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PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:

Greetings!

Attempting to escape the depressing drone of national news, I checked into the Norway news sources. It appears the daily worries of man are universal. Norway has its news cycle occupied with Islamophobia, Islamic terrorism by a radical with mental issues, a defiant LGBTQ street protest, and the demise of a popular walrus named Freya. On the upside they are recycling oil platforms out of the North Sea, leaving the bottom cement footings for fish shelters. They are developing a method of storing carbon dioxide in former oil fields. This may prove to be a safe alternative to fracking. Projections are that this will absorb 20 percent of German yearly carbon production.

Here at home, we are being slowly moved into electrical vehicles with our governor moving the goal posts closer. The summer is winding down, for some parents the return to school is a welcome relief from the task of keeping children occupied. My granddaughter participated in a beginner's dance recital that occupied part of her summer. The other high point was her ever expanding birthday celebration that took place in Steve Rosenthal's back yard. Thanks again Steve, you made a little girl's day. Now it's on to school uniforms and homework.

Labor Day this year will remind is that the entire state is on the barbie. Try not to fry and look forward to the cooler days of fall coming in September's end. Then start deciding on who to vote out of office in November. Stay well, See you soon! Norm



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.



Special Fall Afternoon Lodge Meeting:

Enjoy a Summer's-End PIZZA PARTY!

Sunday, September 11th, 1:30—3:30

Come and enjoy PIZZA and camaraderie with fellow lodge members and guests followed by a short lodge meeting during which we will present loyalty pins and golden member pins to deserving members (Look elsewhere in this newsletter to see if you are on the list of awardees.)

Normally we have our youth who attended Camp Norge summer camps tell us about their camp experiences, but there were no summer camps this year. So, if any members are willing to talk about summer trips to Scandinavia, we would love to hear. Similarly, if any of our youth had interesting summer experiences, we would love to hear. Enjoy pizza with salad at no charge! (The lodge appreciates that you have to buy very expensive gas to even get to the event!)

- When:** Sunday, September 11th, 1:30—3:30.
- Where:** Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Ave., Citrus Hts.
- Meal plans:** Pizza and Salad.
- Reservations:** Requested, by Tuesday, Sept. 6th, please, so that we know how much pizza we need. To reserve, please call 916-364-8704 and if call goes to voice mail, leave your name, phone number, and the number of pizza eaters you are bringing. See you there!

For those of you who don't drive at night, here is an afternoon event for you! Come and visit with lodge friends you have not seen in a while.



IN MEMORIAM

FLORENCE SMITH—ANOTHER GREAT NORWEGIAN BY MARRIAGE

By Carol Francis



Florence and Jim (all photos ca. 2008-2009).

We lost another non-Norwegian spouse who worked very hard for the lodge when **Florence Smith** died in June after a lengthy illness. I met recently with husband Jim and daughter Kris to remember her. She and Jim (the Norwegian) quickly made themselves useful when they joined our lodge in 1976.

Florence had the ability to stay unruffled in the kitchen for lodge dinners amid strong personalities like Eleanor Malme and Irene Karlstad. Tempers could flair, and Jim remembers one hilarious “discussion” about whether or not coleslaw should include pineapple. They made meatballs all day on Fridays, and Kris remembers her mom taking a tuna fish sandwich for lunch during Lent as she was Catholic.

Later Florence and Carol Lee Solheim made the meatballs themselves in Carol Lee’s kitchen. The Smith and Solheim families had many bonds, as the daughters lived together as roommates, and the parents traveled together to other Sons of Norway lodges.

For years Florence baked Norwegian cookies for lodge events, making krumkake, mormomson, almond cake, and a spritz cookie. She worked hard on the Camellia Festival, handing



*Florence with Beth Solheim;
cooking demonstration.*

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Florence rolling lefse

out forms at a membership table. Later she baked for the Vikingfest and the Scandinavian Festival. She also served as lodge secretary, and membership secretary, keeping track of members.

I bonded with Florence when she was writing the Navigator, typing it and having it copied to a stencil. Then I would run the paper off on a mimeograph machine that had to be inked just so or it would sputter ink around the room. She calmed me down as I threatened to throw the machine in Folsom Lake.

Florence was the oldest of five kids in a military family and helped her mom a lot. She enjoyed living in Japan where they had house help and she got to be a kid. Spending World War II in Washington, DC, was also fun, as the five kids had the run of the city despite their father being a military cop.

Jim and Florence met in the military in Pittsburg, PA, when Jim was working with Florence's mom. Mom took a liking to Jim, and introduced him to her daughter, leading to a marriage of seventy years, son Doug, daughter Kris, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The family crisscrossed the United States during Jim's twelve years in the Army and ten years in the Air Force. They returned to Roseville after Jim retired from active military service. Both Jim and Florence worked as civilian employees at McClellan Air Force Base until it closed.

Jim remembers Florence as very generous with both her time and money. She was active in the Auxiliary at Sutter Hospital in Roseville for twenty two years, managing the gift shop several times. She built profits from \$2,400 a month to \$5,900 a month, and this money was earmarked for specific projects at the hospital, including the neonatal ICU for premature babies.

