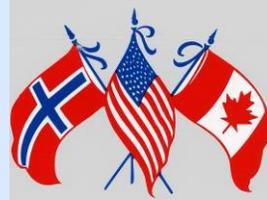


THE NAVIGATOR

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FROM LODGE PRESIDENT STEPHEN ROSENTHAL:

WINNING ONE FOR THE GIPPER?

Football season is here. For those of us with a Norwegian connection we are likely to think, at least fleetingly, of the great *Norwegian* football coach and Notre Dame legend, **Knute Rockne**. Born in Voss, Norway in 1888, he and his family immigrated to Chicago when he was five, and of course it was there that he learned to play the American game of football.



Rockne had to pay his own way to college and worked for four years to save the money he needed. At age 22 he headed down the road to Notre Dame where he excelled as a player and eventually as head coach (Overall coaching record: 105-12-5.). Ironically, it was Rockne, perhaps more than any other single player or coach, who transformed the game of “foot” ball into more of a passing game.

Sadly, he died in a plane crash at the age of 43. So, like so many larger than life characters he is frozen in history while at or near the top of his game, not unlike, for instance, JFK, MLK, Elvis, Marilyn, Lou Gehrig, and many others. He died young, but not before giving his “win one for the Gipper” speech at half-time of an Army – Notre Dame game when Notre Dame was losing. Of course, Notre Dame went on to win. In the 1940 movie **Knute Rockne, All American**, that great Norwegian actor **Pat O’Brien (!)** plays Rockne, and George Gipp (the “Gipper”) was played by a little-known actor named **Ronald Reagan**.

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I understand that at the International Convention in Jacksonville (just concluded) there was a presentation on Strategic Planning. Apparently the Board and senior staff of Sons of Norway have developed four core “strategic initiatives,” including one stated as “Revisioning lodge programs and member engagement to attract younger members and families...”

Interesting new word – revisioning. But I applaud the thought and the effort; while we have some eager young folks at our conventions, it is disheartening to me to see how old our order is getting with little or no backfilling. Our own lodge is especially skewed towards the older set, in my view, and some of these folks carry the load admirably, but they cannot do it forever. It will be interesting to see what concrete programs Minneapolis comes up with. Although I probably will not continue next year as your president, I hope to challenge our local Board with some ideas for change in an effort to appeal to younger folks – the future life-blood of any organization. We won’t necessarily be “winning one for the Gipper,” but maybe we can put a few points on the board. Fraternaly, Steve

SIDEBARS FROM THE EDITOR...

ABOUT 40 ENJOY END OF SUMMER BBQ AT THE LODGE



A modest-sized crowd enjoyed the ample and delicious BBQ'd food from the Back Forty restaurant this past August 22nd. Once again **Carol Lee Solheim** arranged for the meal and delivered it all to the lodge. **Joe and LaRena Hannon** delivered Sloughhouse watermelon and sweet corn to the venue even though they had a conflict and could not attend the dinner. Many

folks helped with the set-up, food serving and clean-up, including **David Bailey, Ron and Cecelia Byrd, Carol Francis, Pat Harriman, Ann Sandner, Sharon Brooks**, and perhaps others your sloppy editor may have missed—anyhow, we thank them all, named and unnamed.

Long-time lodge member and artist **Bill Nilsen** contributed one of his paintings for a raffle, and it was won by **Cecelia Byrd**. Thank you, Bill, for your contribution; we know that this is not the first time you have graciously done this.

Many folks went home with extra food, a “fringe” benefit for attending. We regret that no photos were taken that we know of.

SUMMARY OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BUSINESS

The Sons of Norway 2014 International Convention was held in Jacksonville, Florida during the week on August 18. Brief highlights: **Vice President Peterson** was removed from office for cause. Newly elected officers are **John Tehven, President; Ron Stebbings, Vice President; Dan Rudd, Secretary; and Ray Knutsen, Treasurer**. The 2016 convention will be in Tacoma. There was a presentation on strategic planning that focused on attracting younger members. For a much more complete summary, you may contact the editor at rosen@winfirst.com and he will email it to you.

SEPTEMBER LODGE MEETING—OUR CAMPERS WILL ENTERTAIN!

As usual, our monthly meeting in September will occur on the second Tuesday evening, the 9th. We are expecting our young people who attended Camp Norge to be present and to tell us about their camp experiences and perhaps show and demonstrate some of their crafts. Should be a fun time!

Also we will be electing a Nominating Committee preparatory to developing the 2015 officer slate.

