

THE NAVIGATOR

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Which image is the real Norm Hales?



PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:

Tis' the season to be jolly. All the trappings of the holiday season are back. The tree lot at the end of my block is doing a brisk business. I got a Noble fir,... royalty costs more. Washington promises presents by Christmas. The situation at the ports is improving with the latest more expensive toys and tech desired by the young ones showing up on the shelves for us to purchase. (Bah, Humbug) Locally, for the fully vaccinated, there is a myriad of events to see and enjoy. Old Sacramento and the Sacramento Zoo have special programs through the month. Light show in Old Sacramento, Dinosaurs in December at the zoo. The downtown

ice rink is open with lights and music.. I observe only, I don't bounce as well as I used to. The only thing missing is snow for those who want it. My ever optimistic weatherman assures me we'll get it. Having not skied in a decade I may drive up to see it, verify it is snow and leave it until spring. Growing up in Montana, I have all the fond memories of snow i would ever desire. I will not be moving to Truckee.

The days leading up to Christmas Eve will pass quickly. So string the garland, drag out your accumulated decorations and decide on this years theme. Done already? Well, sit back in your smug chair

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

*Sunday, December 19th, 2021, Dinner
Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, San Juan, CA 95050
Reservations: 916/364-8704*

*No Charge
Roast Pork, Medley, Norwegian Smoked Salmon, Seafood Aspic, Herring,
Smoked Sausage, Norwegian Bannocks, 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 Tone-Lise 916/364-8704

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



UPCOMING SCHEDULE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

Sunday, December 19, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Holiday Julebord Dinner, which was limited to 50 persons and is fully subscribed. Current Covid protocol will be followed. Some wine will be served and guests are welcome to bring their own as well. At Masonic Lodge.

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



LODGE CALENDAR

2022

The 2022 planned calendar was presented to the membership at the November Tuesday night meeting and was endorsed by those attending.

Sun Jan 9. Installation of Officers (see details, earlier article)

Tue Feb 8. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Sat Mar 26. Torsk/Lutefisk Dinner, timing TBD

Tue Apr 12. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Tue May 10. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

June 2-5 SON District 6 Conv. in Mesa, Arizona

July. SUMMER PICNIC (PROBABLE) AT ROSENTHAL REDWOOD FOREST

Aug. No events

Sun Sep 11. Lodge BBQ 12:30 start. Camper presentations.

Tue Oct 11. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Tue Nov 8. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Sat Nov 19. Vikingfest, day hours TBD

Sat Dec 10. Julebord

The possibility of having a 2022 children's holiday party in December will be assessed later and depends on matters such as Covid restrictions, etc. All events are scheduled for the San Juan Masonic Lodge venue except for those noted as scheduled elsewhere.

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HELP ALWAYS APPRECIATED

The board and committees always appreciate help, as events do not just happen. For example, here is what our lease requires of us



Replacing burned out light bulb after lodge event. Two ladders necessary. We were lucky to get a volunteer this time.

after each of our events:

Sweep/dust mop & wet mop tile floors as necessary. Vacuum building as necessary. Clean counters and sinks. Clean stove tops. Clean coffee pots, dishwasher trap, warmer drawer, and any other electronic equipment and turn off power to this equipment. Remove all blood stains. Completely air out building after cooking Lutefisk. Clean and return to storage any used utensils, pots, pans, dishware and flatware. Remove all items from refrigerator and freezer (condiments can be left for use by other tenants if you desire). Place tables and chairs to their respective location per diagram posted on the wall in the dining room and lodge room. Empty garbage cans and replace with new liner. Turn off central heating and cooling. Turn off all lights, restroom lights will turn off automatically. Return and secure PA System .

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL 2022

The 2022 Scandinavian Festival is scheduled for **October 13th and 14th** at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 5365 Douglas Blvd. in Granite Bay. More information will be available next year. Most of the Scandinavian



lodges in the area participate cooperatively in this event.

FROM OUR ZONE ONE DIRECTOR

Greetings from District 6. As you all know we had to cancel our Kretsstevne at Camp Norge on Labor Day weekend. Our beautiful pins were of course already made and I have several of them available if you are interested in purchasing one or more. The cost is \$2.00 each and it is a donation to Camp Norge. Please let me know by e-mail or phone. ToveLise Miller, Zone 1 Director, ToveLise@aol.com , Phone: 916-364-8704.



