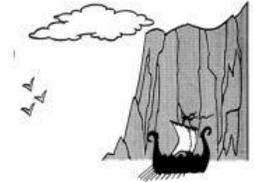




Nordkapen

Nordkap Lodge 5-378 - Sons of Norway

The North Cape 71° 10' 21" North Latitude – The Top of Europe
A Congenial Society of Sons, Daughters and Friends of Norway
Organized August 10, 1929 – The first SofN Lodge in Michigan
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2015 NORDKAP EVENTS

April 26 – Lodge Meeting

May 17 – Norwegian
Constitution Day

June 23 – St. Hans/Mid-
summer celebration

June 28 – Detroit Tigers
game

July 18 – Founder's Day
Parade "There is No Place
Like Home, USA"

September tbd – Youth Day

September 13 – Corn & Steak

October 25 – Lodge Meeting

November 14 – Scandinavian
Bazaar

November 22 – Lodge
Meeting

December 13 – Christmas
Party

APRIL MEETING TO FEATURE LOTS OF FUN:

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 26, 4 p.m.

at the Swedish Club

22398 Ruth Street, Farmington Hill

- Bring your own choice of food to cook on the lodge's new grill: Steaks, chicken, fish, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.
- After our mass do-it-yourself cookout, Øystein Hekneby will show his photos from the Norwegian Constitution Day celebration in Oslo that he attended last year with his family.
- We will also be making paper witch dolls to burn at our midsummer celebration on June 23 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION (SYTTENDE MAI 2015 – MAY 17TH 2015)

An indoor/outdoor celebration at the Swedish Club

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:

- **11 a.m.** Swedish Club opens with Norwegian food imports and gift items for sale
- **11:30 a.m.** Parade for all attendees begins, led by Scandinavian folk musicians
- **12 noon.** Greetings from Nordkap Lodge and Norway's honorary consul to Michigan
- **12:30 p.m.** Picnic-style foods and Norwegian waffles available for purchase
- **1 p.m.** Special activities and games offered, including the "cod toss" (throwing frozen fish for distance and prizes)
- **2 p.m.** Norwegian dessert buffet opens
- **3 p.m.** Event concludes



GRATULERER MED DAGEN

March

Lilje Gronstad, Sonja
Gronstad, Louise Harrison.

April

Thaddeus Aardal, Kenneth
Hildre, Annette Lundberg,
Clarence Myrold, Constance
Pike, Howard Skovlund, Erik
Sorensen, Ian Sorensen,
Wade Tornquist, Eunice
Turnbull.

May

Anton Anderssen, Arne
Borgnes, Myrtle Ebert, Olive
Engman, Helen Fischer,
Norman Kirsch, Kathleen
Hanlon-Lundberg, Zachary
Marko, Ralph Pedersen, Gail
Ritchie, Finn Roed, Laura
Roed, Susan Schotts, Patricia
Smith, Jennifer Vingsness

SCHOLARSHIP

Nordkap 2015 Scholarship Applications Due June 30, 2015

Scholarship applications are available on our website or contact Natalie Vaal at nordkap.scholarships@gmail.com.

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 submission
- 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 for this scholarship

HAPPY 50TH

Help Celebrate the 50th Birthday of Samhold Lodge

Our "sister" Sons of Norway lodge, Samhold 5-473 of Auburn Hills, is marking its 50th anniversary in June, and they have invited members of Nordkap to join in the celebration.

Samhold will mark the occasion with a special dinner at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 14th, in Waterford, Michigan, at the Scott Lake Banquet Center at 2100 Scott Lake Road.

The keynote speaker will be our own Sons of Norway District Five President Owen Christianson. Like Nordkap, Samhold Lodge is in the 5th District of the International Sons of Norway organization.



Tickets for the event are \$40 each, with a pre-paid deadline of May 31st. Business dress is requested.

Checks should be made payable to Sons of Norway-Samhold 5-473 and mailed to Samhold President Gene Steensma at 2941 Golf Hill Drive, Waterford, MI 48329. Please indicate with your check the number of places you wish reserved and the names of those who will attend.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I wrote last time about the concept of working hard at having fun--and we are already off to a good start as a lodge in making that happen.

