



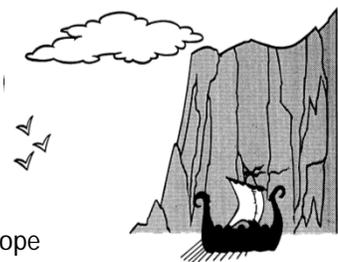
# Nordkapen

**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 10 August 1929 - The First Lodge in Michigan

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## 2014 Nordkap Events



- September 13 Youth Day
- September 14 Steak and Corn Roast
- October 26 Nordkap Lodge Meeting
- November 15 Christmas Bazaar, Finnish Center
- November 23 Nordkap Lodge Meeting
- December 14 Christmas Party



## Nordkap History

The Lodge is 85 years old this year and we are looking for pictures and material/stories from the last ten years so we can update the show. Please identify people, when the picture was taken, and forward pictures electronically to Geir at [datsnorg@gmail.com](mailto:datsnorg@gmail.com).

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## Join us at the Swedish Club!

September 13th:

Youth Day

September 14th:

Steak and Corn Roast

Check out our resources for youth members in high-school/college at Norway Connects ([norwayconnects.org](http://norwayconnects.org)). Learn more about job opportunities, scholarships, current events, etc.

Besides trolling and rolling in a Mustang, we also got attention from our matching t-shirts. We printed up just a limited number of shirts, yet we have a few extra available – in men's and women's sizes. If the interest is strong, we will make more of them. \$18.



## Nordkap Hosts: September 14 - Steak and Corn Roast

Enjoy the sweet fruits of an autumn harvest on Sunday, September 14, when Nordkap's Sons of Norway members host a steak and corn roast as part of the Swedish Club's monthly brunch program. This special meal features a cooked-to-order NY strip steak, freshly-grilled corn on the cob, salads, garlic bread, desserts and beverage. This great feast costs only \$15 with a special children's price (12 and under) of \$7.50.

Members start gathering at the Swedish Club (22398 Ruth Street, Farmington Hills) beginning at 12:30PM, and food service will be offered between 1:00PM and 2:30PM. BUT – only a limited number of meals are available, and this hot ticket sells out every year, so plan to arrive in time to purchase your tickets and be seated by 1:00PM. We cannot guarantee meals for latecomers.

We do this each year to show our appreciation to the Swedish Club for allowing us to use their beautiful facility. After the food service has ended, we all gather in front of the Swedes and sing classic Norwegian songs.

Can you spend some time to volunteer for this event? We set up on Saturday (10:00AM to Noon) and cook, serve and clean up on Sunday (9:30AM to 3:30PM) . If you can participate please call Bob Giles at 248 302-2222.

Note: This event and our Youth Day on September 13, replace Nordkap's regular September meeting.

Contributed by Bob Giles

### Continue learning basic Norwegian

at the Sons of Norway - Nordkap Lodge

8 weekly sessions

on Wednesdays

Starting Sept 10

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Swedish Club

Farmington Hills

22398 Ruth Street

(at Freedom Road)

The class will teach grammar and pronunciation – leading to basic conversation

Nordkap members \$70, non-members \$80

Contact Geir Gronstad for more details and to sign up  
datsnorg@gmail.com



## SCANDINAVIAN YOUTH DAY

FOR YOUNG  
VIKINGS BETWEEN  
AGES 5-95

**WHEN**

**September 13th, 2014  
4pm – a little bit late**

**WHERE**

**Swedish Club  
Farmington Hills**

22398 Ruth Street (at Freedom Road)

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**

**Kubb Viking Game • Soccer Skills • Bonfire •  
Current Scandic Sounds • Eurovision Song  
Contest • Pizza C Movies Indoors & Outdoors •  
Glow-in-the Dark Dance • Rune Treasure Hunt**

**HOSTED BY:**

**Metro Detroit Scandinavian Heritage Clubs**

**IN-THE-DARK  
OUTDOOR  
MOVIE (PG13)**



**INDOOR  
MOVIE (PG)**



**QUESTIONS?**

**datsnorg@gmail.com**



Farmington Founders Day Parade Photo by Bob Giles



### Happy Birthdays!

#### August

Lynn Herche  
 Richard Hole  
 Kristen Schotts  
 Øystein Hekneby  
 Margit Hansen  
 Derrick Aardal  
 Tove Bruning  
 Marina Kozlova  
 Claire Torgerson

#### September

Halee Spalmack  
 Louis Amundsen  
 Geir Gronstad  
 Karin Arneson  
 Marge Sorensen  
 Lori Tavgigian  
 Peggy Gjerpen  
 Georgia Roed

Haley Vingsness  
 Heather Vingsness  
 Christine Sommer  
 Eileen Hanson  
 Connie Hart  
 Anita Steyskal

### 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?



The latest edition of the Sons of Norway Newsletter Service is now available at: [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com)  
 District 5 updates are available at: <http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/content/>

Join us for the family Steak and Corn Roast on September 14!  
 Location: The Swedish Club in Farmington Hills



## Family Lodge of the Year

During the recent Sons of Norway District 5 Convention in Delavan, Wisconsin, Nordkap Lodge received the award for Family Lodge of the Year – 2013. This award is given to the most-deserving lodge that “improve[s] family participation and involvement” and out of 42 lodges, we were the winner!

