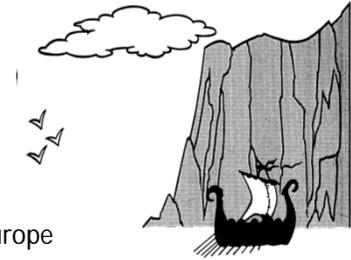




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**NORDKAP LODGE 5-378  
SONS OF NORWAY**

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## 2014 Nordkap Events



- May 10 Tigers Game
- May 14 Norwegian Dinner at the **Lark**
- May 17 200th Celebration Syttende Mai
- June 23 St. Hans Day Picnic
- July 19 Farmington Founder's Day Parade
- September 7 Steak and Corn Roast
- September 13 Youth Day
- October 26 Nordkap Lodge Meeting
- November 15 Christmas Bazaar, Finnish Center
- November 23 Nordkap Lodge Meeting
- December 14 Christmas Party

## Sunday, April 27 -- 4 p.m.

Regular meeting at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills

Our April meeting at the Swedish Club will feature a presentation by Connie Hart, speaking about her famous ancestor, one of the representatives signing the Norwegian constitution in 1814. Dinner will be ham with lingonberries provided by the lodge. Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to complete our "potluck" meal.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE LARK

At Farmington Road and Maple, go North. Pass the first tall building (6450) Turn left at the second road. You will see a blue Lark sign here. The Lark restaurant is back off from Farmington Road. Turn left into the parking lot.

## Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp

Sunday, July 20 through Saturday, August 2

**Applications must be received on or before May 17th in order for your camper to qualify for matching funds through District Five.**

Visit: [www.MasseMoro.org](http://www.MasseMoro.org) and [www.SonsOfNorway5](http://www.SonsOfNorway5)

For important camp application information (608) 837-8335 E-mail: [MJBenn4@gmail.com](mailto:MJBenn4@gmail.com)

## Reminder - Syttende Mai is May 17th

Can you help with games, the imports table or bringing a dessert to share?

To sign up or for questions, call Carol Jehle at (248) 626-2148.

Also, remember to bring lawn chairs, Norwegian flags and noisemakers.

### This and That

Did you know we now have activities planned for small children so parents enjoy the meeting and program while their children are having a good time In an adjoining room?

## Celebrate Norway's 200th with the Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins!



Comerica Park

Photo by Bob Giles

The Sons of Norway Nordkap Lodge has big plans on **Saturday, May 10** at Comerica Park, the home of our Detroit Tigers as they face the Minnesota Twins.

Nordkap has secured 24 tickets in Section 321 above First Base for this game.

Our lodge and the Nordkap 200th anniversary of the Norwegian constitution will be mentioned on the giant scoreboard that faces our seats.

Tickets are \$25 each, but remember we only have 24. This will sell out fast, so please act now. Contact Bob Giles at 248-302-2222 or bobgiles@newcarnews.tv to reserve your seats.

## Nordkap's Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution Concludes with Special Events Set for May 17th at the Swedish Club

Nordkap's celebration of the Bicentennial of the Norwegian constitution will conclude with a Norwegian festival held at the Swedish Club at 22398 Ruth Street in Farmington Hills on May 17. The free event, set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., is open to people of all ages, but includes many activities for young people and families with small children.

Featured events will include:

- Wearing of the colorful national dress, the hand-embroidered bunad
- A parade with Norwegian flags around the Swedish Club grounds, led by Scandinavian folk musicians (starts at 11:30 a.m.)
- Gathering around the Memorial Tree, planted in honor of the victims of the 2011 massacre in Norway
- Greetings from Norway by Norway's honorary consul to Michigan, Dennis Flessland of Huntington Woods
- Special games for the children
- The signature "cod toss" in which competitors toss frozen fish for distance and prizes
- Sale of imported Norwegian products and foods, such as cheese, sardines, soups, lefse (potato flatbread), and Norwegian candy and chocolate bars
- Picnic-style foods available for purchase
- Traditional Norwegian waffles and desserts

Participants are invited to contribute Norwegian desserts and to bring lawn chairs and (for the parade) noisemakers and Norwegian flags.

The Constitution Day national holiday, called Syttende Mai (17th of May) in Norway, commemorates the day in 1814 when the new Norwegian Constitution was signed. The constitution established Norway as a sovereign state and constitutional monarchy ruled by the principles of liberty and democracy. It was the most liberal constitution in Europe at that time, clearly inspired by the ideals of the revolutionary American and French constitutions. When a subsequent union with Sweden was dissolved in 1905, the 1814 constitution became the foundation of modern Norway, which today has one of the highest standards of living in the world.

*--By Louise Giles*



**Join Us!  
For the 2014  
Farmington  
Founders Festival  
Parade  
Saturday July 19th**

**"Taking It Back to  
Where It All Began  
1964"**

LANDES, STEPHEN

2014-04-10



LANDES STEPHEN Was born, June 14, 1951, Flag Day, in Ripon, Wisconsin. Steve passed on in his sleep at home Monday, March 24, 2014. His last days were spent in the loving company of family and close friends. He is survived by his daughter Gwenyth, son Benjamin, and father Lee. He was predeceased by his mother, Suzanne and brother, George. He was a graduate of Stevensen High School in Livonia, the University of Michigan (School of Natural Resources), and Eastern Michigan University (MBA). The majority of his career was at the Ford Motor Company, from which he retired after 35 years.