- At our February meeting, we chatted around our big “Viking” table over a pasty dinner and amused ourselves sharing Ole and Lena jokes.
- In March, we had a huge turnout for pizza and bowling at Luxury Lanes in Ferndale. This wasn't a competition, but rather a fundraiser for the Fifth District Scholarship Fund, so the pressure was off. Who knew bowling could be so much fun? And we raised \$200 for scholarships. Many thanks to Bob Giles for organizing this event!
- At our upcoming April 26 meeting at the Swedish Club, we're planning a do-it-yourself cookout on the lodge's new grill. Your challenge will be to bring whatever food you would like to cook for yourself--steak, chicken, fish, hot dogs, hamburger—and then to be your own chef at the grill along with your fellow Nordkap members as they cook theirs. (The lodge will provide a salad and dessert.) Afterwards, we will make the paper witch dolls to burn at our midsummer party in June. And there will be a beautiful illustrated talk by Øystein Hekneby about his trip to Oslo for the 17th of May celebration in Norway last year.
- On Sunday, May 17th, we will have our own celebration of the 201st anniversary of Norway's Constitution with one of our biggest parties of the year (see details in separate story in this newsletter).
- On Sunday, June 28, Nordkap will make its presence known at a Detroit Tigers baseball game. You can be part of the fun by purchasing your ticket from Bob Giles (see separate story for details). Don't delay—we have just 25 seats reserved, and they will go fast!

That's only half of the year, and there's much more to come.

Of course, you are the most important part of all our lodge events. The fun grows very quickly as more people take part. I hope you will plan to join Nordkap for as many events as you can.

The best way to know what's happening is to read this Nordkapen newsletter each month. Many thanks to Geir Gronstad for his outstanding work as editor! You can also refer to our lodge Web site at www.DetroitNorwegians.com. The newsletters are archived there under the Newsletter tab.

While you're at it, check out our Fifth District Web site at <http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/content/> and Sons of Norway International's recently updated Web site at <https://www.sofn.com/>.

Hope to see you soon!

Louise Giles

President



Photo by Bob Giles



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WELCOME (BACK) NEW MEMBERS

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Kaitlyn Hatteberg

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Sylvia Lindemann 248-320-3276

BASEBALL, HOT DOGS, APPLE PIE AND... NORDKAP LODGE



Nordkap Lodge again this year will be hosting a group outing to Comerica Park to see our beloved Detroit Tigers baseball team win a home game as they did for us last year.

This year's date is Sunday, June 28, when the Tigers take on the Chicago White Sox. The first pitch is set for 1:08 p.m. Plans currently call for those participating in our outing to gather a bit earlier, wearing their red "Detroit Norwegians" T-shirts, and to make an entrance together into the ballpark.

Don't have a Detroit Norwegians T-shirt? Not to worry! You can buy one prior to the game for \$18 from Geir Gronstad. Contact Geir at datsnorg@gmail.com.

Tickets for the game in our reserved group area are \$32 and must be purchased in advance from Bob Giles. Don't delay, as only 25 seats are available! Contact Bob at 248-302-2222.



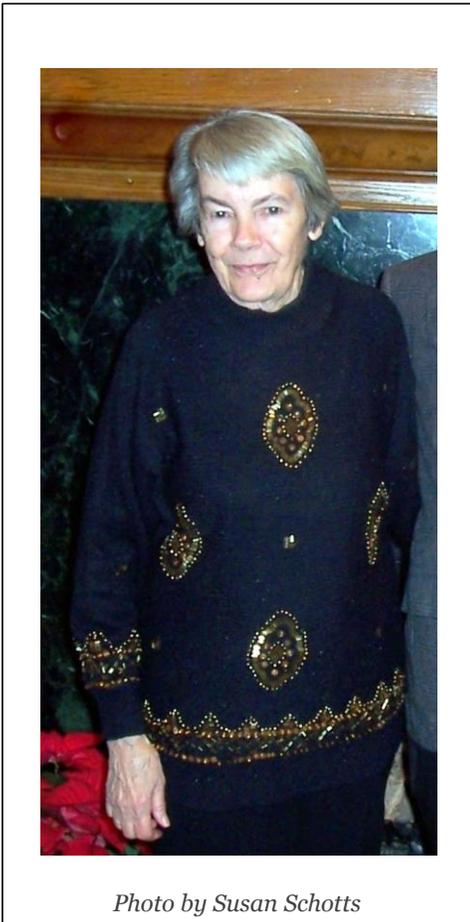


Photo by Susan Schotts

In Remembrance of Mildred Beck

A quiet, hard worker with a dry sense of humor and love of the classics, Mildred Beck was a loyal member of Nordkap Lodge for many years. Sadly, Nordkap notes the passing of Mildred, who died of congestive heart failure March 24 at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac at the age of 85.