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IMPORTANT—YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

The District Six Secretary, **Nancy Madson**, is requesting that lodge members verify their contact information on the Sons of Norway website, www.sofn.com

Have you moved in the last year? Did you eliminate a land line, change your email address? This is particularly important for lodge officers. The 2022 District Directory & Resource is based on information in the Headquarters' data base. Lodges will be electing new officers shortly, and up-to-date information is desired.

And at the local lodge level, we also depend greatly on the information in the Home Office data base. Of course we update and correct for our own purposes information we know to be incorrect or missing, but we no doubt miss important data. Also, we are not allowed to update your data in the home office data base. We may publish a new lodge directory early next year, and member updating of their information would make that the directory more useful. Data example:

Joe Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500
Phone: (Disconnected—non-payment)

See, there are always errors...

2022 OFFICERS ELECTED

The 2022 slate of lodge officers was duly elected at the November lodge meeting:

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

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Veterans Day Follow-up

OUR LODGE VETERANS

In the November issue we offered to print the names of our lodge military veterans if they would so inform us. Some did, and also we knew of others. So, here is at least a partial list:

VETERAN	"VETERAN" SPOUSE
Ray Miller – Army (dec.)	Tove-Lise Miller
Gordon Lokke – Navy (dec.)	Gwen Lokke
Philip Karlstad –Air Force	Lilia Karlstad
Jim Smith - Army	Florence Smith
Stephen Rosenthal - Navy	Celia Rosenthal (dec.)
Brian Rosenthal - Navy	
Norman Hales - Army	Judy Hales
Michael Gordon - Air Force	Donna Gordon

Also, we believe that Duane Malme is a Navy veteran.

LODGE CHARITABLE

CONTRIBUTIONS

At the November general meeting the members voted to make year- end charitable contributions to the following organizations: **Camp Norge, Children’s Receiving Home, Sacramento Loaves and Fishes, Century Club, Weave, Mustard Seed School, Women’s Empowerment, Ski for Light, and Sons of Norway Foundation (especially for its humanities activities).** Any members who did not attend the meeting who desire to know about any of the amounts may contact the editor by email only, please.



Limited Edition 2021

ROSEMALED GUDBRANDSDAL ORNAMENT

\$22 + SHIPPING

Show your Norwegian pride this holiday season by adding the 2021 Sons of Norway commemorative ornament to your Christmas traditions. With its Gudbrandsdal-style design, this elegant ornament will be a treasured addition to your holiday décor.

Packaged in a gold-stamped gift

box containing a Christmas greeting from Sons of Norway and an informative description of the Gudbrandsdal style of rosemaling, this ornament is a unique gift for someone who enjoys their Norwegian heritage as much as you do. This limited edition ornament is bound to sell out quickly, so order yours now! Available only on-line at Sons of Norway website.

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.

AMERICAN NEWS CORRESPONDENT DANNY FINSTER SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS BY MYANMAR ON NOV. 12TH; RELEASED TO BILL RICHARDSON ON NOV. 15TH!
Norway is thanked...



Former American UN Ambassador **Bill Richardson**, through the auspices of his Richardson Center, secured the release of Finster shortly after he was sentenced to prison by the Myanmar military dictatorship. The Richardson Center Vice President and Executive Director, **Mickey Bergman**, “especially” **thanked the governments of Qatar and Norway** for aiding in the release.

As described on the Richardson Center website, Richardson “has successfully completed sensitive diplomatic missions in...North Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Cuba, Burma, Congo and Columbia.” The Center itself is described as the organization that provides policy and logistical support to Richardson and his missions, and Norway and Qatar are described as supporters of the Center.

Norway’s 2021 national budget for humanitarian assistance around the world was NOK 5.5 billion (US\$ 605 million).

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with your mug of eggnog while the rest of us scurry about making final preparations. This year’s larger gatherings will add to the joy of the season with more sharing. Here’s wishing you and yours God Jul, Merry Christmas, and Navidad. Acquired obstinance and upbringing precludes the use of the term Seasons Greetings. On to years end with the promises to self to correct or eliminate something in the form of

a New Years Resolution. An article I read stated that most resolutions fail in three weeks. Make the resolution now, take five minutes to bemoan your failure after three weeks and then move into the New Year with disappointment behind you. Better yet pick something you don’t like or don’t do anyway and make that your resolution. Success in the New Year!! Wishing you the best in 2022!

