



Romerikslaget News



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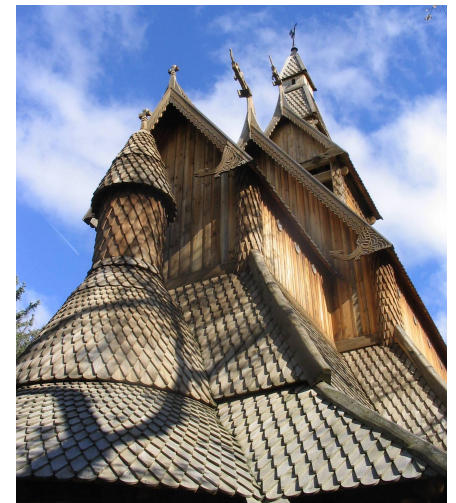


Come to the 2023 Flere Lag Stevne!
August 1-4
Moorhead, Minnesota



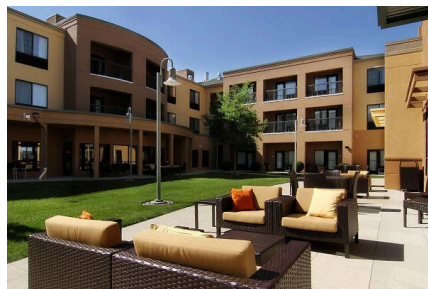
Hjemkomst Viking Ship Replica

Tour the Hjemkomst Center
with us!



Hopperstad Stave Church

Courtyard by Marriott Fargo-Moorhead
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Notes from the President

I'm including my report to the 2023 *Fellesraad* Annual Meeting, held May 5th and 6th. I attended the Friday Zoom session. Mary Gross and Eunice Helgeson were our official delegates to in-person business session on Saturday in Minneapolis.

God dag fra Romerikslaget i Amerika!

As of March 31, 2023, we had 110 paid memberships. Romerikslaget has an Internet page link on the Fellesraad website.

Facebook group: Romerike i America - 141 members. Several new members have joined our lag after finding us on Facebook. We have posted our application there to make it easier for people to join the lag.

Newsletter emailed to members three times a year and posted on our Facebook group. A printed newsletter with the stevne registration form is mailed to members in June.

Board of Directors: Three Board meetings each year: two on Zoom and one in person at stevne.

In August 2022, the first Flere Lag Stevne was held at the Empire Event Center in Rochester, Minnesota. It was a merger of Tre Lag Stevne with the joint Solørlag/ Romerikslaget stevne. For more than a year, a steering committee composed of representatives from each lag held Zoom meetings to plan the event. Planning is underway for the second annual Flere Lag Stevne to be held in Moorhead, Minnesota, August 1-4, 2023.

See you at Stevne!

Norma Kjenstad Barnes

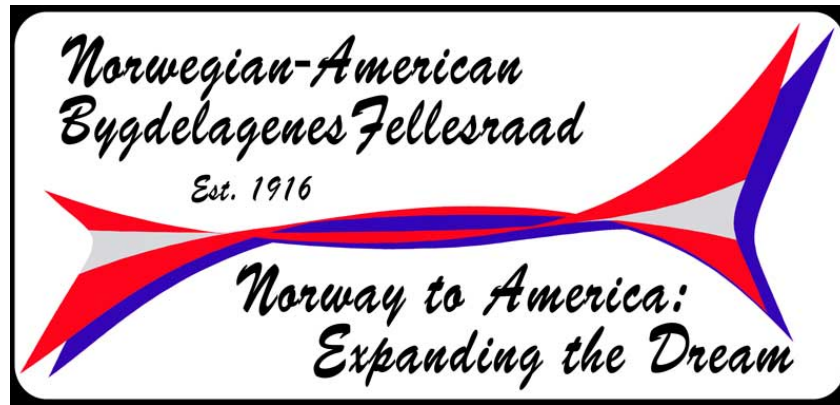


Oslo Fylke & the former Akershus Fylke (now part of Viken Fylke)

