

THE NAVIGATOR

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Happy
Thanksgiving



PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:



November is the traditional month for Fall festivals throughout the northern hemisphere. While many nations have activities to celebrate the harvest season, we in this country have a holiday that was born as a celebration of survival. Beginning with the Pilgrims, half of who survived the first year in this land to George Washington calling for a day of Thanksgiving for gaining our independence and becoming a nation; a tradition was started. celebrated at random dates in the states it became part of the American experience. It was in the depths of the Civil War that Abraham Lincoln established the national holiday we celebrate this month. In the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt move the date of celebration to stimulate the economy. (Black Friday)

In this year we are a people concerned with our health, at war with our fellow citizens over political differences, and worried over scarcity of the goods we need and desire. While not minimizing our concerns, it should be noted that the previously mentioned Thanksgivings were times of equal or far greater peril than what we now face. So let us celebrate with family and friends the holiday and remain optimistic of our future. Wishing you and your families a safe a joyful Thanksgiving. Norm



*You are invited:
Sons of Norway
Roald Amundsen Lodge's
JULEBORD 2021*

*Sunday, December 19th, 2021, Dinner served 5:00 pm
Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights*

*Norwegian Delicacies:
Roast Pork, Medisterkaker, Surkål, Seafood Aspic, Herring,
Smoked Salmon, Norwegian Cookies for Dessert,
Coffee and Drinks.*

*Prepaid reservations only.
Reservations are limited to 50 people and must be
received by December 11th.*

*Adults \$25.00
Children 12 and under \$10.00
Children 5 and under, no charge*

*Mail check and reservation form from Navigator next page to:
David Bailey, Treasurer
5201 Laguna Oaks Drive #77
Elk Grove, CA 95758-7322*

Questions? Call Tove-Lise 916/364-8704

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Make checks payable to "Sons of Norway"

Mail to: David Bailey, 5201 Laguna Oaks Drive, #77, Elk Grove, CA 95758-7322

Questions: 916/364-8704

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

Name(s) _____

Phone # & e-mail _____

of adults _____ @ \$25.00 each

Total \$ _____

of children 6 thru 12 _____ @ \$10.00 ea.

Total \$ _____

of children 5 and under _____

\$ (No charge)

Grand Total

\$ _____

Notes, comments:

Century Club Update

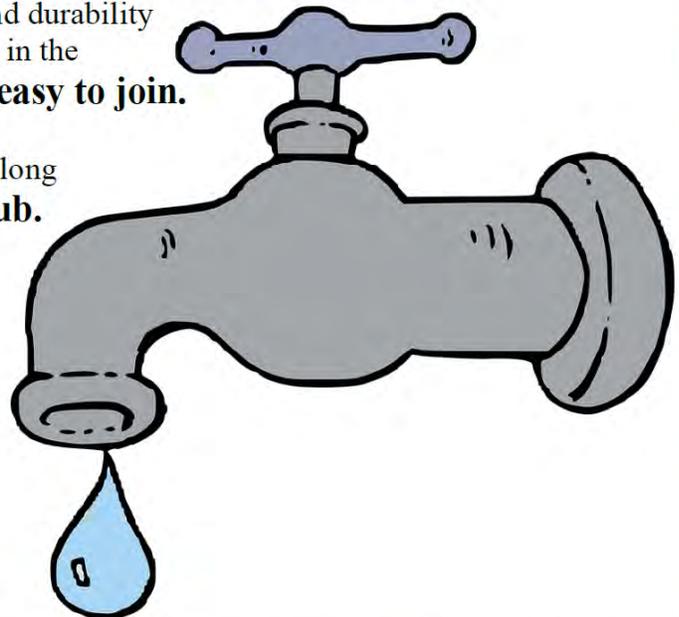
The **Century Club** was created to help make sure squeaky floors and leaky faucets are fixed up at Camp Norge. It is easy to help, and membership costs **less than 30 cents a day!**

Your support is vital to maintaining the beauty and durability of our "*Gem in the Sierras.*" Annual membership in the **Century Club** is only \$100 per year. **And it's easy to join.**

Just send us your name and contact information along with a **check made out to the Century Club.** We'll take care of the rest.



