

THE NAVIGATOR

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PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:



Greetings!

November is the start of what often seems like one big, long holiday season. Before you get to our National

Day of Thanksgiving, do plan to attend

our Viking Fest on the 19th. We were fortunate this year to have the Scandinavian Festival after a two-year hiatus. First reports are that we had attendance levels nearly that of 2019 levels. We hope to have similar results at the Viking Fest. Come, enjoy and practice loosening your wallets in preparation for the holiday season ahead.

Norway has found itself very involved in the current tensions brought on by Russia's efforts at intimidation. Four Russian nationals were arrested for photographing classified facilities. Additionally, unidentified drones have been reported circling North Sea oil platforms. Previously police had arrested a man with Israeli and Russian passports heading to Finland with drones and video footage of classified military sites. A fishing agreement between Norway and Russia to protect and manage the cod fishing in the far North Sea is in limbo due to Russia insisting that their fishing vessels can use Norwegian ports. The not-so-subtle Russian art of Bullying is at play. It would be good to include Norway in your prayers for peace. See you at the Viking Fest! Norm

FLYERS INSIDE:

**VIKING FESTIVAL!
November 19th**

**JULEBORD!
December 10th**

The on-line issue has 9 pages. The postal issue has 8 pages.

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

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

Sat Dec 10. Julebord. See flyer.

2023 Tentative Schedule:

Jan 8	Installation
Feb 14	Regular Meeting
March 25	Torsk/Lutefisk Dinner
April 11	Regular Meeting
April 23	Scandinavian Festival*
May 9	Regular Meeting
June	Dark
July	Picnic*
Aug	Dark
Sept 10	Camper Show and Tell
Oct 10	Regular Meeting
Nov 18	Vikingfest
Dec 9	Julebord

* Not at usual Harding Masonic Lodge venue.

VIKING MAGAZINE CHANGES

The Viking Magazine will be produced by a new vendor beginning in January. Size will be reduced from 40 pages to 36 pages, minimum. (If certain ad quotas are met for a particular issue, additional pages will be added.)

The magazine will be bi-monthly instead of monthly.

The “In Memory” section will be on the web-

site and not in the magazine.

The “Happenings” section will be reduced in size. However, there will be a “Happenings Extra” section on the website.

The magazine cover will be produced on a different paper stock.



2022 OFFICERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers to fill 2023 officer positions. Last month’s Navigator contained a list of all officer positions. Please contact Arlene Kozub (916-771-0183) or Peggy Hyde (916-996-1450) if you are willing to serve in any officer position. In accordance with the new New York law, we are herewith posting the salary range for these positions: **\$0—\$000.**

ROALD AMUNDSSEN 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!





You are invited:

Sons of Norway

Roald Amundsen Lodge's

TULEBORO 2022

Saturday, December 10th, 2022,

Visiting beginning at 5:00 pm; Dinner about 6:00 pm

Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights

Norwegian Delicacies:

Roast Pork, Medisterkaker, Surkål, Seafood Aspice, Herring,

Smoked Salmon, Norwegian Cookies for Dessert,

Coffee and Drinks.

Prepaid reservations only.

Reservations are limited and must be

received by December 5th.

Adults \$30.00

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

Julebord 2022

Saturday December 10th, 5:00 PM Start

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

Reservations will be checked off at the door

Name(s) _____

Phone # & e-mail _____

of adults ____ @ \$30.00 each

Total \$ _____

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

Total \$ _____

of children 5 and under _____

\$ (No charge)

Grand Total

\$ _____

Notes, comments:

RUSSIANS ARRESTED FOR FLYING DRONES OVER NORWEGIAN FACILITIES

Recently Norwegian officials warned that more arrests were likely after at least seven Russians — including the son of a close associate of Russian President Vladimir Putin — were detained for flying drones or taking pictures near sensitive areas in Norway, prompting an investigation by the domestic intelligence service. In at least one instance, a drone was spotted near the Bergen airport, which temporarily shut down air traffic.

The man referred to above is the son of Vladimir Yakunin, a Putin confidant who once was arrested in the United States. The Norwegian police seized drones and electronic devices from the younger Yakunin. As of October 28, the Russians were still being held.



Typical drone

TUBFRIM WASHES ITS LAST STAMP...

Some of our newer, younger members may not be aware that people used to communicate in written form, not by email or text message, but in something called a letter*. A communicator often would take fountain pen - okay, ball point pen – in hand and actually hand-write individual letters onto a blank piece of paper that when properly assembled formed words. To send this communication to a fellow communicant, one had to put it into an envelope, affix to the envelope something called a “stamp” that he/she/etc. purchased from the post office, and then put the letter in a post office “box.” The post office would then, in its own sweet time, deliver it to the recipient.

In past years people were not answering emails all day and so they had time to devote to a hobby, and one such hobby was being a “stamp collector.” This created a demand for stamps from all over the world, and a Norwegian charity formed an organization called TUBFRIM** to collect, wash, and otherwise recondition stamps that it then sold to collectors to raise money for its charitable purposes. Therefore, many Sons of Norway lodges collected used stamps from mailings, packaged them in bundles and sent them to Norwegian Seamen’s churches so that the churches in turn could dispatch them to Norway on Norwegian freighters that called at their respective ports.

But alas; so few non-machine stamps are used in this day and age that TUBFRIM is closing down their stamp operation. What happens to all of its employees? Well, it is only a rumor that the former stamp-washers will now make their living washing checks.

