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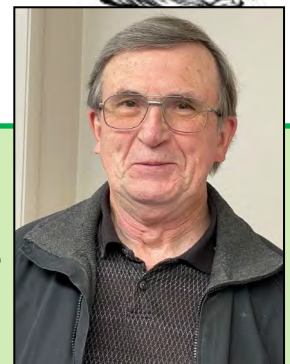
PRESIDENT NORM'S COLUMN:

Happy
Holidays!

December brings to an end the slow 2022 march to normal. Regular meetings, Scandinavian Festival, our own Viking Fest all indicate that we are almost back to where we were. The Viking Fest went well, though attendance was down from pre-pandemic numbers. Relieving **Stephen Rosenthal** at the lodge table I was able to potentially recruit several new members and encourage a lapsed member to rejoin. Maybe we will have some new faces in the coming year! There was substantial interest in Camp Norge by potential members and non-members alike. Granddaughter **Kara** had a great time assisting her grandmother at the bake table. I wish to thank family members **Ryan, Marci, Jake, and Audrey** for their assistance at the Viking Fest. Also, a thank you to **Duane, Eric, and Kylan Malm** for the music they provided. Another organizational triumph by **Tove-Lise Miller**. A hearty Thank You to all who labored long and hard to make the Viking Fest a success. Do join us December 10th for our year-end Jule-board celebration and meal.

In January I will be serving the lodge in a different capacity. The past two years have not been quite the stellar success I had hoped for, but it has been interesting and pleasant to meet such enjoyable folks. While for a time I felt as if I had been promoted to captain of the Titanic prior to the icefield, the overall trip has been educational and a joy. Wishing you all a grand holiday season and a prosperous New Year. Once again, in the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless us everyone." **Norm**

(Editor's note: "Congratulations on a job well done, Norm!")





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:

MAIL BY DEC 3rd!

NEWS FOR YOUR GRANDKIDS

Entertainer **Havanna Winter, age 16**, was born in Oslo and is of Norwegian and Spanish parentage. She now lives in California and is an American citizen. **She is a YouTuber, TikToker (has gone viral) and "social media personality."**

Another source describes her as an actress and "influencer." Reportedly she has 3.56+ thousand subscribers to her YouTube channel and has already amassed a net worth of approximately \$ half-million. She speaks English, Norwegian and some Spanish.



Currently Havanna is attending college here in California. She recently released a new video single entitled "Heaven to Me." Your grandkids can see her on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu_iEKb22zE.

Is it a new age, or what? Thinking back to when I was 16, I was wiping down cars in a used car lot for 75¢/hour. –Editor.

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 2023

A nominating committee has submitted the following officer slate for 2023. Members in attendance at the **Julebord** will be asked for an up or down vote on the slate. The lodge thanks those members who are going off the Board for their loyal service. The lodge also thanks the nominated who were serving previously for continuing, and thanks those members who are going to be officers for agreeing to serve.

POSITION	2023
President	Tove-Lise Miller
VP and Membership	Donna Gordon
Secretary	Arlene Kozub
Treasurer	David Bailey
Social Directors	Peggy Hyde, Norm Hales, Judy Hales
Cultural Director	Stephen Rosenthal
Auditor	Susan Lemmon
Counselor	Norm Hales
Foundation Dir.	Mike Gordon
Greeter	None
Musician	Lars Gjerde
Ass't. Musician	None
Marshals	None
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal
Publicity Dir.	DeAnn Smeltzer
Trustees	Donna Gordon, Betty Williamson, Mike Gordon
Youth Director(s)	Eric Malme
Website Manager	Terje Miller
Facebook Manager	Arlene Kozub
Book Club	Noelle Buer

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

At the end of each year, in accordance with our bylaws and the eleemosynary intentions of Sons of Norway Foundation, our lodge makes contributions to charities and good causes. The Board is recommending that contributions be made to the following organizations this year: **Camp Norge, Children’s Receiving Home, Loaves and Fishes, Century Club, Mustard Seed School, WEAVE, Women’s Empowerment, Ski for Light, Sons of Norway Foundation, and The Sacramento Food Bank.**

Members will be informed of the recommended amounts and be asked to vote up or down on this list at the Julebord.



Food Bank photo



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Please join us for the Lodge's first event of 2023

Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-48

Sons of Norway

Officer Installation

Potluck Supper*

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, 6:30 PM

Masonic Center, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights



Please come and thank outgoing officers for all their hard work in the past year, and to welcome the new and returning officers for 2023.

Reservations not required.

Scandinavian Sweaters are encouraged.

***Lodge will supply a ham. Salads, desserts, side dishes needed.**

USEFUL LINKS

Our lodge: sonsofnorway.com

Our lodge Facebook page: facebook.com/sonsofnorwaysacramento

District Six: <https://sofn6.org>

District Six Newsletters and Cultural Letters: <https://sofn6.org/newsletters/>

Camp Norge: <https://www.campnorge.org/site/>

International: <https://www.sofn.com>

Travel

CAROL FRANCIS IS OUT OF TOWN

Where in the world is Carol?

Here is her report:

This is your Antarctic reporter, once again down on the very tip of the Antarctic peninsula. I will send a fuller report once I get home December 21st.

Early season is tougher than it used to be. Global warming has brought more snow storms making it harder for penguins to melt the snow in order to get down to their nests. It also means the team has to build a lot of snow stairs to get ashore to landings.

It is still awe-inspiring down here and guests are basically happy. We have a big bunch of Australians on board this time, and both

French and Catalan speaking groups (do not call the latter group Spanish or they bristle).

We are down to about 30 German speakers this trip, most quite proficient in English, as opposed to about 70 last trip.