Jim's family came from the Lofoten Islands on one side and near Lillehammer on the other side of the family, which they were able to visit after the 2000 Convention in Stavanger, Norway. They both liked to travel and were a team, in marriage and in working for the lodge.

(Editor's note: Thank you Carol for preparing this. Also, please note that there will be a Celebration of Life for her on September 17, 2022 as the San Juan Masonic Center at 5944 San Juan Ave., Citrus Heights from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.)

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:



Hi all Roald Amundsen members, hope you all are having a great summer. Unfortunately soon fall will be knocking on our doors. Maybe that is not so bad, as the heat is getting a little tiresome, even for me who loves to go swimming every day.

More than 20 people attended the summer picnic on July 17th. Thank you so very much to Steve Rosenthal for letting us use his wonderful back yard again this year. Thank you to Kai Miller for cooking the hamburgers and to Nicole Miller for entertaining the only child in attendance. It was great to see quite a few new faces, and some older once that we had not seen for a while.

Our next event is September 11; hope a lot of you can attend this daytime event. It gives those of you that do not like to drive at night a chance to participate.

To change the subject: We need help in all our areas of activities. Please come forward and take over some responsibilities. We need some new "blood", as we old folks are getting really tired. We are one of the larger lodges in District 6 and yet we are not able to fill some very important positions, while some lodges with half the number of members have a much larger group attending meetings and filling officer positions. Pretty soon a new election of officers is coming up. Please help us out if you can. Hilsen Tove-Lise, Social Director, Roald Amundsen Lodge and Zone 1 Director, District 6, Sons of Norway.



***Little Kara with Nicole Miller
at the picnic.***



SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



SUMMER PICNIC COMMENT

As reported on the previous page about 25 folks enjoyed what has become the annual lodge summer picnic at the Rosenthal home. The children swam and the adults visited. The weather cooperated. It was a nice, relaxed time. **Tove-Lise Miller** and others made it happen.



***Jim Smith with Tove-Lise Miller
at the picnic.***

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

Sept 3-5, Kretsttevne, Camp Norge. See flyer. Too late to register, though.

Sun Sep 11. Lodge Pizza afternoon, 1:30. start. Please see the flyer and reserve, even though there is no charge. Loyalty Awards.

Tue Oct 11. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start. Cultural Tsar will try to develop some by then.

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

Tue Nov 8. Monthly Meeting 7 pm start

Sat Nov 19. Vikingfest. See flyer. We need volunteers!

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.

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LOYALTY AWARDS AT SEPTEMBER PIZZA EVENT

We will be awarding the following Golden Membership pins and Loyalty Pins and corresponding certificates at this event. For any awardees who cannot attend, your pins will be mailed to you. We hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Golden Memberships 2022

Sharon Brooks

Donna Gordon

Loyalty pins 2022

75 years

Ronald Waraas (Aug.) CONGRATULATIONS!

45 years

Trond Aschehoug (Dec.)

Diane West (June)

40 years

Gwen Lokke (Sept.)

35 years

Vernon Armstrong (Feb.)

30 years

Sharon Brooks (Aug.)

Donna Gordon (June)

Kristine Mattes (June)

25 years

Edward Coughie (Sept.)

Randi Greene (Oct.)

20 years

Michael Van Baaren (Dec.)



All persons interested in attending the pizza event are urged to register for it as requested in the event flyer found on page 2. We would like to be comfortable that we have enough pizza for all.

Assuming the weather is clement, we will have the event on the lodge patio.

MEMBER KNUTE BLODGER GETS TERRIFIC FULL PAGE IN VIKING MAGAZINE!

We hope everyone saw it! **A full-page photo** tribute to Knute taken on his 93rd birthday at the lodge! You look great Knute! And you are closing in on earning your 75-year pin! When that happens, the will be putting you on the cover—it will **look something like this!** →



BRIDGE COLLAPSE AFTERMATH (photo above)

A sub-human-interest story from reporter Dick Tracysen.

As many of you may have seen in news accounts from Norway, a 10-year-old wooden bridge collapsed this past August 15th. The bridge was located over a river in the Gudbrandsdal Valley, not too far from Lillehammer. Two vehicles were traversing the bridge at the time, but the drivers of both were rescued.

Sadly though, two Trolls living under the bridge were crushed to death. They appeared to be a young couple. Amazingly, their baby child, or Trollette, was spared. Authorities were able to locate the deceased couple's will, etched into a wood column of the bridge, and learned that in the event of tragedy they wanted their child to be adopted by another Troll couple, especially one living under a more sturdy bridge.

