



Norsota Lodge No. 1-602 Apple Valley, MN

SONS OF NORWAY

Norsota News



Årgang 37
Utgave 6
June, 2022

Frå Presidenten:



Greetings Everyone,

Well, we have almost made it to the summer! Spring has sprung, people are getting out and about, trees and flowers are blooming, and the lovely inconvenient Covid continues to haunt us.

Friday before our May meeting I was exposed and tested positive on Tuesday. I was able to receive the antiviral pills and by Thursday I was feeling better. By Saturday Michael had tested positive and he also received the antiviral pills. Now it's the end of May and we are all doing great! A lot to be thankful for. Wear a mask; it's okay. This stuff is so contagious.

On to more exciting news:

The District One convention happens the first week of June. It'll be exciting to hear how much fun our delegates had and learn what new information they have to share with us from their experience.

My daughter Becca and her family are set to arrive at our place on June 13th. Of course I'm really excited to be an in person grandma again! And Becca is really excited to be home again. The last time she was home was August of 2019.

June 18th we'll be spending the day at our Norsota table at **Nordic Midsummer Fest** at Buck Hill in Burnsville. There are so many amazing folk lined up to entertain and teach us so be sure to come out and take it all in.

Of course, Michael and I are getting married on June 26th with a very small ceremony in order to keep people safe.

Later in July, Michael and I go to camp Masse Moro where he and two others will head up the kitchen and I'll manage everything else so campers have a great time and we are well fed.

Masse Moro still has a few spots open for campers. If you

Meetings and Events Calendar

June 18	Nordic Midsummer Fest
August 13	Norsota Meeting
5:00 pm	Officers Meeting
7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting and Corn Feed Heritage Lutheran Church
September 10	Norsota Meeting
6:00 pm	Officers Meeting
7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting and Program

know anyone ages 9-15 looking for an exceptional camp, sign them up here: www.massemoro.org

That brings us to August and the Norsota Corn Feed!

Our corn feed on August 13th will be a time for us to relax and celebrate with our friends and catch up on our summer time fun. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

For now, plant your flowers, vegetables, and fruits. Watch the beauty of summer unfold and enjoy the warmth and the rain and the life. We'll see you at Nordic Midsummer in June and then again at our corn feed in August.

Cheers!

Chris

Norsota August Corn Feed



This summer is packed with fun activities so let's come together in August and share our summer stories with each other.

It'll be time to enjoy our corn feed and share favorite side dishes and desserts. We'll begin our "formal" gathering at 7:00pm but come early if you're able to help shuck corn and set up. The board will meet at 5:00pm to get the party prepped. You're welcome to come hang out with us!

Bring your favorite food to share and join us at 7:00pm. And if you would come with a joke to share, it'd be a bonus!

See you in August!!!

Frå Secretæren



Norsota 1-602 Lodge Meeting
May 14th, 2022

Norsota Lodge 1-602 at Heritage Lutheran Church began at 7:0p.m. by Shirley Evanstad

16 Members and guests and guests attended.

The flags were in place, and pledge was said. Birthday's were recognized with song and chocolate bars.

Minutes approved and Polly gave the Treasurer report: Income \$210.20; Expenses \$706; Balances Checking \$1,868.88; T-shirt \$790.66; Savings \$3,907.20.

Announcements:

Midsummer Nordic Fest at Buck Hill is June 18th . To volunteer sign up on-line www.nordicmidsummerfest.com.

The Lodge will have a table at Nordic Midsummer Fest; sign up with Chris.

After the lodge passed the changes to the By-laws, Polly was told that they are going to hold up on the changes pending other issues.

The business meeting was completed and adjourned at 7:23 p.m. and the Lodge transitioned to a snack break. We enjoyed a presentation by Sharon Babcock who gave a presentation on 'Life of a Husman in Norway'.

See you at the Corn feed in August.

Respectfully submitted,
— Polly Bergerson,

Summer Has Arrived

Matt Kern

It looks like summer has finally arrived and that makes it a great time to meet with your Lodges Insurance Professional. So why would you want to meet with and how can your Insurance Professional help you?

Some of the more common items our member have questions on and we commonly help our Sons of Norway members with are as follows:

How Can I Eliminate Stock Market Risk with My Retirement Funds, Is It Possible to Rollover My IRA or Retirement Account to a Safe Product That Can Not Lose Money, I Have CD's at the Bank That Are Coming Due, What Options Do I Have For the CD's, My Bank Accounts Are Not Earning Any Interest But I Do Need Some Emergency Money, Is There a

Safe Alternative I Can Earn Good Interest With a Portion of Those Bank Account Funds, Is There a Product That I Can Open To Help My Children Start to Save For Retirement, and What Options For Life Insurance Do I Have to Replace My Income if Something Were to Happen, To Create a Final Expense Plan, or To Leave My Family an Inheritance.