OUR VIKING SHIP

Over the years you have probably admired the lodge's Viking Ship that we have displayed at the Scandinavian Festival an at other venues. But where is it when not on display? Perhaps you thought that **Joe Hannon** simply parked it on the street in front of his house, but you would be wrong. Actually, we have member **Leif Bjerke** to thank, as he allows it to reside inside his warehouse that he maintains for his business. Thank-you Leif, for this in-kind contribution to the lodge—much appreciated!

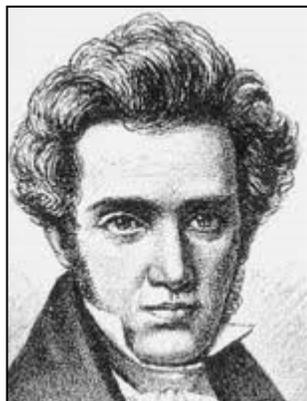


Lodge Viking ship with Joe Hannon, the late Erwin Bjerke, and Bob Dahl.

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OLLI OFFERS A COURSE ON KIERKEGAARD

The Osher Lifelong Learning Center at UC Davis offers a variety of short courses for senior citizens every school quarter. These classes vary from one to up to five or six sessions, usually two hours each.



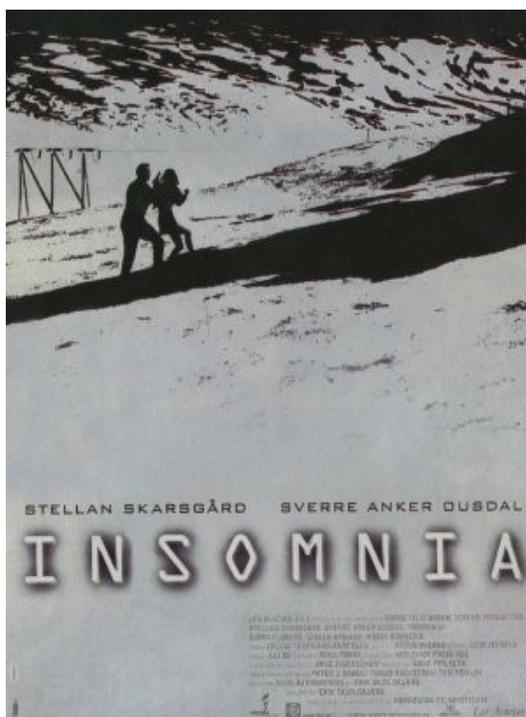
Beginning September 24th they are offering one called “Parables.” “The class will explore the parables of Jesus, who offered a critique of the first-century Roman and Jewish life, and **Søren Kierkegaard**, who exposed the religious triviality of 19th century Christianity.” Although Kierkegaard was Danish, he wrote at a time in his-

tory when the Norwegian and Danish languages were basically the same, and he was widely studied in Norway. The course is taught by a retired CSU - Northridge religion professor. Google OLLI UC Davis.

MORE NORDIC NOIR FLIX!

Last month we reviewed the superb (in this reviewer’s judgment) 2012 Norwegian – German film *Two Lives*, a fictional story involving one of the *Lebensborn*, or war children, born in Norway and raised in Germany. The movie explores the lives of a grown woman who had claimed to have escaped from East Germany, where she was raised, and her Norwegian mother, with whom she is reunited.

We have two more to recommend this month. The



first is *Insomnia*, a dark story the setting for which is a town in the far north of Norway where it is light almost 24 hours a day in the summertime. There has been a murder. A hotshot Swedish detective is called in to help solve the crime. But, he makes a horrible mistake, and the rest of the movie is about the consequences thereof. Riveting. The film is streaming on iTunes and perhaps other movie services.

Incidentally, this film was remade in the US starring **Al Pacino, Hilary Swank and Robin Williams**, and is now being shown on TV along with all the other Williams films being exploited because of his suicide.

The second recommended flick is entitled *Headhunters (Hodejegerne)*, and is based on a **Jo Nesbø** story. A Norwegian corporate headhunter is also an accomplished art thief. However, one of his victims turns out to be rather troublesome for him.

This film has great action and twists and turns. Available on Netflix. At least one of the actors, **Aksel Hennie**, is quite well-known in Norway.



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ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS

Eric Malme has prepared a 5-minute video consisting of a montage of photos taken at our Anniversary Luncheon. The video can be accessed from our lodge website. Thanks, Eric, for putting this together! And thank you, **Anne Bandy**, for posting it.

