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FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Hello, all members and friends. It is unbelievable to me, but November is already here. We have a couple of big events before we reach the end of the year. First Vikingfest on November 18th and Julebord on December 9th.

We had a very nice turn out at our last meeting, watching The Voyage of the Restauration, the Norwegian "Mayflower". I found it very enlightening what those people went through to come to America. All I had to do was step on a plane.

If you are reading this and you are not a member yet, and are interested in learning about Norway, please let me know and I will let you know the easy way to join. My e-mail address is ToveLise@aol.com.

Hope to see you at our upcoming events. Wishing you all a very nice Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Hilsen Tove-Lise

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY

Invites you to attend its annual

VIKING FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 18th, 2023, 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!





**JOIN FELLOW LODGE MEMBERS
AND GUESTS
FOR ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JULEBORD!**

**Dec. 9th, 5:00 pm Start; Dinner at about 5:30 pm
Harding San Juan Masonic Lodge
5944 San Juan Avenue (north of Madison; just
south of Greenback) Citrus Heights, CA 95610**

Menu



**Norwegian Delicacies:
Roast Pork, Medisterkaker,
Surkål, Seafood Aspic, Herring,
Smoked Salmon, Norwegian
Cookies for Dessert,
Coffee and Drinks.**

(Some wine will be served and for you may bring your own.)

*Prepaid reservations only.
Reservations are limited
and must be received by
December 4th.*

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:

*Stephen Rosenthal,
Lodge Treasurer
2051 Gunn Road*

Carmichael, CA 95608

*Questions? Call Tove-Lise
916/364-8704*

Questions on day of event: 916-508-5555 or 916-539-5614

Julebord 2023

Saturday December 9th, 5:00 PM Start

Make checks payable to "Sons of Norway"

Mail to: Treas. Stephen Rosenthal, 2051 Gunn Road, Carmichael, CA 95608

Questions: 916/364-8704

Reservations will be checked off at the event

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 \$ _____

NO CASH, PLEASE.

Notes, comments:

In Memory,

MEMBER JOHN ROE PASSES AWAY



John passed away this past September 28th at the age of 93. He had been a member of Sons of Norway for over 37 years and he and his wife Arlene, who survives him, had been quite active in lodge activities some years ago. He was a native of North Dakota and served in the US Air Force during the Korean War as an Air Traffic Controller, a career he continued after military service.

Services for John were held on October 20th. A complete obituary can be read in the Sacramento Bee of October 16, 2023.



THIS AND THAT FROM THE EDITOR



STOUGHTON WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS SCHEDULED FOR A LODGE PERFORMANCE IN 2024

This famous troupe of teenage performers of Norwegian folk dances is scheduled to perform at the lodge facility on March 23rd, 2024. More details will be forthcoming.

If you live in Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Carmichael, Rancho Cordova or other area reasonably near to the lodge facility and could house one or more of the troupe members the nights of March 22 and 23, 2024 please notify the lodge President Tove-Lise or the Treasurer Steve. Their budget is always limited and if they can secure private lodging for the teenagers it saves them some trip expense.

REMAINING 2023 SCHEDULE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

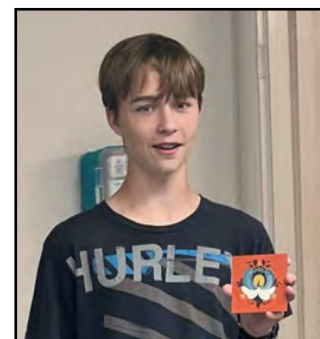
2023 Schedule:

- Nov 18 Vikingfest. See flyer! We need help!
- Dec 9 Julebord. 2024 Officer Installation.

See the planned schedule for 2024 elsewhere in this newsletter.

CORRECTION / APOLOGY

Camper **Henry Wilson** was identified incorrectly in last month's article concerning the campers. Our apology, Henry.



ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE 6-48 PLANNED SCHEDULE 2024

JANUARY

No meeting

FEBRUARY

Tuesday Feb 13th, meeting



MARCH

Saturday March 23rd, Program (Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers) and Supper.



APRIL

Tuesday, April 9th meeting

Saturday, April 20th Scandinavian Festival, Sacramento Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento, Ca. 95831

MAY

Friday, May 17th, Syttende Mai Celebration



JUNE

No local meeting

District 6 Convention, June 21 Las Vegas



JULY

Lodge Picnic, to be scheduled, outside venue



AUGUST

No meeting

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 8th, Camper Recognition BBQ



OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 8th, meeting

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 9th, Viking Festival



DECEMBER

December 7th, Julebord with officer installation.



All meetings and events at the San Juan Masonic Center, Citrus Heights, unless otherwise indicated.

OTHER EVENTS

-23, Memorial Day Weekend Events at Camp Norge, May.

Youth Camps at Camp Norge, June-July.

Kretstevne at Camp Norge, Labor Day Weekend.

