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NOTE: CHANGED MONTHLY MEETING DATE:

TO MAY 17th, Syttende Mai!

We will be meeting on Tuesday, 5/17/22,

Syttende Mai, beginning at 6:00 pm. (Not on May 10th).

See inside for more information on the program.

And save this date:

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

LODGE ANNUAL PICNIC!

At home of Steve Rosenthal, with swimming, spa, youth games, hot dogs and hamburgers, etc. Member visiting. More info in next newsletter.



PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:

April Showers bring May flowers. And what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims of course! Kindergarten humor from grandchildren. What May 17th does bring us is something truly remarkable in the history of nations. Independence without an armed struggle making Norway unique in how it became a nation. May 17th is predicted to be a grand celebration as life in Norway returns to

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From the Social Director,



Our soup dinner was not as well attended as we had hoped for, especially because it was free, but we are very happy that **Knute Blodger decided to spend his 94th birthday** with us. It was really nice to see you again, Knute. Thank you so very much to **Donna Gordon** for making him a very nice birthday cake.

We had plenty of food thanks to soup makers **Arlene and Tove-Lise**. Thank you to Judy and **Norm** for the fruit plate. Thank you to **Carol Francis** for helping me to set up the tables even if she had a broken arm.

Our next event is my favorite Norwegian day, **Syttende Mai**. This year we are celebrating it on the actual day, May 17th, please come celebrate with us. We are planning to serve “pølse med lompe” (hot dog with a small lefse) a children’s favorite in Norway on Syttende Mai. We will appreciate it if you will complement it with your favorite side dish. Wear your Norwegian clothes, if you have any. Hopefully many kids will attend and make it very special.

HURRA FOR SYTTENDE MAI! Tove-Lise Miller

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a pre-pandemic level. As with all of us, Norwegians have been held down on celebrating their Independence Day.

Perusing past issues of the Navigator, I noticed that pre-pandemic pictures of our membership showed a happy, smiling lot. It seems that the depressing circumstances of the last two years has started to affect us all. Many of us were starting to look downright grim. Checking my own pictures, I noticed that my smile was missing to be replaced by a noncommittal stare. In the future I intend to remember to smile for the camera and encourage you to join me in turning our frowns upside down. If you can, do join us in celebration of the anniversary of the adoption of the Norwegian Constitution. Smiling to be practiced during the evening. Looking forward to seeing you there. **Norm**

CORRECTION

In the remembrance for Carl Ohmer in our last issue we erroneously stated that the Hastings Law School was in Berkeley. It is, of course, in San Francisco. The Berkeley-based law school connected with the University of California is Bolt Hall.

SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION!

NORWAY'S NATIONAL DAY

When? Tuesday, 17th of May, of course, starting at 6 pm.

Where? Masonic Lodge, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights.

Program

1. Light meal with Norwegian hot dogs (see Social Director's article) with side dishes (bring one to share if you are able.)
2. Short business meeting.
3. Short program about Syttende Mai.
4. Hope to see you!

(No charge)

(No meeting on May 10th)



SOUP SUPPER



***KNUTE BLODGER celebrates 94th birthday at Soup Supper!
Knute has been a member of Sons of Norway for 73 years!
Cake by Donna Gordon.***

SOUP SUPPER



The Chow Line!

The Soup!





WEALTHY NORWEGIAN BUILDS RESEARCH YACHT AS PART OF “GIVING BACK”

Kjell Inge Røkke was born in 1958 into modest circumstances in Molde, Norway. His father was a cabinetmaker.

Today he is reputed to be the richest man in Norway, with a net worth according to Forbes of about **US\$5.3 billion** as of April, 2022. (Some other estimates say less, but what is a billion dollar difference, more or less?) He has joined the **Gates-Buffett The Giving Pledge**, a network of big philanthropic givers who have

pledged to eventually give all their wealth away.

He has no secondary or college education. He suffers from dyslexia. At age 19 he traveled to Alaska to work on fishing trawlers. After a number of setbacks he saved enough money to buy his own trawlers, and eventually parleyed that into owning American Seafoods Company based in Seattle.

In the mid-90s he moved back to Norway and through his investment company, RGI, began buying large amounts of stock in Aker ASA, a huge Norwegian company with interests in oil and gas, maritime assets and marine technology. Today he is the largest owner of Aker, holding almost 67% of the stock outstanding, according to Forbes.

In 2017 he founded REV Ocean initiative to improve understanding of the world’s ocean. REV Ocean is building a 600-foot super yacht to help study the oceans. The yacht will be the largest in the world – longer than a US Navy destroyer. The initiative will cooperate with Norway’s Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) to work in the oceans (The WWF promotes a zero-tolerance for ocean pollution.). The yacht will accommodate up to 60 scientists and 30 crew. However, it will be a true yacht with luxurious features such as three swimming pools, hot tubs, an auditorium, etc. It will carry a submersible vehicle and will have a helo pad. Reputedly It will be able to capture waste plastic polluting the oceans and dispose of it without polluting the atmosphere.