LODGE MEMBER OFFERS CLASSES

Lodge member **Eric Swanson** is offering some classes at his home. He is planning a beginning Norwegian classes on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm for all Wednesdays except for the second Wednesday of the month, which he proposes to be an independent study day. He does not plan to charge for the classes in 2014, but starting in 2015 he will ask for a \$5 per class donation to *Doctors without Borders*. Students will need to purchase two textbooks themselves which are used in the class. He especially welcomes Norwegian speakers, as he knows that he speaks Norwegian with a Swedish accent.

He is also offering an intermediate level class at his home from 7 to 9 pm on Wednesday evenings. This reading class will be conducted in Swedish, although participants are welcome to speak and write in Norwegian. The class is currently reading a Henning Mankell mystery in Swedish (Moerdare utan ansikt - Faceless Killers) and working on other things the students are interested in. Students must purchase their own textbooks. No fees in 2014, but a \$5 donation per class intended for Doctors without Borders will take effect in January, 2015.

Eric is offering these classes as a personal effort and not as official lodge events. For more information you can call him at 916/225-3620. His address is 126 John Henry Circle, Folsom 95630.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA KRETSSSEVNE

If you have plans to attend this Southern California event, it takes place Oct. 31—Nov 2 at a campground near Banning. For more information, contact **Nancy Madsen** at norsknm@earthlink.net, or check the District 6 website.

REMAINING 2014 LODGE SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER

9/9– Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)

OCTOBER

10/4 – Scandifest (See Flyer)

10/14– Lodge Meeting (Tue at 7pm)

10/18– Lutefisk Dinner (Saturday at 6pm)

NOVEMBER

11/11– Lodge Meeting and Veterans' Day (Tue at 7pm)

11/15– Vikingfest at the lodge (See prelim. Flyer)

DECEMBER

NO LODGE MEETING

12/7– Julebord at the lodge (Sunday)

12/14– Children's Christmas Party.

NAVIGATOR ADVERTISEMENTS

Just a reminder that we will accept advertisements in this newsletter. We would appreciate ads in good taste, but we may accept some of questionable taste because, as you know, we have the erratic **Dick Tracysen** on our staff. We will draw the line on ads of outrageous taste, however, as determined by Dick. Contact us by e-mail for pricing.

LEARN BEGINNING NORWEGIAN ON WEB

LearnNoW is an online beginners' Norwegian course, offered free of charge. It was developed by the LearnNoW Team from the Department of Language and Literature at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, NTNU, on behalf of the Norwegian Agency for Lifelong Learning, Vox, an agency of the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research. Go to www.ntnu.edu/learnnow.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?

Our readership (we hope there is one) is probably tired of all the rambling material produced by your editor and the occasional foppish piece contributed by our intrepid reporter, Dick Tracysen. We welcome and encourage contributions from others...

IN MEMORIAM...

We have received word that lodge member **Bergeth (Buz/Buster) LaRoy Bymers**, age 90, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Center, in Devils Lake, North Dakota. He was the middle child of 16 and as a boy worked on the farms of relatives to support his family and also to save for college. He graduated from Minot State Teachers' College in 1947 with a BS in Math Education. Thereafter, he taught in several North Dakota schools. Even though he was the middle child, he was born on February 29th, and always joked that he was the youngest.

While working a night job as a hotel bookkeeper he met a young student from a deaf school who was working as a baker in the same hotel; **Otilia Dockter** and he were married in 1953 and were married for 47 years and had three children: Donald, who died in infancy, Betty, and Roy.

In the late 50s the family moved to Sacramento, where Bergeth became a respected math teacher at Will Rogers Middle School for over 20 years. During that time he was a devoted Boy Scout leader and, along with son Roy, attended numerous Jamborees in the US and Canada. **Carol Lee Solheim** reminisces that Bergeth taught the Solheim children there.

Upon retirement in 1979, Buz and Tillie started missionary work at Paxtax Natura in Clyde, Alberta, Canada, working with mentally challenged deaf children for over two years. When returning to quiet retirement in California, they worked tirelessly with the Deaf Church in Sacramento and outreach for senior shut-ins. It was at this time he became a volunteer with Senior Gleaners, providing food and assistance for low-income seniors, not to mention good conversation, moral support, and the occasional risqué joke.

When his beloved Tillie died in 2000, Buz moved "home" to North Dakota, setting up a little house and workshop in the country near his sister, Alice Atherton. His love for North Dakota was a driving force for him. He even got a license plate for his pickup that said ND2STAY. He became active in the First United Methodist Church, where he met his second wife-to-be, **Esther Carter**. They married in 2007 and settled on the farm, enjoying gardening, woodworking, and watching over Sheryl and Roy's horses in the summer. They also loved to dance and never missed "Big Joe's Polka Party" on RFD every Sunday night, dancing the night away right in their own living room! They spent seven loving years together until Esther's death March 10, 2014.