Oldfjell Camp at Camp Norge, October.

Rosmaling Class—check District Six website.



Mark the Date for the District Six Lodge Meeting and Convention!

June 20-24, 2024

Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

NOMINATIONS OF 2024 OFFICERS

At our October meeting we nominated and voted for a 2024 slate of officers, and these electees will be installed at the December Julebord. We would greatly appreciate volunteers to assume understudy positions for any of these officer positions so we might have a cadre of qualified younger folks to assume some of these officer positions in the future. Like all organizations these days, we could really use some younger folks volunteering. The various positions and 2024 slate of electees are shown in the table below.

POSITION	2024 ELECTEE	COMMENTS
President	Tove-Lise Miller	Must be elected. Tove-Lise willing to continue.
Vice President and Membership Chairman	Norman Hales	Must be elected. Membership matters, awards, fills in for President.
Secretary	Arlene Kozub	Must be elected. Typical secretarial matters : meeting minutes, etc. Sometimes is Secretary for H&P concurrently.
Treasurer	Stephen Rosenthal Kathy Bennett	Must be elected.
Social Committee	Peggy Hyde, Norm Hales, Judy Hales	
Cultural Director (Tsar)	Stephen Rosenthal	Requires a modicum of culture.
Scandinavian Festival Committee	Peggy Hyde, Norm Hales	Represents lodge for planning this event.
Auditor	Susan Lemmon	Annually reviews financial statements and D-17 forms. Should have more than one.
Counselor	Norm Hales	Requires long beard and should carry a shepherd's staff.
Foundation Director	Tove-Lise Miller	
Musician	Lars Gjerde	
Editor	Stephen Rosenthal	Haven't you had enough of him?
Public Relations	DeAnn Smeltzer	
Trustee(s)	Betty Williamson	
Youth Director	Eric Malme	
Facebook Manager	Arlene Kozub	Arlene really promotes!
Website Manager, Zoom contractor	Terje Miller	Requires certain computer knowledge.
Book Club Shepherd	Noelle Buer	Noelle is our founder!



Sons of Norway District Six Convention 2024
Tuscany Suites & Casino: Las Vegas, Nevada
June 21 - 23, 2024

The Norwegian Folk Art, Handicraft, & Digital Program Exhibition

We want to showcase what you are creating in the expanded Norwegian Folk Art Exhibition. Whether you are an expert or a beginner, allow us the opportunity to admire your work! The items must be completed in the two years since the last convention. The following are traditional Folk Art categories that have been showcased for many years at our conventions:

1. **Rosemaling**
2. **Weaving w/Norwegian design**
3. **Hardanger embroidery**
4. **Klosterson, diamantson, other traditional needlework w/ Norwegian theme**
5. **Hand knitting w/Norwegian design**
6. **Crocheting and tatting**
7. **Figure carving w/Norwegian motif**
8. **Relief carving w/Norwegian motif**
9. **Chip carving**
10. **Bentwood/tine box or other woodworking w/Norwegian motif**
11. **Other media w/Norwegian theme: photography, painting, felting, or kolrosing**

12. **Viking**

Included this year is a new category of anything Viking. Use your vision to create a fun entry. This category could be a combination of 'Viking' and one of the above categories – knit a Viking silhouette into a Norwegian sweater, carve a Viking ship, stitch Odin onto a quilt, etc.

13. **Digital/Virtual Cultural Program**

We will again have a Virtual Cultural Program category following a successful initial program at the 2022 Convention. This could be a PowerPoint or video program of Norwegian, Scandinavian, or Viking interest. This category favorite will receive the coveted 'Olaf' award.

And let's not forget about our youth! Youth up to age 18 are invited to display their work as well. Many youths are learning about and creating Folk Art at Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule. If you have youth in your lodge, please volunteer to bring their entries for all to see and appreciate. We will have separate People's Choice awards for the youth.

The traditional Norwegian Folk Art Exhibit is a **very important** part of our Conventions. We celebrate the People's Choice winners, applaud all entrants, and encourage and appreciate all beginners. Entry information and forms will be available the first of next year, but . . . the time to get started . . . is NOW! We are looking forward to seeing your entries in Las Vegas.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



IT'S E-Z TO JOIN SONS OF NORWAY, ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE!

Go to Sons of Norway website: sofn.com, and hit "join/renew" near top right of website.

You will get a drop-down message— select "join."

You will get a window to put in your zip code and then select "find a lodge."

Assuming you live anywhere close to Sacramento you will be able to elect to join the Roald Amundsen Lodge. (Individual at \$60/year; Family at same address \$95/year.)

You will then get a Member Signup page where you put in your identifying information.

In the "Referring Member" block, you may put in the member number of a member whom you know or the member who recommended that you join, or you can just leave it blank, or you can put in one of the following numbers: 9007059 or 9403681.