Mildred was a Nordkap member for nearly 34 years and had served as a delegate to Sons of Norway District Five conventions. For many years, she spearheaded our collecting of used postage stamps for the Norwegian charity, Tubfrin, benefitting children and youths with disabilities and handicaps. When in better health, Mildred was often seen at lodge meetings assisting in the set-up and sale of import items at our Norwegian “store” table. She would gladly lend a helping hand—or a bit of wry advice—wherever she thought it was needed.

Mildred’s interests extended to the broader Scandinavian community, as well. She was a member of the Danish Sisterhood (her late husband, Carl, had Danish heritage) and often attended events at the Finnish Center Association.

Mildred was born in Detroit, but spent her early childhood in Norway when her mother returned there. When they moved back to the States, Mildred was 7 years old and had a good command of Norwegian, but couldn’t speak English. After mastering English and high school, Mildred went to *Ålesund*, Norway, spending two years there, working in a gift shop—perhaps early training for our Norwegian store!

Back in the States, Mildred worked as a bookkeeper and was an avid reader and traveler. She loved dogs (especially Great Danes), baseball, opera, and classical music. She was a Royal Oak resident for many years but more recently lived at American House assisted living in Rochester, near where her sister and brother-in-law, Anna-Marie and Don Kleckner, reside. She was devoted to her family and took great pride in the accomplishments of nieces Anna-Lisa Hering and Kristina Kleckner.

Memorial services were held March 28 at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home in Berkley.

YOUTH CAMP, DISTRICT 5, IN WISCONSIN

The District 5 Heritage Camp for youth is gearing up for a tremendous summer season with much enthusiasm, a qualified administrative team, young staffers, a great cook, and a perfect setting for a camp experience. Campers may enroll beginning at age 9 and continue their attendance through age 15. Check-out the camp’s website: massemoro.org for further insights and information.

Be certain to check the deadlines for application dates. SofN members can visit the District 5 webpage at: sonsofnorway5.com for further information and to download forms.



Nordkap Lodge 378 is the oldest Sons of Norway lodge in Michigan and is part of the organization's Fifth District. It is named for Nordkapp (North Cape), a thousand-foot-high cliff at the top of Norway.

Nordkap Lodge began on August 10, 1929, when a group of about 35 Norwegians met at the Danish Brotherhood Hall in Detroit with a representative from the Sons of Norway in Minneapolis to organize a Detroit chapter. Those present were accepted as members, an election was held, a committee to draft bylaws chosen, and three names were presented as possible names for the new chapter: Roald, Nordkap, and Torghatten. As there was already a Roald Lodge in the Fifth District, the members decided to vote on the other two, and Nordkap won.

In September, the new lodge met at the Strathmor Masonic Temple and planned a Leif Ericson Fest. Norwegian films were shown, a Halloween party and basket social were planned, and the lodge was off to a good start. However, the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression intervened, and interest waned. The lodge suspended meetings in 1931, but membership was at 54.

The lodge was reorganized in 1935 at the Odd Fellows Hall on Fenkell Avenue in Detroit and retained the Nordkap name. Only five of the original members were in attendance, but 22 others joined.

Beginning in 1940, the meetings were conducted in English rather than Norwegian. During the war years of 1940-1945, Nordkap worked hard for the cause of Norway during its occupation by the Germans. In 1944, the meetings were held in the basement of Kaleva Hall at Montville Place in Detroit.

For approximately the last 30 years, monthly meetings have been held at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills. Through the years, the lodge has sponsored countless dinners and dances; participated in numerous ethnic festivals and bazaars; arranged exhibits at museums, schools, and libraries; and supported many international and charitable organizations. It currently offers a very active college scholarship program, supported through various fund-raisers and the generosity of its members.

Monthly meetings include social and cultural programs. There are often speakers, videos, presentations, games, craft and cookie-baking workshops, and "show and tell" to help members honor and learn more about their Norwegian heritage. A lending library offers an extensive collection of books and tapes on a variety of Norwegian subjects, with rentals free to members.

The lodge marches as a unit with the Swedish Club each July in the Farmington Founders Festival parade. Nordkap also hosts special celebrations at Christmas, midsummer, and the 17th of May (Syttende Mai), Norwegian Constitution Day.

Lodge programs are planned to interest all, but they are specifically targeted to attract and engage young people. Membership in Nordkap Lodge is open to all who are interested in the preservation of Norwegian culture and heritage. For more information, see Nordkap's Web site at DetroitNorwegians.com.

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