His interests and activities were varied: a passion for trains and photography, Presidents Club and SNR alumni activities, U of M football and hockey enthusiast, long-time member of the Ann Arbor Christian Science Church, past president of the Navy League Ann Arbor chapter, a founder and past president of MADD in Ann Arbor, President of the Ann Arbor chapter of the Sherlock Holmes Society, the Sons Of Norway, local chapter, past president of the Glacier Area Home Owner's Association, and actively involved in that neighborhood's yearly Memorial Day parade. A gathering of friends and family will be held at the Arena Sports Bar and Grill (E. Washington St., A2) on Friday, May 2, from 2-5 p.m. Donations may be made in Stephen's name to the Clements Library, or the organization of your choice. Please share a memory of Stephen at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com).

- See more at: <http://deathnotices.michigan.com/results.php?page=1&0010=true&name=Stephen%20Landes&date-range=04/10/2014&publication=ALL#sthash.Ekq1ly9a.dpuf>

## New Member Initiates

Velkommen to the following new Nordkap Members! If you have not been initiated yet, we urge you to come to the meeting on April 27th. You'll sign our membership logbook which has been used since the 1930's.

Randy Aardal	Elsa Jorgensen
Gerald Bayer	Michael Lindemann
Peter Blom	Sylvia Lindemann
Arne Borgnes	Roy Marvel
Myrtle Ebert	Maxine Paul
Karen Eggers	Annele Richards
Natalie Flessland-Vaal	Gail Ritchie
Jeff Hatteberg	Judith Rutkowski
Maureen Hatteberg	Adrienne Shepard
Øystein Gjertsen Hekneby	Kristi Smythe
Lori Grønstad	Christine Sommer
Judy Hildre	Linda Stinson
Kenneth Hildre	Lori Renee Tavgian
Greydon Hyde	Eunice Turnbull

Contact Carol Jehle, our Membership Chairperson and let her know that you have joined and want to be initiated. Her phone number is: (248) 626-2148.



## Nordkap 2014 Scholarship

### Applications

**Due June 30, 2014**

Scholarship applications are available.

If you have any questions or need an application, please contact Natalie Vaal at

[nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com) or see Natalie at a lodge meeting.

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must

- Be a lodge member or child/grandchild of a member for minimum 1 year prior to scholarship
- Be 17-23 years of age
- Be working towards a bachelor's or associate's degree from an accredited educational institution
- Be in good standing at school, have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Please note you may qualify up to 4 times



## Happy Birthdays!

### April

**03 Clarence Myrold**  
**04 Kenneth Hildre**  
**09 Wade Tornquist**  
**11 Thad Aardal**  
**12 Howard Skovlund**  
**12 Karen Eggers**  
**20 Erik Sorensen**  
**23 Ian Sorensen**  
**25 Eunice Turnbull**

### May

**05 Laura Roed**  
**09 Jennifer Vingsness**  
**14 Finn Roed**  
**21 Myrtle Ebert**  
**23 Arne Borgnes**  
**23 Kaela Foley**  
**23 Norman Kirsch**  
**24 Olive Engman**  
**25 Gail Ritchie**  
**26 Lori Kay Gronstad**  
**26 Susan Schotts**  
**26 Patricia Smith**  
**27 Helen Fischer**  
**28 Ralph Pedersen**  
**30 Mathilde Meyer**

Join us for Syttende Mai festivities on May 17th at the Swedish Club when we celebrate the bicentennial of Norway's Constitution!



## Fra Presidenten

Hurra for oss!

It is virtually impossible for

Norwegians to draw attention to ourselves. We are mostly modest, simple-minded, slow-thinking, slow-acting, long-word-making, quiet, reflective and keeping to ourselves.

According to ThorNews: "Historically, Norway has been very sparsely populated. Most people lived in small rural communities under poor

conditions with long, cold winters. With a lot of wind and rough weather

it was necessary to communicate in a short, loud and effective way. No time for small talk!

People rather spent time on hard physical labor."

In these small, scattered communities 'everybody knew everybody' and everybody was kept in place by the Law of Jante:

1. Don't think you are anything special.
2. Don't think you are as good as we are.
3. Don't think you are smarter than we are.
4. You're not to convince yourself that you are better than we are.
5. You're not to think you know more than we do.
6. You're not to think you are more important than we are.
7. You're not to think you are good at anything.
8. You're not to laugh at us.
9. You're not to think anyone cares about you.
10. You're not to think you can teach us anything

Only when there is a sporting event where we are the big favorite, a grand meal, a May 17 parade/gathering or

any situation where we may beat the Swedes – especially if there is a little bit of aquavit involved – you'll see the Norwegian act differently. We wave flags, stand close to others and may actually burst out in song.

(Actually, even then there are limits. Norwegians have the shortest drinking song of anybody: "Så svinger vi på seidelen igjen. Hei Skål!")

In June, we are more back to normal. Burning, walking like a Viking, and eating dogs – hot dogs – at the St. Hans midsummer picnic.

The month of May is when you can see these Norwegians in action. At the Nordkap Lodge, there will be a codfishheadtosscompetition that "we" will win, flags are waved at the parade and other places (Comerica Park), and we will handle any Swede we meet in an appropriate manner.

..and more time to devote to the 11th rule of the Jante: Don't forget that we may know something about you.

Hei Skål!

Med vennlig hilsen,

Geir Gronstad