Century Club
c/o Camp Norge
P.O. Box 622
Alta, CA 95701



For more information about the Century Club, contact Fred Hymans fred.hymans@campnorge.org or (916) 333-2086.

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



UPCOMING SCHEDULE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Monthly Lodge Social and Business Meeting. Cultural Presentation (planned): Norway and Veterans Day. At Masonic Lodge.

Sunday, December 19, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Holiday Julebord Dinner. See flyer and sign-up elsewhere in this Navigator. Attendance limited to 50 persons. Current Covid protocol will be followed. Please sign up promptly so we know how much food to purchase, etc. At Masonic Lodge.



Schedule, continued.

Sunday, January 9, 2022, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – 2022 Officer Installation. At Masonic Lodge.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

The attendance at our October 12th lodge meeting was absolutely beyond belief! The dining area was so full that we had to seat some persons outside on the covered patio. In spite of the numbers, the serving of the shrimp sandwiches provided by **Tove-Lise Miller** and the Almond cakes provided by **Arlene Kozub**, in what seemed to be an almost biblical loaves and fishes miracle, held out until all persons were served! The milling of the crowds prevented much serious business from being accomplished, but good old lodge camaraderie was enjoyed. – *As viewed by reporter Dick Tracysen.*

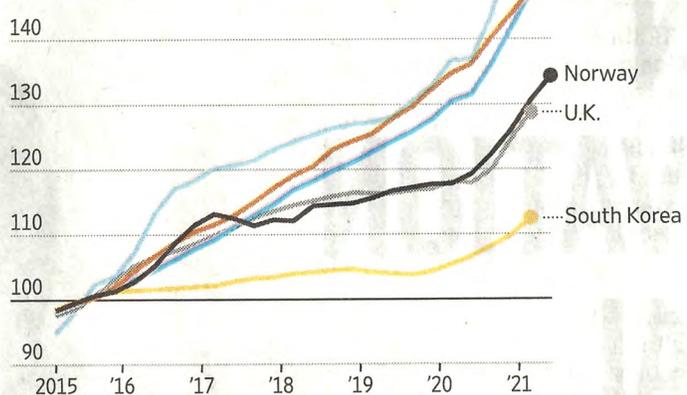
← *October meeting crowd.*

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NORWAY HOUSING PRICES ACCELERATING JUST LIKE IN THE US AND THE WESTERN WORLD

Housing prices in many countries continue to rise as the pandemic has contributed to a global property boom.

Nominal house price index, quarterly



Note: Seasonally adjusted. 2015=100. Norway and the U.S. are through 2Q 2021, all other countries are through 1Q 2021.
Source: OECD

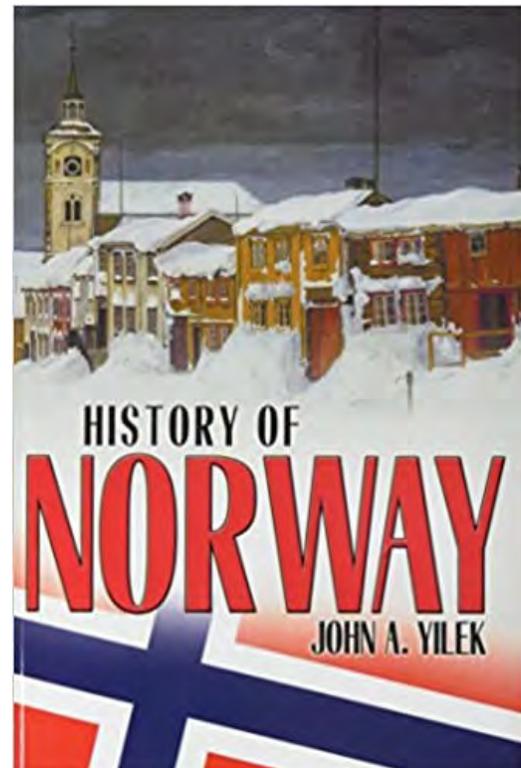
“In Canada, New Zealand and **Norway**, the home price-to-income ratio – a measure of affordability that is housing prices divided by disposable income – is at its highest level ever... Elsewhere, including the US and France, price-to-income ratios are climbing.” – WSJ.