For the last few years, our lodge has maintained key traditional activities while adding a few more family-friendly contemporary events. We host Norwegian events, but we also make events Norwegian. Not only do we celebrate May 17, mid-summer (St. Hans) and Christmas, but we also bowl for scholarships, paint rosemaling, cook and consume authentic Norwegian dishes, walk parades, learn Norwegian language, attend baseball games, dress up like trolls, throw fish heads, wear matching t-shirts, tolerate/are tolerated by Swedes, enjoy Eurovision Song Contest, watch movies, play loud music etc., etc.

Our lodge is also a front-runner in terms of growth. As of August, the Nordkap Lodge is ranked #1 in our district – and #4 overall – among large lodges (yes, we are “large”) in the 2014 SofN Recruitment Challenge. However, there is no need to slow down. Besides adding new members, did you know that we can register not only our “heritage members” (age 0-16), but also our “unge venner” (young friends) (16-23) for free? The only condition for 16-23 olds to become a member for free is to have a parent or grand-parent who is a member.

In other words – IF YOU HAVE A CHILD - OR GRAND-CHILD – between 16-23, we encourage that you sign them up. Contact me ([datsnorg@gmail.com](mailto:datsnorg@gmail.com)) for details. This will help them have access to Norway Connect, scholarships, insurance, etc.

To celebrate our most recent accomplishments, please support the Corn and Steak event on September 14 and attend the Third Annual Youth Day on September 13. The latter will again include LOUD Scandinavian music, HUGE bonfire, EXCITING Viking games, GUILT-FREE food (as long as you don’t object to pizza, pop and ice-cream (\$5), and OUTDOOR/INDOOR movies on improved movie screens.

PLEASE let me know ([datsnorg@gmail.com](mailto:datsnorg@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend and feel young. We would like to know how much ice-cream we need to buy.

Remember, we only get as much fun out of it as we put into it!

På gjensyn!

Geir

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*Photo by Bob Giles*

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## Dear Friend of Norwegian History and Heritage

### Sons of Norway Lodge

My name is Douglas King, and I am the CEO of The Madison Group LLC, a small non-profit consulting firm in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin: <http://www.madisongroup.us>.

For the last 12 years we provided pro bono assistance to the Town of Perry in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin USA to help protect the Hauge Log Church Norwegian National Historic Site. You may have heard the story from the news coverage over the years, as well as from various web sites, including one we put together where you can view the story at: <http://www.haugehistoricdistrictpark.com>.

As you may know from the story, the town was successful in defending the Norwegian Historic Site, and now it is protected forever. But the little town's small handful of 230 taxpayers incurred a huge \$1.1 million loan to do it. The loan was for land acquisition to create a park around the historic site to protect it, and for legal expenses to fight lawsuits filed against town residents by developers who wanted to build on land right next to the church building on the historic site.

Charitable, tax-deductible contributions can be made to:

Hauge Historic District Park Support Fund  
c/o The Friends of the Parks of Perry  
Township Larry Price, Treasurer  
1004 State Road 78  
Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572  
United States of America

Donations can also be made electronically via PayPal by visiting:  
<http://www.friendsofperryparks.org>  
and clicking on "donate."

For more information about charitable contributions, contact:

Larry Price, Treasurer, Friends of the Parks of Perry Township  
Email:  
[larryprice@friendsofperryparks.org](mailto:larryprice@friendsofperryparks.org)  
Phone: 608.437.4553

For information about the Hauge Log Church National Historic Site, visit:  
<http://www.haugelogchurch.org>

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Editors Note:

(Dr. King's full message has been condensed for publication in our newsletter)



**Hauge Log Church National Historic Site**  
*Photo courtesy of Vicki France*

For over 160 years, the Hauge Log Church has stood alone and undisturbed, high on a hill in the Town of Perry, County of Dane, State of Wisconsin, United States of America. Early Norwegian settlers built the Hauge Log Church in 1852. In 1927, over 2,000 people attended its 75th anniversary. This year is its 162nd anniversary.

The building was constructed by early Norwegian settlers to America in search of freedom in a new land. They named it after Hans Nielsen Hauge to honor one of their spokesmen from the old land.

Each settler was called upon to provide oak logs and help erect the structure. The logs were cut and drawn during the fall and winter of 1851, and construction of the 22 foot by 22 foot square building was completed in 1852. The historic site is internationally recognized as a Norwegian cultural symbol.