In past interviews he has referred to himself as an ocean “harvester” who now wants to clean up the ocean mess he had some hand in creating. This will be interesting to follow...



SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



UPCOMING SCHEDULE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

Tue May 17. Syttende Mai. Monthly Meeting 6 pm start. **SEE FLYER PAGE.**

Tue May 17. Norway Constitution Day

Thurs May 26. Special Lodge Multiple Birthday Day

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

Mon July 4. American Independence Day

Sun July 17 SUMMER PICNIC AT ROSENTHAL REDWOOD FOREST

Aug. No local events. International Convention from Minneapolis, 8/31—9/1. (“Virtual”)

Sun Sep 11. Lodge BBQ 12:30 start.

Tue Oct 11. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Sat Oct 15. Scandinavian Festival at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay.

Tue Nov 8. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Sat Nov 19. Vikingfest, day hours TBD

Thurs Nov 24. Thanksgiving

Sat Dec 10. Julebord

The possibility of having a 2022 children’s holiday party in December will be assessed

later. All events are scheduled for the San Juan Masonic Lodge venue except for those noted as scheduled elsewhere.

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL 2022



The 2022 Scandinavian Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15th, with preparation the previous evening** at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 5365 Douglas Blvd. in Granite Bay. More information will be available in the coming months. Most of the Scandinavian lodges in the area participate cooperatively in this event.

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LUTEFISK, OH LUTEFISK!



We have 5 pounds of frozen lutefisk left from our Lutefisk Dinner. We will have it available for sale at our May 17th meeting. Priced at \$6/lb.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom...

RECENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES (SUMMARIZED)



Meeting called to order at 10:00 am 5 April. Members in attendance: Norm Hales, Steve Rosenthal, Donna Gordon, Tove-Lise Miller, David Bailey, Arlene Kozub. Minutes of March 17, 2022, board meeting were approved. Treasurer David Bailey reported on bank balances and outstanding bills. We are solvent. We

have five pounds of lutefisk left over which we will sell at our next lodge meeting at \$6/pound. Our Torsk dinner was a great success with about 60 attending. The only downside is how much work is involved. Kirsten and Erin were a great help but the day is VERY long.

Next lodge meeting on April 12 will be a soup supper. Arrangements for it were discussed.

Convention: We need(ed) to register by April 15 to get the discounted price. We are bringing a lefse kit for the raffle, and we will ask members for Norwegian cookies to take in the cars traveling to Phoenix. Put cookies in throw-away containers. Treasurer will get the per diem to the six delegates.

Donna Gordon reports that Scandinavian Festival planning is in progress. Amundsen

Lodge will be responsible for the beverages. We will prepare 400 Vikings on a Stick and sell for \$4 each. Arlene Kozub and Betty Williamson to work the pastry table. We will also bring the Viking Ship to Resurrection Lutheran Church for display at the festival. Summer picnic. Scheduled for Sunday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. Lodge to provide hot dogs, etc.

Our May meeting date changed to Tuesday May 17 which is Constitution Day in

Norway. It will be an early 6 pm meeting again with Norwegian hot dogs, appropriate program, etc. Next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, at 11:00 am. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Arlene Kozub, Secretary.

NORWAY AND THE RUSSIA— UKRAINE WAR

Norway Closes Russian Border

On April 28th Norway closed its borders and ports to Russian trucks and ships, joining sanctions imposed by the European Union over the war in Ukraine, the Norwegian foreign ministry has reported.

Russian fishing vessels, which often land their catch at ports in northern Norway, will receive exemptions from sanctions. Norway's Arctic Svalbard archipelago, which operates under a 1920s treaty allowing expanded foreign access, will also be exempted, the ministry said.. (Information mostly from Reuters)

Norwegian Gas Pipeline to Poland

A gas pipeline that is under construction from Norway via Denmark to Poland is expected to be ready for shipments in October or November this year, **Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki** told a news conference in Oslo recently.

"Towards the end of this year, October, November, the Baltic Pipe is going to be ready ... Today we know very well that we have to be independent of Russian oil and gas,"

Morawiecki said.

The Baltic Pipe will have a capacity to transport 10 billion cubic meters of Norwegian gas per year, around half of Poland's annual needs, Morawiecki said during a joint appearance with **Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Stoere**. (Information mostly from Reuters)

Norwegian Weaponry Donations

Norway has donated more weapons to Ukraine to help the country defend itself against Russia's invasion, the Norwegian defense ministry said on Wednesday.

The latest shipment, which has already been made, included 2,000 M72 anti-tank weapons, raising the total number of M72s donated by Norway to 4,000, the ministry said.

And on April 26th the country of Norway announced it will allocate 400 million crown (\$43.7 million) to a British-led initiative for buying weapons for Ukraine, the Norwegian prime minister said on Tuesday.

Norway may also make additional direct shipments of weapons to Ukraine on top of those it has already made, **Jonas Gahr Stoere** told parliament. (Information mostly from Reuters)