NORWEGIAN HISTORY TOME RECOMMENDED

Lodge member **Lars Gjerde** recommends a recent historical account of Norway aptly entitled History of Norway. The author is **John A. Yelik**. “Based on exhaustive research, *History of Norway* is a clear, informative and en-

tertaining description of Norway’s history from the earliest cultures of the Stone Age to today’s oil and gas economy. Along the way, there are fascinating stories of Vikings, the Sami, kings and queens, farmers and fishermen, merchants and miners, the Black Death, the Hanseatic merchants, the Reformation, independence, emigration from Norway to America, polar explorers, the Nazi invasion and the Norwegian resistance in World War II, and much more! “

The 270-page paperback is available on Amazon for about \$18, or \$8 as a Kindle version.



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IN MEMORIAM

We have been informed that lodge member **Alexey Moskalyuk** has passed away. We have no other information at this time. Our condolences to his family and friends.

2022 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The proposed 2022 lodge officer slate is shown in the adjacent column. Voting will take place at the lodge meeting Tuesday, November 9th. Nominations from the floor will be entertained prior to the voting.

LODGE BOARD

MEETING SUMMARY

Via Zoom, November 2nd, 2021

The meeting called to order at 11:00 am. Members in attendance: **Norm Hales, Steve Rosenthal, Donna Gordon, Tove-Lise Miller, David Bailey, and Arlene Kozub.** Minutes of the October 5th board meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's report approved. Treasurer has some recently ordered name badges for distribution.

Officer nominations for 2022 were presented; vote will be at next lodge meeting November 9th. Cultural program at that meeting will relate to Veterans Day.

Suggested year-end charitable donations e

President	Norman Hales
VP and Membership	Vacant
Secretary	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer	David Bailey
Social Director	Tove-Lise Miller
Ass't Social Dir.	Peggy Hyde
Cultural Director	Stephen Rosenthal
Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor	Donna Gordon
Foundation Dir.	Mike Gordon
Greeter	Joe Hannon
Musician	Lars Gjerde
Ass't. Musician	Susan Lemmon
Marshals	Ann Sandner Pat Harriman
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Publicity Dir.	DeAnn Smeltzer
Trustees	Tove-Lise Miller Betty Williamson Mike Gordon
Website Manager	Terje Miller
Youth Directors	Eric Malme Sean Moody
Facebook Man.	Arlene Kozub
Book Club	Noelle Buer

reviewed and will be presented at the afore-said lodge meeting.

Tove Lise attended the District 6 Board Zoom meeting. The main topic of conversation was the upcoming convention next June in Mesa, AZ. They are actively seeking vendors.

Social Director Tove-Lise reported Julebord (12/19/2021) planning will continue after upcoming lodge meeting. Members will be encouraged to sign up promptly to aid advance planning – seating limited to 50! Covid proto-

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EARLIEST VIKING COMMUNITY IN NORTH AMERICA VERIFIED!



Using a new radiocarbon technique, scientists have firmly established the existence of a Viking settlement in North America in 1021, exactly 1000 years ago and 500 years before Columbus's famous voyage! The artifacts sampled include a tree stump, a branch and a block of timber all smitten with the swing of a metal axe.

The items were found at L'Anse aux Meadows on the Northern tip of Newfoundland, Canada, which had previously been identified as a Norse settlement. The latest issue of *Nature*

magazine has extensive information on the find. "It proves when they were there," said Anders Winroth, a University of Oslo historian and author of the book "The Age of the Vikings." Interestingly, one of the scientists also found on the tree stump what appeared to be a heart-shaped carving and, etched into the wood in Old Norse, the epitaph, "Ole loves Lena."