Hurtigruten does a good job with kids, taking them on extra tours, science boats, snow shoeing. I take them down to the tender boats before first landing; otherwise the younger staff take care of them. I get very good ratings from guests, with whom I talk a lot.

Otherwise I feel a bit too old at 73 to be down here. I am easily the most experienced staff in terms of years down here (almost 21). I do inspire them to follow their dreams, and to do the polar plunge (I have a total of 20 down here). Hope the lodge has a good Julebord, and Merry Christmas to all, **Carol Francis**



"Picture was taken at 11:37 pm at Damoy Point on Tuesday, November 22nd. We were two degrees of latitude north of the Antarctic circle which I have never crossed."



VIKING FESTIVAL APPROACHES PRE-COVID NORMS

Another Viking Festival is in the books. The attendance level was very gratifying. It was a beautiful day and all I can say is, too bad if you missed it. The “**Dark Boar Vikings**” set up camp on the front lawn and our own Viking, **Wyatt Mattes**, was there in full fur clothing of the Viking era, at times waving his hatchet! We even had music by fiddle and guitar played by **Duane, Eric and Kylan Malme**.



But...before we could open the doors to let in guests it was a lot of work. The fish soup, the grøt, the lefse, the waffles, the sandwiches, the Vikings on a stick, and not to forget the cookies all had to be made. The number of cookie makers has shrunk over the years and it is no small

task to make cookies for an event like this. Thank you to **Donna, Arlene, Betty, Ann Sandner, Peggy and myself** for making all the cookies.

The most popular thing at the festival is the Viking on a stick meat offering. These were made in advance by **Donna, Peggy, Arlene, Mike and myself**. They were expertly cooked at the event by **David Bailey and Mike Jones**.

Sandwich makers **Kristi Mattes and DeAnn Smeltzer** again turned out great offerings that were in high demand. Potager/Poissonnier **Mike Gordon** probably does not want to see fish



soup for quite a while, as he also made it for the Scandinavian Festival last month.

The Information Table was serviced by **Steve Rosenthal and Norm Hales**. Thank you to **Judy Hales** for running the cookie table - no small task. Cashiers at the food service were **Donna Gordon, Kristy Updegraff and**

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Rick Stults. Betty Williamson tended the Rose-maling table and sold lots of Rosemaled articles for a good cause, the Penny's Scholarship fund.

The kitchen crew included **Arlene Kozub, Mike Gordon, Peggy Hyde, Mark Peters, Pam Brewer, myself** and whoever else was available. That included cleaning off tables getting rid of garbage and so much more.

Thank you to the vendors for participating in the event!



Fortunately we were able to set up tables the night before and we are so thankful to **Sean and Wyatt Mattes** for lifting those heavy tables and putting them back again when the festival was over. Not sure who helped clean up, but the lodge looked great when we left.

As you can see it takes a lot of people to put on an event like this. Our lodge members are getting older and are not able to participate like they used to. Please have your kids and grand-kids joining us in events like this, as we need more help or we may have to cancel future events.

Thank you to everyone that participated, and if I forgot someone, please forgive me.

Social Director Roald Amundsen Lodge and Event Chairperson, **Tove-Lise Miller**



Editorial:**LIKE AMERICAN POLITICS, NEW FACES ARE NEEDED HERE**

Our Roald Amundsen Lodge has retained a stable membership count slightly north of 200 for a number of years. And since it costs money to be a member, it seems that there must be a continuing cadre of folks in the greater Sacramento area who retain an interest in Norwegian life, heritage, politics, and unique crafts. Indeed, many members and guests attend our social cultural events throughout the year.

But, we must tell you that many of the current load bearers in the lodge are in their late 70s, or 80s, with a few even older. They cannot continue to carry on with the governance of the lodge or with providing the social and cultural offerings indefinitely. New, and hopefully younger, faces are needed here. New ideas, perhaps different events, and new hands-to-the-grinder support.

Operating, I suppose on faith, we have booked the lodge for 2023 to provide the venue for a slate of events similar to this past year's. However, we may be approaching stall angle. If we cannot get some new hands-on volunteers during 2023, we may have to cancel some of our planned events. Such canceling is a double waste as we are contractually bound to pay rent for our reserved days, whether or not we use them.

If you can volunteer to support the lodge with a little donation of time and participation, just let one of the officers know, including especially **President Norm Hales (claykara@att.net)** or **Social Director Tove-Lise Miller (ToveLise@aol.com)**. Or come to our officer installation at the Masonic Lodge on Tuesday evening, 7:00 pm, January 8th. — **Editor**



We need younger faces, but perhaps not this young...



Two of our helpers, Mike Jones and David Bailey, making Vikings on a Stick. It is almost time to pass the secret recipe on to some younger kitchen warriors.

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

Sat Dec 10. Julebord. See flyer.

2023 Schedule:

Jan 8	Installation (see flyer)
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.



An historic Membership agreement.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in joining ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, our officers have membership forms at most of our events. We will have forms available at the Julebord. Forms are also available on the International Lodge website (sofn.com).

MEMBERSHIP IN MORE THAN ONE LODGE

Occasionally we get asked about being a member of more than one lodge. This is possible to arrange by using the Affiliate Membership Form (#3028) available on the International Lodge website (sofn.com). The applicant becomes an “affiliate member” of the second lodge. The affiliation membership provides certain rights in the second lodge but does not include voting rights. The cost per year is \$14. The affiliate’s name and membership information will not be included in the master membership list for the second lodge, and therefore the second lodge should keep track of the affiliate’s information such as email address, phone number, etc.

As a practical matter, in our ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE members of other lodges, as well as guests, are almost always welcome at our meetings and events.

OUTRIGHT TRANSFER TO A DIFFERENT LODGE

There is also a form available to initiate an outright transfer from one lodge to another. The form (Transfer Notice, Form 3) is available also on the International Lodge website.