Bergeth is survived by his children, **Betty Steele of Fresno, Roy Bymers of Reno**, several step children, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, both wives, infant son, and twelve brothers and sisters.

Bergeth was a 45-year member of the Sons of Norway and was awarded his 45-year pin at our lodge 85th Anniversary Dinner this past spring. He served as Treasurer of Roald Amundsen Lodge for many years. He was a 20-gallon club blood donor. He took care of each wife as she became ill.

The Sons of Norway has lost one of their best.



PLANNING TO CHANGE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you are planning to change your email address, it's easy to get the Navigator and other notices at your new email address. Just go to the bottom of the page of a recent Sons of Norway, Sacramento email.

At the very bottom of the email you will find 2 links, like this:

[unsubscribe from this list](#) | [update subscription preferences](#)

Click on the second link, "update subscription preferences". Your information will pop up, for example:

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By clicking in the Email Address box, you will now be able to edit your email address. If you have any problems, contact the webmaster whose link is always toward the bottom of any Lodge 6-48 email. For example:

Webmaster: Anne Bandy: abandy100@gmail.com

You should also notify the lodge Secretary, Carol Lee Solheim, if you have any email, address, phone number of name changes. Her email is solheim2636@att.net.



**SONS OF NORWAY
ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE,
Presents its annual**

VIKING FEST

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
SAN JUAN MASONIC HALL
5944 San Juan Ave. Citrus Heights, CA

Crafts, Demonstrations, Open Faced Sandwiches, Fish Soup, Vikings on a Stick (this is a food, not a torture), Baked Goods, Scandinavian Merchandise from Vendors, and More.

FREE ADMISSION. MORE INFO NEXT MONTH. MARK YOUR CALENDAR.



Sweden



Iceland



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**31st Annual
Sacramento
Scandinavian Festival
Saturday, October 4, 2014
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**



**Scandinavian food, baked goods, and merchandise for sale
Information about the Nordic Countries
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Orangevale, CA 95662
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For more information, please call:

- Denmark (916) 682-4888
- Finland (916) 294-7411
- Iceland (408) 509-3209
- Norway (916) 451-3853
- Sweden (916) 481-0373

Day of Festival you can call (916) 206-8962

Are you Norwegian enough?



SONS OF NORWAY ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE
LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER

SAT., OCT. 18, 2014

Social Hour 5:00 pm. Dinner 6:00 pm. MASONIC CENTER
Cultural Program after Dinner 5944 San Juan Ave., Sacramento

Reservation Deadline is October 10th
Pre-paid Reservations only · No ticket sales at the door
Adult S/N Members \$17.00 · Non-members \$20.00
Children 11 and under \$5.00 · Children 5 and under, No Charge

Make check payable to "Sons of Norway"
Mail to: Carol Lee Solheim, 3570 Vista Grande, Shingle Springs, CA 95682
Questions: 530.677.2006; solheim2636@att.net;
www.sonsofnorwaysacramento.com

Please reserve the following tickets, which will be held at the door for you:

Member Name(s) _____

Non-member Name(s) _____

Contact phone number and e-mail _____

of members _____ **@ \$17 each, to total** \$ _____

of non-members _____ **@ \$20 each, to total** \$ _____

of paying children _____ **@ \$5.00 each, to total** \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

(Detach and mail to above address by October 10, 2014, with check)



Central California Kretsstevne (CCK)

Flying Flags RV Park
180 Avenue of the Flags, Buellton

October. 03th – 04th – 05th, 2014

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 25, 2014



The CCK Committee cordially invites all Sons of Norway members and their guests to attend the 2014 CCK at the beautiful Flying Flags facility in Buellton, just 45 miles north of Santa Barbara on Hwy. 101 for fun, fellowship, and great food – don't miss out!

Name(s) 1) _____ 2) _____ Lodge _____ # _____
 Your E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____ First Time Attendee: (yes/no) _____
 Child(ren): (please give names and ages) _____
 Additional Adult Guests: _____
 Present or Past District Office(s) held: _____

Accommodations: For those attending the CCK and not bringing an RV, we have made arrangements with the following motel for reduced rates: 1) \$89.99+ tax for the Days Inn/Windmill Motel right next to the RV Park. (phone 800-WIND-INN OR 805- 688-8448)

***** Please make your motel reservation as early as possible – final deadline is Sept. 02rd *****

Following are the Prices for Registration, Meals and RV parking:

Registration & Meals: Note: We must pay the RV park for each person attending; thus the Registration Fee.

