

# Sons of Norway

## Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month – Potluck at 1:30 p.m.

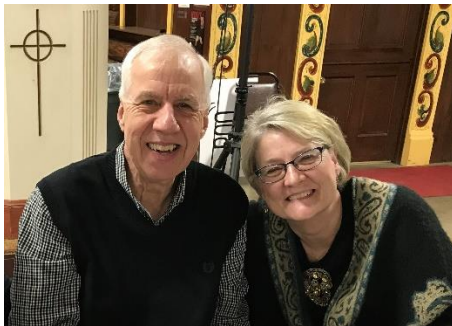
St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Douglas Road, Montgomery, IL

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Curt Vevang sharing his love for poetry with Polar Star on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### President's Message



President Ken and Barb in attendance at The Norway Women's Temperance Meeting

Hilsen Polar Star Members,

Our May Lodge Meeting will be very emotional for all of us as we remember our beloved Lodge members who have passed. Please plan to join us as we will celebrate their lives and heritage at our Polar Star Service of Remembrance.

Syttende mai celebrations are coming ! Some of us will be celebrating in Stoughton and others will be on hand to support Steve Tanda as the Grand Marshall of the Parkridge Parade. Looking forward to seeing you next month!

Your President  
Ken Johnson

### Upcoming Events **POLAR STAR** Service of Remembrance

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**  
**St. Olaf Lutheran Church**  
**1:30 p.m. potluck**  
**See article on page 2**

Polar Star Newsletter Deadline  
Will be the 14<sup>th</sup> of every month.  
Please submit all articles to Barb  
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# In Memoriam

May 6, 2018 - 1:30 p.m.



May is the month that America remembers those who have died in service to our nation. Polar Star will devote our May Meeting to honoring Polar Star members and their loved ones who have served our Lodge with a special Service of Remembrance.

- Thomas W. Skogan
- Norman A. Olson
- Kari M. Schussler
- Brian J. Geddes

Lodge members Al Bergh and Don Danielson will facilitate the service. You will not want to miss this special program.

Potluck will begin at 1:30 followed by the service. Please provide a dish to pass and your own table service.



## Member News!

**POLAR STAR**  
attending the Norway Temperance  
Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.



Norway Museum Board members  
Steve Tanda and Lori Gage





## Member News!



**Syttende Mai (May 17<sup>th</sup>)** is the day Norway ratified its constitution in 1814 at Eidsvoll. They did not, however, become independent from Sweden until 1905 and until then *Syttende Mai* celebrations were frowned upon and even forbidden. Now, Norwegians celebrate their constitution with excited crowds, especially children, marching through the streets waving flags, singing songs, and celebrating their nation's independence. *Syttende Mai* is a great opportunity to celebrate freedom wherever it occurs

### Where to Celebrate....

#### Park Ridge, Illinois

**May 17 (Th)** Norwegian Constitution Day Concert, Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL, 7:30 PM Refreshments following concert

**May 19 (Sa)** Viking Ship Visitors' Day, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Good Templar Park, Geneva, IL, adults \$5.00, teens \$3.00, children 12 and under free [www.vikingship.us](http://www.vikingship.us)

**May 19 (Sa)** Norwegian Constitution Day Banquet, Park Ridge Country Club, Park Ridge, IL Social Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM, \$75.00 per person Carol Hoidahl 847-358-1527 [www.nnleague.org](http://www.nnleague.org)

**May 20 (Su)** Norwegian National League Norwegian Constitution Day Parade, Hodges Park, Park Ridge, IL, Barbra Kronborg-Mogil 847-823-7596 [www.nnleague.org](http://www.nnleague.org)



**Steve Tanda will be the 2018 Syttende mai Grand Marshall**



**Polar Star Food Teams make and serve fårikål (lamb and cabbage stew)**



**Only one more dish to go to complete the Part 3 Food requirements for our medals!!!**



## Culture Corner by Barb Johnson

I am proud to announce that Polar Star Lodge earned the most Culture Medals (11) between July 1 and December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2017 – more than any other Lodge in District 5. Although we are not allowed to win the Contest (again) we know that we are all winners!