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col will be observed.

Calendar 2022 discussed, and Arlene volunteered to synthesize comments into a proposed calendar for further discussion. Combining Torsk and Lutefisk dinner idea was discussed. October date for Viking Festival discussed. Donna reported that the Scandinavian Festival may be foregone again in 2022. Budget planning for 2022 postponed until venue timing negotiations with San Juan Masonic Lodge are underway. Next board meeting will be Tuesday,

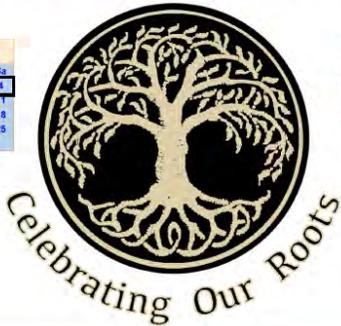
December 7, via zoom at 11:00 am. Meeting adjourned. (Condensed from Secretary Arlene Kozub minutes.)



SAVE THE DATE

District Six 2022 Convention

June 2022						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





Sheraton Mesa Hotel
Mesa, Arizona

THE MISSION OF SONS OF NORWAY is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

G20 CONCLUDES MEETINGS; ON TO GLASGOW

As you no doubt have read in other publications the G20 has wrapped up its meetings in Rome with not much accomplished except humongous hotel bills and bar tabs. What countries are members of the G20? See the table below; **their respective GDPs are shown in billions of US dollars as of 2020. Note that there are no Scandinavian countries in this group.**

1	USA	\$20,937
2	China	14,723
3	European Union	12,933
4	Japan	5,065
5	Germany	3,806
6	United Kingdom	2,708
7	India	2,623
8	France	2,603
9	Italy	1,886
10	Canada	1,643
11	South Korea	1,631
12	Russia	1,484
13	Brazil	1,445
14	Australia	1,331
15	Spain	1,281
16	Mexico	1,076
17	Indonesia	1,058
18	Turkey	720
19	Saudi Arabia	700
20	Argentina	383
21	South Africa	302
	Not in G20 for some reason:	
	Netherlands	912
	Switzerland	748
	Singapore	340

As you can see, we have some huge economies here. But what if we rated countries on **GDP per capita?** (US dollars per capita, 2021)

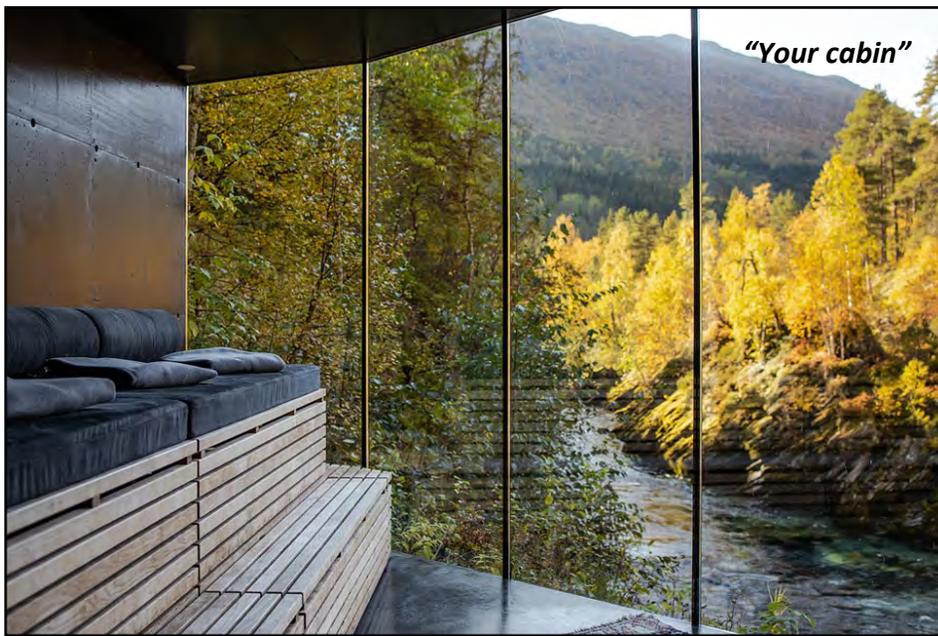
1	Luxemburg	\$131,302
2	Ireland	102,394
3	Switzerland	95,515
4	Norway	82,244
5	USA	69,375
6	Iceland	68,844
7	Denmark	67,920
8	Singapore	66,263
9	Australia	62,619
10	Qatar	61,791
11	Sweden	58,639
12	Netherlands	57,715
13	Austria	53,793
14	Finland	53,523
15	Canada	52,791