Ovre Romerike - Eidsvoll, Feiring, Gjerdrum, Hurdal, Nannestad, Nes, Ullensaker

Nedre Romerike - Aurskog-Høland, Blaker, Enebakk, Fet, Hakadal, Lørenskog, Nittedal, Rælingen, Setskog, Skedsmo, Sørum Follo - Frogn, Kråkstad, Nesodden, Oppegård, Ski, Vestby, Ås

Vestre Akershus - Asker, Bærum



2023 Fellesraad Annual Meeting Report
by Mary Gross

Linda, Chuck, Eunice, and I attended the in-person *Fellesraad* Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on May 6th. Some of the *bygdelag* shared that they sponsor regular trips to Norway (often in their *stevne* groups). They usually use Brekke tours, which work well. They said the tours helped to keep people interested in the lag and to find new members. Some go every five years; some more often. Usually one person in the lag does the organizing.

One lag is holding *stevne* in Starbuck, Minnesota this year. They said the community was very welcoming and there were plenty of resources available to them. That officer was very encouraging about their experience so far.

Other lags are having frequent genealogy chats on Zoom, sometimes monthly. Apparently that keeps people interested and active.

On another note, I resigned as *Fellesraad* secretary and Ann Romo, who is also a member of *Romerikslaget*, took my place. I am thrilled to have her take over and relieved to be done with that big responsibility! I've done it for 10 years and need a break.

I encourage more of you to take advantage of the Friday Zoom session each year, which is full of presentations that are always well done. This year there were two people from Family Search who gave presentations on the new options available online through Family Search Wiki and other recent additions to the website.

Terje Joranger from Norway gave a presentation on plans for the celebration of the 2025 bicentennial of the first ship carrying Norwegian emigrants to the United States. Events are also planned in the Twin Cities. Our own Chuck McKeen did a presentation on helpful tips for lag officers, especially PayPal use. It was a time to talk about issues shared by other lags; and all free on Zoom. On Saturday morning the priest at *Mindekirken* presented on the Sami. He has worked with the Sami people in Norway; in fact he just returned from there prior to the meeting. It was fascinating!

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After the meeting and a delicious Norwegian lunch of meatballs, potatoes and coleslaw, we went to Norway House to have a tour of the *Bibliotek* and Archive under construction. That place is going to be fantastic. There will be an Interactive Learning Center along with storage for lag *bygdeboker* which can be taken out for *stevne*. During the year people doing research can use materials in the *Bibliotek*. It will be monitored by volunteers so items will be safe and cared for. There will be a catalog of materials available for research use. The library will have a partnership with Family Search and the *Slekt og Data* genealogy center in Norway. Church databases, webinars, magazines and many other resources will be available in the Interactive Learning Center.

I have to give credit to *Fellesraad* President Elaine Hasleton and Vice President Marilyn Sorensen. They have been meeting with Norway House staff planning the *Bibliotek* and Archive for several years. They have spent so much of their time to complete the goal they hoped for. This area is going to be the best part of Norway House and it's all due to *Fellesraad* and the lags which donated lots of money to building it (including Romerikslaget). We can all be proud of the accomplishment, but those two deserve so much credit for their leadership and commitment. Now that I've seen it, I can see that it will be the thing that really makes Norway House special. So if you get the chance, thank them!



Fellesraad Board including, front row: Mary Gross, Elaine Hasleton, Marilyn Sorensen; standing on the right: Ann Romo.

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Flere Lag Stevne Reservation Booking Information

Courtyard by Marriott Fargo-Moorhead
1080 28th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56560

Deadline for booking at the Flere Lag Stevne rate is **1 July 2023**.

To book a room:

Call the hotel direct at **1-218-284-1000** and ask for the Flere Lag rate or use the Flere Lag online booking link here: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1667323853813&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Flere Lag Stevne rate is \$114/night + tax
Blocked rooms available for the nights of:
Monday 31 July 2023 (if arriving a day early)
Tuesday 1 August 2023
Wednesday 2 August 2023
Thursday 3 August 2023 (checking out on Friday the 4th)

Complimentary parking

Note: breakfast is not included, but the Marriott's onsite Bistro is open for breakfast items or many nearby restaurants.

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