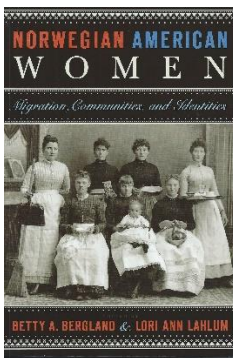
Thanks to all of you for your continued cooperation and commitment during this contest period!



2017 medal recipients



Polar Star Knitting Club "Little Hats for Big Hearts" Project



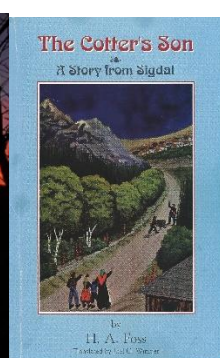
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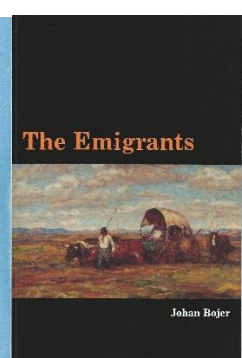
Poetry



Poetry



Fiction



Fiction

Part 1 requirements were met with the completion of three of these five books....1 non-fiction, 1 poetry and 1 fiction all written by Norwegian or Norwegian American Authors.

# POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1:30 p.m. St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Montgomery, IL (unless listed)

<b>MAY 6</b>	<b>POLAR STAR MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>
<b>MAY 18 &amp; 19</b>	<b>POLAR STAR STOUGHTON SYTTENDEMAI FIELD TRIP</b>
<b>JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NORWAY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE AND BREAKFAST</b>
<b>JUNE 27-JULY 1</b>	<b>District 5 Convention – LaCrosse, WI</b>
<b>JULY 16, 18 &amp; 20</b>	<b>How to Be A Viking</b>
<b>AUGUST 5</b>	<b>Program TBA</b>
<b>AUGUST 15-18</b>	<b>International Convention – Bloomington, MN</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>	<b>VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>OCTOBER 7</b>	<b>PROGRAM TBA</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	<b>HØSTFEST begins at 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2</b>	<b>JULETREFEST</b>

## 2018 POLAR STAR KITCHEN COMMITTEE

<b>May 6</b>	<b>Carol and Frank Eleanor Bates</b>
<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>Jerri Lynn B. Al and Phoebe</b>
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>All Members – Høstfest</b>
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>Polar Star Officers</b>

## Continue To Save Your Canceled Postage Stamps for Tubfrim In 2018

Supported by Sons of Norway, Tubfrim is a Norwegian charitable organization originally started in 1928 to help fight tuberculosis. Since tuberculosis is no longer the threat it once was, today Tubfrim resells the cancelled stamps and donates the proceeds to help disabled and needy children.

Clip canceled stamps from envelopes, leaving at least a quarter of an inch around the edges. Be sure to take the time to cut the stamps properly. Stamps can't be used if they are torn, have extra layers of envelope behind them, or are on a string of multiple stamps (such as 3 stamps in a row without the spacing). Non-profit and bulk stamps also can't be used.

Stamps from any country and all styles of stamps are accepted. For envelopes or postcards over 40-50 years old, submit the entire envelope or postcard. Bring stamps to a regular meeting; there will be a Tubfrim container on the hallway table, next to the meeting sign-in book. The Polar Star Tubfrim designate prepares and periodically sends the stamps to the Sons of Norway Tubfrim chairperson.



## Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday) Polar Star Members!

### APRIL 15-30

19 Phoebe Bergh  
23 Jerri Lynn Baker  
29 Michael Farinelli  
30 Diana Raimond

### MAI 1-14

7 Ken Nordan  
13 Brownwyn Minor  
13. Robert Egness  
13. Phyllis Benson (Barb's Mom)



GRATULERER MED DAGEN MAMMA 97 ÅR  
Hip Hip Hurrah!



## POLAR STAR IN ACTION



## ANDERSON TREE FARM TORSK DINNER – APRIL 7



## THE MAKING OF FÅRIKÅL – APRIL 8



## THE NORWAY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION MEETING – APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

