



*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.)

Thursday, June 12	Social Event: <b>Bingo!</b>	6:30 pm
	Plus: ice cream treats! Library tour!	
Thursday, August 14	Board meeting.	5:00 pm
	Lodge Meeting. <b>Program: Dr. Lawrence Moe</b>	6:30 pm
	New Land, New Life: 1825-2025 (See p. 2.)	

## KRISTIANIA OFFICER NEWS

We are continuing to recruit a secretary for our lodge. The duties are to record, read, and distribute minutes of board meetings as well as conduct lodge correspondence. The lodge will pay a bonus, a one-year membership renewal . Please volunteer!

### Join us for BINGO Night!



#### Social Event—Thursday, June 12, beginning at 6:30 pm

Get ready for a fun-filled evening at our upcoming Lodge Bingo Night! Whether you're a seasoned player or a first-timer, this is your chance to enjoy an exciting night of bingo, prizes, and community spirit.

In addition to bingo and prizes, we'll be treating everyone to **ice cream** and taking a **special tour of the lodge library** during the break. It's a great way to cool down, explore, and connect with fellow members between games.

Your first bingo card is free, and each additional card is just \$1, so you can increase your chances to win without breaking the bank! To make it easy for everyone to follow along, bingo numbers will be displayed on a screen and called out audibly. Bring your friends and family for a relaxing evening packed with laughter, friendly competition, and maybe even a big win. **We'll see you there!**

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.

## Hilsen fra Presidenten

Greetings! What a year we have had together! We've enjoyed exploring our shared culture through programs about innovators and inventors, leprosy in the 19th century, Norwegian sweaters, stories and folklore, and early travels through Norway. We've been entertained with Scandinavian music twice. And, of course, we have eaten well at the bake/craft sale, soup and pie supper, and *Julefest* and *Syttede Mai* dinners. Don't forget another fun event coming in June. Many, many thanks go to our board members and volunteers who made all these wonderful events possible! I can't wait to see what's next!

--Carol Lucido, President

## Tubfrim and Stamps

I have to eat my words! We can still collect stamps for Tubfrim. Headquarters of Sons of Norway had announced it is no longer supporting the collection of stamps to send to Tubfrim, but **Betty Danielson** sent a note she received from Jerry Wright of Glenwood, MN, who is still collecting stamps for District I. There is also a fellow in Brooklyn, NY, who is doing the collecting for the east coast. So bring your stamps to our meetings, and I will send them out periodically.



—Ann Romo, Trustee

## Til Minne

**Dale I. Phillipson** (January 24, 1942—May 11, 2025), member since 2001.



From our Librarian, **Sharon Barsness**

If you want summer reading, contact me at (507)993-0728, and I will meet you at the library at Our Saviors Church. Join the tour of the library during a break at the Bingo Event.

## Need Help Renewing your Sons of Norway Membership? We've Got You Covered!

Is your Sons of Norway membership up for renewal? Not sure how to navigate the process? Don't worry—we're here to help! If you need assistance submitting your membership renewal, simply ask one of our board members. We'll connect you with someone who can walk you through each step.

All you need is your **membership number** and a **credit card** for payment. With your supervision, we can submit your renewal on your behalf, ensuring everything is done safely and correctly. We can also update your **address**, **phone number** and **email** at the same time to keep your member record current.

Reach out today and keep your membership active and up to date!

## Commemorate the Bicentennial of Norwegian Migration to America! August 14, 6:30 pm

*A new presentation by Lawrence Moe, PhD, Professor of English Emeritus, Metropolitan State U.*

In this special presentation, Dr. Moe will first overview the remarkably rich history of our migration during these two centuries, giving special attention to the reasons so many Norwegians left their beautiful homeland for America, and then present and discuss a fascinating range of perspectives on our continuing efforts to preserve and appreciate Norwegian culture here in the United States.

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## Syttende Mai Celebration and Scholarship Event—May 10

*Syttende Mai* was celebrated at Kristiania Lodge on May 10 with a meatball luncheon catered by Gleasons Catering. Girl Scout Troup 44589 assisted with the serving. The lodge awarded eleven scholarships to graduating seniors (See additional pages for bios of the winners.) President Carol Lucido presented seven attendees with a check and a certificate.



Humorist and story-teller Chad Filley kept us entertained with his tales, based on his Norwegian heritage and a recent visit to Norway.



2025 Scholarship Winners. Front: Liv Boyum, Alexandria Lennon, Kiley Jones, Olivia McBroom, Grace Miller. Back: Dean Wang and Ethan Brewster. Unable to attend because of distance or schedule were: Ethan Seys, Keegan Moerike, Luke Eastman, and Haley Laures.



### From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

I am going to go over what Sons of Norway's **Single Premium Whole Life** is: This policy offers guaranteed death benefit and cash values as well as optional riders. We all know losing someone you love is stressful, but with the right coverage in place, it does not need to be an additional financial burden on your family. With Single Premium Whole Life you will know how much coverage you have, and it will not vary based on the economy, markets, or your health. With this policy you simply pay one premium and are covered to age 121. You can leverage your life insurance to increase the legacy you leave behind. For example, here is what I mean by leverage: a 50-year-old male can purchase a \$15,000 policy for a one-time premium of \$7,398. The death benefit is twice what was paid, and the death benefit is income tax free.

Single Premium Whole Life is a great gift idea for both grandkids and great-grandkids. Example: a new-born boy can get \$25,000 coverage for a one-time premium of \$4,094. Your grandson will have coverage for life, plus his death benefit will keep growing. What a great gift idea to remember Grandma and Grandpa by! Please contact me for more information.

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### 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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### Kristiania members spread the word!

Our members (and officers) **Judy Davis** and **Ann Romo** recently wrote an article for the May issue of the local magazine *Today* describing their interest in their Norwegian heritage, including their hobbies, the organizations that foster such interest, and the leadership roles they have played and continue to play. Of course they wrote about Sons of Norway, and specifically **Kristiania Lodge**. The first page features a photograph of Kristiania's delegates to the 2024 District I convention: **Lori Conklin, Ann Romo, Betty Danielson and Renee Thoreson**.

Thanks for the publicity!



### Coming Events in our Area

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| June 18-22 | Crossings and Connections: Norwegian Migration to North America, Conference at St. Olaf College, Northfield. Registration now open. Website: <a href="https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com">crossings.norwegianamerican.com</a> |
| July 24-26 | Nordic Fest, Decorah, IA   |