All major Scandinavian countries are now listed, indicating highly efficient production rates. Note that Norway is number 4.

And now, on to COP26 in Glasgow for receptions, parties and significant jet fuel carbon pollution as the world's experts try and find a solution for excess carbon pollution.

(All statistics are from the International Monetary Fund.)

The cost of the UN climate change conference in Glasgow could be "several hundred million pounds," police say. Up to 90,000 people – delegates, observers, heads of state and media are attending COP26 over its 12-days.



"JUVET"

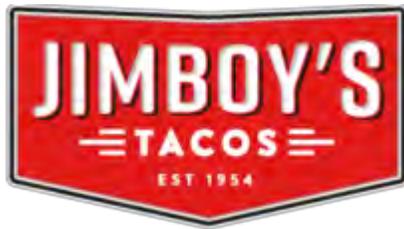
A site northwest of Oslo, Norway is the location of what was probably the first of an emerging genre of hotels, called "landscape hotels," now numbering 500 or more in the world. If you ever watched the psychological thriller movie, "**Ex-Machina**," you have seen Juvet, a clean-

lined facility with luxuriously appointed cabins each with one whole wall of glass looking out into a beautiful river valley.

First opened in 2010, the hotel's owner, Knut Slinning, has been quoted in the Wall Street Journal as saying, "When you have this big window you have the feeling that what is in front of you is part of the room," making it seem as though it is "the largest hotel room on earth."

According to internet data, the cost to stay is a surprisingly modest US\$175± a night. It would seem to be an ideal venue for a business executive-planning retreat, or similar gathering. But just natural surroundings with streams, bird houses — no golf courses! Has anyone stayed there?





Jimboy's Tacos is a regional chain of Mexican food restaurants with take-out service. Few or no Mexican men are named "Jim." So what do you think Jimboy's real first name was?

- A. James
- B. Jaime
- C. Poncho
- D. Diego
- E. Iago

If you guessed "A," you are correct – Jimboy was not Hispanic; he was Norwegian! (Choices B through E are all Spanish versions of James or Jim.)

The following photographs, taken at a Jimboy's restaurant by **Arlene Kozub**, tell the story. At our November monthly meeting we will have a limited supply of Jimboy's tacos for anyone who wants to try one, in honor of this great Norwegian-American who was kept us in his special tacos for so many years!



The founder of Jimboy's Tacos was James R. (Jimboy) Knudson. He was of full Norwegian decent, born in Canada in 1916. His family immigrated to the US when he was 2, where he grew up in Granite Falls Minnesota.



Jim and Margaret set out on an adventure and remodeled a small trailer into a kitchen and hauled it to Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe. They struggled with poor results for two summers, but Jim would not be denied! Nothing could convince him that his taco would not be a success, and finally the third summer they made a small profit.

The hardships that James Knudson grew up with steeled his character but did not coarsen his nature. A man of sparkling humor, quiet courage and steadfast will, he lived his life with a wholehearted energy that endeared him to all he met.

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR SONS OF NORWAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!



Luella

District 6 President, **Luella Grangaard**, and the rest of the District 6 Board have been constantly working on the upcoming Convention scheduled for June, 2022. Remember? The one we should have had in June 2020! I hope several of you are planning to attend. We are so looking forward to meeting face to face again, even if it means wearing a mask. At least that will cover up some of the wrinkles we earned since the last time we met!