But if a Troll family were not available, they would be okay with a Nisse family, even though they found the Nisse to be strange, very retiring creatures who lived in forests and almost never created problems under bridges, although they created other problems. Also, as a last resort, if no Nisse were available, they consented to adoption by an American "Big Foot" Troll, as some ill-informed person had told them that even though Americans were thought to be the strangest characters in the whole wide world, they did build bridges that never collapse. And besides that, they had a lot of money and no one there ever had to live under a bridge, not even a Troll. ***(With apologies to Henrik Ibsen—Editor.)***



**38th Annual
Sacramento Scandinavian Festival
Saturday, October 15th, 2022
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Scandinavian Food, Baked Goods, and Merchandise for Sale
Information about the Nordic Countries
Music, Entertainment and Door Prizes
Scandinavian Folk Dance
Children's Area with Arts & Crafts
Outside - Viking Camp and Ship**

**Lutheran Church of the
Resurrection**

6365 Douglas Blvd,
Granite Bay, CA 95746

**Adults \$5
Children under 12 FREE**

For more information contact:

Finland

www.facebook.com/sacramentofinlandclub

Iceland

www.iceland-usa.org

Norway

www.bit.ly/Elise-Waerenskjold or
www.norway.org

Sweden

www.monitorlodgesacramento.net or
www.facebook.com/SierraKronan737

www.facebook.com/SacramentoScandinavianFestival

Please note: Some food items may sell out early

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY

Invites you to attend its annual

VIKING FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 19th, 2022, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission is Free!



*Masonic Center
5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights
(Between Madison and Greenback)*



*Craft items, demonstrations, clothing, bakery goods,
Scandinavian merchandise, Norwegian calendars, gift items...*

Just in time for holiday shopping!

*Lunch will be available:
Open-face sandwiches, Fish soup, Waffles,
VIKINGS-ON-A-STICK, Bakery goods... and more.*

*Additional information: Call **916-364-8704**
And also the lodge website: sonsofnorwaysacramento.com.
And also Facebook: facebook.com/sonsofnorwaysacramento*

All are welcome—you will have a good time!



JULEBORD 2022

Yes, Christmas is only 4 months off!

The Julebord is only 3+ months off:

Saturday, December 10th, 2022

Save the date on your calendar now!

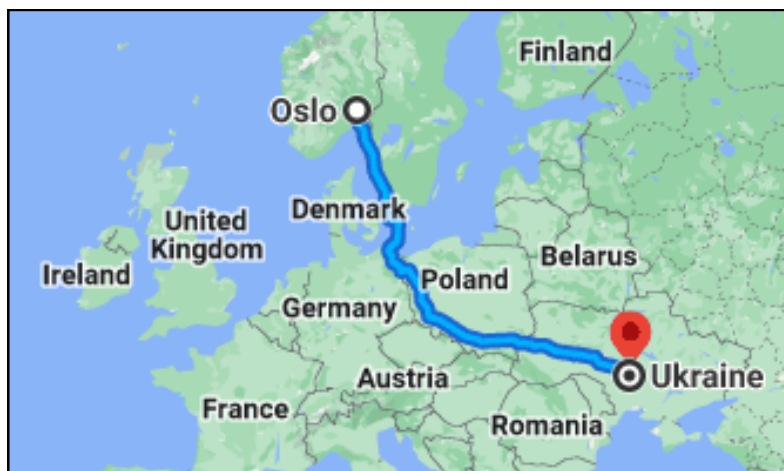


UKRAINE- HOW FAR FROM NORWAY?

So how far is it from Oslo in Norway to, say, Lutes in Ukraine? 1200 miles? 3100 miles, 4300 miles? The answer, less than 1100 miles, even though the route takes one through much of Sweden, across the Baltic Sea, and then entirely through Poland. Compare this to the distance from New York City to St. Louis – 950 miles. Or from the northern California border to the southern California border

- 1040 miles. Or from Sacramento to Omaha – 1580 miles!

Western Europe is probably not as large as many of us who live in a rather geographically large country (USA), and next door to an even larger country (Canada) perceive. Of course, the Ukraine conflict is currently centered in eastern Ukraine, not the western portion close to NATO countries.



Norwegian Flick Report:

“BETRAYED,” A TREACHEROUS HOLOCOUST TRAGEDY (2021)

(Original title: “Den største forbrytelsen”)

Norwegian family victim of Nazis and collaborating countrymen

“Betrayed” opens with Nazi collaborator Knut Rød (Anders Danielsen Lie) tranquilly dispensing orders to his men to detain the remaining Jews left in Oslo. It’s a small, quiet vision of the bureaucratic work upon which fascist genocide is built, and it casts a mournful pall over the ensuing action, which flashes back three

years to pick up with the Brauns. Theirs is a family of devout Jews save, to some extent, for Charles (Jakob Oftebro), an up-and-coming boxer who loves his clan and its traditions and yet blames his heritage for his problems. Consequently, he has no problem marrying a gentile, Ragnhild (Kristine Kujath Thorp). While such a move seems designed to rub his mother Sara (Pia Halvorsen) the wrong way, it turns out that Ragnhild is warmly welcomed into the household, which also includes Charles’ father Benzel (Michalis Koutsogiannakis) and brothers Harry (Carl Martin Eggesbø) and Isak (Eilif Hartwig). (Adapted from a Variety Magazine article.)



Your editor has not watched it, but he will. Available (not necessarily free) on VUDU, Prime Video, and Apple TV.