These are just a few of the many different ways your Insurance Professional can help you. As a valued Sons of Norway member call today and take advantage of our "Complimentary Financial Reviews" that we offer all of our members.

Fraternally,
—Matt Kern

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May Program Life of a Husman in Norway



During our May meeting, Sharon Babcock gave a wonderful presentation on her family's Norwegian history. Sharon has long been her family's unofficial genealogist as well as genealogist for the Hadeland Lag and traced their families back to Norway.

A husman was a worker on larger farms in Norway. In exchange for labor, the landowner would provide these workers a small piece of land, a cottage and garden space for family use.

Husmenn paid their rent through labor and had to live under strict rules of conduct. In her research, Sharon found that most of our emigrant ancestors from Norway were husmenn and led very difficult lives which motivated so many of them to immigrate to American in search of a better, more comfortable life for themselves and their families.

Nordic Midsummer Fest



Norway Day in the Twin Cities was first held from the mid-1950's until 2015 at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis.

Nordic Midsummer Fest will pick up on the traditional aspects of the Norway Day celebration while adding new takes on our Nordic heritage in 2022. We will have all the Nordic food traditions, new Nordic Brews, Nordic music/entertainment, a Midsummer bonfire, Minnesota authors writing about the Nordic ways, children's activities, and local vendors creating new Nordic traditions including clothing, jewelry and Viking items.

This family friendly event is being held at the Buck Hill Ski Resort in Burnsville.

When: Saturday, June 18, 2022 - 9am to 9pm

Ticket: \$10 adults (children under 14 free)

Free Parking!



NORDIC MIDSUMMER FEST



Twin Cities Hardanger Fiddlers

Performance Schedule

9:30	Kari Tauring—Norse Folk Musician
10:00	Chad Filley—Nordic Comedian
10:30	Twin Cities Hardanger Fiddlers
11:30	Ann-Marita Garsed—Musician
12:30	Patti Kachel—Nordic Storyteller
1:30	Twin Cities Hardanger Fiddlers
2:30	Ann-Marita Garsed—Musician
3:30	Chad Filley—Nordic Comedian
4:00	Kari Tauring- Norse Folk Musician
4:30	Viking Age Club—Reenactment Show
5:30	Flying Train Wreck Band
7:30	Come join us at the Fire Pit on the Hill

For More Information Visit:
<https://nordicmidsummerfest.com>



Ann-Marita Garsed



Kari Tauring

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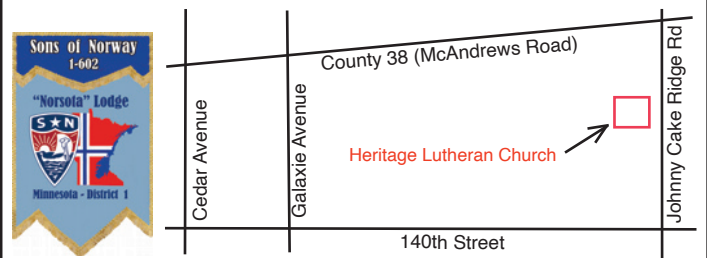
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Second Saturday, 7 pm; August through December, April and May;
2:00 pm January through March; No meetings June or July



An Aquarium Experience Beyond the Arctic Circle Sons of Norway



Making new friends at the Polaria Museum

In the northernmost part of Norway tucked near the water's edge in Tromsø you will find an attraction called "Polaria."

Upon first glimpse you might think this building has toppled over, but don't be fooled. Inside you will find exhibits unique to the Svalbard region including a simulated permafrost.



The Polaria Museum in Tromsø, Norway

The aquarium features rare cold-water fish, fascinating marine life and a large pool housing bearded seals. Visitors are invited to an intimate look at these creatures thanks to a viewing bubble inside the tank wall. If you go, don't forget to reserve time to experience the "Arctic Walkway," a panoramic cinema including displays of polar exploration gear.

While the sea life at Polaria is captivating, the building itself has an interesting design that evokes a massive ice floe; the architecture resembles a toppled cascade of blocks of ice. This attraction opened in 1998 and continues to draw visitors every year.

Be sure and save time to visit this wonder while touring Northern Norway.

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