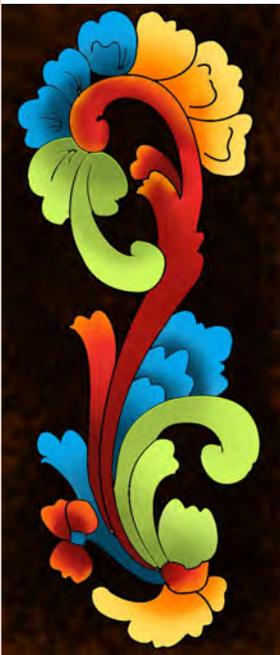
Keep working on your Norwegian crafts so we can have a great display at the Convention. It is always fun to see how many talented people we have among our members.



Tove-Lise

If you have some Norwegian artifacts that you are willing to donate for the Convention raffle, please let me know. Preferably not too large an item as it has to be carried to the Convention.

Planning of kids summer 2022 camps is also already in the beginning stages. We had a great turnout this year, and we hope for even more kids next year. We have a wonderful group of kids in Sons of Norway and remember - they are the ones who will revitalize and continue our organization.



Several of our lodges are planning Julebords and other dinners to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. I encourage everyone to do what they feel is best for your area, but at least try to participate in some of your lodge's events. It is so discouraging when some people work so hard and just a couple of people show up.

Håper dere alle får en koselig høst takke dag. (Hope you all have a nice Thanksgiving.)

Hilsen **Tove-Lise Miller**, Zone 1 Director District 6, Sons of Norway

VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

Excerpted from Wikipedia

Veterans Day (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, who are people who have served in the United States Armed Forces (that were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally

ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. **Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had *died* while in military service.** Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S.



military.

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional

DID YOU SERVE? How many veterans and spouses of veterans do we have in Roald Amundsen Lodge? If you notify the editor of your status (rosen@winfirst.com) we will publish a list in the next Navigator. This includes veterans and spouses of veterans who served in the armed forces of any of our allied countries including, for instance, Canada, and especially Norway. You can include your service branch if you like.

Act approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as '**Armistice Day**'".

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House

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with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day"

Congress in 1954, replaced "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since. Legally, two minutes of silence is recommended to be observed at 2:11pm Eastern Standard Time.

Non-essential federal government offices are closed. No mail is delivered. All federal workers are paid for the holiday; those who are required to work on the holiday sometimes receive holiday pay for that day in addition to their wages.

As Veterans Day and the birthday of the United States Marine Corps (November 10, 1775) are only one day apart, that branch of the Armed Forces customarily observes both occasions as a 96-hour liberty period.

While the holiday is commonly printed as *Veteran's Day* or *Veterans' Day* in calendars and advertisements, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs website states that the attributive (no apostrophe) rather than the possessive case is the official spelling "because it is not a day that 'belongs' to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans."

A MESSAGE FROM OUR IP

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. During this time we have to remember what we are thankful for - our family, our friends and the bounty God has blessed us with.

We are coming to a close of another year. Most of us would say, "Where did this year go?" I would like you to reach out to your family members and invite them to our lodge festivities. It is so important in keeping our heritage and sharing it with our family.

Are you children protected with life insurance? What happens if something were to happen to them? You as the parents will be responsible for the memorial! Would you rather pay out of your pocket the expenses that can range from \$3600 to \$15,000, depending upon what kind of service you choose? When my father passed away in March he didn't want anything fancy - just cremation, an announcement in the local newspaper and a box for his ashes. Moving the body to the mortuary and preparing his body for cremation was \$6,500, not including flowers which run around \$500. This is an eye opener for all of us if we have to arrange this for either our parents or other family members. With a small insurance policy you could receive the funds to pay the expenses instead of having to pay it out of your savings. Doesn't that make more sense? Give me a call at (530) 263-6565. I would be happy to help you get this set up.

We also have a policy for those who can't qualify for insurance with other companies. It's a guaranteed life insurance plan.

Hope to see you in November - before we know it we will be saying "Happy New Year!" **Adrienne Lincoln**