

Monthly Meetings

- Flags are presented. National anthems of Canada, Norway, and the U.S.A. are sung.
- The Norwegian table prayer *I Jesu Navn (In Jesus's Name)* is recited before lunch is served.
- A free will offering is collected at some meals and funds are used to offset dinner costs and space rental.
- Members take turns providing refreshments at the monthly meetings. We ask that you serve once every two years.
- Members are encouraged to submit ideas for programming.

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- Vennelag Lodge is a member of *District 5* of the Sons of Norway. The 5th District includes the states of: WI, IN, IL, MI, OH, and TN.
- Vennelag Lodge is in *Zone 3* of District 5. Other lodges are Stoughton, Monroe, Madison, WI Dells, Williams Bay, & Janesville. There are 6 zones in District 5. Visit the District 5 website at: www.sonsofnorway5.com
- Travel benefits, and discounts are available through Borton Overseas.

- Opportunities abound for earning cultural skills, exercise or sport, and language pins. Fellowship and volunteerism are highlighted.
- Scholarships for adults wishing to study abroad are available through District 5.
- Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp is available to our youth ages 9-15 each summer. Vennelag and District 5 provide scholarships.

Information

Every member household will receive *The Viking* magazine. It contains articles of interest for youth and adults on Norway's past, present, and future.

A newsletter is produced by our lodge 6 times a year. You will receive yours by e-mail or via a hard copy mailed to your address.

Financial Services

The **Sons of Norway** has a financial arm that provides: insurance and investments. Disaster response is a perk of membership, as are grants and scholarships through the Sons of Norway Foundation.

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Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin



Membership

Information

At a Glance

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PROUD COMMUNITY PARTNER

Vennelag Lodge is a proud community partner. We contribute to many worthy cultural and local initiatives.

- ❖ Blue Mound Nordic Ski Club (seed money to launch the club and to provide outer wear and other gear for its members)
- ❖ Sustaining donation to the Mt. Horeb Historium for the preservation of Little Norway artifacts
- ❖ Flags for Grundahl Park and the Military Ridge Bike Trail Welcome Center
- ❖ Contributed to the rosemaling design on the eastside water tower
- ❖ Support for youth summer camp attendance at Masse Moro, the 5th District's Heritage Camp
- ❖ Paid for the painting of the Mt. Horeb Community Center
- ❖ Military Ridge Bike Trail sponsor

❖ Donor to the Optimist Auction SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Kaffe Stue (coffee room) is held the third Saturday of July featuring a complete luncheon with lefse wraps and open-face sandwiches, salads, and traditional desserts.

The Høst Frokost (fall breakfast) is celebrated the first Saturday of October each year. A buffet table offers a myriad of breakfast items, as well as smoked salmon, and desserts. Arrive early!

Our Juletre Fest (Christmas tree celebration) occurs on the first Saturday of December. A special program is planned by the Cultural Director. The evening meal is planned and communicated to members. Beforehand, appetizers and punch are served providing a time of fellowship for our members. Games are provided for the children.

The Barnebirkie (children's ski race) is held in Hayward, WI each February. Our lodge contributes to the overall goal of 1,000 dozen cookies which are

taken to the event and shared with participant families.

HISTORY OF VENNELAG LODGE

Vennelag Lodge was chartered in Mt. Horeb in November, 1971. Since that time, the members of Vennelag Lodge have made an impact on numerous neighboring communities through its many offerings and events.

CLASSES

Each year, our members partake in special classes that celebrate the crafts of their ancestors. In an effort to meet the needs of our members, we welcome suggestions.

TRAVEL

Members have traveled to different locations such as Door County and to Nordic events like that are held each summer in Stoughton, WI and Decorah, IA.

NORWAY-Lodge members traveled to Norway in September, 2017, and they are already looking forward to the next adventure in 2021, when Vennelag celebrates its 50th Anniversary.