Norm

DO NOT WATCH THIS NORWEGIAN MOVIE!



The Trip is a new Norwegian film, loosely advertised as a comedy. It is a terribly funny movie, and “terribly” is the proper adverb descriptor at several levels. If you are a husband who wants to kill his wife, or a wife who wants to kill her husband, then this is the movie for you! Otherwise, we advise caution!

The stars include **Aksel Hennie**, a very popular Norwegian actor, and **Noomi Rapace**, the Swedish actor who starred

in the movie series *“The Girl who Kicked the (whatever),”* adapted from the several novels by the late Swedish writer, **Stieg Larsson**.

The film is vaguely reminiscent of the 1989 American film *The War of the Roses*, with **Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and Danny Devito**. However, compared to that film, we can only describe the level of violence in this one as “over the top.” It is rated by a Norwegian rating system as ok for ages 15+. However, if you are older and have a weak heart or stomach, you may need to be careful. Have one of your teenage grandchildren preview it for you to determine if you can take it.

The film is easy to follow in the Norwegian, and also if you have to read the English subtitles. This is a laugh out loud, groan out loud film. We enjoyed it immensely, but then our tastes are very plebeian. So, to avoid liability, we recommend that you do not watch it. And when you do, don’t say we didn’t warn you! (On Netflix, and on other streaming services for a rental fee.)

And in case we do not get the January Navigator our promptly...



Sons of Norway District Six Convention 2022

Sheraton Mesa Hotel, Mesa, AZ
Thursday, June 2--Sunday June 5, 2022



FOLK ART EXHIBITION

Hilsen!

The District Six Board of Directors is pleased to invite all members to participate in the 2022 District Convention Folk Art Exhibition. Participation in the Norwegian Cultural Skills Program continues to be a favorite activity of members. We hope that many of you will take advantage of this exhibition to add to your accomplishments in achieving Cultural Skills pins.

The District Board has decided to have only an exhibition at the 2022 Convention, foregoing the competition. Every participant will receive a certificate of participation. There will be several ribbons awarded to People's Choice items.

For Exhibition information, contact Doug Askegard, Norseman Lodge co-president:
Folk Art Exhibition Rules
Folk Art Exhibition Entry Form & Waiver
Folk Art Exhibition Identification Labels

Pre-registration of your folk art item(s) is essential for proper committee planning and space utilization. Please submit your Entry Form & Waiver before May 15

Mail to: Judy Purrington
PO Box 53900
San Jose, CA 95153-0900

scan and e-mail
judypurrington@aol.com
408-799-3262

The identification labels in the information packet are to be attached to your entry. Use labels "Item #1" and "Item #2" if you are entering two items in the same category. Use labels "Item #1" and "Item #1" if entering two items in different categories. Additional entry forms and labels may be reproduced or downloaded from the District Six website, www.sofn6.com.

Folk Art items may be brought to the Folk Art room between noon and 5:00 pm on Thursday June 2, or between 7:30 and 8:30 am on Friday, June 3. All items must be picked up following the Sunday business session. Any items not picked up will be returned to entrant C.O.D.

We look forward to a great convention and a wonderful display of Folk Art. Enjoy working on your folk art item(s), and thank-you for your participation and for sharing your talent and heritage. "Celebrate Your Roots" by sharing your heritage items.

Judy Purrington
District Six Cultural Director
District Six 2022 Lodge Meeting and Convention Committee

NEWS RELEASE

The recent drought has been very hard on CAMP NORGE.



During this past season, the camp *ran out of water four times*. **But there is a solution to the problem!** We need to replace the **20-year-old** back-up well pump and bring the Camp into the 21st century. That's where *you* come in.

We need \$15,000 to bring the system up to date.

Add Camp Norge to your Holiday Gift List

Today, go to our **GoFundMe** Page here

<https://gofund.me/e5da7570>

Or if you prefer, make your check payable to Camp Norge and send to

P.O. Box 622, Alta, CA 95701 and put "Let it Flow" on the memo line.

Questions? Contact Fred Hymans at (916) 412-3797 or fred.hymans@campnorge.org