Then you can proceed to checkout and pay with a credit card. There is also a pay by echeck option.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Norway and Norwegian culture!

See you at the next Roald Amundsen meeting or event!

(We also have paper forms available at events but payment with these can only be made by check.)



GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN ON THE SONS OF NORWAY WEBSITE!

Sons of Norway offers over a dozen scholarship opportunities for study in the US, Norway and beyond. Each fund caters to different interests and comes with different requirements so take some time to review. Please note: application deadlines are changing this year, so please check each early 2024 deadline carefully.

We also offer three different grants: Community Partnership Grant, Lodge Heritage & Culture Grant, and the Lodge Vitality Grant. Take advantage of these opportunities to host a lodge event or program in your community. Deadline remains December 31, 2023 for Spring 2024 awards.

The humanitarian grants continue to run year-round: Helping Hands to Children Grant, Helping Hands to Members – Disaster Relief Grants, and the Helping Hands to Members – Medical Relief Grants.

Information on grants and scholarships are available on our website at [Foundation | Sons of Norway](#). Additional scholarship opportunities can be found on the District Six website. Also, refer to the October issue of the Navigator (available at www.Sonsofnorwaysacramento.com if you don't have it at hand) for additional scholarship information and pointers on how to apply.

From Sons of Norway website...

SONS OF NORWAY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Show your Norwegian pride this holiday season by adding the 2023 Sons of Norway commemorative ornament to your Christmas traditions. With its rosemaling design in the Valdres style, this elegant ornament will be a treasured addition to your holiday decor. Packaged in a full-color gift box containing a Christmas greeting from Sons of Norway and an informative description of the Valdres style of rosemaling, this ornament is a unique gift for someone who enjoys their Norwegian heritage as much as you do. One can order it at the website with a credit card – no phone orders can be accepted.



Metal Detector Jackpot

THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS!

After his doctor prescribed increased exercise, Erlend Bore [AIR-len BOO-reh] of Sola near Stavanger chose a metal detector as motivation to get more activity. He'd dreamt of becoming an archaeologist as a child, and within two months, he'd made a 1,500 year-old find, Norway's gold discovery of the century.

In late August 2023, Bore went to the island Rennesøy to hike and search. Having had no luck after hours, he looked around and thought, "Where would I have been, if this was a long time ago?" Near a rocky crag, the detector signal led him to uncover something he thought was a candy wrapper.

It turned out to be a huge cache of gold from the 5th century migration period. Bore's highly unusual discovery consists of nine gold pendants engraved with a horse from Norse mythology, along with ten gold beads and three gold rings.

The Cultural Heritage Act specifies that finds older than the year 1537 are considered state property, however, according to tv2.no, a finder's fee is commonly given, based on 10 percent of the current value of the metal, to be divided between the finder and the landowner.

The gold pieces are now on display at the Archaeological Museum in Stavanger.



Photo Credit: ANNETTE GRÆSLI ØVRELID / ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, UIS

OVER 50 FOLKS ATTEND CAMP OLDFJELL IN OCTOBER



ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE BUYS YACHT TO REPLACE LODGE BUILDING

By Dick Tracysen, Reporter



SS TORSK

Roald Amundsen Lodge sold its lodge building some years ago. Recently we were informed sort of off the record that the lodge board, in a secret meeting, has voted to return the lodge membership to the Norwegian sailing traditions of their Viking ancestors. We have now received permission to release this news.

The lodge Treasurer was able to secure a good deal on an almost new luxury vessel from the Department of Homeland Security, which reportedly confiscated the craft from a relatively small potatoes Russian oligarch

named Yuri ___ (*redacted for security reasons*). The lodge will be able to take possession of the ship as soon as a few letters are altered on the stern so as to change the name from **Borsht** to **Torsk**.

Now it remains for the lodge to select a Captain from its membership ranks. That person – preferably a person not subject to seasickness - will be able to take command as soon as he or she has mastered the concepts of port and starboard and the RAMifications thereof, as taught in a really short course at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. After paying for the ship the lodge has chosen to economize and not send the candidate to the full course, which would include additional instruction on using the ship’s compass, GPS, speed commands (e.g., “All ahead full!”), the two uses of the word “knot,” and to fathom a fathom. Surely the Captain will quickly learn some of these concepts utilizing the “learn by doing” methodology. Also, as Captain, this person will have the authority to perform any necessary marriages after raucous ship’s parties.

SS Torsk will be docked in West Sacramento and will make regular trips down the Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel to San Francisco Bay and to the Oracle Park Ferry Landing for all Giants’ games. Trips beyond the three mile limit are planned in order to offer Casino nights for the benefit of the lodge’s coffers.

After so many years on land, it is indeed fulfilling to return we descendants of Vikings to our historic roots at sea. The lodge will be honored at the upcoming district convention for the most innovative approach to maintaining lodge camaraderie, financial wellbeing, and for emphasizing the Viking theme of the convention.