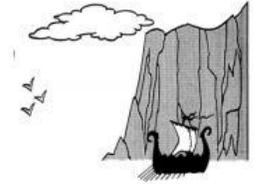




# Nordkapen

**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

January 25 – Lodge Meeting,

February 22 – Lodge Meeting

March 8 – Bowling

April 22 – Lodge Meeting

May 17 – Norwegian  
Constitution Day

June 23 – St. Hans/Mid-  
summer celebration

July 17 – Founder's Day  
Parade

September 12/13 – Youth Day  
and Corn & Steak

October 25 – Lodge Meeting

November 14 – Scandinavian  
Bazaar

November 22 – Lodge  
Meeting

December 13 – Christmas  
Party

## JOIN US AT THE NEXT MEETING!

Our 4 pm. meeting at the Swedish Club on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> will offer a hot meal from our "soup bar," featuring a Norwegian-style fish soup, a Swedish-style yellow pea soup, Norwegian fruit soup, tomato basil soup with macaroni, and any other soups our members may wish to bring. \$5 donation welcomed.

Do you have a favorite soup you can offer? Just make up a regular sized-recipe--with many soups, we will have plenty to feed our members--and reheat it when you get to the club at **22398 Ruth Street at Freedom Road in Farmington Hills.**

The soups will be served with a selection of crusty breads and crackers.



After dinner, Connie Hart and family will present an illustrated talk about their trip to Norway and Scandinavia last summer. Their trip came during the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Norway's Constitution. Connie is the great-great-great granddaughter of Nicolai Wergeland, one of the signers of the 1814 Constitution.

We will also be installing Nordkap's officers for 2015 and discuss how to report hours of volunteering to Sons of Norway's headquarters.





## GRATULERER MED DAGEN

### November

Erik Bryhn, Inger Ehrenfeldt,  
Karen Herche, Judy Hildre,  
Sheldon Johnson, Roy  
Marvel, Inger Plaza, Jakob  
Rutkowski, Ondrianna  
Tavtigan.

### December

Chet Jehle, Elsa Jorgensen,  
Sylvia Lindemann, Hannah  
Louise Lund, Leiv Erik  
Lundberg, Gary Olson,  
Russell Simms, Natalie Vaal.

### January

Mildred Beck, Peter Blom,  
Lillian Bryant, Nina Bryhn,  
Veda Bryhn, Erik Coulahan,  
Erik Duus, Cecilia Lundberg,  
Timothy Nilsen, Deborah  
Simms.

## LITT PÅ NORSK

For a year and a half, the Nordkap lodge has offered lessons in the Norwegian language. The group has consisted of up to 20 students – mostly lodge members ranging from the age of 9 to 89. The students are now able to master basic conversation and lead the singing of the Norwegian birthday song – a new tradition at our lodge meetings!

### Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år!

Ja, deg vil vi gratulere!

Alle i ring omkring deg vi står,  
og se, nå vil vi marsjere.

Bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss  
omkring,

Danse så for deg med hopp og  
sprett og spring,

Ønske deg av hjertet alle gode  
ting

Og si meg så, hva vil du mere?  
Gratulere!



## Fun Family Bowling Event!

### Nordkap Lodge Bowling Fundraiser For 5th District Scholarship Fund GREAT FAMILY EVENT!

For your \$5.00 donation you get:  
Three games, shoe rental and  
freshly baked pizza & pop dinner.

**SUNDAY March 8, 2015 - 3:00 PM**  
**Luxury Lanes**  
**600 East Nine Mile**  
**Ferndale, MI**



(You don't have to be a professional bowler to have fun with us, but you need to register!)  
To register or for more information

Contact **Bob Giles**  
(248-398-5976)

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

## TAKK FOR MEG

It has been three years already. Three years. Must have had fun - as time really did fly by.

When I became president of the Nordkap Lodge – three years ago – I saw an organization full of traditions and with a strong core of devoted members who would go to heck and back in providing events such as May 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Hans, and Christmas Parties to the Norwegian community.

I must admit that I was a member of the Lodge for many years before even attending a meeting. Why would I need a club like this? I was born in Norway, lived there for 20-some years before going to America. But then – when my kids were growing up, I realized that they could really benefit from seeing that there were other brunost-eating, troll-looking, sandkake-baking, dance-around-the-Christmas-tree people with similar accents here in Metro Detroit.