*Yes, this is confusing. A **letter** is actually composed of **letters** used to form words. Go figure.

**TUBFRIM is an acronym for something, but the editor was too lazy to look it up. The organization was formed in 1928 to raise money to combat child tuberculosis, and later helped combat with other childhood diseases. It was quite successful in its day.

(Editor’s note: The next District 6 newsletter will contain an article on another place to send stamps: The Postal History Foundation in Tucson, Arizona.)



You can buy 10 of these, used, for about 7 bucks on the internet.

TACO TUESDAY NIGHT

The lodge's Taco Tuesday Night this past October 11th was at least a modest success. Trying to emulate what has become a tradition of sorts in Norway, we served tacos prepared by **Senora Tove-Lise Miller and other good mujeres de los Estados Unidos** on this particular Tuesday evening. Your editor counted about 100 in attendance but he accepts the criticism that he might have counted some vaqueros more than once.

The participants were treated to the rather irreverent movie entitled the ***The Lutefisk Wars***, which happily satirized more than one special interest or religious group. The one take-away from the movie, in the editor's opinion, was that Norwegian-Americans in the upper Midwestern part of the United States care more about Lutefisk than Norwegians in Norway do. (Do you suppose that we Norwegian-Americans living here in California appear to be just a touch condescending?)

In the opinion of the Editor, we might try this again sometime, but we may use Reindeer meat instead of ground beef in the tacos as a salute to the native land.

Photos: Taco Table—Both soft and hard tortillas were available.

Members in the serving line.

(Actually, in Norway, Taco Tuesday more often happens on Friday.)



FESTIVE SACANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL



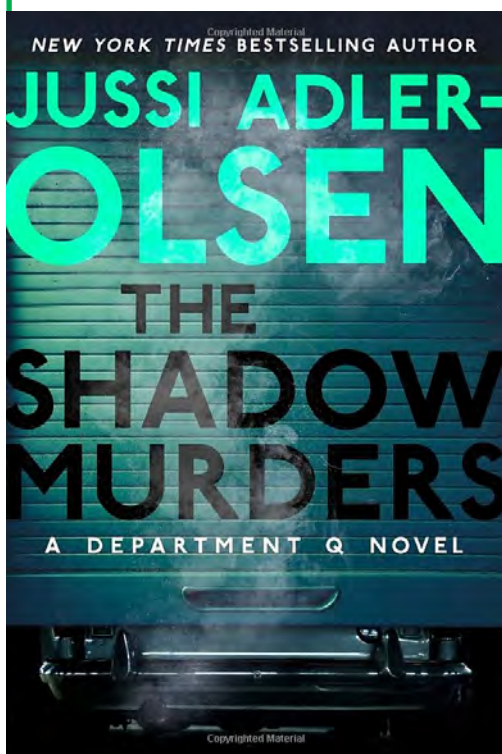
Norwegian flag bearer Wyatt Mattes, age 14. Lodge participants in front of Viking ship. Tove-Lise Miller, Betty Williamson and Fred Hymans at the lodge table.

Over 1000 enjoyed the Scandinavian Festival last month. This cultural event represented Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Sami and Sweden. Delicacies from each country as well as crafts were featured. Even a group of Vikings and our lodge's Viking Ship made appearances. Volunteers from Sons of Norway included **Tove-Lise Miller, Mike and Donna Gordon, Wyatt and Kristi Mattes, Arlene Kozub, Betty Williamson, Peggy Hyde, the Hales family, Mike Jones, Rick Stultz, Carol Francis, Pat Hariman and Fred Hymans.** It was a fun and successful day. The next Scandinavian Festival will be at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in the River Park area of Sacramento on April 15, 2023. - **Donna Gordon**



New Scandinavian Book

THE SHADOW MURDERS: A Department Q Novel



A new murder mystery by Danish author **Jussi Adler-Olsen** has been available since September. The English translation was rendered by **William Frost**. The book description from Amazon:

“In the exhilarating penultimate thriller of the New York Times and #1 internationally bestselling Department Q series, the team must hunt for a nefarious criminal who has slipped under the radar for decades.

“On her sixtieth birthday, a woman takes her own life. When the case lands on Detective Carl Mørck’s desk, he can’t imagine what this has to do with Department Q, Copenhagen’s cold cases division since the cause of death seems apparent. However, his superior, Marcus Jacobsen, is convinced that this is related to an unsolved case that has been plaguing him since 1988.

“At Marcus’s behest, Carl and the Department Q gang—Rose, Assad, and Gordon—reluctantly begin to investigate. And they quickly discover that Marcus is onto something: Every two years for the past three decades, there have been unusual, impeccably timed deaths with connections between them that cannot be ignored, including mysterious piles of salt at the scenes. As the investigation goes deeper, it emerges that these “accidents” are in fact part of a sinister murder scheme.

“Faced with their toughest case yet, made only more difficult by COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of their personal lives, the Department Q team must race to find the culprit before the next murder is committed, as it is becoming increasingly clear that the killer is far from finished.”

Kindle version \$15. Seems like a fun read for book clubs!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT. Show your Norwegian pride this holiday season by adding the 2022 Sons of Norway commemorative ornament to your Christmas traditions. With its Telemark-style design, this elegant ornament will be a treasured addition to your holiday decor. Available at the on-line store—\$22