- \$ _____ Weekend Package: \$38 per adult (includes registration fee and Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast)
- \$ _____ Weekend Package: \$19.00 per child age 12 to 18. (Friday through Sunday)
- \$ _____ Weekend Package: \$30 per person (includes registration fee and Saturday brunch thru Sunday breakfast)
- \$ _____ Weekend Package: \$15 per child age 12 to 18. (Saturday through Sunday)

OR Daily Registration fee and Individual Meals:

\$ _____ Registration Fee: **\$8.00 per adult per day, \$4.00 per child per day** ages 12 to 18, children under 12 free
Registration includes a commemorative Kretsstevne Pin

Individual meals for adults are:

- \$ _____ Friday Dinner: **\$7.00 (x # needed)**
- \$ _____ Saturday brunch: **\$7.00 (x # needed)**
- \$ _____ Saturday night dinner: **\$11.00 (x # needed)**
- \$ _____ Sunday continental breakfast: **\$7.00 (x # needed)**

Individual meals for Children are:

- \$ _____ Friday Dinner: **\$3.50 (x # needed)**
- \$ _____ Saturday brunch: **\$3.50 (x # needed)**
- \$ _____ Saturday night dinner: **\$5.50 (x # needed)**
- \$ _____ Sunday continental breakfast: **\$3.50 (x # needed)**

\$ _____ **Total amount due for registration and meals. (STOP HERE IF NOT BRINGING AN RV)**

RV Campers Only (a special Thanks to you for bringing your RV as we need 12 to get the Club House)

- \$ _____ Cost per night is \$49.50 and the minimum number of nights is two: Friday and Saturday
- \$ _____ An extra vehicle fee is \$5.00 per day **but up to 2 pets per site are now FREE**
- \$ _____ Total amount due for RV parking: RV Length _____ RV Site Request (if any) _____
- \$ _____ **Total amount due for registration, meals and RV parking (include all fees).**

*****NOTE:** If participating in the Craft Fair Sat. Afternoon (10% to Camp Norge), please indicate: _____ Yes or _____ No***

*****NOTE:** Wanted raffle items (large or small); all proceeds from raffle will again go to Camp Norge!***

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "CCK" AND MAIL WITH THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO: Ron Oftebro, 5395 Queen Ann Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1121 phone 805-964-9195 (question to r_oftebro@cox.net)

TAKK FOR SIST ~ WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN OCTOBER!

VIKING FAIR 2014

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CHILDREN 6-12: \$1.00

ADULTS: \$2.00
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OCT 25th 10AM to 3 PM

NEVADA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, PONDEROSA HALL

A Very Special Event with Dr. Kayleen Asbo "Norse Mythology Through Art and Music"

Norway Hall
617 W. Ninth Street, Santa Rosa



Dr. Kayleen Asbo is a cultural historian, musician, writer and teacher who weaves together myth, history and the arts with experiential learning. She is on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the Osher Life Long Learning Institutes at UC Berkeley, Sonoma State University and Dominican University. Kayleen has been a guest presenter and lecturer in England and France as well as in the U.S. She teaches with joy, humor and enthusiasm and we are so very fortunate to be able to see and hear her at Norway Hall.

Saturday
November 8, 2014

Viking Buffet of Traditional Delicacies
6 pm social hour
6:30 pm dinner
7:15 pm program
Program/Dinner \$22 members, \$27 non-members
Program only \$12 members, \$17 non-members
Kids 8 – 14 half price
Kindly Send Prepaid Reservations by Nov. 1 to
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SIGN-UP LIST FOR REFRESHMENTS FOR 2014 MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS



The following have signed-up to bring refreshments to the monthly Lodge meetings:

January -- No Meeting
February -- David Bailey, Cecelia Byrd
March -- LaRena Hannon, Lyla Hanson
April -- Carol Francis
May -- Steve Rosenthal, Norman Hales
June -- No Meeting
July -- No Meeting
August -- Janet Moe, Joan Armstrong-Allen
September -- Beth Solheim and Carol Lee Solheim
October -- Pat Harriman, Ann Sandner, Sharon Brooks
November -- Tove-Lise Miller, Donna Gordon and Kristi Mattes
December -- No Meeting

If you are not signed-up and would like to bring something one month, please feel free to do so.

Thanks to all who were willing to bring. Ron Byrd, Social Committee