



**SONS of
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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, September 11	Board meeting	5:00 pm
Thursday, September 11	Lodge Meeting. Program: SON Chief Executive Officer Daniel Seyfried	6:30 pm
Thursday, October 9	Board meeting	5:00 pm
Thursday, October 9	Lodge meeting Program: Olsen Lutefisk Co. Speaker: Chris Dorff , President	6:30 pm

Hilsen fra Presidenten

Why do you belong to Sons of Norway? For me, it connects me back to my mother, who spoke only Norwegian when she started country school. It reminds me that my dad spoke the language so well, he won an award at St. Olaf College. I remember visiting my cousins on the old family farm in Kongsberg. It brings back my grandparents and their memories. I remember the foods, the traditions, and the funny stories of my childhood. Of course, there are the great programs, the lovely people, and the delicious snacks at every meeting. Why do you belong? — **Carol Lucido, President**

September 11 Program:

Sons of Norway 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 evening is a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge and to invite potential members to learn more about the Sons of Norway. Don't miss out on this enriching experience!

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).

A Big Tusen Takk from the Fenton Kids!

We wanted to say a huge thank you to the Sons of Norway Kristiania Lodge for giving us the chance to go to Masse Moro this summer! Masse Moro is a two-week Norwegian Heritage and Language Camp in Fall Creek, Wisconsin. It is a two-week camp for kids ages 9 to 15. We got to learn about Norwegian traditions, try out the language, make crafts, cook delicious food, and even compete in the Viking Olympics. We had so much fun and met lots of awesome campers and counselors. We're proud to be part of this group and are really grateful for your support. *Tusen takk!*

Erik (15), Leah (13), og Laina (12) Fenton



Tusen Takk fra Kathy Rosedahl

A big Norwegian *Tusen takk* to **Lisa and Lucas Fenton, Sharon Kingsley, and Lucy Phelps** for furnishing the treats at the August 14 Chapter Meeting. We are so appreciative of those who enjoy being such helpful and generous *nisser* (gnomes)

Tusen Takk also to the *nisser* who signed up for September and October. The programs are great, ending with a fun fellowship time with coffee and treats enhancing the socializing as only Norwegians can do!

In November and December no *nisser* will be needed. But don't worry, there will again be a need and many opportunities in 2026.

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director.



From our Librarian, Sharon Barsness.....



This is our Sons of Norway library in our board meeting room. All books are looking for members to read them

Til Minne

Merle J. Peterson (20 January 1931—24

August 2025) Member since 1996.

The 2026 District I Sons of Norway Convention will be held June 25-26, 2026, at the Conference Center in Willmar, MN. Hosts will be a collaboration of District I lodges and zones. The theme is "Roots & Future: Bridging Generations."

KRISTIANIA Officer News

We still need a secretary for our lodge.

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

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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.

August 14 Program Celebrated Immigration



- President **Carol Lucido** presided, and **Betty Danielson** accompanied the singing of the three national anthems.
- 50-60 members and guests attended the meeting.
- **Dr. Lawrence Moe** presented an interesting overview of organized immigration from Norway and a discussion of preservation and appreciation of Norwegian culture in the US to the present.
- **Lars and Helga** entertained with stories.
- **Erik, Leah, and Laina Fenton** reported on their time at Masse Moro camp.
- Treats, coffee, and fellowship were enjoyed by all.



The New York Landing, October 9

On the morning of October 9, 2025, a public gathering featuring speeches and cultural programming at Pier 16, South Street Seaport, New York City, will commemorate the 200th anniversary of organized immigration from Norway to the US. At around 12 noon, the replica of *Restauration* will be welcomed as it completes its retracing of the historic 1825 journey from Stavanger to New York.

Until then, you can track the location of the *Restauration* on the Sons of Norway website at <http://www.sofn.com/virtual-voyage/>

The Crossings website has interesting articles:

<http://crossings.norwegianamerican.com>



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



From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

Keeping your promise to your loved ones.

Many people face unanticipated expenses after the loss of a loved one. Dealing with these expenses and the emotions of a loss can be very stressful.

The average cost associated with a funeral may exceed \$8,500. Funeral expenses include memorial services, use of a funeral home, a casket, and headstone or cremation. Other costs you may encounter include medical bills, credit card debt, flowers, and memorial cards.

Without life insurance, families may struggle to come up with the funds they need to provide the service befitting their loved one. Life insurance can help with these expenses and minimize the stress of this phase of life.

Sons of Norway offers a life insurance policy that is permanent and guaranteed. With this coverage you will have guaranteed level premiums for life. The approval process is quick and easy with a few basic questions and will not require a medical exam

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