, now live in Rochester.

### **Saturday, March 22, 2025, 12:00 pm**

### **Social Event: Paul Dahlin: Fiddle Folk Music and Soup and Pie Lunch**

### Born in 1954 to a Swedish-American family in Minneapolis, Paul began playing the fiddle at the age of nine. Learning from his grandfather Edwin, who came to the United States from Dalarna, Sweden, in 1924, and from his mother Nancy and his uncle Bruce, 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 continues to entertain today. In 1996, Paul was recognized as a National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts because of his work with traditional Swedish music.

### Lunch: Soup and Pie will be at noon, and musical entertainment will follow.

### **Thursday, April 10, 2025, 6:30 pm**

### **Lodge Meeting: Karla Brown: Travel to Norway with the Hoinesses in 1908**

### Be transported back in time through words and photos from a 10-week-long trip Andrew and Elise Hoiness took to Norway in 1908. Using visuals from postcards as well as the messages in those and letters home to family members in Iowa, you will get a sense of the realities of travel at the time and the connection they felt to the country of their parents.

### **Thursday, April 24 2025**

### **Lodge Excursion: Trip to Vesterheim in Decorah, IA**

### Kristiania Lodge and other regional Sons of Norway Lodges from Zones 5 and 7 will gather at Vesterheim for a collaborative event. This year is particularly special as Vesterheim celebrates the 200th anniversary of Norwegian emigration. Attendees will enjoy guided tours of the Vesterheim exhibits and learn from top-notch tour guides. The day includes a delightful Norwegian lunch at the new Lefse Lodge Kafe, a captivating dance performance, and ample time to explore the gift shop. Thanks to a grant, the event cost will be reduced. Participation is limited, so sign up early. The venue is handicapped accessible.

### **Saturday, May 10, 2025, Noon**

### **Syttende Mai Celebration: Chad Filley: Humorous and Historical Storyteller and Meatball Lunch**

### Join us for a catered meatball lunch before the program. Humorous & historical Scandinavian storyteller Chad Filley is making his mark in the world of storytelling. Chad’s blend of historical and family tales will bring a smile to our Syttende Mai celebration. Chad spent June of 2024 touring Norway. He performed there before audiences, gathered more stories, and spent a week learning about the Sami and the Kven in the Arctic Circle. What a fun event for potential members - please invite them! High school scholarships will also be awarded.

### Lunch: Catered meatball meal

### **May 16-18, 2025**

### **Local Event of Interest: Syttende Mai Festival, Spring Grove, MN**

### **Check out http://sgsyttendemai.com for more information.**

### **Thursday, June 12, 2025, 6:30 pm**

### **Social Event: BINGO!**

### Get ready for a fun-filled evening at our upcoming Lodge Bingo Night! Mark your calendars and join us for an exciting night of bingo, prizes, and camaraderie. This is a perfect opportunity to relax, socialize, and maybe even win big. Bring your friends and family for a night of laughter and friendly competition.

### Don’t miss out on the fun—see you there!

### **July 24-26, 2025**

### **Local Event of Interest: Nordic Fest, Decorah, IA**

### Check out http://nordicfest.com for more information! Also, consider a service opportunity to engage and inform event attendees about Sons of Norway at the district booth.

### **Thursday, August 14, 2025, 6:30 pm**

### **Lodge Meeting: Lawrence Moe: 200th Anniversary of Emigration, 1825**

### This is the Year to Celebrate! We proudly honor our heritage as descendants of the first 50 Norwegians who bravely journeyed across the Atlantic Ocean to the USA, a voyage that took three arduous months. Unlike the luxurious cruises of today, they carried their provisions, packed their few necessities into a

### family trunk, and endured the cramped conditions of a small ship. We are privileged to hear these incredible stories from Dr. Lawrence Moe, a distinguished professor from the Metropolitan State University. With his lifetime of historical expertise, Dr. Moe will share tales that will instill in us a

### profound respect for the resilience and determination of our ancestors.

### **Thursday, September 11, 2025, 6:30 pm**

### **Lodge Meeting: SON Chief Executive Officer: Daniel Seyfried**

### We are honored to welcome Mr. Seyfried, who will enlighten us about the three pillars of the Sons of Norway, including our vital Foundation. Discover the other two pillars and deepen your understanding of our organization. There will be a Q&A session following his presentation, so bring your questions! This event is a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge and invite potential members to learn more about the Sons of Norway. Don’t miss out on this enriching experience!

### **Thursday, October 9, 2025, 6:30 pm**

### **Lodge Meeting: Olsen Lutefisk Co.**

### October is Lutefisk season! Chris Dorff, president of Olsen Lutefisk Co. in Minneapolis, is coming to Rochester to inform us about all things Lutefisk! Chris will discuss the history of the family-owned lutefisk and herring business, share some stories, and explain how lutefisk is made. If you need more motivation to attend, Chris will bring some herring samples for us to try. Hope to see you there!

### **Saturday, November 8, 2025 10:00 – 1:00 pm**

### **Annual Bake Sale, Craft Sale and Luncheon**

### Prepare for a delightful day at our annual Norwegian Craft Sale, Bake Sale, and Lunch! Join us to explore handcrafted Norwegian items, perfect for holiday gifts or adding a touch of tradition to your home. Indulge in delicious homemade Norwegian treats at our bake sale, featuring favorites like krumkake, lefse, and almond cake. And don’t forget to enjoy a hearty Norwegian lunch with friends and family, celebrating our rich heritage and community spirit. Mark your calendars and bring your appetite—this is an event you won’t want to miss!

### **Saturday, December 6, 2025, 12:00 pm**

### **Jul Fest Social Event and Meal: Pati Kachel: “Ya, Sure, I’m a Norvegin Luteran”**

### Pati shares captivating stories honoring her heritage as a Norwegian Lutheran. With songs, humor, and historical information, she tells tales of her pioneer ancestor’s immigration from Norway to their Minnesota homestead by Paynesville. She has performed this show at The Mindekirken, numerous Sons

### of Norway lodges, and countless Lutheran churches around the Midwest. Pati is a founding member of the Pauline Fjelde Daughters of Norway Lodge #51 of Minneapolis. Do even Norwegian bachelor farmers love this show? Ya sure, you betcha!

### Celebrate Christmas with us! We will enjoy a catered meal before the presenter begins. RSVP is RSVP

### before Thanksgiving!

### **Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6:30 pm**

### **Lodge Meeting: Norsk Show and Tell by Members**

### At Christmas, we may unpack a special ornament or a handwritten family recipe from long ago. Perhaps you have a Norwegian memento passed on to you from generations ago. We will hold a “show and tell” by bringing an item and sharing a few words about it at the microphone. Other lodges that have shared this activity say it was fun, educational, and a beautiful opportunity to build connections within their SON lodge. Of course, guests are always welcome!

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