The only conditions as president was that I would like to bring in more contemporary family-oriented topics into the club while utilizing the unique talents of the members. We have seen Oscar-nominated short films, attended the premiere – actually sneak-preview – of the movie Frozen, cooked authentic Norwegian food, played Norwegian techno at the Founders' Day Parade while learning to do rosemaling, experience more cooking, having special history sessions, go to a fancy restaurant, host Youth Day, made t-shirts (still a few left, \$18) and learn Norwegian. We dominate the annual bowling event in District 5 and we even go to baseball games with a troll. These activities – AND MANY MORE – resulted in Nordkap Lodge receiving the District 5 Family Lodge of the Year (see picture of plaque – and handsome model – above)



The lodge has grown at such a rapid rate that a few changes are necessary to keep the momentum going. Members are stepping forward to take on additional responsibilities and I hope they will enjoy running the activities – doing it their own way and having fun doing it. “We only get as much fun out of it as we put into it!”

<i>Current Standings</i>			
Small Lodges	Growth	Young Members	Total Points
Mollargutten 4-478	41.20%	2	422
Gulf Coast 3-683	32.60%	2	332
Ivar Aasen 6-045	27.30%	2	282
Rumelva 1-685	23.10%	4	244
Hamar 4-345	22.60%	1	231
Fritjov 2-017	19.00%	10	200
Fagurlund 4-203	18.50%	0	190
Elvedalen 2-129	17.60%	4	184
Roald 2-039	14.60%	0	150
Dovre 3-232	12.50%	0	130
Large Lodges	Growth	Young Members	Total Points
Haugaland 8-018	33.10%	1	341
Fjelheim 2-047	25.00%	15	265
Thor 4-067	21.90%	36	256
Nordkap 5-378	18.20%	9	199
Poulsbo 2-044	6.40%	72	142
Norseman 6-091	9.90%	9	109
Bjarme 4-086	9.30%	8	108
Sol-Land 2-086	9.40%	3	103
Dawson Creek 7-079	9.80%	1	101
Mandt 5-314	7.80%	8	88

The test of success for me has been the number of members in the Lodge. Three years ago, we were 89 members. For the longest time – at least it felt long – we just could not pass the #100 member hurdle. Only with the help of riskrem (remember that one, Øystein?), we became a three-digit lodge. We have lost a few members, but currently – among the current 117 members – there are 43 new members since Jan 1, 2012.

This growth is acknowledged by SofN headquarters. In the 2014 Recruitment challenge, we came in fourth in the large lodge category. That means only a lodge in Norway, one in Oregon and one in North Dakota could beat us this year. Not too shabby as we are not in a typical Norwegian-influenced community! And we are #1 in District 5!

## SUNSHINE NOTES

Everybody's favorite Norwegian teacher Adrienne Hayes Shepard and husband Reid welcomed the arrival of Theodore on Dec 16. Rumor has it that young Teddy is already mastering the wake-up cry in Lillehammer-dialect.

Former president and Norway resident Maria Fossbakk has started a company where she is teaching Norwegian and doing cross-cultural training for expats within the oil and gas industry.

We wish long-time member Oddny Viik speedy recovery following a terrible fall.



### 2015 Officers

#### President:

Louise Giles 248-224-3369

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**Secretary:** Open

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**Counselor:**

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Louise Giles takes over as president for the lodge so the future of the lodge is in the best hands. I am certain that you will support her as you did with me. I am going to fiddle around with the newsletter this year + "special assignments" such as Youth Day and other social programs.

Please send me material/articles as I don't really like to write anything...

Med vennlig hilsen,

Geir

### NORDKAP SCHOLARSHIP FUND GROWS BY \$1312

The Nordkap Christmas party on Dec. 14 at the Western Golf and Country Club proved to be a great boon for Nordkap's Scholarship Fund. The silent auction, which took place before and during dinner, raised \$1112 for scholarships

An additional cash donation made by Jan Erichsen in the name of her late husband, longtime Nordkap member Knut Erichsen, bought the total for the scholarship fund to \$1312.

All items in the auction were donated by Nordkap members and friends. Many of the objects up for bid included Norwegian sweaters, rosemaling, pewter, and crystal, as well as Norwegian linens and porcelain.

Many thanks to the donors—and to the purchasers of auction items.





## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### November

Linda Martinson

### December

Ondrianna Tavgian (Unge Venner)

Veda Bryhn (Unge Venner)

Leiv Erik Lundberg

Kathleen Hanlon-Lundberg

Annette Lundberg (Unge Venner)

Erik Lundberg (Unger Venner)

Cecilia Lundberg (Unge Venner)

All Children – young and old  
– love the Julenissen



Silent Auction: Let the bidding  
begin!



The President and the Christmas  
Tree – the tree to the left

**Christmas Party 2014**

(photos by Bob Giles)



**“Så gjør vi så når vi  
vasker vårt gulv,  
vasker vårt gulv,  
vasker vårt gulv.**

**Så gjør vi så når vi  
vasker vårt gulv,  
tidlig en mandags  
morgen”**

**30 lodge members  
are dancing  
around the  
Christmas tree, or  
“Så går de rundt  
om en  
enebærbusk!”**

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